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Chelan approves annual property tax increase

By Mike Maltais

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - The city council held its 2025 Property Tax Levy public hearing during its regular bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and approved an ordinance assessing a one percent increase in property taxes. Based on the previous year's levy amount of \$1,856,520, the one-percent increase is

One Chelan resident's question regarding a freeze on property taxes for senior citizens on fixed incomes was referred to the county since all property taxes are paid through the county.

Records Management

The city approved the continuation

of a September 2023 Council Professional Services Agreement with MG Consulting Services, LLC for city records management.

Consultant Megan Gregor, who has a decade of city clerk experience, reported to the council with before-andafter photos of the results of the multistep process that freed up storage space through the organization, digitization, transfer, and disposition of paper and electronic records.

"We processed more than 400 boxes," said Gregor. "Twenty-two boxes have been sent to archives... and about 100 boxes slated for further retention."

Gregor said she applied for a records grant, and Chelan was one of eight cities out of 122 applicants to receive

it. In addition, Chelan was among only three recipients to be awarded more than \$40,000.

MG Consulting Services, LLC will continue to assist each department

· Print Records - Retention / Organization.

• Current Electronic Records - Retention / Organization.

• Future Electronic Records - Laserfiche Organization and Structure.

Provide Records Management Training and Guidance.

RCO Grant

The city voted to finalize and execute the \$700,000 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Agreement Acceptance

Following a successful Parks Department application with assistance from the Berger Partnership, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the Lakeside Renovation was unofficially awarded in 2020. The grant award was delayed pending new regulations that allowed for more state and federal reviews. The RCO (RCO) helped expedite that process and complete the award.

Prosecution Services

The city approved a 2025 agreement with Chelan County for Prosecution Services. Chelan has contracted with the county since 2004.

The agreement is based upon the total number of 138 gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor crimes occurring within the city limits and prosecuted during the 12-month period Sept. 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024.

In 2021, Chelan switched from paying a flat annual rate to paying on a per case rate of \$275. In 2023, the county requested an increase from \$275 to \$300 per case. At \$300 per, those 138 cases total \$41,400. The council approved that change in last year's

Using the \$300/case multiplier this year, the county is asking for \$41,400. The contract amount this year is roughly equivalent to what the city paid a decade ago.

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Chelan High School honored for school culture with state award

By QUINN PROPST

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - Chelan High School has been recognized for its positive school culture with the Culture Kickoff Award from the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) and the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP).

The AWSL/AWSP Culture Kickoff Award honors schools that establish and maintain a positive school culture. It recognizes efforts to start the year with engaging activities, clear themes, and events that build a sense of community among students and staff. The award highlights intentional planning for a strong start to the school year and ongoing efforts to sustain a supportive environment.

Students, principals, or assistant principals can submit nominations.

"I think the great thing about this award is that it's a culmination of the work of a lot of people," Chelan High School Principal Jamie Pancho said.

"I know our student leadership has been working hard since the pandemic to increase school spirit and increase



COURTESY OF CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL

FFA officer Tristan Sanderson speaks at the Chelan Way Assembly. The school recognizes students who exemplify the Chelan Way of being MORE (Motivated, Open-Minded, Respectful, and Engaged) at monthly assemblies.

belonging and increase significance amongst our students and create a fun and spirit filled environment, you know, in terms of school spirit," Pancho said.

"So I know they've been working hard on that, and so this is a great recognition for our students and our student leadership and our advisors

who lead them, and just the community as a whole," he said.

The award means a lot because creating that positive environment and sense of belonging is a constant evolution of work and a marathon for school leaders, including school leaders who are students, he said.

For Pancho winning the award makes him think about the staff he works with and how much they care about the students.

"They love our students and that makes it easy to have a positive and caring culture, you know, to get that across, our staff do a great job of leading from the front," he said.

While there are many people who work to create a positive school environment, a few came to mind for Pancho, like Liz Martinez, who helps out with ASB, is the school secretary, and has a heart for school culture, and Amber Finch, the ASB advisor, who works with student leadership and has worked to transform things to get a good model going. He also mentioned Jessica Nygreen and Derek Todd, who run the Hope Squad.

First impressions are crucial in creating a welcoming school culture, Pancho said.

From the front office staff to student office assistants, everyone plays a role in fostering a warm and accepting environment for visitors, parents, and community members. This positive atmosphere helps people feel comfortable as soon as they arrive.

The focus on belonging and significance is especially important for students, given the growing challenges around mental health. Ensuring students feel accepted and valued each day is essential to building a supportive school community, he said.

"One of the things that we're pretty

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Training fire marks Apple Cup's transition to new chapter



RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA

Chelan Fire & Rescue (CFR) conducted a controlled live fire training exercise at the former Apple Cup Cafe on Nov. 9. The site, located at 804 E Woodin Ave., was severely damaged by fire earlier this year on March 24. Fire fighters from Chelan Fire & Rescue, Manson Fire District, Douglas County Fire District and Entiat Fire District participated in the training. The training exercise, made possible through the donation of the building, provided firefighters from four local districts with a realistic environment to hone their skills



before the structure's scheduled demolition. This specialized training was a rare opportunity for firefighters to train under realistic conditions, emphasizing the importance of emergency response preparedness.

RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA

Ryan Peterson, owner of the Apple Cup Cafe, and his son, Jack, pose with a framed press plate from the coverage in the Lake Chelan Mirror of the Apple Cup Cafe's first free Thanksgiving dinner held in 1996. It was found by a fireman before the live fire training started on Saturday, Nov. 9.

SEE STORY ON PAGE B4

Chelan warming station to open during dangerous cold snaps

By Quinn Propst

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - Chelan Valley Hope is looking for volunteers to help staff a new cold-weather warming station this winter, which will provide safe shelter for those exposed to extreme temperatures.

The warming station, located at Chelan Valley Hope at 417 S. Bradley Street, will be open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. during cold spells when temperatures drop below 20 degrees.

"It really isn't a shelter, it is a cold weather warming station that will provide safety during especially cold weather," said Tamra Hively, executive director of Chelan Valley Hope.

"It will only be open during cold

snaps that are dangerous for those living outdoors," she said. "We will activate our community response team to get the word out when we are open. We will not be open every day, it will be based on the weather.

COURTESY OF CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL

Chelan High School student leadership ASB students work with North Central

Educational Service District Ashley Goetz to learn about developing leadership.

The warming station will serve Chelan Valley residents who lack other shelter options. Though the station has a capacity for up to twelve individuals, Hively expects fewer people will need the space but wants to be prepared.

If hotel rooms are available, they may be a temporary solution, but that is not always an option so the warming station is needed.

"The reason it (the warming station) is important is because it will save lives," Hively said. "I personally

saw people in sleeping bags last year when it was 10 degrees out. I don't want that to happen again."

"I can't tolerate not doing something when there is a life or death situation," she said. "Chelan Valley Hope is known for stepping up when times are tough, and we are here for our community.'

The organization is still finalizing the policies and procedures, but it will need as many volunteers as possible, as it will be a call-in situation, and not everyone will be available.

A staff member will be present at each shift and one or two volunteers will be needed as well. Volunteers do not necessarily have to do the entire 12-hour shift.

training and will need to have a background check, de-escalation training, and first aid/cpr," she said.

"They can work with someone who has the training as long as they are signed up for the next training. There is no cost."

The first de-escalation training is scheduled for November 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lake Chelan Lutheran Church. More training sessions will be avail-

able in the future; however, the dates and times have not been decided at press time.

For more information or to volunteer, Chelan Valley Hope can be reached at 509-888-2114. The warming station is a collabora-

"Each volunteer will have hands-on tive effort made possible by commu-

nity leaders and local organizations, including Erin McCardle, Mayor City of Chelan; Paul Palumbo, Pastor Lake Chelan Lutheran Church; Ana Gonzalez, Behavioral Health Unit Chelan County Sheriff's Office; Ray Eickmeyer, Emergency Services Director Lake Chelan Community Health; Tiffany Gering, Chelan County Commissioner; Amber Hallberg, Community Services Manager Chelan County; Brie Estes, Case Manager/Outreach Specialist Chelan Valley Hope; Venus Hinojos, Office Manager/Outreach Specialist Chelan Valley Hope; Tamra Hively, Executive Director Chelan Valley Hope.

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Thanksgiving craft night

The Cove Wine and Games will host a Thanksgiving Craft Night on Thursday, November 21, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets

"Join us for a special Thanksgiving Craft Night at the Cove - in which we decorate and paint little glass jar candle holders," the event page

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit scandinative.studio.

Cider-Bration with Cider Press

Cider Press in Manson will host a Cider-Bration on Saturday, November 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Join us to celebrate fall,

community, and of course, our delicious non-alcoholic cider," the event page states. "We'll have music, games, food, and the best apple pies with ice cream. Plus, enjoy \$1 cider. We would love for everyone to come and join us for a fantastic celebration."

For more information, visit Mansongrowers.com.

Pre-Turkey Pre-Funk

Rootwood Cider Orchard Tasting Room and Production Facility in Manson, will host a Pre-Turkey Pre-Funk on Saturday, November 23, from 11 a.m.

"Our once a year Pre-Funk stock up is back," the event page states. "Stock up for T-Day and beyond with tasting room specials on bottles and

Our orchards depend

on irrigation districts

relies on countless

workers coordinat-

ing across hundreds

of miles. Our commu-

nities survive wild-

fire seasons through

mutual aid and shared

Our power grid

working in concert.

growlers. Stop by again on Wednesday the 27th for additional glass pour specials."

Grapevine wreath-making workshop

Hard Row to Hoe Vinevards in Manson, will host a grapevine wreathmaking workshop on Saturday, November 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Unleash your inner artist the Saturday before Thanksgiving with our grapevine wreathmaking workshop," the event page states.

For more information, visit hardrow.com.

Thanksgiving at Sorrento's

Sorrento's Ristorante in Chelan, will host a Thanksgiv-

"Sorrento's Ristorante invites you to join us for a spectacular

ing buffet on Thursday, Novem-

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ber 28, from 1-6 p.m.

Thanksgiving buffet that the whole family will enjoy," the event page states. "Indulge in all your holiday favorites, from green bean casserole and stuffing to a mouthwatering ciderbrined turkey. Let us handle the cooking so you can focus on creating cherished memories with family and friends."

For more information, visit tsillancellars.com.

The strength in vulnerability, embracing our shared challenges

ington has always been a place where strength is measured in visible metrics: the size of the harvest, the height of the dam, the acres of orchards, the megawatts generated.

Our region prides itself on tangible achievements, on the concrete ways we've shaped the Columbia Basin into one of the most productive agricultural regions in

the world. Yet beneath this veneer of achievement and self-sufficiency runs a deeper current of interdependence that we



From the Publisher

Terry

WARD

This push and pull between independence and interconnection defines us. We celebrate the rugged individualism of our pioneers while knowing that no barn was ever raised alone, no orchard planted without helping hands,

resources.

no wildfire fought by a single

The challenges facing our region today - from water rights to affordable housing, from agricultural succession to climate adaptation - cannot be solved in isolation.

They demand a new kind of strength: the courage to admit we don't have all the answers individually, and the wisdom to seek them collectively.

In our small towns and rural communities, vulnerability has often been seen as weakness, something to overcome or hide

Yet paradoxically, it might be our greatest untapped resource for building stronger communi-

personnel, and their immediate

families received complimen-

tary hamburgers and hot dogs.

comed to participate with a

suggested donation, with all

proceeds benefiting VFW Post

The general public was wel-

ties and fostering genuine solutions to shared problems.

The orchardist who admits uncertainty about the future of family farming opens the door for crucial conversations about agricultural preservation.

The young family expressing their struggle to find affordable housing in Leavenworth or Chelan creates space for community-wide discussions about sustainable growth. The rancher voicing concerns about water availability leads to innovative approaches to conservation.

What if we reimagined vulnerability not as a liability, but as a bridge? What if we saw our shared challenges not as threats

to our independence, but as opportunities to strengthen the connections that have always been the true foundation of our regional resilience?

As we face unprecedented changes in our landscape, economy, and way of life, perhaps this is the moment to recognize that our individual strength grows when we acknowledge our shared vulnerability.

After all, the mighty Columbia itself draws its power not from any single tributary, but from countless streams flowing together.

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Veterans, community unite for Chelan's annual Veterans Day **Parade and Benefit Meal**

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

CHELAN - Veterans Day celebrations in downtown Chelan brought together military veterans, community organizations, and local first responders for the annual parade and community meal.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6853 and American Legion Post 108 color guard led the procession through downtown Chelan.

The parade featured diverse participation, including the Chelan Valley Republican Women, children both walking and horseback, and local motorcyclists who distributed treats to young spectators along the route.

Following the parade, Chelan Fire & Rescue personnel, through both the District #7 Firefighters Association and Chelan Firefighters Local 4816, hosted a community meal.

Veterans, active military



COURTESY OF NILA SERAFINI Joining veterans in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Chelan on Nov. 11 were several area motorcyclists - who handed treats to the children along the parade route.

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November 8

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ford St, Chelan, Ch 16:24:17 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 97a Mp 215, Entiat, En

20:00:45 911, 951 Antoine Creek Rd. Chel 2 See SHERIFF REPORT Page B4

Correction

Two errors were made in a story published Wednesday, November 13, about wooden flag artwork by Gary Rittenmeyer. Rittenmeyer served two years of active duty in Japan

with the Navy Reserve, not three years. Additionally, when discussing the profit margin of his work, his complete quote was "With time and materials, if I sell one for \$200, I make \$12 per hour," not simply \$12 as reported. Ward Media regrets

the errors.

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COURTESY OF NILA SERAFINI

Leading the annual Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 in downtown Chelan was the color guard with members of VFW Post 6853 and American Legion Post 108. Among those joining veterans in the parade were the Chelan Valley Republican Women, children walking and on horses, motorcycles - some handed treats to the children, and Chelan Fire & Rescue. Following the parade Chelan District #7 Firefighters Association and Chelan Firefighters Local 4816 prepared and served hamburgers and hotdogs free to all veterans, currently serving military personnel and their immediate families. The public was invited to join them and a donation for the meal. Proceeds from the event went to Chelan VFW Post 6853.





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American Legion #108: First Monday, 7 p.m., Manson Parks & Recreation Building, 142 Pedio St. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program: Third Monday, 6 p.m., Manson Grange Building, youth 5th-8th grade. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225

Family and friends Support **Group:** Third 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620

Tuesday

Manson Community Council: Third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Manson

Parks Department, 142 Pedi St. In person or JOIN ZOOM MEETING: Meeting ID: 865 5396 3012, Passcode: 98831: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 86553963012?pwd=feCLUlQk f3Z2TgEGDFvVaCEHpFI6AB.1

To submit info call 509-682-2213 or email:ruth@ward.media Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website

tcfwenatcheevalley.org Lake Chelan Health Hospital board meeting: Fourth Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., board room at Lake Chelan Health, 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive. in person or via the internet. Agenda, login information: lakechelanhealth.org

Manson Grange: Fourth Tuesday, 5 p.m., Manson Grange Hall on Wapato Way. Contact: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Wednesday

TOPS® Chapter Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle: Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. TOPS® chapter (weight loss support group) meetings at Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, located at 206 N. Emerson St. Attendees should use the side entrance of the church between the Lake Chelan Health Express Care Clinic and the church. TOPS empowers people to stop dieting and start creating healthy, enjoyable lifestyle habits that will work for them over the long haul.

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name,

city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and

Yard Sale Ads are paid events.

Manson Fire Dept. Board of Commissioners: Second Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., Station #51 - 250 West Manson Blvd., Manson. Meetings are in person. Contact: Reggie Trusel, Administrative Assistant, 509-687-3222. Agenda at mansonfire.org

Chelan Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners: Third Wednesday, 3 p.m., Station #71, 232 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan. Meetings are in person and are held via ZOOM you can follow the link: https://uso2web.zoom. us/j/87284665516. Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782/ Contact: Misty Fifield. Administrative Assistant, 509-682-4476. Agenda at t chelan7.com

Death Cafe Chelan: Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Public Library, 216 N. Emerson Street. Contact: Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

Thursday

Lake Chelan Lions Club: First and Third Thursdays, 9 a.m., Manson Parks Building, 142 Pedoi St.

Chelan Cancer Support Group: First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Chelan Health Hospital. Lunch/meeting in Bragg Room. More info: Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

Chelan Valley Republican Women: Second Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Radiance Winery, 71 Wapato Way, Manson. Guests, non-members, men welcome. Food, wine, beverages available for purchase. Arrive early so you have time to order. More info: Pam James, club president, 425-343-2911.

Family Caregivers/Support Group: Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.

Saturday

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts, Every Saturday, 9-11 a.m., 427 Bradley Street, donuts, coffee and conversation.

Other Events

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Chelan Valley Community Nurse program provide free, weekly blood pressure checks to the public 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Chelan. For info: Catharine at 509-679-9059, email: chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.

com. SAIL Exercise Classes: SAIL

Manson Legion Post dedicates new church flag on Veterans Day

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

MANSON - The Manson American Legion Post 108 conducted a flag dedication ceremony at North Shore Bible Church on Veterans Day, marking the inaugural raising of the American flag on the church's new flagpole.

Post 108 Commander Clyde McCullough presided over the brief ceremony on November 11. The Legion post has committed to maintaining oversight of the flag's condition and will handle future replacements as needed.

Church Elder Dan James spearheaded the flagpole installation project on behalf of North Shore Bible Church.

COURTESY OF NORM MANLY Members of American Legion Post 108 and church leadership gather at North Shore Bible Church in Manson following the Veterans Day flag dedication ceremony on November 11, 2024. Pictured from left: Carole Hanson, Brian Strausbaugh,

(Stay Active & Independent

for Life) fitness classes are

offered at Chelan Senior

Center on Monday and

Wednesday, 1:15 p.m. Evening

SAIL classes are Monday and

Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m.,

Chelan Senior Center. SAIL

classes are offered to resi-

dents of Heritage Heights

Assisted Living on Mondays

Chelan Valley Hope: November

is Native American Heritage

Month and at Chelan Valley

Hope they acknowledge the

resilience and contributions

of Indigenous communities

who aim towards a more

equal society for all. At Hope,

they strive to maintain a safe,

supportive, equal space for

everyone. They also recog-

nize that Chelan Valley Hope

sits on the original homelands

of the ščəlámxəx (Chelan)

people. We raise our hands

to honor the Indigenous

people who have inhabited

and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Clyde McCullough Jr., Commander Clyde McCullough (seated), John Swenson, Norm Manly, Craig Pittson, Church Elder Dan James and Robin Bloch. The Legion post will maintain oversight of the new flag's condition.

this land before us. Call Hope at 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Hope is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to

1 p.m.). Chelan Senior Meals: Served at Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is \$5. Fee for persons under age 60 is \$12. Call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. Visit their website at www.octn.org. Follow them on Facebook.

Food Bank food distribution: Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. Drive through distribution at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. Information: lakech-

elanfoodbank.org Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Chelan Museum: The Chelan Museum on Woodin Avenue is open Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For information: 509-682-5644, or chelanmuseum.com

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Angie Garton Estes

Angie Garton Estes, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-

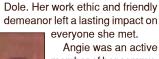
grandmother, passed away peacefully at the age of 93, on October 2, 2024, in Chelan, WA. Born in Braymer, MO. on January 18, 1931, Angie lived a life filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of family.

In her early years, Angie embraced the Angie Garton Estes bingo, and dancing. simple joys of life in

Missouri, developing a deep appreciation for farm life and mud puddles. In the 1940s, her family made the brave decision to move to Chelan, where she fell in love with the beauty of the lake, the mountains, and her future husband, Buck, In 1949, she married the love of her life, Kenneth "Buck" Garton, and together they built a beautiful life and family. This picturesque setting became her home for most of her life.

Angie was known for her playful spirit and her unwavering dedication to her family. She raised three children, instilling in them the values of kindness, resilience, and hard work. As a grandmother and great-grandmother, she took immense joy in spending time with her grandchildren, sharing stories and creating cherished memories that will last for generations.

In addition to her devotion to family, Angie was a vibrant part of the Chelan community, holding 17 different jobs over the years. She ran Mom's Motel, worked at Green's Drug, was the first employee of Judy Jane Bakery. and was a familiar face at the Mirror, the Ruby Theatre and Beebe



Angie was an active member of her community and church, volunteering at local events and supporting various charitable causes. An avid collector, Angie had a passion for garage sales, travelling,

Her home was a gathering place for family and friends, filled with laughter and love. Angie is survived by two of

three children: Marcia Garton and Kenneth "Buck" (Charlene) Garton; two grandchildren: Chris (Verna) Garton and Melody (Scott) Hampton; five greatgrandchildren: Logan, Keegan, KarLee, Charlie and Edison; and sister. Myrna VanCleave. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Buck; bonus husbands: Al Terwilliger and Leo Estes; son, Jerry Garton; parents, Calvin McBee and Wavah (Tripp) McBee: and siblings, Charles McBee, Robert McBee, and Ella

A celebration of Angie's remarkable life was held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Precht Rose Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Chelan Senior Center, a place that Angie held dear.

Angie will be dearly missed by all who knew her and her spirit will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Her legacy of love and kindness will continue to inspire generations to come.

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Lorraine Alice Loisel Ryan

March 2, 1932 - November 5, 2024

Lorraine was born in Everett, Washington to Edward Earle Loisel and Jenne Louise Bourgeois. They lived in Ev-

erett until 1946 then moved to Chelan with her stepmother Edith MacDonald.

While attending Chelan High School Lorraine met Tom Ryan and they married on October 10, 1948.



Lorraine Alice Loisel Ryan

Ryan Ranch for the rest of their 75 years of marriage.

Lorraine provided a loving home for her family.

They moved to the

A celebration of life will be held on November 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the Lake Chelan Boating Club, 3414

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Judith Little

Judith Little, 85, of Pateros, Washington passed away on November 12, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Miguel Mendoza Farias

Miguel Mendoza Farias, 40, of Manson, Washington passed away on November 12, 2024. Services were held on November 19, 2024

¡La Chispa! bilingual workshop inspires Latino middle schoolers across the region



CHS Mentors Bryan Reyes, Daniel Guerrero, Angel Avila, Jeffry Palacios.

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Cascade High School hosted middle school Latino students from all over the region to participate in a leadership workshop called ¡La Chispa! (the spark).

"It's all about, first of all, getting to know one another, but also getting to know themselves, and seeing that everyone has leadership potential," said Cascade High School Counselor Meche Grace.

The bilingual workshop, through shared experiences and activities, helps students build self-confidence, strengthen their cultural identity, and increase their academic

"What we're trying to do is make sure that we're giving them that push so they can see that they do have culture, they do have roots, and they matter," said ¡La Chispa! facilitator Irvin Enriquez.

¡La Chispa! Facilitators aim to "spark" interest in education by inspiring students to challenge themselves, revealing their strengths, and educating them on the necessary require-

ary education. "Some students come in with a 'whatever' attitude, 'I'm too cool for school,' and seeing them come up to me at the end of the workshop and telling me, 'What you said inspired me, what you said connected with me. What you said is me' ... That, for me, is the most satisfying," said Enriquez.

ments for graduation as well as

resources available for second-

The workshop is also conducted in Spanish and English, promoting the value of being able to speak, read, and write two languages.

"When you are bilingual and biliterate, and then you go and apply for a job in the future, you have twice the chances of getting that job just because you are bilingual. So for these kids, knowing that being bilingual is important and the value of it, and for them to realize that they're unique, it's huge," said Jesus Sandoval, Multilingual Learner Teacher and

Lady Trojans rule the court as

back-to-back volleyball champs



CHS Mentors Sofia Oropeza-Sanchez, Adi Castañeda-Rodriguez, Leslie Mata, Karla Cacho.

Migrant Graduation Support Specialist at Icicle River Middle School (IRMS).

Seventeen Cascade High School students received three weeks of training to serve as mentors to the middle school students from IRMS, Pinnacles Prep, Chelan Middle School, and Cashmere Middle School during the workshop. They shared their own experiences and knowledge, while leading small groups in activities.

"For me, I feel like I got to interact with kids. I got to understand the different levels. because there were different grades... And I also just got to learn more about my culture too, like how they were explaining all the benefits that we can get in school. I think that was really cool," said 11th grader and mentor Michelle Perez.

As a mentor, Perez had the opportunity to witness her brother's experience participating in the workshop as a middle schooler.

"I think this serves my brother, and [it's] also exposing him to more of our culture.

because I feel like living in a city that's more white predominant, you know, I think it's kind of sometimes hard, and he forgets. So, I feel like it's letting him remember where he came from...It's a way for him to express it," said Perez.

The ¡La Chispa! Bilingual



students about college opportunities for undocumented

PHOTOS BY TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Workshops are delivered by the student leadership program of the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP). The Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) began its bilingual outreach in 2004 with a high school leadership camp called La Cima, (the summit). ¡La Chispa! is facilitated by La Cima staff.

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Chelan Makes History: Goats win fifth straight Volleyball State Title, set 1A record

By Mike Maltais

Ward Media Staff Reporter

YAKIMA - For the fifth consecutive year the cool and confident Goats varsity volleyball girls are Queens of the Court after an undefeated performance in the SunDome ended with the 1A state trophy returning to Chelan.

Following a shaky first set that had No. 1 Chelan trailing No.2 Cascade Christian, 20-23, the Goats regrouped to pull out a 27-25 win. Chelan then cruised 25-15 and 25-17 in the second and third sets to win handily. The Cougars had three match point opportunities in that first set but could not convert for a win.

Cascade Christian's march to the finals was only marred by a set loss to La Center in the semis after shutting out Seton Catholic and Kings, 3-0

Chelan dispatched the 16th seed Kalama Chinooks, 3-0, in the opening round to advance against Stevenson.

Stevenson barely swept Lynden Christian, with two of their three sets going to extra points. The Bulldogs fell to Chelan, 25-14, 25-12, and 25-21, paving the way for the Goats' semifinal match against Cedar Park Christian.

The Eagles were coming off



COURTESY OF CHELAN ATHLETICS/FACEBOOK

a 3-0 win over Cashmere and gave the Goats a tough second set. They briefly took the lead before Chelan regrouped to win 25-11, 25-19, and 25-17.

The talent heavy Chelan squad included junior Bryn Hughbanks, State Player of the Year and All-State players senior Lydia Petersen and sophomore Brooklyn Foyle.

Reigning 1-A Coach of the

Year Abby Lewellen has now batted a perfect four-for-four in state titles in her new post as head coach.

Chelan passes the Colfax Bulldogs as the only 1A team to win five straight titles and ties the 4A Mead Panthers at five straight.

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The photo says it all for the two-time state volleyball champion Lady Trojans of Manson.

By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Reporter

YAKIMA - The Manson Lady Trojans defending state champion volleyball team showed why it was the team to beat in the playoffs at the Yakima SunDome, Nov. 13-14. From the opening round against the Warden Cougars, Manson gave up only one of 13 sets through the final match against Adna as it dominated all comers along the road to its second consecutive state title.

The schedule and scores included:

Nov. 13 opening round vs No. 15 Warden Cougars, 25-7, 25-19,

Nov. 13 quarterfinals vs No.8 Riverview Panthers, 25-12,

Nov. 14 semifinals vs No. 3 Freeman Scotties, 25-19, 20-25,

Nov. 14 final vs No. 1 Adna Pirates, 25-20, 26-24, 25-17.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF MANSON ATHLETICS/FACEBOOK



A picture is worth a thousand digs and a thousand kills in the volleyball careers of Genesis Torres, left, and Stella Petersen, whose outstanding play in the state playoffs helped lift the Lady Trojans to their second consecutive state title.

members for 2025 levy measures

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

MANSON - The Manson School District is seeking local residents to serve on committees that will shape voter information for two upcoming ballot measures in the February 2025 election.

The committees will be responsible for drafting statements both supporting and opposing the measures for inclusion in the Chelan County Local Voters' Pamphlet. The first proposal is a replacement educational programs and op-

eration levy, while the second concerns a replacement capital levy focused on improving school safety, security, technology and facilities.

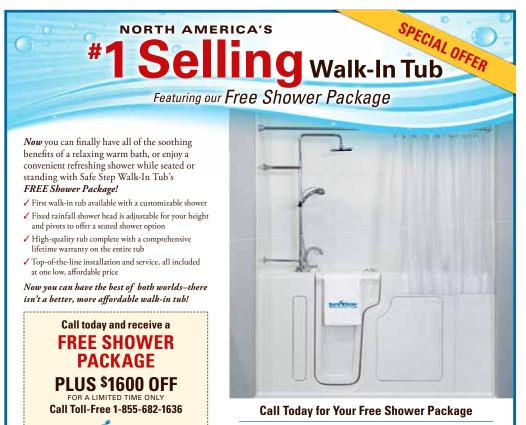
Residents interested in participating must submit their applications by November 22. Applications should include personal contact information and specify which committee position the applicant seeks to fill.

The School Board will review and appoint committee members during its November 25 meeting.

Selected committee members' contact information may appear in the voters' pamphlet.

Applications should be sent via mail to Morgan Thornton, Business Manager for the Manson School District, PO Box A, Manson, WA 98831 or by email to mthornton@ manson.org.

Both measures will appear on the February 11, 2025 ballot. Detailed information about ballot measure submission requirements and voters' pamphlet deadlines is available through the Chelan County Elections office website at www. co.chelan.wa.us/elections/ pages/jurisdiction-resources.



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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Amazon opens new delivery station in NCW

NCW News / Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE Amazon has opened a new delivery station in the Wenatchee area, expanding the e-commerce company's logistics network in North Central Washington.

The facility, designated WWG5, is located at 3485 NE Trident Way in East Wenatchee and will serve customers throughout the Wenatchee Valley and surrounding areas.

The delivery station is expected to create hundreds of local jobs offering competitive wages and comprehensive benefits packages, including health, vision, and dental insurance.

"We are thrilled to open this new delivery station in Wenatchee, which will enhance the speed and reliability of our services for customers across the region while creating valuable job opportunities," said Easton Craft, Manager of Economic Development Policy at Amazon.

"Our team is committed to being an engaged partner in the Wenatchee Valley, working with local organizations to ensure that the benefits of this facility extend well beyond delivery efficiency and into longterm economic growth for the community.'

Local legislators have welcomed the development's impact on regional employment and economic growth. State Senator Brad Hawkins (District



An Amazon Prime delivery van outside a home reflects the company's expansion into the Wenatchee Valley with its new delivery station, which aims to enhance service across North Central Washington.

12) helped facilitate Amazon's expansion into the area.

"I'm very excited that Amazon selected Wenatchee Valley for its next delivery station," Hawkins said. "This facility will put a lot of people to work, improve deliveries to local businesses and families, and help grow and diversify our regional economy. As our State Senator, I was excited to connect with the Amazon team early on about this opportunity, and I thank the Regional Port, Douglas County Commissioners, and others for helping to make this happen. This is an awesome step forward for our region."

Senator Shelly Short of the 7th Legislative District spoke about the facility's workforce

development plans. "Amazon's delivery station in Wenatchee is more than an economic boost; it's an investment in our local talent," Short said.

"I commend Amazon for offering job opportunities that come with educational benefits, which provide a sustainable way for employees to grow and thrive. This facility will support not only Wenatchee but also nearby communities by fostering career advancement and strengthening our regional workforce."

The opening adds to Amazon's investment in Washington state's economic infrastructure, with the company stating the facility will enhance delivery speeds while creating economic opportunities for the Wenatchee Valley region.

WA Supreme Court weighs controversial step to solve public defense crisis

By Jerry Cornfield

Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Supporters and opponents of a proposal to slash public defender caseloads in Washington made their closing arguments to the state Supreme Court on Wednesday, November 14.

For two hours, justices listened to speakers weigh in on a request to amend the Supreme Court's standards for indigent defense by trimming the number of cases public defense attorneys handle each year by up to two-thirds.

This was the second and final public hearing on changes first put forth by the Washington State Bar Association. Justices will consider the testimony and trove of public comments submitted in recent weeks before deciding what, if any action to take. They next meet Dec. 4.

"I don't know if we'll be taking action or not in that time frame," Chief Justice Steven Gonzalez said at the close of the hearing. "But you'll hear more from us as we decide on the process from here."

There's a shortage of public defenders in Washington. Supporters contend that large caseloads and low pay are driving people out of public defense and deterring new lawyers from entering the profession. The proposed standards address one part of the equation.

'When we issued standards last time, it helped us retain people. These standards will help us recruit," said Jason Schwarz, director of the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense and chair of the Washington State Bar Association's Council on Public Defense.

In counties where the lack of public defenders is most pronounced, those accused of crimes, but unable to afford a lawyer, wait long periods before receiving counsel they are constitutionally guaranteed.

In October, the ACLU filed a class-action lawsuit against Yakima County and other parties on behalf of individuals who had waited weeks before getting an attorney assigned to their case.

"People's rights should not be violated. There is anxiety. The people are being traumatized by sitting in jail for long times," said Dominique Davis, founder and chief executive officer of Community Passageways, a Seattle nonprofit



Ryan Mello, chair of the Pierce County Council, addresses the Washington State Supreme Court on a proposal to revise the caseload standards for public defenders on Nov. 13, 2024.

by the state Supreme Court in

2012, a full-time public defense

attorney or assigned counsel

should have no more than 150

Bar Association, the National

Center for State Courts and the

RAND Justice Policy Program

released the National Public

Defense Workload Study that

concluded public defenders

Bar Association to weigh in on

whether the cap needs adjust-

ing. The association responded

in March with the recommendation now under public review

for new maximums of 47 felony

or 120 misdemeanor cases in a year, depending on the se-

verity. The reduction would be

Judge Kristin Ferrera of

Chelan County, president of the Superior Court Judges

Association, said the crisis is

real but the timeline for case-

load changes is too short and

will create hardships in some

counties. The association rec-

ommends carrying out the first

phase of reduction but delay-

phased in over three years.

Washington's high court asked the Washington State

should handle far fewer.

Last year, the American

felony cases a year.

focused on felony diversion and prevention.

Prosecutors have been concerned that reducing defenders' workloads will lead to the filing of fewer cases to ensure no one's rights to counsel are violated. That will result in less justice for crime victims and could spark an increase in vigilantism by those who feel the system isn't working for them, they said.

Okanogan County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Teddy Chow implored the justices to discard the proposal which he called an "unnecessary, shortsighted, unreasonable and corrosive rule."

And if the public defender ranks grow, cities and counties will need to amp up hiring of staff and prosecutors to keep pace and that will be exorbitantly expensive. To cover the tab, local gov-

ernment leaders said Wednesday that they will be forced to divert dollars from other important programs.

Ryan Mello, chair of the Pierce County Council, addresses the Washington State Supreme Court on a proposal to revise the caseload standards for public defenders on Nov. 13, 2024. (Jerry Cornfield / Washington State Standard)

Ryan Mello, Pierce County Council chair and the county executive-elect, warned imposing the standard will cause "real harm" to the criminal justice services and other critical services.

He urged the justices to help lobby lawmakers and the governor for funding to stabilize the public defense system and to adopt a "realistic phased implementation" of the standards. Under standards adopted

ing the later phases to assess if the situation changes. Justices can accept, reject or modify any or all of the proposals. There is no deadline to act. Any decision will be handled similar to a court

case where they confer behind

closed doors then issue a deci-

sion and explanation.

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East Wenatchee deploys nation's first hydrogen-powered patrol vehicle

NCW News / Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE - The East Wenatchee Police Department has become what officials believe is the first law enforcement agency in the nation to deploy a hydrogen-powered police vehicle, following an interlocal agreement with Douglas County Public Utility District.

The partnership, which includes collaboration with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Toyota, introduces a 2019 Toyota Mirai hydrogen fuel cell vehicle into the department's fleet under a fouryear lease agreement.

The initiative emerged after Douglas County PUD received four used Toyota Mirai vehicles through a Toyota grant program designed to demonstrate renewable hydrogen's potential as a clean fuel alternative.

"We're excited to explore the viability of hydrogen fuel cells in our community and encourage other agencies with fleet vehicles to consider adding hydrogen-powered cars to their operations," said Gary Ivory, General Manager of Douglas PUD. "The East Wenatchee

Police Department's use of the Mirai will provide valuable real-world data to help us understand the practical benefits and challenges of hydrogen technology as we continue to expand its use.

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COURTESY OF CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE

Officials gather with East Wenatchee's new hydrogen-powered Toyota Mirai police vehicle, believed to be the first hydrogen fuel cell police car in the nation.





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With \$10B deficit looming, | With WA courts' online WA governor calls on state agencies to make cuts

By Jerry Cornfield

Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA – Washington Gov. Jay Inslee is warning of a budget deficit in excess of \$10 billion and calling on state agencies to pare spending now to deal with it.

A Nov. 8 memo from Inslee's budget director cited rising costs, increasing demand for public services and lower-thanexpected tax collections for a projected operating budget shortfall between \$10 billion and \$12 billion over the next four years.

Cuts are needed to balance the spending plan Inslee will release next month for the 2025-27 biennium.

"The Governor's operating budget will prioritize continuing essential programs and addressing caseload increases, while not expanding existing programs and services," Pat Sullivan, director of the Office of Financial Management, wrote in the memo.

Transportation budget projections also have trended down for several forecasts creating a situation where revenues are not covering current commitments, Sullivan said.

Sullivan directed cabinet agencies to submit cost-saving options, like hiring freezes and pausing or delaying programs, by Friday, Nov. 15. And he urged presidents of higher education institutions and separately elected officials to undertake a similar exercise.

At least two agencies - Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Transportation hiring freezes, with exceptions for some essential posts.

Sullivan warned of "tough fiscal choices ahead" following release of the September revenue forecast but declined then to quantify the amount of the projected deficit.

Another forecast is coming out next week. That will give Inslee a final piece of information for the budget proposal he will release in December. It will serve as a template for lawmakers and Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson when they write spending plans in the 2025 session.

It's going to be a challenge, said Sen. June Robinson, D-Everett, chair of the Senate Ways



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Gov. Jay Inslee speaks to members of the press on Jan. 4, ahead of the 2024 Washington state legislative session.

and Means Committee and the chamber's lead budget writer.

"They are not overstating it," she said of the projected deficit amount. "Because of the magnitude, we're going to need to look at a range of options."

Asked if the "options" included spending cuts and new revenue, she said yes.

The current two-year operating budget is about \$72 billion.

The deficit spans the next two budget cycles. It represents the difference between the anticipated costs of current and promised services and programs and the projected amount of revenue that will come in to pay for them. Put another way, state agencies need \$10 billion to \$12 billion in additional funding to maintain current programs and services.

Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, estimated the cost of maintaining the current level of services in the 2025-27 budget will drive base spending for the biennium to roughly \$76 billion.

While the deficit "is a big number, it is not an unmanageable number," he said. "I have absolute confidence we can deal with this without new taxes and can live within our

Ferguson and his team are aware of the letter and the governor's staff will be briefing them in the coming weeks, according to an Inslee spokes-

The state Department of Social and Health Services implemented a hiring freeze with exemptions for staff in essential and direct care positions. They also put a hold on new equipment purchases, as well as contracts and travel not already approved.

The state Department of Transportation also froze hiring. There are exceptions for jobs like Washington State Ferries crews and winter maintenance.

"While we have not been directed to do this, it is one logical step we can take to slow our spending while the transportation budget is contemplated during the legislative session," said Kris Abrudan, acting senior director of external relations for the transportation department.

Education is the single largest component of the budget and Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal requested an increase of nearly \$3 billion for public schools in the next budget. A third of that is to fully fund special education.

"These types of exercises from OFM are not uncommon," Katy Payne, OSPI chief communications officer, wrote in an email. "While there are always competing priorities and limited resources, the state has both federal and state level obligations it must meet in order to ensure all Washington students receive the high-quality public education that they are constitutionally owed."

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systems down, thousands of firearm sales on hold

By Jerry Cornfield Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Washington state courts' computer systems have been down for nearly two weeks, disrupting the operation of local courts and preventing

the completion of thousands of

firearm sales.

at the earliest.

The Administrative Office of the Courts announced Nov. 4 that the state's Judicial Information Systems, Washington courts website and associated networks, and databases were taken offline after detecting "unauthorized activity." Service is not expected to be fully restored until next week

"Good progress is being made, but it is extremely time consuming to bring our systems back up in a secure environment due to the complexity and interconnectivity of the networks," Wendy Ferrell, associate director for the state Administrative Office of the Courts, said Tuesday.

On Facebook, court officials said Tuesday that so far "there is no evidence that any court or personal data has been accessed, altered or removed during the unauthorized activity that was detected." They noted that reconnecting trial and appellate courts "safely to the services they need is our number one priority."

Last Friday, the state Supreme Court issued an

emergency order empowering local courts to adjust timelines for filing of cases, trials and sentencing. It also permits them to delay arraignments and first appearances of those facing charges but out of custody if the courts are unable to connect to the network and databases.

Meanwhile, since Nov. 1, completion of gun purchases has been held up because the Washington State Patrol cannot access the Secure Automated Firearms E-Check system to conduct mandatory background checks. Typically, the patrol's Firearms Background Division does between 400 and 1,000 checks a day.

Chris Loftis, State Patrol's director of communications, said the cybersecurity issues have significant ramifications for buyers and dealers.

"We know they have a right to get their background check. We know they have a right to get their firearms," he said. "But the bridge is out. That's the reality. It's frustrating for the customers, for the dealers and for us."

A gun rights group threatened Tuesday to sue if the problem isn't remedied soon.

"This is simply unacceptable, and we will not tolerate it," said Alan Gottlieb, founder and executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation in Bellevue.

"As the saying goes, 'A right

delayed is a right denied,' and the state has denied untold numbers of citizens their right to obtain firearms for almost two weeks," he said in a press release. "When the system is restored, we expect the WSP to work day and night to expedite background checks already on hold."

The state patrol isn't the only agency affected.

On Tuesday, the state Department of Children, Youth and Families issued a statement that the system outage "has been impacting our ability to complete background checks and likely will impact the hiring process for DCYF employees, providers, and foster parent applications."

In its statement, the department said the system had been down since Nov. 1 and was expected to be restored by Tuesday. The court network and databases are needed for carrying out background checks. However, the agency can still access the National Crime Information Center for Child Welfare placements and child protective service investigations.

And the Washington State Gambling Commission is dealing with a similar challenge.

"The agency mission is to protect the public by ensuring gambling is legal and honest. Part of this is our review of applicants for licenses to ensure they qualify for licensure and there is no disqualifying information that may affect the approval of that license," Troy Kirby, commission public information officer, wrote in an email. "That review is accomplished with access to information on the [Washington] court

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Since November 1, local courts and agencies have faced significant delays as cybersecurity issues continue to impact operations across the state.

Patrol vehicle

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The agreement ensures that hydrogen fuel costs will not exceed current fuel prices, with an automatic renewal option following the initial four-year term. The arrangement builds upon previous collaborative efforts between the two agencies, including a 2023 electric fleet vehicle infrastructure pilot project.

"Our department drives more miles than the PUD, so this is an ideal chance to learn from our experience. We're eager to see how hydrogenpowered vehicles perform in a law enforcement setting and help refine the integration of hydrogen fuel cells into our operations," Chief Johnson said.

The department has already experienced success with alternative fuel vehicles. "We've already seen significant success with the Ford Lightning EV truck," Chief Johnson said. "It costs about \$3 per shift to charge, compared to \$50-\$70 per shift for traditional fuel. These types of opportunities help us explore new options that are both cost-effective and environmentally sustainable."

"We value our relationship with Douglas County PUD and together we're making important strides that will help improve efficiency and reduce our environmental impact, paving the way for a brighter future for our community," said Mayor Crawford.

The initiative coincides with ongoing construction of a renewable hydrogen production facility near Baker Flats, scheduled to begin commercial production in the first quarter of 2025. The facility is expected to produce hydrogen from renewable resources, contributing to maintenance cost reduction at the Wells Hydroelectric Project.

The City of East Wenatchee, incorporated in 1935, stands as Douglas County's largest municipality and is historically significant as the landing site of Miss Veedol, the first nonstop trans-Pacific flight.

Boeing strike drives WA job losses in October

OLYMPIA - Washington state's economy shed 35,900 jobs in October, primarily due to a major strike by Boeing machinists, while the unemployment rate slightly decreased to 4.7%, state officials reported Wednesday.

The substantial job losses were largely attributed to the aerospace sector, which saw a reduction of 31,000 jobs during the month. The drop marked an unusual shift from recent trends of minimal employment changes.

"October shows an unusually high drop in jobs, unlike the relatively small changes over the past several months," said Anneliese Vance-Sherman, chief labor economist for the

Employment Security Department. "This is largely a reflection of the now-resolved strike by Boeing machinists.' Despite the significant job

losses, several sectors showed growth. Government employment increased by 2,400 positions, while education and health services added 1,800 jobs, with notable gains in ambulatory health care services. The leisure and hospitality

sector experienced the secondlargest decline, losing 5,400 jobs. Other services (-1,500), transportation and warehousing (-1,200), and construction (-800) also reported losses.

The state's labor force contracted by 6,924 workers to 3,995,931 in October. The number of unemployed individuals decreased from 190,150 to 187,951.

mixed results, with Washington gaining a net 9,100 jobs since October 2023. While public sector employment grew by 4.1% (24,300 jobs), private sector employment declined by 0.51% (15,200 jobs).

The national unemployment rate remained steady at 4.1% in October, compared to Washington's 4.7%. Both figures represent increases from October 2023, when unemployment rates stood at 3.8% for both the state and nation.

Employment Security paid unemployment benefits to 57,057 people in October, an increase of 3,143 from September, with manufacturing and construction sectors contributing significantly to the rise in claims.



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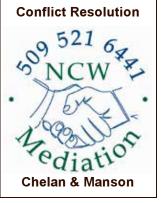
Announcements

Miscellaneous

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans!

Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-877-225-8568 today!

General Interest



Employment

Help Wanted

Bus Driver/Operator -Full Time Organization: Okanogan County **Transit Authority** (TranGO) TranGO IS HIRING A

DRIVER:

Full-time (36+ hours per week) positions available

now; hourly non-exempt. Compensation is \$21.64-\$23.41 per hour, DOE. Benefits include health, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement (see website for benefit details), sick leave, and vacation. Must have a Commercial Driver's License with Passenger

Endorsement. Please visit www.okanogantransit.com for required qualifications, application, and job description. A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. E-mail your completed

application to <u>financehr@okanogantransit</u>

.com mail it to TranGO. PO Box 507. Okanogan WA 98840. or drop it off at 303 S 2nd Avenue, S. Suite A. Okanogan. **Application Deadline:** Application review will continue until the position is filled.

Okanogan County Transit Authority is an **Equal Opportunity** Employer.

Help Wanted



The City of Leavenworth is hiring for:

- City Engineer Facility Maintenance Worker
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor

Details at cityofleavenworth.com/ employment/. EOE

Hospitality Specialist (Enzian Inc.

Leavenworth, Wa) We are seeking dedicated and customer focused Hospitality Specialists to join our

Flexibility to work weekends, Evenings, and Holidays as required. Wages starting at \$18.00 to \$20.00 per Hour: Paid time off: Health Insurance **Email Resume and Cover** letter to:

Wanted

cindy@enzianinn.com

Greetings, fellow **Chelan County** residents and beyond!

This is a search to

purchase a first-time home in a place that has nurtured me since childhood, with generational roots extending deep into this valley's rich history. I want to invest in a place of my own and continue contributing to the community I cherish. I am simply taking "a leap of faith" by posting this ad to open doors that otherwise might remain closed. Maybe for the best intentions, this will catch someone's eve. maybe someone who's starting a new chapter in life and would like to pass on an opportunity or foster a connection

beyond the mere excnange of finances. I'm searching for a 'unicorn." ideally a place

outside the city proper (Wenatchee, Cashmere, Leavenworth.

Peshastin/Dryden, Plain), surrounded by nature. A space offering at least 1-2 acres of land to cultivate a more

sustainable living with a single-family home. minimum of one bathroom and two bedrooms. Additional space is a plus that provides an environment for a creative space or business practice. Ultimately, I am patient in waiting for the right time. fit, and price, as the purpose of this venture is to acquire a long-term

home. In financial and purchasing preparedness. I have already established relationships with a local loan lender (approved for a 30-year conventional loan) and a real estate

score, low debt-to-income ratio, and funds for a down deposit. I understand the value of honoring and building upon the legacy that encompasses a beloved home or property. If a space you know of sounds like a possible match, please reach out

agent. An excellent credit

privacy & protection from scams/misplaced intentions. I can be contacted via email at pnwholisticsoul@gmail.com Thank you & warmest regards.

A hopeful first-time home buyer

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Real Estate

Rentals

Deluxe Wheel Chair Apartment, One Bedroom, Roll-In Tile Shower, Close to EMT and Hospital, All Appliances, Patio accesses Yard. No Pets, Brewster, \$1,250 per Month. Text or call (509) 449-8566

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Trailer For Rent References are a must First, Last and Deposit Required Non Smoker (509) 686-7037 Ask for Doreen

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Lake Chelan Reclamation District **Invitation for Bids**

Public notice is hereby given that the Lake Chelan Reclamation District (District) has issued an 'Invitation For Bids' for the construction of a 30'x 32' Mechanics Bay Addition to an existing storage shop at 3410 Wapato Lake Rd in Manson. The work to be performed consists of furnishing all materials, labor, tools, and the equipment necessary to complete this project. County building permit will be applied for by the District. All contractors interested in submitting a quotation are hereby notified that they must have the proper licenses and insurance coverages as required WA state under laws. Specifications and details are available at www.lcrd.org and all bids are due via email no later than Monday, December 9th at 4pm. Questions may be directed to Jennifer Collins by email at jcollins@lcrd.org.
Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on

November 20, 27, December 4, 2024. #8910

Public Notices

Request for Proposal: Clock/Intercom Systems **Pateros School District requests** a proposal for an installer of low voltage Clock/Intercom/Mass Notification Systems for schools.

Proposal Due Date: Wednesday. December 4, 2024, by 3:00 PM To be successful, vendors are strongly advised to download the full text of the RFP from https://bit.ly/PaterosMassNotify Proposal to include:

- General Company Information • Company Experience in the Field of Clock/Intercom Systems Installation and Support
- Notification Integration Mass Other with Low Voltage Systems
- Experience Personnel
- Certifications • K-12 School Experience with
- References · Location/proximity to Pateros
- School District
- Maintenance and Support Fees Insurance Information

This RFP complies with RCW 39.04.270. This is NOT a "low bid" request for a bid of a designed system. This is a public works "competitive negotiation" RFP in order to select the company most advantageous to the district to provide the requested services. Pateros School District committed to providing the maximum practicable opportunity for participation by Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Veteran Owned Businesses: however, no minimum level of participation shall be required as a condition of selection. Pateros School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator,

Section 504/ADA coordinator, and Compliance Coordinator for 28A.640 and 28A.642 RCW:

Marcus Title IX Coordinator Stennes, Pateros School District, PO Box 98. Pateros. WA 98846 or phone 509-923-2751x4.

Submit 3 hard copies and 1 digital copy to Pateros School District according to the instructions in the full text of the RFP. Pateros School District reserves the right to refuse any and all proposals for reasons including but not limited to failing to comply with the requirements of the full text of the RFP. The district also reserves the right to waive irregularities and informality. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 20, 2024 #8915

Public Notices

School Board

The Entiat School District

re-scheduled its regular monthly meeting for Thursday. November 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Entiat School Library. Please call the District Office at (509) 784-1800 if there are additional questions. Thank you. Published in The Lake Chelan Mirror Online November 13 - 19, 2024 and in print on November 20, 2024. #8894

Public Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the assessment roll of the ISENHART IRRIGATION

DISTRICT is now in the hands of its directors, and that said Board of Directors will meet at 601 W. Woodin Avenue. Chelan. WA 98816 at 4:00 PM on December 11, 2024 and sit as a Board of Equalization to hear and determine objections to said assessment roll as may come before it. Isenhart Irrigation District Ruth Van Wechel Secretary

Published in the Lake Chelaan Mirror on November 20, 27, December 4,

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON **COUNTY OF CHELAN RICARDO CASTRO and JUANA** CASTRO, husband and wife. Plaintiffs,

LOIS MCPHERRON JAY, if living, and the unknown heirs of LOIS MCPHERRON JAY, Defendants. NO. 24-2-00896-04

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF WASHINGTON to LOIS MCPHERRON JAY, if living, and the unknown heirs of LOIS MCPHERRON JAY, and all other claimants to Lot 12, Block 9, City of Chelan Manson, County, Washington, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, page 32: You, and each of you, are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 23 rd day of October, 2024, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiffs, RICARDO CASTRO and JUANA CASTRO, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, Jeffrey T. Fehr, Fehr Law Office, PLLC at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of the action is to quiet title in Plaintiff against any claim of the Defendants to real Chelan County, property in Washington described as: Lot 12, Block 9, City of Manson, Chelan County, Washington, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume

3 of Plats, page 32. DATED this 16th day of October,

2024. Fehr Law Office, PLLC Jeffrey T. Fehr, WSBA# 32741

PO Box 1606 Chelan, WA 98816 509-682-4536

Fax 509-682-4538 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024. #8755

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC **WATERS**

TAKE NOTICE: That C. Bradley and Sharron A. Ward of Chelan, Washington on January 24, 2000, under Water Right Application No. S4-32904, filed for a permit to appropriate public surface water, subject to existing rights, from Lake Chelan for year-round use in the amount of 0.011 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 0.5 acre-feet per year (ac-ft/yr) for the purpose of single domestic

use. The source of the proposed appropriation is located within Government Lot 3 (the SE guarter of the NW quarter) of Section 16. Township 27 N., R. 22 E.W.M., Chelan County. within The proposed place of use is located within Government Lot 3 (the SE quarter of the NW quarter) of Section 16. Township 27 N., R. 22 E.W.M., within Chelan County.

To view this application as well as the source of the proposed appropriation and place of use. visit our Water Right Search application and web map search

https://appswr.ecology.wa.gov/wat errighttrackingsystem/WaterRights/ default.aspx Protests to this application must

include a detailed statement of the basis for the objections. Protests must be accompanied with a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable recording fee. We accept check or money order only. Do not send cash. Send your protest with the \$50.00 fee to the Department of Ecology at the address below within 30 days from: November 20,

Department of Ecology Cashiering Office PO Box 47611 Olympia, WA 98504-7611 Published in the Lake Chelan mirror on November 13, 20, 2024, #8865

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE CHELAN RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE: 144 E. WOODIN AVENUE P.O. BOX 1837

CHELAN. WASHINGTON 98816 All property owners and legal qualified voters of the Chelan River Irrigation District are legally notified

as follows: ITEM ONE The Budget and Assessment Rolls for the District for the year 2025 are open for inspection at any time

by any qualified person at the

office of the District.

ITEM THREE

ITEM TWO The BOARD OF DIRECTORS will set as a board of EQUALIZATION BUDGET HEARING and review of the ASSESSMENT ROLLS on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 starting at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at 601 W. Woodin Ave., Chelan, WA 98816.

The annual election for one Director of the District will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. The polls will be open at the office of the District from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFICATION will be furnished to any qualified elector who makes written request prior to November 30, 2024 on application forms, which will be supplied by the District's secretary. candidate who wishes to declare their candidacy as a director shall do so by November 30, 2024.

Certification for an ABSENTEE ballot can be secured at the office of the District. For any additional information regarding any of the items above, please contact the secretary of the District at their **CHELAN** IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Ruth Van Wechel, Secretary Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 20, 27, December 4, 2024.

Public Notices

City of Chelan 135 E. Johnson Avenue Chelan, WA 98816 **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Chelan for construction of the SR 150 Sewer Mainline Replacement project. Work to be performed includes replacement approximately 475 LF of 21" PVC Gravity Sewer Main and 400 LF of 15" PVC Storm Sewer Main. The anticipated Notice to Proceed date for the project is March 21, 2025. Bid proposals will be received by

the Public Works Department at the Public Works Office located at 50 Chelan Falls Highway, Chelan, WA 98816 until 10:00:59 AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2025 at which time they will be opened, and tabulated publicly. read, Proposals received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered. Contract documents may be

purchased on www.questcdn.com for \$22.00, nonrefundable, under project #9408298. Addenda will be published only through the online bidding service. Bidders that do not purchase a bid set will not notified automatically be addenda and will need to periodically check the on-line plan room for addenda.

An informational copy of the contract documents is on file for inspection at the City of Chelan. The Engineer's Estimate for this Project is approximately \$500,000 including WSST. The City of Chelan hereby notifies

all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered pursuant minority advertisement, women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to the invitation and will not discriminated against on the

grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. The City of Chelan is an equal opportunity and affirmative employer. action ΑII performed on the project will be subject to state prevailing wage rates.

bid proposal shall be Each accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond in an amount equal to at least 5 percent of the amount of such bid proposal. Make checks payable to the City of Chelan. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish a satisfactory performance and payment bond within the time stated in the Specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Chelan.

The City of Chelan reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the bid or the bidding. No bidder may withdraw their proposal after the hours set for the opening thereof, or before award of contract, unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding 60 calendar days. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on November 20, 27, 2024 #8908



Public Notices

CITY OF CHELAN NOTICE OF APPLICATION SEPA - Optional DNS Process

Project Number: SSDP2024-10 / SEPA2024-13 Project Location: 1602 W Woodin Ave, Chelan, WA 98816. Parcel No. 272214662091, 47.834399 N lat./-120.040379 W long. Owner / Applicant: Christopher

Stansfield, PO Box 148,

Custer, WA 98240 Authorized Agent / Contact: Ryan Walker, Pacific Engineering and Design PLLC 200 S. Columbia St, Suite 300, Wenatchee, WA 98801 Application Date:

November 12, 2024 Determination Complete of Application Date: November 12, 2024 Application Date: Notice of

November 20, 2024 Comment Due Date: December 20, 2024 Public Hearing Date: N/A Proposal: An application for a

Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) to install a dock and boatlift on the subject parcel, in Lake Chelan. The dock will consist of a 4 ft x 24 ft section that runs perpendicular to the shoreline, connected to a 30 ft x 6 ft section that runs parallel to the shoreline, forming a "T" shape. The boatlift would be installed adjacent to the downlake and landward side of the parallel section of the dock. The dock will be an accessory to the residence located at 1525 W Woodin Ave. The City of Chelan Shoreline Master Program (CSMP) Environment Designation is High

Intensity for the property.

Environmental Review: The City of Chelan, as SEPA lead agency, has reviewed the proposed project probable environmental impacts expects to issue a determination of non-significance (DNS). determination based preliminary review application materials including the submitted Environmental Checklist, Shoreline Technical Memo and Mitigation Plan. The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this phase of the proposed project. A

copy of the threshold determination

may be obtained upon request.

Comment Period: Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. The public comment period on this application will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2024. Any person has the right to comment on this application and request a copy of any decision once made. Appeal procedures can vary according to the type of decision being appealed: please contact the Chelan Department of Planning & Community Development with questions about Comments and requests decisions must be submitted to: mlibbey@cityofchelan.us or by mail to: City of Chelan Planning Department, c/o Monica Libbey, P.O. Box 1669, Chelan, WA included in the application to the extent known by the City of Chelan: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife -Hydraulic

Project Approval (HPA); United States Department of the Army (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) -Section 10; City of Chelan Building Permit. Applicable Policies, and Requirements: The following development regulations will be used for project mitigation and consistency: City of Shoreline Master Program, City of Chelan Municipal Code, City of Chelan Development Standards, International Building Code (IBC), International Fire Code (IFC), Applicable State and Federal regulations. The application and

Avenue, Chelan, WA, during regular business hours. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on

any related studies may be

reviewed at City Hall, Department

Community

Johnson

Planning &

Development, 135 E.

November 20, 2024. #8926

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CHS

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proud of here with some of our student data that we've kept is, about 86% of our students here feel like they have an adult in the building that they they've connected with and have a strong relationship with, and we're always searching for 100% in that area," he said. "But I thought 86% of our students being able to say that, you know that they have a strong connection to at least one adult is really important, especially in today's day and age, when there seems to just be more questions about, do I fit in? And if so, where do I fit?

It is important to Pancho that his students have a welcoming environment in which they can anchor themselves daily. The staff and student leaders have worked to create events that help make that possible.

The school year kicked off with a vibrant "Goat Day," where students gathered to pick up schedules, take photos, and prepare for the year ahead. This was followed by the 2nd Annual Meet the Goats Night, a community event that introduced student-athletes to families and invited younger students to engage in fun yard games.

in downtown Chelan.

sports? Many people

think of sports such as

and basketball.

soccer, football, baseball

Apple Racing

Speed Puzzlers

In Tasmania, Australia, people drop apples from a bridge and watch the apples bob down the Houn River for 300 meters (328 feet). The owner of the first apple to cross the finish line

raises money by selling apples.

can put a puzzle together the fastest.

otary Club of Houn Val

Which apple won? Do the math to see how each apple finished.

Often people think of doing jigsaw puzzles as relaxing.

But some puzzlers also see it as a chance to see who

Draw lines to show where each missing puzzle piece belongs. Can you do it in under 60 seconds? Ready? Set? GO!

1ST PLACE | 2ND PLACE | 3RD PLACE | 4TH PLACE | 5TH PLACE | 6TH PLACE



COURTESY OF CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL

Members of the club Todos United pose together at the 2024-25

During the first three days of school, Chelan High School hosted individual grade-level assemblies, allowing administrators and counselors to address students in smaller groups. This was complemented by a school-wide welcomeback assembly that introduced new staff and included interactive games, fostering a sense of belonging and excitement

The school is also dedicated to recognizing students who exemplify the Chelan Way of being MORE (Motivated, Open-Minded, Respectful, and Engaged). Monthly awards celebrate these students, with recognition that highlight their achievements. The "You're the Goat" recognition tickets further promote a culture of appreciation among peers and staff. The school has partnered

with student leaders to promote social-emotional learning through intentional connection initiatives. Recently, the ASB hosted a "Share Day," encouraging students to share uplifting comments and connect with peers outside their usual social circles. Seniors engaged with underclassmen to foster inclusivity. Earlier in the year, during Homecoming Week, the school organized a "No One Eats Alone" day, where student leaders invited those sitting alone to join them or sat with them to ensure everyone felt included.

"The school community is

How many differences can you find?

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Egg and Spoon Race

dropping and breaking their egg!

Competitors carry an egg on a spoon and

race to cross the finish line first, without

Holding the spoon with two hands

or touching the egg with hands is

not allowed. If a competitor drops

the egg, they have to pick it up, put

it back onto the spoon and balance

it before they can resume running.

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=3 =5 =7 =9

The fastest time to complete

a -piece jigsaw puzzle is

minutes and seconds, set by Alejandro Clemente León

at the 2023 World Jigsaw

Puzzle Championship.

 $or\ quinn@ward.media$

Training fire marks Apple Cup's transition to new chapter

By RUTHEDNA KEYS Ward Media

CHELAN - Chelan Fire & Rescue and three neighboring fire districts conducted a controlled live fire training exercise on Saturday, November 9, at the former Apple Cup Cafe in Chelan. The building, located at 804 E. Woodin Ave., was damaged in a March fire and is scheduled for demolition. Fire crews from Manson, Douglas County, and Entiat fire districts joined Chelan firefighters for the rare opportunity to train in realistic conditions. Owner Ryan Peterson plans to rebuild

Sheriff Report

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Rd & W Nixon Ave, Ch

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November 10

Packard St, Chelan,

Rd Manson

Rd; Mill

St, Chelan,

10, Che

Midtowne

St. Chelan,

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View Rd, Chel

Bridge, Chelan,

Ave. Manson, Wa

November 11

20:13:11 Traffic Offense, W Manson

23:57:57 Welfare Check, 100 Lake

9:02:58 Graffiti, 2470 Totem Pole

9:58:54 Alarm, 221 Summer Breeze

16:43:37 Weapons Violati, 208 E

18:47:41 Trespass, 209 E Franklin

20:16:12 Assault, Dan Gordon

21:25:52 Noise, 309 E Gibson Ave#

21:27:49 Liquor Violatio, 2681

22:15:43 Domestic Distur, 92 Banks

0:37:35 911, 721 E Woodin Ave;

8:10:13 Trespass, 203 E Raymond

8:40:28 Burglary, 23285 Us Hwy

16:06:56 Trespass, 146 Columbia

16:58:10 Traffic Offense, Rocky

Washington St, Manson

the iconic restaurant, with construction expected to begin in March and a targeted opening in spring 2026. Several historic pieces were preserved before the training exercise, including part of the building's apple mural and the restaurant's signature sign. During the event, Peterson displayed plans for the new building design as local residents gathered along Woodin Avenue to watch the training. A firefighter also recovered a framed press plate from 1996 documenting the cafe's first free Thanksgiving dinner, which Peterson and his son Jack posed with during the exercise.

Point, Manson, Wa

& Green Ave, Man

Midtowne

Mp 241, Chelan,

View Rd, Chel

Ave: Chelan

St. Ardenvoir, Wa

& Sr 150, Chelan,

Webster Ave; Chelan

November 13

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N Emerson St, Chela

land Ave, Chelan

Canyon Rd, Entia

Kevs Rd. Manson, W

son Rd, Chelan, Wa

Manson Blvd, Manson,

November 12

20:02:19 Accident Unk, Roses Ave

22:16:37 Assist Agency, 4389

0:37:35 911, 721 E Woodin Ave;

4:49:27 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 97

7:35:31 Fraud/Forgery, 23 Ander-

9:49:12 Assist Public, 146 Columbia

11:37:34 Malicious Misch, 214 Mill

11:38:57 Vehicle Theft, 52 Mike

12:02:32 Suspicious, 215 W Webster

16:08:13 Accident No Inj, Gala Ave

17:12:27 Juvenile Proble, 215 W

0:37:28Traffic Offense, W Manson

7:02:12 Parking/Abandon, 500blk

8:39:29 Assist Public, 226 W High-

12:02:27 Trespass, 5800 Crum

12:59:39 Theft, 144 E Johnson Ave;

team is really good!

■YES ■NO

51 sprays water on the back of the of the Apple Cup Cafe on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the live fire training exercise.

Manson Fire District's Tower

17:24:32 Trespass, 3715 Stayman Flats Rd, Che

18:40:51 Malicious Misch, 14425 Olin St# F3, Entiat

20:31:47 Domestic Distur, 703 E Wapato Ave# 4, Chel

November 14

3:49:13 Graffiti, 117 E Wapato Ave; Riverwal Ch

7:42:11 Malicious Misch, 508 E

Wapato Ave, Chelan, Ch 9:55:32 Animal Problem, Long Dr &

Birdie Dr. Chela Ch 11:08:43 Assist Public, 207 N

Emerson St; Chofc, C Ch 12:00:24 Animal Problem, 164 Gob-

blers Knob Ln, Mans Ma 12:47:52 Trespass, 422 S Navarre St;

Chelan G Ch 13:12:27 Drugs, 401 Washington

St# 5; Che C 13:53:39 Parking/Abandon, 350

Hyacinth Rd; Across Fr Ma 15:24:40 Extra Patrol, 2106 Sage St, Entiat, Wa En

15:56:35 Accident No Inj, 2140 W Woodin Ave; Park & Ch

16:02:55 Graffiti, 762 Cooper Gulch Rd. Chela 2 19:18:34 911, 5 Howser Rd; Chelan

Fruit 2

19:44:40 Malicious Misch, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr; Wa Ch

23:15:24 Dui, Sr 150 Mp3, Manson,

Kid Scoop Together

Chelan High School Club Fair.

among students.

certificates and social media

COURTESY OF CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL

Chelan students march in the 2024 K-12 Homecoming Parade

Sports Surprise!

when you think of maybe thousands of

sports played all over the

world. We went looking

for some of the most

surprising!

hat do you think of There are hundreds,

In May, the "Evening of Excellence" will honor students identified by staff as top achievers and those demonstrating perseverance.

proud of its achievements and looks forward to building on this strong foundation," the school said in a press release.

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"We lost today, but it

was still fun. The

other team just

■YES ■NO

Find the words by looking up,

sideways and diagonally.

PXMWEGDIRB

IKOEMITVPC

ENYESWAMLA

CSPOONPUAP

EUJVBHEDCP

HTSATIGQEL

OOLWASGIJE

LLUELIVWJS

a good sport. Which person is being a good sport?

"My team didn't win

but that's because

this is a dumb game

and the referees

were terrible."

APPLES

BRIDGE

BALL

BIG

EGG

HOLD **HOUR**

JIGSAW

LOTUS

PIECE

PLACE

PUZZLE

SPOON

TAPE

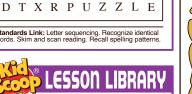
TIME

What is a Good Sport? A person with a good attitude in difficult situations is often called

Cheese **Versus Person** Each year in May at Cooper's Hill near Gloucester, England, people try to beat a rolling wheel "We won, but it of cheese down a big, steep hill. wasn't easy. The other



Race against a friend or family member to see down the maze



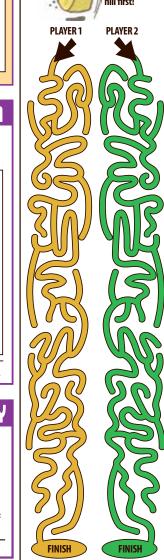
Outdoor Plans

Look through the newspaper for things that look fun to do outdoors. Make a list of outdoor activities you'd like to do and share them with your family. Make a plan to do one

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.



favorite sport.



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Puzzle Pros Use the code to discover

some amazing puzzle facts!

In 2020, Sarah Mills of the United Kingdom completed a 1,000-piece puzzle in

hour and minutes. That's one piece each _ seconds!

Students at Vietnam's University of Economics put together a massive

-piece puzzle! This puzzle measured nearly feet by feet (14.85 x 23.2 meters).

It took students hours to put this big picture of a lotus flower together.

rds Link: Language Arts: Read informational text.

Newspaper **Ball Games** Scrunch up several

Extra! Extra!

pages of a newspaper to make a big ball. Wrap the ball in tape to hold it all together. Play catch with your ball. Or hit it back and forth like in a volleyball game. What else can you do with your newspaper ball?

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