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Leavenworth's Fowl Play 5k to mark ten years of local Thanksgiving tradition



COURTESY OF AMY MASSEY

Runners take to the line ahead of the start of the 2023 Thanksgiving morning Fowl Play 5k.



By Caroline Menna Ward Media Intern

Leavenworth's 10th Annual Turkey Trot, affectionately known as the Fowl Play 5k, will take place on Thanksgiving morning, November 28, to bring the community together for a decade of fitness, fun, and fundraising

Every Thanksgiving, people run, walk, or waddle through rain, snow, or sun in a fun community event that also welcomes Leavenworth's holiday visitors. Costumes, dogs, kids in strollers, and walkers - all are welcome for this lively, untimed 5K.

Participants are encouraged to embrace the festive spirit by donning Thanksgiving-themed costumes.

Started in 2014 by the Cascade High School tennis team and now organized by the cross country team

in partnership with the Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation, the Fowl Play 5k has become a hometown Thanksgiving tradition.

"We're excited to be holding the tenth annual Fowl Play 5k," said cross country coach Dayle Massey. "This event has become a staple in our community, and it's a wonderful way to kick off Thanksgiving Day while supporting local kids in sports."

Over the past decade, the Fowl Play 5k has continued to grow, with almost 300 participants last year. This year, organizers are aiming to continue that trend.

"We're hoping to see a record number of participants this year," added Massey. "Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to get active with family

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CCFD #3 Fire Chief Kelly O'Brien reflects on 36 years of service

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

service on Nov. 21.

LEAVENWORTH -County Fire District #3 (CCFD #3) Fire Chief Kelly O'Brien celebrated his retirement from 36 years of

"I'm just appreciative of the fire chiefs that brought me into the fire service, Chief Taylor, Chief DeVore, that they gave me opportunities to learn and develop as a fire chief and a firefighter. I'm thankful for the support the community has given us, and I'm thankful for the people that are not only in the organization now, but have been in the organization at some time during those 36 years,'

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COURTESY OF STEPHANIE KUCH / CCDF

Chief O'Brien stands in the middle of CCFD #3 personnel and commissioners at his retirement party.

Chelan PUD approves two years of rate increases, average bills to rise \$2-4 monthly

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WENATCHEE — The Chelan Public Utility District Board of Commissioners has approved a twoyear extension of rate increases following three months of discussion.

commission unanimously to implement annual rate increases of 3-4% for both 2025 and 2026, with the changes taking effect each June. Under the approved plan, average residential customers will see their monthly electricity bills increase by approximately \$2. Water and wastewater customers will experience increases of \$3 to \$4 per

month based on average usage. Between 2018 and 2024, the cost to generate and deliver electricity increased from \$100 to \$153 per month per customer. During this same period, average monthly electricity bills rose from \$55 to \$66.

The approved rate plan extends the 2020-2024 strategic plan. According to a survey, customers indicated a preference for small rate adjustments over time, rather than large increases.

Chelan PUD maintains lower residential electricity rates through revenue from selling surplus energy produced at its dams. As the gap widens between the cost to produce electricity and what customers pay, it puts more pressure on power sales. This reliance on power sales creates a higher risk of larger rate increases in the future to cover costs. The utility held three public meetings around the county and a public hearing on September 16. Commissioners studied details of the proposal and discussed the rate structure of each utility service -- electricity, water, wastewater and wholesale fiber.

The 2025 annual budget, which includes the rates adopted on Monday, November 18, will be considered for approval December 2.

The commission also approved funding for the Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ effort to develop a day-ahead and real-time energy market in the Northwest. The PUD's share is estimated to be \$1-2 million depending on the total number and size of other participants.

Additionally, Dan Koch was introduced as Chelan PUD's new chief operating officer. Koch has over 30 years of experience in engineering, project and construction management, and utility management. He previously served as vice president of energy delivery at Puget Sound Energy.

Cascade School District weighs options for limiting cellphone use in classrooms

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Cascade School District (CSD) is considering implementing a district wide policy regarding restricting phone use in

Currently, cellphones are allowed in school for educational purposes only, but monitoring their use has been a challenge and burden for teachers, according to Cascade High School (CHS) Principal James Swanson.

"Right now at the high school, just to be transparent, the kids are using them a lot and it's not for necessarily educational purposes, so we're trying to rein that in, and we need help," said Swanson.

CSD's consideration is amid a nationwide effort to effectively manage phone use in classrooms. Eight states have passed state-wide policies that ban or restrict cellphone use in schools, including Florida and California, according to KFF Health

Policymakers hope the changes will mitigate classroom distractions, as well as youth mental health concerns, following 2023 advisory in which the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy warned of the impact social media has on youth mental health.

In Washington, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction released a recommendation for school districts to adopt uniform policies around cellphone use by the 2025-2026 school year. School districts such as Pasco, Kennewick, Monroe, Reardon-Edwall, Mercer Island, and Seattle Public Schools have already implemented policies that limit or ban cellphone use.

Recently, CSD leadership and advocates visited Mercer Island High School (MIHS), whose district implemented a cellphone ban during school hours this year. The district's policy requires students to place their cellphones, earbuds and smart watches in pouches called Yondr bags each morning, which are locked and placed in the backpack until the end of the school day. Students with medical exceptions have velcro bags.

"For me, one of the most striking things was walking into the school and just seeing kids walking through the hallways, talking to each other, looking up. We all noticed their posture. Nobody was hunched over a phone," said CSD Superintendent Tracey Edou.

Mercer Island School District said it saw success in one school where rules and expectations were clear from the beginning, rather than another school, which struggled with expectations during its rollout. In order to mitigate safety, the district's policy states that in the case of emergency, students will have access to their phones either by unlocking the pouch or cutting them open, staff will have access to their personal cellphones, each classroom has a phone that can make calls within or outside the school, and the district will communicate with families via email, text, social media, the website, and robocalls.

The MIHS leadership class told CSD representatives that they would have preferred the policy was implemented during the school year rather than over summer, and felt that the Yondr bags were overkill.

"It was fun to listen to them, because in the same breath, they would say that they really don't

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Flights and Bites

Brick and Rafters in Cashmere will host their first Flights and Bites event, featuring Lenny and Tate Candle Co. and Szmanias Catering, on Saturday, November 30, from 4 to 6 p.m.

"Join us for a creative and relaxing evening where you can craft your very own candles, enjoy delicious food, and sip on fine wine and festive drinks," the event page states. "We can't wait to see you there for a night of fun, creativity, and indulgence.'

For more information and to reserve tickets, visit brick and rafters. com.

Merry Christmas from Leavenworth

Leavenworth will kick off the holiday season with the Holiday Concert "Merry Christmas from Leavenworth" at the Leavenworth Festhalle on Saturday, November 30, from 7 to 8 p.m.

"Start your holiday season off and join us for a heartful holiday concert featuring all local talent as they perform together and individually and finish the night with a stunning rendition of "Merry Christmas from Leavenworth" original song written by local artist Eric Link," the event page states.

For more information, visit leavenworth.org/ christ mastown.oli

Library Holiday Party

The Friends of the Leavenworth Library will host a Holiday Party at the Leavenworth Public Library on Thursday, December 5, from 6

"There will be a read aloud storytime, crafts, a free book for every family, and cookie treat," the event page states. "Come celebrate the holiday season with the Friends of the Library."

The party is for children of all ages. For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

Benevolent Night

München Haus will host Benevolent Night for the Community Foundation of NCW and will on Tuesday, December 3, from 4-8 p.m.

München Haus will donate 25% of all sales during that time to the Community Foundation

"TheCommunityFoundation

of NCW is a tax-exempt philanthropic organization that helps individuals, families, businesses, and agencies support charitable causes throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties," the event page states.

THINGS TO DO

THIS WEEK

For more information, visit munchenhaus.com.

Harpist Bronn Journey

The Leavenworth Methodist Church will host live music by harpist Bronn Journey on December 4 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door or by emailing LCUMCtreasurer@ outlook.com.

Gratitude in action, making thanks count

many of our neighbors

are quietly struggling

This reality check

to make ends meet.

Thanksgiving approaches, I've been thinking about what gratitude truly means-not just as words shared around a dinner table, but as an active force capable of transforming our communities.

Drive through any North Central Washington town this week and you'll see it unfolding. Food banks extending their holiday hours. Community centers coordinating meal deliveries. Local businesses with donation bins collecting canned goods. These everyday scenes remind us that gratitude isn't just a feelingit's a responsibility and an opportunity to act. The numbers tell an

urgent story. Across the nation, food banks report their shelves emptying faster than they can stock them, while rising costs force families to make painful choices at grocery store checkouts. In our own neighborhoods, small businesses-the shops and services that give our communities their character—work harder than ever to keep their doors open. These challenges remind

us that behind the festive

decorations and holiday music,



From the Publisher

Terry Ward

isn't meant to dampen the holiday spirit. Instead, it highlights how Thanksgiving can be more than a single day of celebration—it's a chance to strengthen the networks of support that sustain our communities year-round.

Real gratitude shows up in simple but powerful ways: choosing local shops over big chains, checking on elderly neighbors as winter approaches, or spending a few hours at a food pantry. It's through these acts of engagement that communities become more than places we live-they become places we actively shape and nurture.

This holiday season, consider turning Thanksgiving into "thanks-doing." Our communities thrive on more than good intentions-they're built by neighbors who step up, pitch in, and make things happen. After all, the strength of any

community isn't measured by grand gestures, but by small acts of consideration repeated day after day. By showing up and pitching in, we not only express thanks for the support we've received but ensure others have reasons to give thanks as well. Sometimes the best way to

say "thank you" is by making our communities a little better than we found them. Because in the end, the truest expression of gratitude is found not in what we say, but in what we do.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Report



Chumstick Grange to

host Christmas Craft Fair

Nov 15

7:16:01 Assist Agency, 12590 Prowell St.

9:08:35 Accident Unk, Little Chumstick Creek Rd 9:50:08 Civil, 1214 Commercial

12:05:31 Animal Problem, 280 Us Hwy 2; Kristalls Restaurant 13:41:00 Assist Agency, Us Hwy

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - For

three weekends in December,

the Chumstick Grange will fill

with creative and handmade

holiday gifts for its Christmas

The craft fair will host about

12 to 20 local artisans selling

goods such as soap, candles

and jewelry. It will be open

from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 6

and 7, 13 and 14, 20 and 21. The

Chumstick Grange is located at

businesses and vendors...I

would say probably at least 60

to 70 percent are Leavenworth,

Cashmere, Dryden, local [vendors]," said event co-

For the last few years, the

grange has been rented out

for the craft fair, but this

year the Chumstick Grange is

hosting the event itself. Kocher

hopes the craft fair will serve

as an opportunity to support

local businesses as well as

garner support for the grange.

The historic grange was

organizer Michelle Kocher.

"Come support your local

Craft Fair.

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originally created to support

local agriculture and the

community, such as offering a

youth fair program. However,

the grange has had a decline in

participation in recent years,

primarily due to an aging

about agriculture, different

aspects of agriculture, whether

it be animal husbandry,

growing crops, planting a

garden to processing...The

grange used to teach a lot

of canning classes and that

type of stuff," said Kocher.

"Eventually we'd like to get

back to that, once we have

more members and more

people who are willing to teach

have the opportunity to learn

more about the grange, its

opportunities, and how to get

more people and teach more

people about the grange," said

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"[I'm excited] to just talk to

Visitors to the craft fair will

others those skills."

involved.

"I enjoy teaching others

generation of members.

23:02:47 Parking/Abandon, 117 Mill St, Leavenworth

Nov 16

11:49:33 Trespass, 7272 Deadman Hill Rd, Dryden 13:18:00 Burglary, 3300 Camas Creek Rd, Peshastin 16:30:01 Harass/Threat, 11685

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Nov 17

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Nov 18

8:43:19 Assist Public, 16079 River Rd, Plain, Wa 9:23:56 Alarm, 500 Pine St; Alpine Lakes

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Nov 19

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Plain,

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13:17:59 Alarm, 3057 Us Hwy 97; 97 Rock Ho 6 13:35:24 Assist Agency, 13646 Chumstick Hwy, Leave 6

17:49:04 Civil, 14008 Brae Burn Rd, Lake W 1





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Season passes are available ONLINE ONLY



Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292. Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and

Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935. Ukulele Circle, 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet

Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.

Peshastin Community Council meeting, Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Parkinson's Support Group Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873

Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.

Friday

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.Sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us

Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.

Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.

Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https:// leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/

Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)

Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.)

Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leaveworthmasons. org. (1st Tues.)

Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.). The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main

Street. (2nd Tues.) Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com Greater Leavenworth Museum board 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@ leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.

509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or email peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues., 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

Other events

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, is open daily from 11-4, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check their Facebook page or website at leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information. Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash.

Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Please note that if your organization changes dates, or hours please send us your updates to news@ward.media or call 509-548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

AA Meetings: Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946. Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939, 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379. Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave. **Alanon Meetings**, Call 509-548-7939. **Renewed Celebrate Recovery**, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail. com or 509-596-1510.



OBITUARY

Karen A. (Kelley) Mains

Karen A. (Kelley) Mains, 81, of Leavenworth passed away November 15, 2024, in Wenatchee. She was born on May 21, 1943, to Leslie and Rose Kelley in Omak. When she was a young girl, the family moved to Roosevelt where her paternal grandparents lived. There she grew up helping on the cattle ranch and had many fond memories of riding with her father to gather the herd. She also learned to pack Gee Whiz peaches every summer for Sundale Orchards.

She started high school in Arlington, Oregon but transferred to Bickleton High School and met the love of her life George Mains. They married on September 25, 1959.

In 1964 they bought a little house in Goldendale. With two girls now, Sherri and Kara, Karen worked at the Goldendale hospital and Humdinger Drive Inn to help the family. In support of her daughters, she was a Girl Scout leader and enjoyed taking the troop

camping. Karen was a strong believer in education and made regular trips to the Goldendale library with her two girls to check out a bag of books each week.

In 1974 George was transferred to Guntersville, Alabama. It was an adventure that lasted 9 months but the pull to be back in Washington was too much, so they moved back to Roosevelt. Here while taking care of her family, she picked up jobs driving for the school district or sometimes for Mercer Farms during potato harvest. She also was a 4-H leader helping with sewing, baking, demonstrations or generally whatever the kids in Roosevelt wanted to try and take to the fair.

After the girls graduated from high school, she and George moved to Morton helping with her sisterin-law Mary's Mount St. Helens gift shop. They also began making rock creations and selling them at street fairs throughout Washington.

In 1996 they decided

to open their own rock and jewelry business and moved to Leavenworth. Karen loved the vitality of the town and its many festivals. George passed away in May of 2004. She kept the business, and it thrived; finally selling Mainz Haus of Rock in 2022.

Karen loved working on genealogy and family history. She also made the best Christmas fudge and divinity candies.

Karen was predeceased by husband George, parents Leslie and Rose Kelley of Roosevelt, brother-in-law Larry Bowcutt of Roosevelt. brothers and sisters-in-laws Edith and Bob Porter, Texas Mains, Jim Durden, Dan Mains, Charles and Wanda Mains, and Mark Mains.

She is survived by daughters Sherri and Koross Hosieni of Ocean Shores, Kara and Dan Spalding of Redmond, grandsons Philip Spalding and partner Aubrie Roos of Bellingham, and Erik Spalding of Redmond. Sister Emlie Bowcutt of Roosevelt, sisters-inlaws Nona Durden of Alaska, Mary Mains of Leavenworth, and Brenda Vencel Cannady Mains of Sun City West, Arizona, and 16 nieces and nephews. Also, by much loved Brazilian adopted daughter Ana Carla Maruo Palis and her best friend, Ingrid losbaker of Leavenworth.

Viewing and Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home, Sunnyside, WA. Funeral Service will be held on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Smith Funeral Home, Sunnyside, WA with burial to follow at the Bickleton I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Bickleton, WA. Those wishing to Honor Karen's memory may contribute to either The Bickleton Carousel Museum, website: https:// acpacarouselmuseum. weebly.com/contact-us. html or Leavenworth Upper Valley MEND, website: https://www.uvmend.org/ donate Those wishing to sign Karen's online memorial book may do so at' www.funeralhomesmith. com' Smith Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

OBITUARY

Linda K. Riggs

Linda K. Riggs, passed away on November 15, 2024, in Leavenworth, High School, graduating in Washington.

Our beloved wife, mother & grandmother passed away at home at the age of 78 after extended health issues.

She was born on September 29, 1946, in Leavenworth, Washington to Ralph and Lorna (McVay) Monesmith.

Linda lived her entire life wrapper. She enjoyed

in the Leavenworth area. She attended Leavenworth 1964. That same year, she met and married the love of her life, Clifford Riggs. The next year they welcomed their daughter, Brenda and later a son Randy. When she was younger, she packed apples and she and Cliff built and ran a successful butcher shop where she was a meat

working in her yard, tending to her beautiful flower beds which were always a hit with her neighbors. When she was younger, she enjoyed horseback riding the many mountain trails in the valley. She loved her family fiercely and enjoyed spending time with her three grandsons and watching the Seattle Seahawk games and NASCAR.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, mother, brother, Dave Monesmith, sisters, Marian, Janice and Joyce. She is survived by her husband, Cliff, daughter Brenda Moore (Curtis Roy),



son Randy Riggs and three grandsons, Jake Eriksen, Blake Eriksen and Lane Riggs.

At Linda's request there will be no service.

Local schools and community to celebrate Computer Science Education Week

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE -- Schools across North Central Washington are joining a nationwide initiative to promote computer science education through interactive events and community partnerships this December.

Computer Science Education Week, running December 9-14, will feature "Hour of Code" events at Lincoln Elementary, George Waterville, Elementary, Quincy Innovation Academy, Mansfield Elementary and High School, Ancient Lakes Elementary, Columbia Middle School, Cascade High School, Mountain View Elementary, Eastmont Junior High School, Sterling Junior High School, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Monument Elementary, Valley Academy, Almira Coulee Hartline High School, and Coulee City Elementary.

Two major community events highlight this year's celebration. The NCW Tech Alliance is organizing "Code Green: Tech Recycle & Reuse Event" on December 10 at their Moses Lake facility. The event, part of their Computers

Community program, invites participants to help refurbish outdated computers for donation.

Apple STEM "The Network is thrilled to bring together students, families, and community members to celebrate the possibilities of computer science," said Bringman, Apple Holly STEM Network Coordinator. "Whether through the Hour of Code or engaging events like Santa's Little Computer Science Workshop, we're inspiring the next generation of tech innovators while creating a shared appreciation for the impact of technology."

The week culminates with "Santa's Computer Science Workshop" at Pybus Market on December 14. The free event, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, offers hands-on activities, including coding, AI prompt engineering, and creating electric circuit Christmas cards.

The initiative brings together several prominent organizations, including Microsoft, NCW Libraries, the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Hooked on Toys, and

the North Central Educational Services District. These partnerships underscore a growing emphasis on technology education in the region.

The Code Green event will take place at 1000 Bolling Street N.E. in Moses Lake, housed in the NCW Tech Alliance Building on the Big Bend Community College Campus. Organizers stress that no prior experience is necessary for participation.

Additional information about these events can be found at www.applestemnetwork.org.



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Cashmere artist to showcase musical portraits at Leavenworth Library

LEAVENWORTH — Leavenworth Library will host a winter exhibition in its Fireside Room, featuring works by Cashmere-based artist Jeff Justice, from November 26 through January 3.

Justice, who transitioned to full-time artistry in 2020 following a 31-year career with

a utility company, specializes in colored pencil portraits of popular musicians from the 1960s through the 1990s. While his current work focuses on colored pencil techniques, his portfolio also includes pieces executed in gouache and watercolor. The exhibition, accessible during regular

library hours, represents a milestone for Justice, whose interest in art goes back as far as he can remember. Before his utility company career, he worked as a freelance artist after completing his college education.

The showcase at the Fireside Room offers visitors an

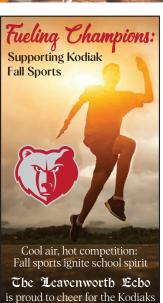
opportunity to experience Justice's detailed portraiture work, particularly his interpretations of iconic musical figures spanning four decades of popular culture.

The exhibition is open to the public and can be viewed during the library's standard operating hours.







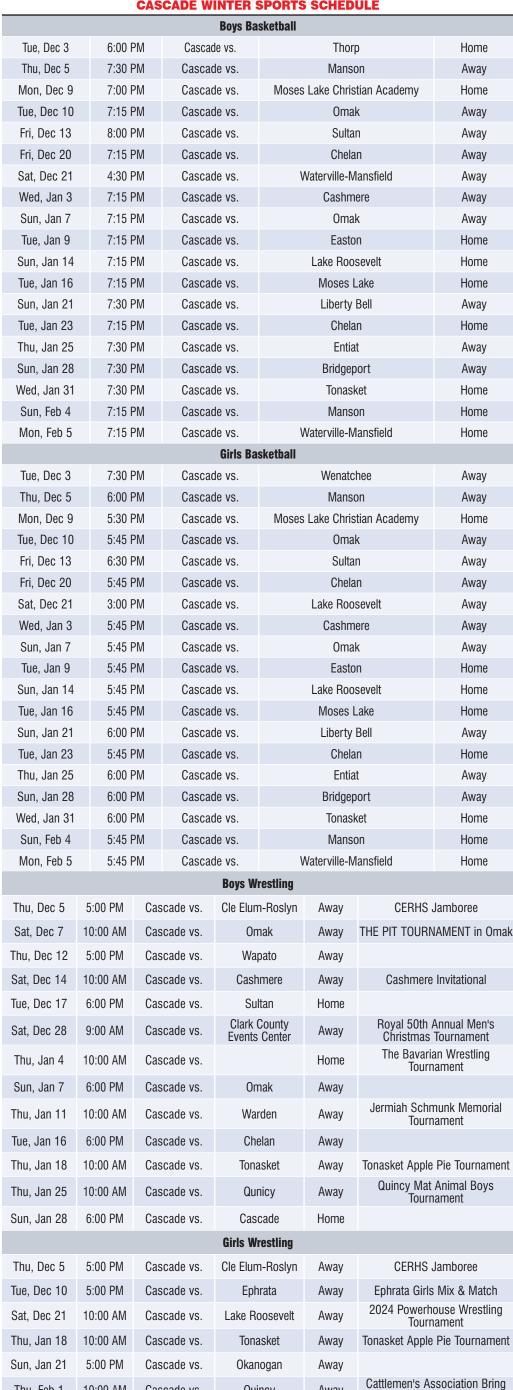


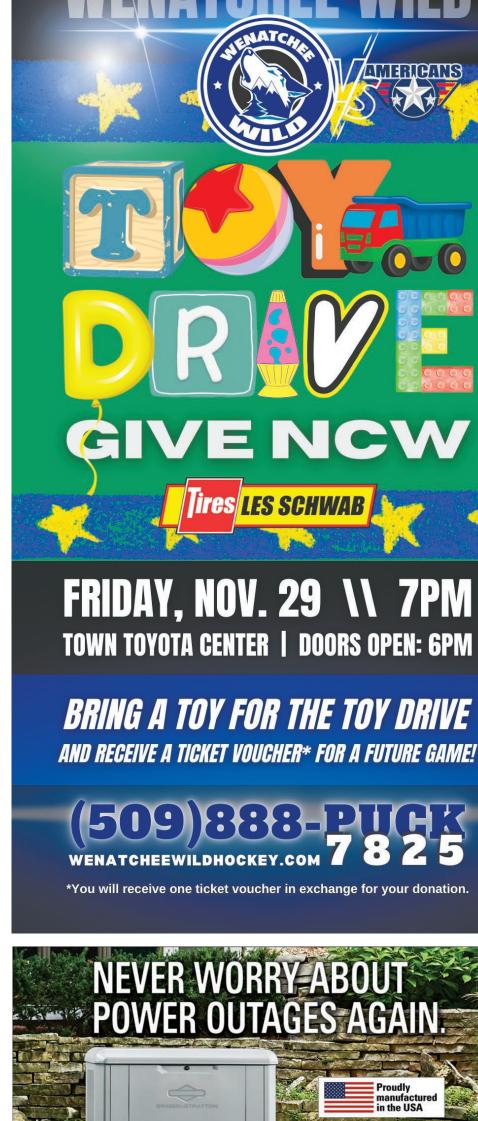






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The new 2025 County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jorja Davenport (right) attends the Moses Lake Rodeo Queen Pageant to support the newly crowned 2025 Miss Moses Lake Rodeo Roundup Kaylee Stump (left).

Former student arrested after threats to Cashmere School District

NCW News Ward Media

CASHMERE enforcement officials acted swiftly to apprehend a former student who allegedly made threats of violence against the Cashmere School District, authorities said.

The 14-year-old male suspect, who was not identified due to his age, was arrested off campus before school hours on November 19, according to a statement from Chelan County Sheriff Morrison's office.

Cashmere School Resource Officer Deputy Mutch received information about the threats early Tuesday morning. Although described as general in nature, the threats were serious enough to constitute a felony-level offense.

The suspect had not been physically attending classes following recent charges in an unrelated sex offense case from approximately one year ago, according to the sheriff's office. The rapid response by law enforcement prevented any disruption to school operations. According to the sheriff's office statement, "Due to the quick response of Deputy Mutch and detectives, they were able to arrest the suspect prior to the students arriving at school. That alleviated the need to lock down any school district buildings."

The incident remains under investigation by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.

Chelan rodeo queen | Link Transit ridership on record-setting pace

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Link Transit has surpassed one million passenger boardings for the second straight year, reaching the milestone two months earlier than in 2023.

The public transportation system recorded 1,031,139 fixed route boardings through October, already exceeding 2023's year-end total of 1,011,391. Officials project ridership will approach 1.2 million by year's end. The last time Link Transit topped one million riders before 2023 was

October's weekday ridership averaged 4,360 passengers,

marking a 17% increase from October 2023. Weekend also showed significant growth, with Saturday boardings averaging 2,508, up 18%, and Sunday ridership reaching 1,690, a 20% increase from the previous year. The overall year-overyear comparison shows October 2024 ridership jumped 20.7% from October 2023.

The transit system has substantial experienced growth since 2022, with weekday ridership climbing 40% and Saturday service up 36%. Sunday service, introduced in 2020, has seen the most dramatic increase at 60%, evolving from initial averages of 600 daily boardings during its first six months.

"Over the past several years, Link has added a significant amount of service throughout the region. This additional service provides more options for our guests, and it is paying off in increased ridership, said Nick Covey, Link's CEO. "Along with the increase in service, the alignment of many routes has improved so it is easier and more convenient for people to use transit now. People are recognizing the quality of our service, and the ease with which they can make the switch to riding transit."

The system now operates 413 hours of service each weekday, connecting communities throughout the Wenatchee/

East Wenatchee area and extending to Chelan/Manson, Waterville, and communities along the Wenatchee River to Leavenworth. Weekend operations run at reduced levels, with 206 hours on Saturdays and 162 hours on Sundays. Overall service hours have increased approximately 18% since 2023.

The transit system serves multiple communities in north-central Washington state, providing essential transportation links between residential areas and regional destinations. Detailed ridership data and performance metrics are available on the transit system's website at www. linktransit.com/kpi.

Manson company brings high-tech solutions to local agriculture

By Quinn Propst Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSON - A new approach to crop management is taking root in Central Washington AgHawk Dynamics brings drone technology to local farms, vineyards, and

AgHawk was created on the premise of trying to help turn agriculture upside down in a positive way, owner Chris Dandridge said.

The Manson-based company offers aerial application services designed to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and minimize human exposure to chemicals.

'We're so excited to transform how trees, vineyards and fields are managed today to help preserve agricultural legacy in our local community," said Chris Dandridge, owner of AgHawk Dynamics. "Our goal is to empower farmers with better data and insights to make informed decisions about crop performance compared to the traditional methods."

When Dandridge and his family moved to Manson about seven years ago, they set to work to revive an old orchard,

creating an oasis for their family. On the other side of the orchard, they are working to grow a small vineyard.

"And as we've been going through the process, we've always been kind of thinking, well, there has to be a better way of doing things, you know, a better way of managing the land, the crops, if it were, and a safer way of being able to handle chemicals or types of fertilizer, whatever it is that we're trying to apply, and try to remove some of that human component," he said.

Dandridge has a passion for technology and has worked in the industry for a long time. Observing the challenges of traditional farming methods and inspired by drone technology being used out east, he saw an opportunity to integrate his passion for technology with agriculture.

"Our services empower growers and farmers to apply such things as pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, fertilizers and seed in a fraction of the time plus track these applications digitally down to the product, parcel, wind and temperature readings," he said. "This data driven approach and precise and rapid application is what differentiates us from the traditional methods."

The company uses a customer-centric approach since every farm is different.

"We map out the blocks of property that require various product applications and schedules," Dandridge said. "We then leverage our proprietary technology build out the entire season."

"Customers are always in the know as we deliver these services to avoid any surprises," he said. "We regularly meet with the growers and managers to make sure we meet their expectations and adjust for unforeseen circumstances."

With a focus on improving sustainability and providing AgHawk reliable data, Dynamics aims to support local farmers as they adapt to evolving agricultural needs.

For more information, visit aghawkdynamics.com.

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North Central Education Foundation receives Wheatland Bank grant to fund teacher programs



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Josh Stendera, Executive Vice President, Regional Chief Banking Officer from Wheatland Bank presents a \$10,000 check to NCEF President Lois Davies.

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The North Central Education Foundation (NCEF) has received a contribution from Wheatland Bank to support its Teacher Classroom Grant Program, expanding its network of community partnerships educational supporting initiatives in North Central Washington.

The donation will help fund classroom innovation projects across four counties as the foundation marks its 15th year of providing grants to teachers in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties.

"It's exciting to have Wheatland Bank join us in continuing to support creative teachers who are bringing hands-on learning to their classrooms," said Foundation Treasurer Ray Dobbs.

The foundation's grant program awarded funding to 225 teachers this year. The grants, averaging \$300, support multiple educational areas including arts and music, literacy, STEM, cultural awareness, history, social studies, social-emotional wellness, environmental education, and financial education.

NCEF Vice-President Jeff Kimbell expressed gratitude

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for the new partnership: "With much gratitude, we thank Wheatland Bank for their generous support. They have already proven to have a strong sense of caring towards education in our community. We look forward to working with Wheatland to foster innovation in the classroom and support great teachers in NCW.

The foundation's community support extends beyond Wheatland Bank. with additional backing from Confluence Health, the Woods Family Music and Arts Fund, the Community Foundation of North Central Washington, local Rotary organizations, and regional service organizations. Individual donors, including educators and community members, have also increased their contributions to the program.

"We are extremely pleased to support this program knowing that our contribution will help make an impact in the educational experience of so many local students," said Erica Mostek, Wheatland SVP/ Director of Marketing.

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North Central Education Foundation awards record 225 Teacher Grants

Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The North Central Education Foundation announced a record-breaking distribution of classroom grants to 225 teachers across four Washington counties, marking the largest number of awards in the foundation's 15-year history.

The grants, awarded to educators in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties, span multiple categories including cultural awareness, financial education, social studies, wellness, literacy, arts, and STEM programs. The initiative received support from numerous community organizations, businesses, and private donors.

year's This program emphasized collaborative

Leavenworth, WA

projects, with 41 grants awarded to teams of two or more teachers. However, due to limited resources, 49 applications representing 85 teachers went unfunded.

"I believe adopting a teacher grant is a wonderful and costeffective way to support our region's students and schools in a more personal manner, by connecting with a specific teacher and grant request," said NCEF Board member Jeff Kimbell. The foundation reported

that teachers from 23 of the 29 school districts within the North Central Educational Service District region received grants, including educators from private and charter schools.

Major funding partners included Wheatland Bank, North Central ESD, Woods

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Family Music & Arts Fund, Confluence Health, Community Foundation of NCW, and various local Rotary clubs. The grants aim to address classroom needs that teachers often fund out of pocket.

Unfunded grant applications remain available for adoption through the foundation's website at www.loveteachers.org.

The program distributed funds across seven categories, with dedicated support for specific subjects. The Cultural Awareness grants were funded by Lake Chelan Rotary and Confluence Rotary, while the Consumer Jungle supported Financial Education initiatives. Environmental and geology projects received backing from Friends of Lower Grand Coulee, and various community organizations funded wellness, literacy, arts,

Among the recipients from area schools were:

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Boeing layoffs will include nearly 2,200 workers in Washington

The company warned last month that job cuts were coming company-

By BILL LUCIA

Washington State Standard

Boeing's planned job cuts will include 2,199 layoffs in Washington, according to a notice issued last week by the state's Employment Security Department.

The Society of Professional **Employees** Engineering in Aerospace, a union that represents engineers, scientists, technical workers and pilots, said the company told them that 438 of their members received layoff

notices last week.

'That's about 2.5% of our total membership at Boeing," Bryan Corliss, a spokesperson for the union, said in an email.

Those affected Washington include 218 SPEEA members of the union's professional unit, which is made up of engineers and scientists, and 220 of the technical unit, which covers analysts, planners, technicians, Corliss said.

SPEEA represents about 17,000 workers at Boeing Washington, Oregon, California and Utah.

Boeing has about 66,000 employees in Washington.

"We're not breaking down the types of workers

geography/facility," or by Egan, a company Bobbie spokesperson, said in an emailed response to questions asking for more details about the job cuts. "The layoffs are across Boeing.'

The company announced in early October it would cut about 17,000 employees, 10% of its workforce. Boeing has previously indicated that the cuts would be companywide and would involve executives, managers and other employees.

Under a new CEO, Kelly Ortberg, the company is trying to regain its financial footing. Last month, Boeing reported a \$6 billion quarterly loss and it has piled up billions in debt.

Deadly airliner crashes in 2018 and 2019 and an incident earlier this year where a door panel blew out of a plane led to scrutiny of the company's safety culture. Meanwhile, a program to manufacture the 777X passenger plane, made in Everett, is years behind schedule.

Layoff notices are going out in the wake of a strike by about 33,000 Boeing aircraft machinists in the Puget Sound region and other West Coast states that lasted nearly two months.

Members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers voted to approve a contract Nov. 4, ending the strike. Union members were due back at work by Nov. 12.

A spokesperson for IAM 751, which represents Boeing machinists in Washington, said Monday that the union did not have any information about layoffs affecting its members and directed questions to the company.

Boeing's workforce reductions include layoffs, leaving unfilled jobs open, and concentrating backfill hiring on positions tied to "business-critical priorities," the company has said.

In a statement shared company Monday, the reiterated that it is "adjusting our workforce levels to align with our financial reality and a more focused set of priorities. We are committed to ensuring our employees have support during this challenging time."

Boeing said most employees who were notified in recent days that they would be laid off will exit the company in mid-January. The company also said workers will receive severance pay, career transition services, and subsidized health care benefits for up to three months after leaving.

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Same-day voter registrations hit new high mark in Washington

By Laurel Demkovich Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Long lines on Election Day aren't common in Washington with the state's vote-by-mail system.

But this year, counties were inundated with people taking advantage of a relatively new same-day registration system.

Pierce County, for example, had hundreds of voters in line throughout Election Day. Traffic remained heavy all day at the county elections office and a drop box located there. Snohomish County's election office had a steady stream of people looking to register or change addresses. Many other counties, like Clark, had people joining the lines at election offices up until the 8 p.m. voting deadline.

Washington is one of 23 states that allow same-day registration, and this election, more voters than ever took advantage of it.

About 13,400 registrations were submitted on Election Day this year, according to the secretary of state's office. Another

15,600 voters updated their registrations with things like address changes on the day of the election.

That's compared to 10,300 new registrations and 7,500 registration updates on Election Day in 2020.

Washington's same-day registrations have grown by "leaps and bounds" in the last four years, said Greg Tito, spokesperson at the secretary of state's office.

The Legislature approved same-day voter registration in 2018. Before that law passed, voters could only complete in-person registration changes up until eight days before an election and mail-in registration changes no later than 29 days before an election.

Under the new law, voters have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to visit a county election office to register and receive a ballot, which they can complete onsite. Voters can also update their registration and receive a ballot in person throughout the day of the election. They also have until eight days before an election to update their registration by mail.

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Despite the increase in same-day registrations, however, overall voter turnout remained lower this year compared to some recent presidential elections.

As of Monday morning, state figures showed that 79.5% of Washington's more than 5 million voters returned their ballots for this year's general election. That's still on track to meet

election officials' estimates of 80% turnout this year, and it's comparable to the 2016 general election when 78.8% of voters participated. Still, this year's turnout is

lower than other presidential elections in the last two

Both 2020 and 2008 were record highs for turnout in Washington, at around 84% each. In 2012, about 81.3% of eligible residents voted, and in 2004. about 82% voted.

Counties that particularly low turnout this year were Adams, Yakima and Franklin counties. In Adams County, only 66.6% of registered residents voted. In Yakima County, only 67.7% of people voted, and in Franklin, just over 70.5% of people voted.

Jefferson, San Juan, Wahkiakum and Kittitas counties had some of the highest voter turnout in the state, all with more than 85% voter participation.

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Mount Rainier National Park announces 2025 construction projects

Construction will temporarily close a section of State Route 123 along the park's eastern boundary and the Ohanapecosh Campground in the southeast corner of the park

NCW NEWS Ward Media

ASHFORD - Two major Mount Rainier National Park construction projects starting in 2025 will replace decades-old crumbling infrastructure in the park's popular Ohanapecosh Campground and improve travel through the park on State Route 123.

Both projects address important deficiencies and will improve the visitor experience once completed. However, construction activities will cause temporary roadway and/ or facilities closures.

The Ohanapecosh Campground rehabilitation project will provide significant upgrades to the popular campground located in the southeast corner of the park. This effort will rehabilitate the campground's 185 campsites and nine bathrooms, replace the aging wastewater collection system, upgrade electrical and water systems, and support improvements to campground accessibility.

The project will be completed during the 2025 visitor season. The Ohanapecosh Campground and all associated structures including the visitor center, bathrooms, picnic area and auditorium will remain closed to visitors for the duration of construction. However, the improved campground will reopen to visitors in time for the 2026 camping season.

Visitors who wish to camp in the park during the summer 2025 camping season will still have access to both the White River Campground and Cougar Rock Campground.

The Ohanapecosh Campground project is partly funded through the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), Recreation Fee revenue and the National Park Foundation. GAOA is historic bipartisan legislation that expands equitable and accessible recreational opportunities and addresses long overdue infrastructure improvement and modernization needs on public lands managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Education schools. The funding is reducing the maintenance and repair backlog, protecting critical resources, expanding recreational opportunities, and promoting long-term sustainable

operations. The State Route 123 construction project is a two-year effort that will rehabilitate a 2.8mile section of roadway between Laughingwater Creek and Panther Creek along the park's eastern boundary. This project is funded through the Federal Highways Administration.

Construction impacts are projected to be as follows:

- Construction Year One (2025)
- · A 2.8-mile section of roadway will be under construction April-October 2025. Travelers will experience delays of up to 30 minutes.

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- There will be no vehicle. pedestrian or bicycling through construction zone during this one-month culvert replacement project.
- Construction Year Two (2026)
- A 2.8-mile section of roadway will be under construction April-October 2026. Travelers will experience delays of up to 30 minutes.
- There will be no full closures of the roadway during the 2026 construction season.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to make muchneeded improvements to the Ohanapecosh Campground and State Route 123," stated Superintendent Greg Dudgeon. "There will be some temporary inconveniences next year, but we know that this critical investment in our facilities will help ensure recreational opportunities for visitors for decades to come."

Information about both construction projects will be posted on the park's website in spring 2025 prior to the start of construction. For general information about Mount Rainier National Park, please $visit\ www.nps.gov/mora.$

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(https://cityofleavenworth.com/your -city-hall/calendar/). Interested citizens are encouraged comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions may be Community directed to Development Director, Maggie Boles at City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email mboles@cityofleavenworth.com.

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Upper Valley Park & Recreation Service Area On the 14th day of November 2024, the Board of the Upper

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Bids will be publicly opened at the Ski Hill Lodge immediately following receipt of the bids. Bidders requesting additional information during the bid period are requested to address their inquiries to James Munly

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Amendment (Docket) Proposals The City of Leavenworth is into entering Comprehensive Plan (20-year visioning document) amendment cycle and is requesting community input for ideas, suggestions and proposals regarding amendments, including changes to the Land Use Designation Map. Amendments will be finalized and addressed in the Planning Commission Docket. For an amendment to be considered for sponsorship by the City Council, submittal is due by December 31, 2024. Additionally, individuals may request privately amendments sponsored submitted by January 31, 2025. Suggested amendments, applications and/or questions may sent Community

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WA agency seeks funding for new juvenile detention center as overcrowding persists

By Laurel Demkovich Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA With overcrowding at Washington's two juvenile detention centers, the Department of Children, Youth and Families is asking state lawmakers for money to open a new facility.

The department wants to add a smaller, minimum and medium security site to help alleviate pressure on the other two centers, which had to pause admissions earlier this vear because they were over capacity. The goal is for the new facility to also help with providing a more rehabilitative environment and mental health services for young people convicted of crimes.

'This is critical for the safety of our staff," said Allison Krutsinger, spokesperson for the department. "It's critical for the safety of the young

people that reside there." Green Hill School, located in Chehalis, currently houses about 240 people. Its safe operational capacity is 180. The overcrowding is unsustainable, according to the department's budget request, and young people are not able to get the range of programming and support they need.

"Green Hill is unsafe,' Krutsinger said.

The department submitted placeholder request to the governor for between \$4.8 million and \$9 million to secure a new facility and prepare it for operation. The exact location isn't confirmed vet so the amount of money the department will officially request is still being finalized.

On Monday, Gov. Jay Inslee will hold a press conference to discuss steps to reduce overcrowding at juvenile rehabilitation facilities,

including previewing policy and budget proposals aimed at "ensuring the state can sustainably and safely serve the changing JR population," according to his office.

The funding sought by the Department of Children, Youth and Families would go toward expenses like leasing costs, maintenance, equipment and staff. Krutsinger said the department has been looking at a number of possible sites and would have more specifics in the coming week.

In their budget request, the department points to an increased caseload and a bigger need for mental health support as two main reasons for needing this new facility.

Recent legislation extended the juvenile age to 25 for some offenses and allowed young people convicted of crimes to remain at juvenile detention centers — as opposed to going to prison — until their 25th birthday. That extension has led to a "significant rise in population" at the centers, according to the department's budget request.

Krutsinger said the state cannot just build a new wing at Green Hill or Echo Glen Children's Center, located in Snoqualmie. Even with more beds, parts of the centers like dining halls and common spaces would still be too small.

The freeze on admissions at the two existing centers lasted about a month over the summer and sparked a lawsuit from the Washington Association of Counties against the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. An agreement in August between the two sides ended the pause.

In addition to the counties' lawsuit, the department faced backlash for its decision to transfer 43 young men between the ages of 21 to 25 from Green Hill School to state prison. A state judge ordered the reversal of that move.

with additional Along capacity, the new facility is supposed to help the department move toward a more therapeutic approach to serving young people experiencing mental health challenges in their facilities. The state needs to increase capacity for this type of care for people with medium-security classifications, according to the department.

Smaller facilities with fewer people provide a different type of rehabilitation, Krutsinger

"Over time, you will see us moving away from growing the footprint of the larger campuses and moving towards more capacity for smaller, community-based settings,"

The Legislature is looking at a multi-billion dollar deficit over the next four years, which could make funding for new programs and services difficult to get through.

But Krutsinger said this request should be a priority and shouldn't be a surprise to lawmakers - some of whom voiced frustration over the summer that crowding at the centers was allowed to get to such high levels.

"We've been very clear and transparent," Krutsinger said. "The solution is more capacity."

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Fowl Play

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and friends, we encourage everyone to join us."

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- · Date: Thursday, November
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- Location: Front Street Gazebo, downtown Leavenworth
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Don't miss your chance to join the fun, celebrate Thanksgiving with your community, support a worthy cause, and burn some calories before the feast! Register today for the 10th Annual Fowl Play 5k and be a part of this Leavenworth tradition.

Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior at Cascade High School, where she serves as Editor-in-Chief of the school's Publications Ğroup.

Kelly O'Brien

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said O'Brien.

O'Brien started his fire career as a volunteer in 1988, then was hired as a seasonal employee the following year.

"After that summer, I really knew that's what I wanted to do," said O'Brien. "I just loved it...firefighting, going on aid calls, I liked all of it. So, the manual labor was just enough to keep you busy in between responses. I really did it because I love the responses."

O'Brien became the district's second full-time paid employee in 1994, working his way up the ranks from a firefighter and EMT, to captain and assistant chief, serving as the department's training officer and acting as the Fire Marshal for the City of Leavenworth.

"I think the biggest piece of advice I could give somebody is really take the time to learn your craft. There's so many areas that the fire service is involved in. And in larger organizations, you can really

specialize. Take that time when you have people that are more experienced and learn your craft from them, because there is no amount of training that takes place of experience,' said O'Brien.

He became fire chief in 2004, where he oversaw the 2012 annexation of the City of Leavenworth into the fire district, as well as the passing of a levy in 2017.

'We hadn't asked for a levy lift for like, over 30 years... Our operating funds were really challenged...We were in a position at one time, I had to lay off somebody to buy equipment. You don't want to ever want to be in that position," said O'Brien.

The passing of the levy increased the district's budget, allowing it to hire more career personnel, build training grounds, provide a high level of training, upgrade equipment, and offer competitive wages.

Throughout his tenure, O'Brien was influential in firefighter development. Early in his career, O'Brien worked with volunteers to develop a sleeper program at the station. Under the program, resident volunteers with a number of training hours are allowed to stay at the station alongside career staff during their rotating shifts. In doing so, they are able to respond to more calls, increasing their experience.

"That got people to stay at the station, which allowed us to provide a better, higher level of service for the community. The better those personnel got, the more they wanted to do for the community. And it just built, and that's where the organization really started to take off," said O'Brien.

O'Brien also developed the high school cadet program, which provides structural and wildland firefighter training to students enrolled at Cascade High School. The Career Technical Education (CTE) program is sponsored by the Cascade School District, and has produced career firefighters, as well as many Forest Service and Department of Natural Resources wildland firefighters.

"It's a benefit to the

organization, it's a benefit to the kids in the school, and it's a benefit to the community... You're influencing kids as lives to turn them on to a great career that they could end up [in] if they choose to do that," said O'Brien.

wildfire fuels While reduction and education has been a longstanding priority for CCDF #3, O'Brien pioneered the district's proactive efforts in the last 15 years, such as providing chipping program for residents, and implementing fuel reduction work along Chumstick Highway and other parts of the community.

"If we're going to save homes, we need to be out there helping people get that done, because it directly benefits us when we do have a fire. We can save more people's homes when that work is done, and it's safer," said O'Brien.

O'Brien retirement, he plans to spend time with his grandchildren, and travel with his wife, Janae.

"[With] this job, I've never really been able to take much of a summer vacation. So, I want to take some summer vacations," laughed O'Brien.

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COURTESY OF STEPHANIE KUCH / CCDF

Janae and Kelly O'Brien with their granddaughter Sofia.

Cascade School

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like the policy, but they also completely understand why it's there and that it actually is a good thing in a lot of ways," said Swanson.

Stevie Clifton, a parent of Icicle River middle schoolers, is a part of a parent group that has been collaborating with the school district to explore a number of different options utilized by other school

"I would really hope that it helps to show students what it feels like to not have constant access...That feeling of, 'Oh, you know, I actually don't need to be connected 24/7," said Clifton.

Policies vary from district to district, such as requiring that cellphones be off and in backpacks, or locking them in a Yondr bag. Restrictions also vary from only during class, to prohibiting them during school hours altogether. The schools have opened discussion with students, parents and teachers about which direction CSD should

During a district wide survey, 61 percent of high school parents who responded said they preferred phone use restriction during school

hours, along with 67 percent of middle school parents, and 81 percent of elementary school parents.

Allowing phones emergency use was the second most popular among parents of high school (20 percent) and middle school (25 percent) parents. Ten percent of elementary school parents preferred phone use for communication over emergency use (8 percent).

Among parent's highest concerns and priorities were the need for fair and consistent enforcement, student safety, and ability to contact students throughout the day.

"We're not at the decision making point yet, but we're kind of on a pathway to try to figure out what Cascade is going to do," said Edou.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In re the Estate of **ORLO ROSS TIFT** Deceased. NO. 24-4-00410-04 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim The of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW attorney at the address stated the original of the claim with the the proceedings were commenced. within the later of: (1) Thirty days court. served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar barred, is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First

November 20, 2024 Personal Representative: Steve Tift

the Personal Attorney Representative: Kyle D. Flick Address for Mailing or Service: 222 South Mission Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 Court of probate proceedings and

cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 24-4-00410-04 DATED this 15 day of November

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.

KYLE D. FLICK, WSBA #14963

Attorney for Estate Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo November 20, 27, December 4, 2024.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD KAESTNER, Deceased. No. 20-4-00162-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

RCW 11.40.030 personal representatives The against the decedent must, before named below have been appointed the time the claim would be barred as personal representatives of this by any otherwise applicable statute estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing by any otherwise applicable statute to the personal representative or of limitations, present the claim in the personal representative's the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing below a copy of the claim and filing to the personal representatives' or personal representatives' court in which the probate attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing The claim must be presented the original of the claim with the The claim must be after the personal representative presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months the notice to the creditor as after the date of first publication of provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); the notice. If the claim is not or (2) four months after the date of presented within this time frame, first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Publication: decedent's probate nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: November 20, 2024 Date of Filing: June 5, 2020 Personal Representative: James Drake Personal Attorney Representatives: Byron J. Moore Address for Mailing or Service: Byron J. Moore Moore Law Firm, PLLC 9116 E Sprague Avenue, #1022 Spokane Valley, WA 99206 Attorney for Estate:

/S/ Byron J. Moore

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN In the Matter of the Estate of JANICE G. KAESTNER Deceased.

No. 24-4-00226-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030

personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives' or personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as claims against both the decedent's probate nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: November 20, 2024 Date of Filing: July 9, 2024

Personal Representative: James Drake for Personal Attorney Representatives: Byron J. Moore Address for Mailing or Service: Byron J. Moore Moore Law Firm, PLLC 9116 E Sprague Avenue, #1022 Spokane Valley, WA 99206 Attorney for Estate: /S/ Byron J. Moore

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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN In the Matter of the Estate of **JEAN GUNDERSON** Deceased. No. 24-4-00305-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

RCW 11.40.030 personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: November 20, 2024 Date of Filing: August 8, 2024 Personal Representative: Michelle Gutzwiler Attorney Personal Representatives: Byron J. Moore Address for Mailing or Service: Byron J. Moore Moore Law Firm, PLLC 9116 E Sprague Avenue, #1022 Spokane Valley, WA 99206

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SUDOKU

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Level: Beginne

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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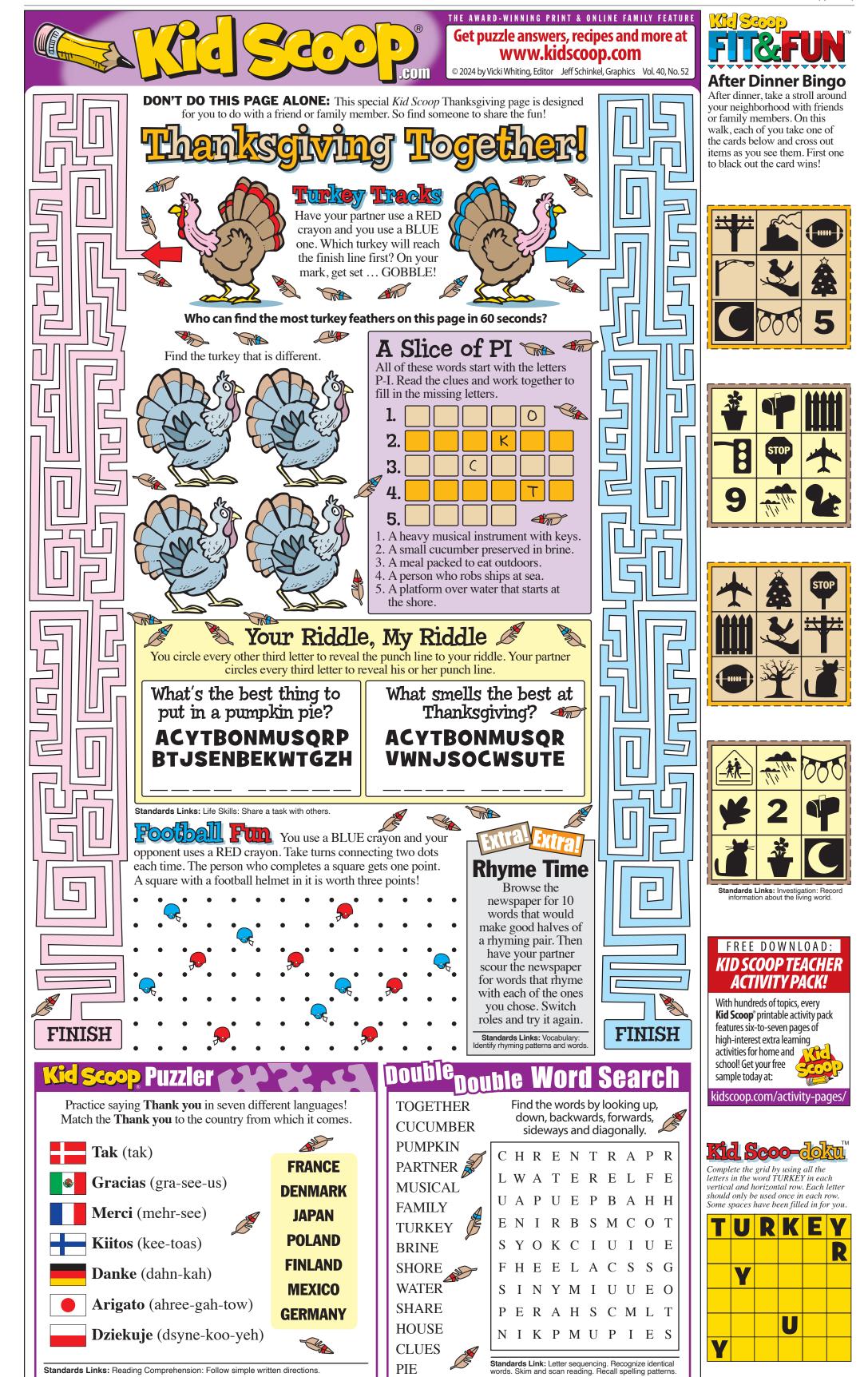
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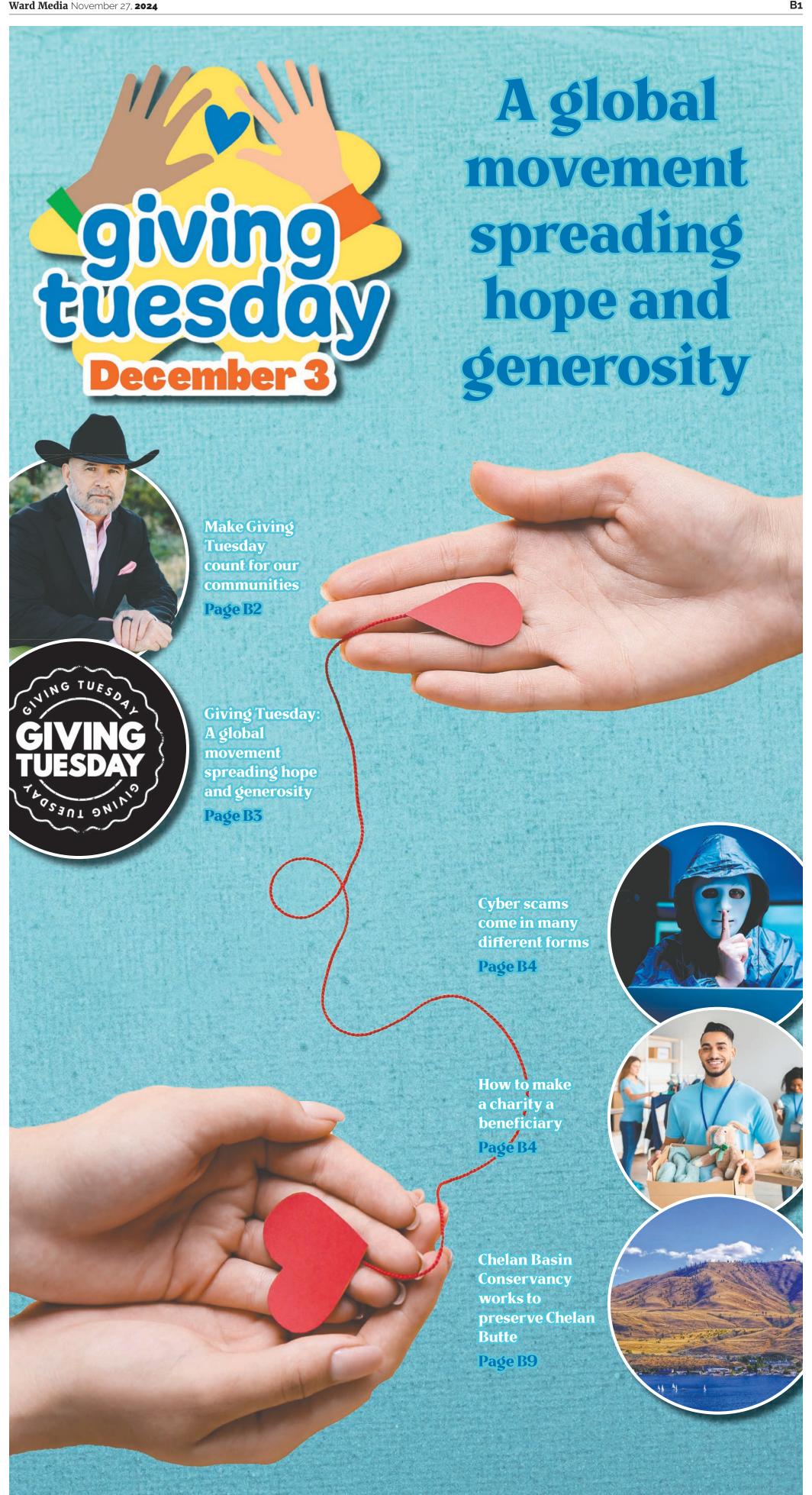
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Britannica Library

Stream books, comics, movies, & more

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Give to Local Nonprofits!



Give NCW is an online fundraising campaign supporting nonprofits in North Central Washington during the holiday season. Just \$10 or more will support the arts, environment, youth, education, and vital human services that improve the quality of life for all across the region.

You can donate to one or several nonprofits on the list or "Give to All" and your donation will be matched and shared among participating nonprofits!

Scan the QR code to learn more and give!

Scan to Give!



GiveNCW.org

Make Giving Tuesday count for our communities



s we approach Giving Tuesday on December 3, I'm reminded of the vital role nonprofits play across North Central Washington, weaving together the fabric of our communities through support, compassion, and progress. From food banks that nourish the hungry to shelters that offer refuge, from crisis counselors who lend an ear to arts programs that inspire – these organizations form an essential safety net and enrichment system that neither government nor private enterprise can fully provide.

Giving Tuesday presents a powerful opportunity to strengthen these indispensable institutions. These vital organizations stretch every dollar to serve our community, yet consistently face tough choices about which urgent needs they can meet with limited funds. While dedicated staff and volunteers power their daily operations, the stark reality is that financial constraints often prevent them from helping everyone who needs their services. Giving Tuesday is our chance to change that equation - to give these essential organizations the resources they need to say "yes" more often to our neighbors in

To view our Giving Tuesday contributions merely as acts of charity is underestimate their

need.

true impact. In reality, every dollar donated, every hour volunteered, is an investment in the health and vibrancy of our shared community. When we support a local food bank, we help children focus in school rather than on their hunger, and we help parents keep food on the table while keeping up with rising costs. When we fund mental health services, we ensure crisis support is available 24/7 for our neighbors, friends and family members during their darkest moments, creating a community where everyone knows help is just a phone call away.

The dividends of this investment are far-reaching. Our local nonprofits are economic engines that employ our neighbors, purchase from local businesses, and multiply every dollar donated into direct community impact. When disaster strikes - whether it's a wildfire threatening homes or families facing sudden

hardship

ground, knowing exactly who needs help and how to provide While Giving Tuesday offers powerful

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to open our hearts and wallets, lasting community change needs sustained commitment. Whether it's setting up a monthly donation that nonprofits can count on, lending your professional expertise to a board of directors, spending Saturday sorting mornings bank donations, or simply following and sharing local nonprofit stories on social media - every consistent action builds momentum. Let this Giving Tuesday be the day you discover how good it feels to be part of something bigger - the beginning of a deeper connection with the organizations working tirelessly to make our community stronger.

As December 3 approaches, remember that our community's true strength comes from how we take care of each other. The measure of our success isn't found in spreadsheets or statistics, but in our willingness to reach out and lift up our neighbors in need. Your Giving Tuesday contribution sends a powerful message about who we are and what we stand for here in North Central Washington that in this corner of the world, no one faces life's challenges

Together, let's make this Giving Tuesday a powerful reminder of what makes our region special - neighbors helping neighbors, today and every day.

Terry Ward, Publisher

Chelan Douglas Community Action Council

Non-Profit Name: Chelan Douglas Community **Action Council**

Mission Statement: To end poverty by empowering people and improving lives. **Brief Description of Your Nonprofit: CDCAC** strives to reduce barriers leading to poverty, to empower people to build long-term stability and resiliency, and to improve and sustain quality of life for those we serve. **Year Established: 1965**

Geographic Area Served: Chelan and Douglas County, primary, AmeriCorps programs extend to Okanogan, Grant, Adams and Lincoln County **Key Programs or Services:** Housing and affordable apartment units; regional food bank, Community Market, Mobile Food; English as a Second Language classes; Financial Education classes; energy assistance; weatherization, energy conservation and home health improvements; AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP); in addition we provide student and adult internships, work study and on-thejob learning experiences.

How Can the Public Support You?: We accept donations of food and essential needs, volunteer tutors, exercise volunteers, food pantry volunteers, and many more ways to support and give back to your community. Contact Information: Address: 620 Lewis

Street, Wenatchee WA 98801

Phone: 509-662-6156 Email: info@cdcac.org Social Media Links: www.facebook.com/ cdcommunityaction

Contact Person: Alan Walker



Helping People. Changing Lives.



Lions Club of Leavenworth

Non-Profit Name: Leavenworth Lions Club **Mission statement:** To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

Brief description of your non-profit: Men and women, in all walks of life, serving their community. Initially, Helen Keller challenged us to become "Knights of the Blind"; a strong mission of ours is focused on helping those with vision problems. Keep your eyes open for our eyeglass collection boxes around town! Among our other goals, a cleaner environment, conquering diabetes, feeding the hungry. Our club meets twice a month, for fellowship, fun, and focusing on the question: "What's our next project?" It's exciting and fulfilling to serve others, no other feeling quite like it. In the words of Helen Keller, "The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."

Year established: 1951

Geographic area served: Leavenworth and surrounding communities down valley Key Programs or Services:

 Vision Assistance: We collect used eyeglasses, help with exam and eye glass expenses, and do vision exams at local schools.

· Our Fight Against Diabetes/Helping Those Live with the Disease: $\ensuremath{\mathsf{We}}$ provide scholarships for youngsters to attend diabetes camps. · Addressing Hunger: Annual

food drive with Dan's Food Market and monetary donations to food bank • Environment: Highway 2

cleanup. We are incorporating

recycling/composting methods in the serving of our community breakfasts.

• Supporting Future Generations: We provide clothing and supplies for elementary students. We support youth sports programs. For graduating seniors, Lions sponsor scholarships.

 Sustaining Our Community: We help Friends of the Library with book sale. We donate financially to Cascade Medical Foundation.

 Providing Optimism and Fun: We bake and deliver valentine cookies and cards to Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus. May Day baskets and cards are delivered there too. The Lions sponsor a community Easter Egg Hunt. And more.....

How can the public support you? Community Breakfasts in Lions Club Park, May through September, Hot dogs in the park during home swim team meets, Donations

Contact Information: Current President Tony

Address: LEAVENWORTH LIONS CLUB PO BOX 113, LEAVENWORTH WA 98826-0113

Phone: (509)470-6743 Email: snthp@charter.net

Website: http://www.leavenworthlions.com/ Social Media Links: https://www.facebook. com/LeavenworthLionsWA

Contact Person: Current President Tony Maffey **Additional Materials:** Worldwide, we support the Lions Clubs International Foundation,

> a charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, that provides relief for disasters. If you want to make a difference in your community, country, and world, we encourage

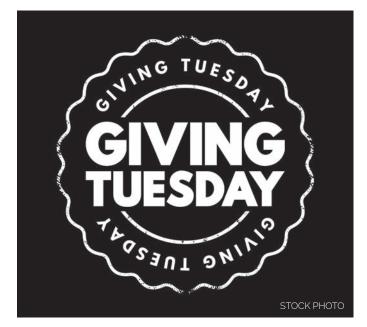
you to check us out. It's an opportunity to give back, make new friends, hone leadership skills, and

Giving Tuesday:

A global movement spreading hope and generosity

ooted in the spirit of generosity, this global henomenon, celebrated on the Tuesday following

Thanksgiving, encourages individuals and communities worldwide to embrace the act of giving back.



Origin and History:

Emerging in as a response to the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the concept of Giving Tuesday was born from a collaboration between the 92nd Street Y, a cultural and community center in New York City, and the United Nations Foundation. Fueled by the power of social media and the collective desire to make a positive impact, this initiative swiftly gained traction, transcending borders and cultures.

The Purpose and **Impact:**

Giving Tuesday serves as a beacon of hope, uniting people across the globe to support causes close to their hearts. Whether contributing funds to charitable organizations, volunteering time and expertise, or simply spreading awareness, this day empowers individuals to effect change in their communities and beyond.

Unwavering Support and Growth:

Over the years, the ethos of Giving Tuesday has reverberated across continents, igniting a spirit of philanthropy that knows no bounds. Organizations, corporations, and individuals join forces, amplifying the impact of their contributions to address diverse issues, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation

and social justice.

Local Initiatives and Participation:

Communities around the world, including our own in North Central Washington, embrace Giving Tuesday with enthusiasm and passion. From charitable drives and fundraising events to volunteer-led initiatives, the spirit of giving resonates deeply within our neighborhoods, enriching lives and fostering a culture of compassion.

Looking Ahead:

As the world faces various challenges, the significance of Giving Tuesday continues to grow, reminding us of the profound impact of altruism. With each passing year, this day serves as a powerful reminder that generosity knows no bounds and that collective action can pave the way for a brighter, more compassionate world.



JLP Solutions

Non-Profit Name: JLP Solutions Mission statement: Helping nonprofits thrive Brief Description of your nonprofit: We are a nonprofit consulting firm that helps nonprofit organizations reach their full potential through one time and ongoing supportive services.

Year Established: 2020 **Geographic area served:** Washington State Key Programs or services: Organizational assessment, strategic planning, governance systems and infrastructure, executive mentorship and training that ensure sustainability.

Contact Information:

18 S. Mission Street, Ste 202 Wenatchee, WA 98801

Phone: 509-679-1340 **Email:** jenny@helpingnonprofitsthrive.com **Website:** www.helpingnonprofitsthrive.com Contact: Social HelpingNonprofitsThrive - JLP Solutions, Jenny Pratt





Chelan Valley Hope

Non-Profit Name: Chelan Valley Hope Mission Statement: Furthering positive changes in people's lives. We envision a Chelan Valley where all people in need are compassionately and confidentially connected with timely relief and other relevant resources.

Brief description of your nonprofit: Chelan Valley Hope offers essentials like food, shelter, hygiene, showers, laundry facilities, and a warm overnight place to stay. At Chelan Valley Hope; we advocate for those who may struggle to be heard, working to foster stability and connect people with essential services. Chelan Valley Hope supports families with basic needs as well as addressing unique challenges like, senior care, healthcare, social security, identification, state assistance, counseling, and much more. This year alone, we served nearly 4,000 summer lunches to children in need. Every service is delivered with dignity and respect. When people seek our support, they leave with a reliable ally who helps them navigate life's challenges. Your gift to Chelan Valley Hope empowers us to continue innovative and daring solutions to lift people out of poverty.

Year Established: 2009

Geographic area served: Chelan, Chelan Falls, Entiat, Manson, Mansfield, Orondo, Bridgeport, Waterville and Pateros...

Key programs or services: Rental assistance, utilities, food, hygiene items.

How can the public support you? Donations of food, coats, blankets, monetary support, and time are always appreciated!

Contact Information: 417 S. Bradley Street, PO Box 1527, Chelan, WA 98816 **Phone:** 509-888-2114

Email: info@chelanvalleyhope.org Website: chelanvalleyhope.org Social Media Links: @chelanvalleyhope Contact Person: Mikayla Gonzalez



Furthering Positive Changes in People's Lives



Chelan Valley Housing Trust

Non-Profit Name: Chelan Valley Housing Trust Brief description of your nonprofit: Develop stable and secure housing that is attainable to Manson and Chelan wage earners. We believe that secure housing in which families, young professionals, and seniors can thrive is crucial to a healthy community, and strong economy. Chelan Valley Housing Trust is a 501-c3 non profit housing developer aiming to house local wage earners in Chelan and Manson. The Lake Chelan valley has a housing crisis. Most of our area's wage earners can no longer afford to live here. We want to solve this problem through the community land trust model (CLT) which focuses on home ownership, perpetual affordability and stewardship.

Year Established: 2019

Geographic area served: We serve people who work and live inside the Manson or Chelan School District boundary.

Key programs or services: We build homes that are attainable for local wage earners and after building the initial home it is kept attainable to the next buyer generation after generation ensuring that our one time community

investment can serve this community forever. How can the public support you? The public can support in several ways, by getting involved and volunteering, or by donating money or other resources including land, and being advocates

Contact Information: 123 E Johnson Ave. Suite 1, PO Box 674, Chelan WA 98816

Phone: 509-508-1183 Email: info@chelanvalleyhousing.org Website: www.chelanvalleyhousing.org Social Media Links: www.facebook.com/ chelanvalleyhousing

Contact Person: Scott Meyers





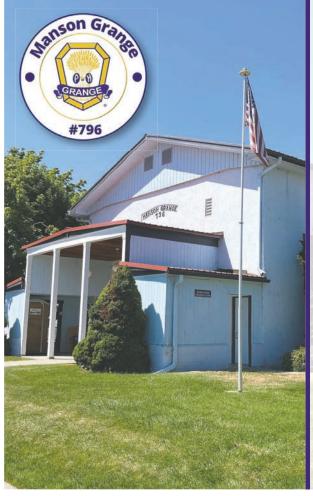


For information or to refer yourself, a neighbor or a loved one, please call 509-679-9059 or 509-393-1450. We are here to assist you and those you care about.

The Chelan Valley Community Nurse is a free, grass roots program dedicated to assisting our Chelan Valley seniors and others who are frail or vulnerable, to keep them safely in their homes. CVCN offers in-home Blood Pressure checks, Medication and Treatment Education, especially post hospital discharge, and Management Assistance with new or chronic conditions. CVCN provides free, bi-weekly blood pressure checks at the Chelan Senior Center. Call the Chelan Senior Center at 509-682-2712 for dates. CVCN also provides referrals to Physicians, Community Resources and Support Services for both Clients and their Families. Our services offer relief and support for family members as well, who live outside our valley and who are unable to physically assess and attend their loved ones. The Chelan Valley Community Nurse Program is FREE to anyone living within the Lake Chelan Valley and is funded entirely by Donations and Grants. We do not require Physician Orders, Insurance or payment. We depend upon the generosity of Donors for revenue and Your Support is Deeply Appreciated!

chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com | www.chelanvalleycommunitynurse.org

To Donate: facebook@ChelanValleyCommunityNurse Donations by Check may be mailed to: Chelan Valley Community Nurse, PO Box 2987, Chelan, WA 98816



If the Walls Could Talk!

The Manson Grange has been a vital part of our Lake Chelan community for well over 100 years! This historic building hosts social gatherings, community events, classes, political forums, and school functions.

Our capital improvement project will assure we meet the needs of our growing community and create easier access into the building with an ADA ramp, enlarged restrooms, and more.

Please help to revitalize the Manson **Grange** with your tax-deductible donation. Your support allows us to offer even more activities, improve our facility and maintain this historic building and its roots.

Together we can improve the lives of our community members!

Visit our website at www.mansongrange.com for details and information on how you can get involved or donate.



Your gift to Upper Valley MEND provides:



Nutritious food for local families in need through the Community Cupboard food pantry



Safe, affordable housing for working families



Access to our Free Clinic for someone who can't afford medical or dental costs



Short-term financial assistance for someone experiencing a crisis.



How to make a charity a beneficiary

iving to charity can be a rewarding endeavor that makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Many people donate throughout their lives, and some people may want to impart a more lasting legacy by continuing to support a charity even after they have passed away.

Incorporating a charity into an estate plan is a great way to continue giving after you pass away. Individuals may not know how to make charities beneficiaries in their wills. A financial planner, attorney or accountant can answer the more complex questions individuals have about naming charities as beneficiaries in a will. In the meantime, this general guide can serve as a solid foundation for individuals

who want to give back in their

Most people think of

beneficiaries as loved ones, but a beneficiary can be any person or entity one chooses to leave money to, including nonprofit organizations. It's relatively the same process to name a charity as a beneficiary as it is an individual. According to the resource Trust & Will, first identify the charity that will be supported, including getting its Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Next, determine which type of gift to make, which may be a predetermined financial contribution, a gift of property, or other assets like stocks. For large donations like real estate or cars, it may be best to contact the charity in advance

to ensure they are able to accept such gifts. Finally, be sure to include your wishes in an estate plan. A qualified attorney can help clients draft a will that spells out their wishes in detail.

Keep in mind that charities also can be named as beneficiaries on life insurance policies or individual retirement accounts. They also can be listed on bank accounts. Again, people are urged to discuss all options with estate planners to ensure their plans fully reflect their wishes.

When naming a charity as a beneficiary, it can be wise to inform family members and other beneficiaries so no one is caught off guard upon your death. This way the charitable gift is not held up by delays in executing the will.



Cyber scams

come in many different forms

n a relatively short period of time, the internet has changed the way people live. Things that might have been unimaginable as recently as a quarter century ago are now ingrained in daily life. For instance, few people in the late 1990s might have imagined a day when billions of people across the globe would be walking around with minicomputers capable of taking hi-resolution photos in their pockets. But smartphones have long since become an accepted and vital part of life in the 21st century.

The internet has opened doors to new possibilities, but it's also left other doors open for cybercriminals. Any home with an internet connection is potentially vulnerable to internet scams. Recognition of that fact and awareness of the following scams can reduce the likelihood of being victimized by opportunistic cybercriminals.

Disaster relief scams: Human beings' innate sense of compassion is on full display in the aftermath of natural disasters when people across the globe typically donate hundreds of millions of dollars in an effort to help people whose lives have been turned upside down by hurricanes, wildfires, and other devastating events. But skilled cybercriminals prey on that compassion by setting up bogus relief efforts. Such efforts may involve fake charities with names that are similar but slightly different than wellknown, legitimate nonprofit organizations. Operations such as Charity Navigator make it easy to verify if a charitable organization is legitimate, and would-be donors should utilize such resources prior to making any donations.

Phishing scams: Phishing scams are among the oldest cyber scams, but they still nab victims every day. The Federal Trade Commission

warns that many phishing scams are conducted via email or text messages and inform potential victims that there is an issue with their finances. Some may say there are issues with a bank account, credit card or even a tax return. Skeptics may wonder how anyone could fall for a phishing scam in the age of twofactor authentication and other security measures. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that phishing victims scams cost nearly \$60 million in 2019, indicating they're still a lucrative source of income for cybercriminals.

Formjacking: Formjacking is a retail-based scam in which online shoppers' personal and financial information is stolen. In such instances, a retail website could be hacked without users' knowledge. When it comes time to purchase

items they've placed in their carts, users are redirected to a fraudulent payment page, where they enter personal information, such as their credit card number, that cybercriminals then steal. When buying items online, shoppers should confirm that the URL on the payment page aligns with the retailer they're buying from. If the URL is missing even a single letter (think Amzon.com instead of Amazon.com), then chances are a formjacking scam is being operated.

Tech support scams, in which users are asked to download applications to fix an infected computer, and similar download-based fake antivirus software scams are some additional examples of cyber scams. Users are urged to be on the lookout for each of these types of scams and exercise caution whenever something doesn't seem right or authentic.



December 3, 2024

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A place to call "Home" in the Chelan Valley

Your donation builds homes that local wage earners can afford to buy.

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Lake Chelan Research Institute and Keep It Blue

Lake Chelan

(9 years!) there were essentially **ZERO** water quality measurements done on Lake Chelan. In 2017 Phil Long (Chelan Resident and Environmental Scientist) and Mike Kaputa (Chelan County Natural Resources Department, CCNRD) decided to 1) Apply for a grant to initiate a long-term monitoring program for Lake Chelan, and 2) Form the *Lake Chelan* **Research Institute** (LCRI) to create a local entity to conduct monitoring of Lake Chelan in collaboration with CCNRD.

Since then, we have continued monthly monitoring of the lake with support from local and State Agencies: the City of Chelan, Chelan County, Lake Chelan Reclamation District, Cascadia Conservation District, Washington Department of Ecology, and the Chelan County PUD. We also are supported by local businesses and individuals. Special thanks to all the organizations and individuals who have supported our work!

Our monitoring results to date shows that the water quality of Lake Chelan is little changed since 1987 when the first water quality study of the lake was conducted. For the most part, we still enjoy the crystal-clear waters of Lake Chelan. But many locals and visitors alike are aware that some things have changed for the worse. For example, we have more than 400 acres of invasive aquatic plants in the lake, such as Eurasian Water Milfoil that were not present 20 years ago. We have also learned, thanks to reports from waterfront homeowners, that there is increasing growth of attached *green algae*, also known as periphyton. With the support of the Chelan County PUD Public Power Benefit Program, we are assessing periphyton growth along the shoreline. We are wrapping up year 2 of a 3-year project, so stay tuned!

The Lake Chelan Watershed Planning Unit, led by CCNRD, will be creating a Lake Chelan Watershed Restoration Plan to help us address these issues, among others. Meanwhile, we have near-term funding needs including: 1) Development of an initial Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) capability to actively remove aquatic invasive plants, 2) Monitoring of the impacts of the Pioneer Fire to Lake Chelan water quality, 3) Additional navigation tools for our underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to facilitate our exploration of the

bottom of the lake, 4) Assess the *impacts of tire dust* on our land-locked Kokanee and Chinook salmon populations, and 5) Support for our edu*cational activities* with Chelan and Manson School Districts.

We are starting to see the benefits of involving grade school and middle school kids in monitoring Lake Chelan. This past summer, we had a Chelan High School student working for us. She first learned about our work in grade school on an educational trip on the Sheriff's boat. We need your help to restart our on-the-water student activities. We also need funding to be able to hire students from both Chelan and Manson High Schools every summer!

Both *LCRI* and *Keep It* Blue-Lake Chelan, the public outreach part of our work, are under the fiscal sponsorship of the Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation, a 501c)3) organization. We accept private donations from individuals and businesses. Your donation may be tax deductible per IRS rules. We will use your donations to support crucial activities noted above that are not funded by local, state or federal agencies. We will be honored and very grateful to have your support!



Manson Grange

Non-Profit Name: Manson Grange #796 Mission Statement: To be a family-oriented, community service organization with a primary interest in the quality of life of residents in rural, agricultural areas. The Grange strengthens individuals, families, and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, and agricultural awareness.

Brief description of your nonprofit: The Manson Grande is one of 1,700 local chapters across the nation that serves as the center of rural life in our communities. We offer a range of locally-oriented programs, activities, and community service events. Charitable work is often the focus with members giving many volunteer hours and raising money for important causes. The Grange helps improve the lives of their community members through partnerships with the Manson Parks, the Apple Blossom Festival, the Chamber of Commerce, the Grange Youth Fairs program, etc. While providing many activities and an affordable facility rental.

Year established: 1904 Geographic area served: Local Lake Chelan Valley - State of Washington and National

Key Programs or services: Social gatherings, facility rental, farmers market, exercise classes, ,community forums, private events, community partnerships (Manson Parks, Apple Blossom,

How can the public support you: 1. Join our organization 2. DONATE to our Capital

Improvement Fund Contact: P.O. Box 306, Manson, WA 98831, 157 E. Wapato Way, Manson, WA 98831

Email: info@mansongrange.com Website: www.mansongrange.com Social Media Links: Manson Grange Contact Person: Terrie Carleton - riddelltc@





Grange Organization.

Tender Loving Care for Seniors

Non-Profit Name: Tender Loving Care for

Mission Statement: Tender Loving Care for Seniors provides holistic support free of charge to vulnerable seniors in the Chelan Valley. Brief description of your nonprofit: TLC addresses social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs, serving each senior with respect, compassion and dignity. TLC has provided over 7,000 visits to seniors, and 200,000 miles of transportation since its inception.

Year Established: 2017 Geographic area served: Chelan, Manson and

Chelan Falls. **Key programs or services:** Our TLC volunteers provide: companionship to the isolated, support to burnt out caregivers, connect seniors to additional services, help with shopping and needed transportation.

How can the public support you? We are

always in need of volunteers that are willing to help out a senior in need in our community. We also appreciate any donations to help support our organization financially.

Contact Information:

Address: PO Box 2852, Chelan, WA 98816 **Phone:** 509-699-9042

Email: tlcprogram4@gmail.com Social Media Links: https://www.facebook.

com/TenderLovingCareChelanValley/ Contact Person: Sandy Zimchek







Lions Clubs International "We Serve" Leavenworth Lions Club, reflecting the values of Lions Clubs International, welcomes all faiths, races, and gender, only requiring from their members a passion to serve, and have fun while doing so. If you're interested in joining us, some of the following may pique your interest:



Vision Assistance:

We collect used eyeglasses, help with exam and eye glass expenses, and do vision exams at local schools. Our Fight Against Diabetes/Helping Those Live with the Disease We provide scholarships for youngsters to attend diabetes camps.

Addressing Hunger:

We make monetary donations to the local food bank. In conjunction with Dan's Food Market, we hold an annual food drive, benefiting our community.

Supporting Future Generations

We provide clothing and supplies for elementary students. We sup port youth sports programs. For graduating seniors, Lions sponsor scholarships.

Environment

Our club cleans a section of Highway 2. We are incorporating recycling methods in the serving of our community breakfasts.

Sustaining Our Community

We help Friends of the Library

We donate financially to Cascade Medical Foundation.

Providing Optimism and Fun

We bake and deliver valentine cookies and cards to Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus. May Day baskets and cards are delivered there too. The Lions sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt. And more

To finance our good works:

- Community Breakfasts in Lions Club Park, May through Septem-
- Hot dogs in the park during home swim team meets
- Chelan County Fair ticket sales
- Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Program
- Scoring Chestnuts for Christmas Lighting weekends
- And more

Worldwide, we support the Lions Clubs International Foundation, a charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, that provides relief for disasters.

If you want to make a difference in your community, country, and world, we encourage you to check us out. It's an opportunity to give back, make new friends, hone leadership skills, and have fun!



Community Foundation of NCW

Non-Profit Name: Community Foundation of

Mission Statement: To grow, protect, and connect charitable gifts in support of striving communities.

Brief description of your nonprofit: Established in 1986, CFNCW manages \$163 million in charitable assets through 690 + individual funds and has awarded over \$63 million in grants &

Year established: 1986

Geographic area served: Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties

Key programs or services: Grantmaking, scholarships, leadership institute of NCW, Nonprofit Practice Institute, donor service. How can the public support you? Donate to nonprofits at www.givencw.org

Contact information: 9 S. Wenatchee Avenue

Wenatchee, WA 98801 **Phone:** 509-663-7716

Email: jennifer@cfncw.org Website: www.cfncw.org Contact Person: Jennifer Dolge





Lake Chelan Historical Society

Nonprofit name: Lake Chelan Historical Society Mission Statement: Our mission is to act as a historical resource and cultural center for the

Lake Chelan Valley. Brief description of your nonprofit: The Lake Chelan Historical Society was started by

James Lindston after he retired from Seattle First Bank as the Chelan Branch manager. We publish History Notes annually which presents short articles of historic events in the valley. Our archives include photos, audio recordings, family files and special interest files.

Year Established: 1970 Geographic area served: Chelan Valley, Stehekin, Manson, Lucerne, Holden, Chelan Falls, and Chelan.

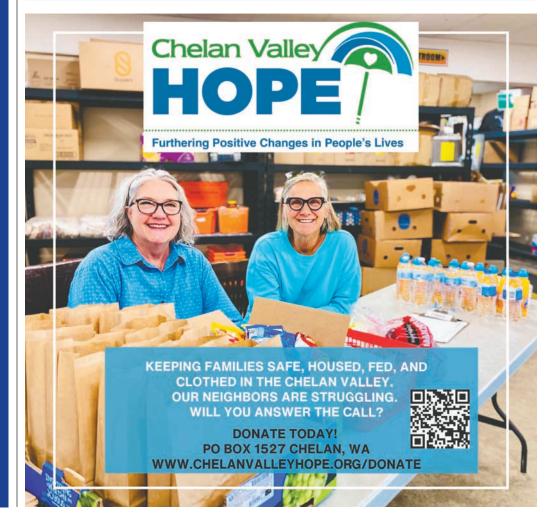
Key programs or services: Custom photo sales, reference area available to the public and gift

How can the public support you? One of the best ways to support the museum is to volunteer. Other ways: become a member or give financial gifts.

Contact Information: PO Box 1948, 204 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA 98816 Phone: 509-682-5644

Email: chelanmuseum@nwi.net Website: www.chelanmuseum.com Social Media Links: Facebook Chelan Museum Contact Person: Ron McGaughey, Manager





Three Rivers Hospital Foundation

Non-Profit Name: Three Rivers Hospital

Mission Statement: Three Rivers Hospital Foundations mission is to raise funds and awareness for programs and services that improve the quality of patient care in our hospital district.

Brief description of your nonprofit: Our Foundation raises funds through donations and

grants. We are governed by a board of directors that works closely with hospital leadership to identify critical needs, such as advanced medical equipment, patient care programs, and facility improvements. We provide funding in all those areas, as well as community outreach sponsorships such as free sports physicals. Year Established: 2014

Geographic area served: Hospital District #1: Mazama, Winthrop, Twisp, Carlton, Methow, Pateros, Brewster, Bridgeport and Mansfield. Key programs or services: 24-hour ER, inpatient and extended recovery (swing bed) care, surgical services (general, orthopedic, and gynecological), family practice clinic, outpatient physical therapy, laboratory and radiology services, advanced wound care

How can the public support you? The Foundation Board is seeking dedicated

individuals to join us in advancing our mission. While financial contributions are vital, we also need local residents who are passionate about the success of their community hospital to become active members of the Foundation. We are eager to expand with committed volunteers who can help us effectively address the hospital's growing needs. By joining, you'll play a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare in our community. Your time, expertise, and perspective can make a meaningful difference. Contact Information: PO Box 455, Brewster, WA

Phone: 509-733-1562 Email: trhospitalfoundation@gmail.com Website: www.threerivershospitalfoundation.org Social Media Links: Facebook

Contact Person: Daniel Webster



Tierra Learning Center

Non-Profit Name: Tierra Learning Center Mission Statement: Tierra Learning Center provides homes and services for people with developmental disabilities in a collaborative and integrated community in which people of all abilities live as equal citizens with full respect for their human rights, freedom and dignity.

Brief Description of Your Nonprofit: Programs for adults with developmental disabilities that include an Adult Family Home, Employment Services and a

Recreation/Education Day program. **Year Established: 2013 Geographic Area Served:**

Chelan-Douglas Counties **Key Programs or Services:** Education Day program.

How Can the Public Support You? People are invited to make cash or in-kind donations. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our recreational programs.

Contact Information:

Address: 12000 Sunitsch Canyon Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Phone: 509-548-6880 ext 266 Email: Meeche@

TierraLearningCenter.org Website: www.

TierraLearningCenter.org Social Media Links: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ TierraLearningCenter; Instagram: tierralearningcenter Contact Person: Meeche

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Chelan Valley Community Nurse

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Nonprofit name: Chelan Valley Community

Mission Statement: Chelan Valley Community Nurse aims to provide compassionate, holistic care to frail and vulnerable seniors in the Chelan Valley. Our client based organization is committed to improving the quality of life for seniors who are home-bound or at risk of becoming so. We offer health screenings and education through our skilled nursing staff and non-medical, social and emotional support from dedicated volunteers. Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of our seniors with dignity and respect. We serve as a crucial link to community resources, providing referrals as needed. All our services are offered free of charge, demonstrating our dedication to ensuring quality care for all seniors in our community

Brief Description of your nonprofit: CVCN provides assistance to the frail and vulnerable adults within the Lake Chelan Valley, particularly those who are homebound or at risk of becoming homebound. This service includes in-home visits by a registered nurse, referrals to other appropriate services and programs within the community, health screenings, medication and blood pressure monitoring and education regarding client medical diagnosis. Year Established: 2017

Geographic area served: Lower Lake Chelan Valley, Manson and Chelan Falls.

Key Programs or services: The specific objectives and purpose of this organization are: 1. To assist senior and vulnerable persons to continue safely living in their homes.

2. To provide referrals and access to services available in the community, and coordinate care between doctors, volunteers, and other services; 3. To provide assistance with medication management;

4. To evaluate individual needs and perform home safety evaluations;

5. To provide health education and outreach; 6. To offer these services completely FREE of

How can the public support you? CVCN provides all of its own funding through fundraisers and donations and does not receive government funds. Clients are never charged for this FREE service. Community support through financial donations is greatly

appreciated. **Contact Information:**

POBox 2987, Chelan WA 98816 **Phone:** 509-679-9059 or 509-393-1450. **Email:** chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com Website: www.chelanvalleycommunitynurse.org

Social Media Links: Facebook Contact: Catharine - 509-679-9059







Sue Marcear 2024 Volunteer of the Year

We appreciate Sue Marcear, one of our star vounteers for over 12 years here at the Chelan museum.

Originally from Wisconsin, Sue grew up in Chelan. Her Chelan graduation class has met every month since graduation!

Sue had a career for 27 years at PUD's Wells Dam as a parts and materials coordinator. She also worked for the Slaugenhaupt Agency and for several years at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce.

We are lucky to benefit from all her hard work and winning personality.

Thank you so much Sue! Lake Chelan Historical Society Board

204 E. Woodin, Chelan, WA 98816 P.O. Box 1948 (509) 682-5644 chelanmuseum@nwi.net www.chelanmuseum.com

Signs of charitable fraud

viving to charity is a selfless endeavor that's vital to the survival of countless nonprofit organizations across the globe. Without the generosity of donors, many charitable organizations would cease to exist, leaving the people they help vulnerable to illness and financial hardship.

Fraud may be the furthest thing from donors' minds, but it's something charitable individuals must be aware of as they consider donating to charity. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charity fraud increases during the holiday season, when many people embrace the spirit of giving and seek to make end-of-year tax deductible gifts to their favorite charities.

The FBI also warns that charity scams are common after disasters or tragedies, including pandemics. The Federal Trade Commission noted in September 2020 that Americans had lost more than \$145 million to charity fraud related to the coronavirus in the first six months of the pandemic.

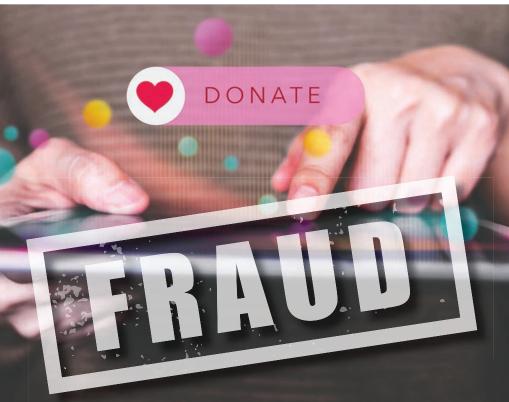
One measure all prospective donors should take is to learn the signs of charitable fraud. Many charity scams target seniors, but no one is entirely safe from charity fraud. AARP" notes that the following are some warning signs of charity fraud.

Pressure to give: Reputable charities do not pressure prospective donors into giving. A strong, trustworthy charity will accept donations whenever donors choose to make them. Legitimate operations like the American Red Cross may heighten their solicitations after natural disasters, but such groups still will not try to pressure people into donating.

Thanking donors for donations they don't recall making: AARP notes that some charitable fraud perpetrators will try to convince potential victims they have already given to a cause. This is done in an effort to lower potential victims' resistance, giving them a false sense of security and the impression that a fraudulent operation is legitimate. If donors don't recall donating to a specific charity, chances are strong they didn't make such a donation and that the message of gratitude is merely a fishing expedition intended to reel in new victims.

Requests for cash, gift cards, or wire transfers: Cash. gifts, and wire transfers are difficult to trace, which makes it easier for perpetrators of fraud to escape the authorities. Reputable charities will welcome donations made by personal check or credit card.

Perpetrators of charitable fraud prey on the vulnerability of well-meaning donors who simply want to support a good cause. Learning to spot signs of charitable fraud can provide an added measure of protection against the criminals behind such operations.



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www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

Community program transforms lives of seniors through volunteer support



the scenic lakeside communities of Chelan and Manson, a grassroots initiative is making a significant impact on the lives of elderly residents, one visit at a time.

Tender Loving Care for Seniors (TLC), established in August 2017, has provided more than 7,000 visits to 173 seniors through its network of 36 active volunteers. The program focuses on enabling seniors to maintain independence in their homes while receiving essential support services.

The program serves a diverse elderly population with an average age of 82.7 years, ranging from 58 to 101 years old. Women comprise 67% of clients, with men making up the remaining 33%. Nearly a quarter of participants — 23% live in subsidized senior housing. The organization particularly focuses on serving low-income seniors and those with special needs, ensuring they have access to healthcare, social services, and community engagement opportunities.

The program takes a holistic approach to senior care, addressing physical, emotional, social,

and spiritual wellthrough being regular check-ins, social activities, and advocacy. To reach isolated or unaware seniors, TLC conducts outreach programs in coordination with local organizations and healthcare providers.

Since its inception, volunteers have contributed more than 13,000 hours of service, with visits averaging 1.9 hours each. The program has provided 99,564 miles of transportation service, including over 24,000 miles in both 2022 and 2023.

Data shows the program's friendship visits, representing 60% of all interactions, have yielded measurable improvements in client wellbeing, including reduced depression scores, better medical appointment attendance, and fewer emergency service calls among socially isolated seniors. The program actively connects seniors with resources such as Med Alert, seniors meals, exercise classes, and various service agencies.

The initiative has garnered robust community support. The Rotary Club has installed ramps and grab bars for clients, while the Lake Chelan High School soccer team has undertaken home improvement projects such as house painting.

The Lions Club contributes holiday gift cards and meals to provide joy to seniors. A local veterinarian provides

spaying services, and the program has received grants to provide special social events, including Christmas singalongs, storytelling sessions, Valentine's Day parties, and Irish Dancers performances.

TLC receives referrals from various sources, including physicians, hospitals, clinics, hospice services, emergency medical services, and the Chelan Valley Community Nurse. Additional referrals come from Chelan Valley Hope, the senior center, Aging and Adults services, as well as family and friends.

The program transportation for medical appointments, advocacy at appointments, assistance with personal appointments, shopping support, and help with household chores. Volunteers also provide respite care for family caregivers, allowing them time for errands and self-care to prevent caregiver burnout.

Those wishing to support TLC's mission can send donations to TLC for Seniors at PO Box 2852, Chelan, WA 98816. Donations help fund essential services, including transportation, social activities, and support programs for vulnerable seniors in the Chelan-Manson

For more information, contact Sandy Zimchek at 509-699-9042 $or\ write\ to\ TLC\ for\ Seniors,\ PO$ Box 2852, Chelan, WA 98816.



Non-Profit Name: Upper Valley MEND Mission statement: Our mission is meeting each need with dignity.

Brief description of your nonprofit: Upper Valley MEND has served vulnerable residents of the Upper Wenatchee Valley and Cashmere since 1988. Our vision is a community where everyone has equitable access to food, housing, wellness, and economic security. MEND's services include free healthy food through the Community Cupboard food pantry, access to healthcare and affordable housing, plus financial assistance and resources

for those in crisis. Through these programs, we empower people to overcome challenges and build sustainable futures while fostering a more diverse and engaged community. Year established: 1988

Geographic area served: Upper Wenatchee Valley and Cashmere

Key programs or services: Community Cupboard food pantry, Financial Assistance Program, Affordable Housing, Upper Valley Free Clinic, Das Thrift

How can the public support you? Volunteers

are the backbone of what we do! Learn more about volunteering at uvmend.org/volunteer. Support our programs with a donation at uvmend.org/donate. Donate clean, gently used items or shop at Das Thrift, our nonprofit thrift store in Leavenworth. Or visit Jubilee Global

Contact Information:

Address: PO Box 772, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Phone: (509) 548-0408 Email: info@uvmend.org

Website: https://www.uvmend.org/ Social Media Links: Instagram: @ uppervalleymend, Facebook:

Contact Person: Hillary Clark, hillary@uvmend.



Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife

Non-Profit Name: Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History, and Art

Mission Statement: Our mission is to increase knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world and to educate the public about the role art and wildlife management play in conserving these valuable resources. The museum provides a place to learn and study the relationship between man, wildlife, and the Brief description of your nonprofit: The

museum features about 150 taxidermy animals and birds from North America, Africa, Asia, and New Zealand. The life size animals are displayed in dioramas with native habitats, mounted by highly skilled taxidermists, with murals painted by talented artisans. Viewers can learn about wildlife management and the technology, and art. The art gallery features

role artists and hunters play in preserving wild places and wild animals for future generations. Guests can learn about the wonder of wildlife and their habitat with the merger of science, work from local, regional, and international artists showing paintings, photography, and sculptures. An extensive Fire Ecology exhibit with photos documenting the historical fire disturbances common in the Pacific Northwest. The museum has a multi-purpose room for classes, special events, private functions,

events for community organizations, and fund

raising events. The education center is used for school field trips, hunter safety classes. sportsmen clubs, art classes, and a future archery range.

Year Established: 2023

Geographic area served: Pacific Northwest Key programs or services: Site for school field trips, hunter education lessons, wildlife and habitat education, artist workshops, The displays are appropriate for all ages of school children, parents, senior citizens, outdoor enthusiasts, hunters, anglers, biologists, and other scientists. Archery classes will be taught next spring.

How can the public support you? Financial donations. Volunteer docents, artist shows of various works for display and sale.

Contact Information: Address: 21285 Highway 97Alt., Chelan, WA 98816

Phone: 509-670-8081

Email: info@natureswindowmuseum.com Website: natureswindowmusuem.com Contact Person: Shannon Komlmeyer



Chelan Basin Conservancy

Non-Profit Name: Chelan Basin Conservancy Mission Statement: Promote and facilitate conservation of, and public access to, Lake Chelan and the surrounding Valley by partnering with private and public organizations to achieve our mutual goals.

Brief description of your nonprofit: Chelan Basin Conservancy (CBC) was formed in 2011 to be a permanent organization dedicated to protecting the splendid beauty of Lake Chelan. We are a committed grassroots group with the mission of promoting conservation and public access to Lake Chelan.

Year Established: 2011

Geographic area served: The Lake Chelan

Key programs or services: 1) Increasing public access to Lake Chelan, 2) mitigating aquatic invasive species, 3) addressing lead/ arsenic from old orchards, and 4) preserving

Chelan Butte.

How can the public support you? By becoming at CBC member and/or providing financial assistance

Contact Information: P.O. Box 1073, Chelan, WA 98816

Phone: N/A

Email: chelanbasinconservancy@gmail.com Website: chelanbasinconservancy.org Social Media Links: Facebook Contact Person: Brian Patterson - President

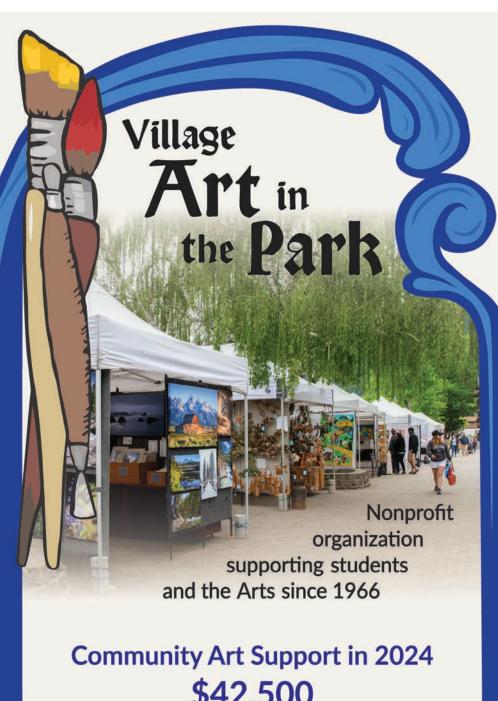




season passes, helps fund the barrier-free, year-round ski education program: the Plain Valley Nordic Team (PVNT).

Donate today, visit **SkiPlain.com**

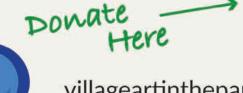




\$42,500

\$27.5K in Arts Scholarships \$8.5K in Art Supplies to Cascade School District

\$4K in Classroom Art Grants \$2.5K in Grants to local artists



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Plain Valley Ski Trails

Non-Profit Name: Plain Valley Ski Trails Mission Statement: Plain Valley Ski Trails' mission is to create and sustain a high-quality ski trail system that serves the community and funds barrier-free ski educational programs, motivating individual and team achievement. **Brief description of your nonprofit:** Thanks to the collaboration of generous landowners, we maintain 25km of daily groomed ski trails at Plain Valley Ski Trails. The net proceeds from PVST pass sales, alongside donations and grants, directly support PVNT's youth ski

education programs. Founded in 2015 with just five kids, PVNT now offers year-round programs for over 120 children, providing equipment, travel, and scholarships for barrier-free access to skiing. Our program includes four levels of learning, catering to ages 2 through 18.

We also offer adult programming, including ski clinics, and the Plain Valley Adventure Women (PVAW) program. PVAW features summer and winter activities that bring women together to explore the environment, the arts, and improve outdoor skills in a fun, supportive setting. Year established: 2011 (trails) 2018 (non-profit

Geographic area served: Chelan County Key programs or services: Plain Valley Nordic

How can the public support you?: SUPPORT the youth ski education program and enjoy winter by buying your 2024-25 Season Pass or Donate [HERE]

Contact Information:

Address: 215 Lois Lane **Phone:** 509-860-5420 Email: Director@SkiPlain.com

Website: www.SkiPlain.com Social Media Links: https://www.facebook.

com/plainvalleyskitrails https://www.facebook.com/

plainvalleynordicteam https://www.instagram.com/plainvalleyskitrails/

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Contact Person: Christie Wilder, Executive





Village Art in the Park

Non-Profit Name: Village Art in the Park Mission Statement: The mission of Village Art in the Park is to produce and manage a quality seasonal art attraction in Leavenworth as a means to support art education and continued development of the arts in our community. Brief description of your nonprofit: Village Art in the Park is a nonprofit dedicated to

supporting the arts and artists in our community. Proceeds from our market fund scholarships and provide vital support for arts programs in the Cascade School District. To date, we've awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships and grants, funded art supplies for every student in the district and even supported an elementary art teacher for many years Our outdoor market, held May through October in downtown Leavenworth, showcases a vibrant mix of emerging and professional artists. Each weekend you'll find vivid paintings, stunning photography and handcrafted jewelry and metalwork you won't want to miss. Year established: 1966

Geographic area served: Cascade School

Key Programs or services: Arts Scholarships: 1-4 awarded annually to students pursuing higher education in the arts up to \$10K each. Enriched Education Fund: \$2.5K awarded annually to a school in the Cascade School

Classroom Art Grants: \$100 per teacher, available to every teacher in the district for art

K-8 Art Supplies: In 2024, Art in the Park funded all art supplies for Peshastin-Dryden Elementary, Alpine Lakes Elementary and Icicle River Middle School.

How can the public support you: By visiting art from May-October or donating directly. **Contact Information:**

Address: Front St, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Phone: 509-548-5809 Email: callie@villageartinthepark.org

Website: https://www.villageartinthepark.org Social Media Links: @villageartinthepark

(facebook & insta) Contact Person: Callie Baker



The link between volunteering and academic performance



here are many reasons for parents to encourage children who express an interest in volunteering. Volunteering is a social activity that can help children develop their social and networking skills, and many parents credit volunteering with instilling a sense of perspective in their children that they might not have gained had they not been exposed to people from different backgrounds.

Volunteering also has been linked to stronger academic performance. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that students who indicate they're doing better in school are more likely to be volunteers than students who report doing less well. The broadened exposure to people and places that students may otherwise not encounter without volunteering also can benefit them in the classroom, helping them more readily identify with cultures and societies they're studying.

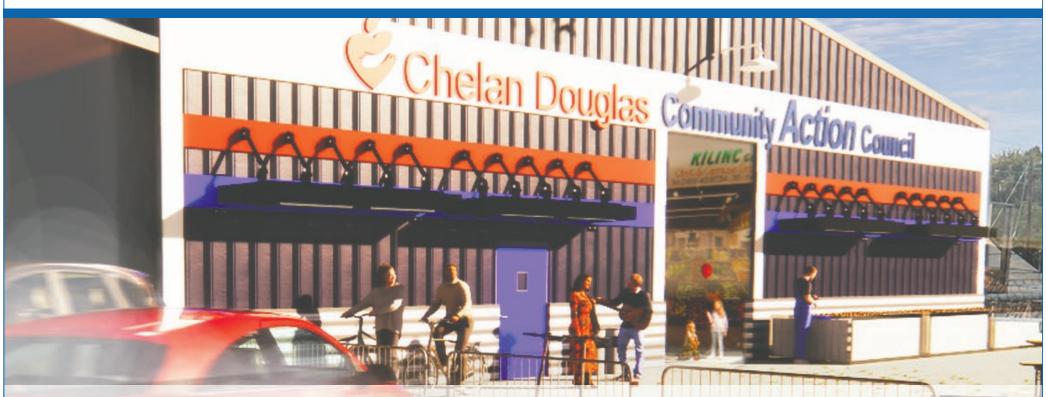
College applicants with volunteering experience also may set themselves apart in the increasingly competitive application process. Though a 2019 Pew Research study reported that most schools admit more than two-thirds of their applicants, that figure is significantly lower at many of the more highly rated institutions in the United States. For example, Stanford University (4.3 percent) and Harvard University (4.9 percent) recently reported acceptance rates below 5 percent.

Though volunteering alone won't help applicants gain acceptance to such competitive institutions, it can serve as a strong résumé builder and be even more effective if it also produces the previously noted improvements in academic performance.

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Chelan Douglas Community Action Council

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Chelan Basin Conservancy works to preserve

Chelan Butte

Conservancy (CBC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with over 120 members and an active board of directors, works toward their vision "To have ample public open space, public lake access, and a clean, safe environment for future generations of residents and visitors of the Lake Chelan Basin to enjoy."

The organization pursues four key focus areas through CBC-directed projects and collaborations with other local nonprofits and governmental entities. Their most timeintensive initiative involves preserving up to 900 acres of undeveloped land on the Chelan Butte for public recreational use, such as hiking, mountain biking, and snowshoeing, and for

wildlife habitat. A potential developer from western Washington is currently opposing these efforts, seeking instead to develop residential housing

Chelan Basin likely intended for tourist accommodations.

The CBC reports that 3,200 members of the public have signed their online petition to protect the land from development, which they cite as evidence that "the vast majority of the local community wishes to see the north face of the Chelan Butte preserved for public use."

The organization recently completed a comprehensive study examining various aspects of potential land acquisition, including public land use preferences, funding procurement methods, costs associated with land and trail stewardship, and liability considerations. CBC is presenting these findings to the City of Chelan to demonstrate that city

ownership would not be burdensome from financial and labor perspective. Beyond the Butte Chelan initiative, the nonprofit focuses on three additional areas: mitigating the impacts of aquatic invasive species on Lake Chelan, improving and increasing public access to Lake Chelan, and addressing the impact of lead and arsenic soil contamination associated with legacy orchard lands.

The CBC has established important and ongoing partnerships with various entities, including the Lake Chelan Research Institute, the Washington State Department of Ecology, Keep It Blue Lake Chelan, and the City of Chelan. The organization has also collaborated on land conservation efforts with the Trust for Public Land, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, and the Lake Chelan Trails

The organization continues to seek community support through its website at chelanbasinconservancy.org, where interested parties can sign the online petition to preserve the Chelan Butte, join their email list for updates about the preservation effort, and make donations to support their cause.



Wenatchee River Institute

Non-Profit Name: Wenatchee River Institute Mission statement: We connect people, communities and the natural world. Brief description of your nonprofit: The Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) believes the greatest hope for the future is through connecting people, communities and the

natural world. We engage thousands of learners (of all ages) annually through transformative environmental education on our campus in Leavenworth and across North Central Washington. Each experience is created to help participants understand their environment and discover the impact they can have in the world and their community. Whether it is searching for salmon in the Wenatchee River, spotting a white-headed woodpecker on a nearby Ponderosa Pine, or finding the perfect chanterelle mushroom in the forest, these interactions with nature will create a ripple of care for the natural world. With our Pay What You Can fee structure and our hybrid offerings, these natural experiences and opportunities are open to people of all backgrounds and walks of life. Year established: 2004

Geographic area served: North Central

Key programs or services: WRI has a variety of environmental education programs for all ages. In WRI's Youth Programs, educators visit schools around NCW through the Traveling Naturalist in the Classroom Program, After School Program, and Traveling Planetarium. Students also visit our campus for Field Day Programs with schools and day

camps during school breaks. In Community Programs, we offer workshops, field trips, hands-on experiences, nature walks, Red Barn Events, and our E. Lorene Young Community Garden.

How can the public support?

WRI has several volunteer opportunities yearround helping with youth and community education, campus maintenance, event planning, board service, and more. You can support us this work by attending an event, telling a friend, volunteering with us, or donating towards our mission. Let us know if you want to learn more!

Contact Information:

347 Division St / PO Box 2073 Leavenworth, WA 98826

Phone: 509-548-0181

Email: info@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org Website: https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.

Social Media Links: Facebook: https://www. facebook.com/WenatcheeRiverInstitute Instagram: @thewenatcheeriverinstitute Contact person: Randee Zerger (rzerger@ wenatcheeriverinstitute.org)





Lake Chelan Research Institute

Non-Profit Name: Lake Chelan Research Institute, Keep It Blue-Lake Chelan Mission Statement: Establish the long-term

trends in the water quality of Lake Chelan in the context of land use and climate change.

Brief Description of your nonprofit:Support lake stewardship by collecting of key water quality data regularly. Explore Lake Chelan and its watershed. Understand the underlying hydrodynamic and biological processes that control the lake's water quality.

Year established: 2017 Geographic area served: Lake Chelan

Key programs or services: Water quality

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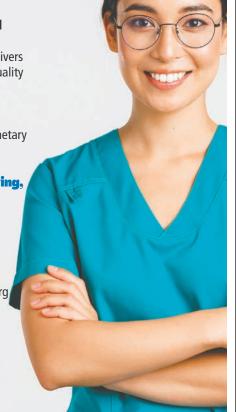
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How to start an employee volunteer program

passion volunteering commendable. Some individuals are so excited about the prospects of giving back that they may want to recruit more people to help. Such individuals may find that their place of employment is a great place to spearhead volunteer recruitment efforts.

Companies are diverse, but they also tend to attract like-minded individuals, which can make it easier to recruit potential volunteers. Business owners or human resources personnel looking to strengthen relationships

among employees and give the company mission or if back to their communities can consider beginning volunteer programs at work. Here are some tips to begin this journey.

Involve leadership

It's important to get the backing and approval of company leaders before starting a volunteer group. Since you may be using company resources and infringing on some company time, make sure that higherups are supportive. They also may be able to let organizers know whether a certain cause is complementary to

it infringes on their mission. For example, a company that produces plastic products may not mesh with volunteer groups that have negative things to say about plastic products.

Choose a cause to support

While national nonprofits are worthy of support, employees may be more excited about partnering with local initiatives. Human resource departments or the employees who are starting volunteer programs at work can poll workers on which

causes to stand behind. For example, a company that produces outdoor recreation clothing and equipment might want to support local efforts that focus on conservation in nearby parks. If a company has a strong stance on education, gear volunteerism around providing supplies for students or improving technological resources in schools.

Establish when volunteerism will take place

It's best to have ground rules about how much of

the employer-supported volunteer work will occur after hours. Some companies may be amenable to having a certain pocket of time taken from the work day, such as establishing Early Dismissal Fridays for volunteers. Employees can base their participation on how it will affect their schedules.

Establishing a volunteer program at work can be a great way to get involved and build strong relationships within the community.

Start recruiting volunteers

Reach out to employees

and spell out the program's mission during recruitment efforts. This may be a task that the human resources department can help with. If the company has a department that organizes employee engagement activities, then that group would be a valuable resource as well.

It is also important to think about where volunteers may fit in. Assigning jobs and figuring out how many volunteers and man-hours will be required to complete tasks can provide a greater sense of the scope of the venture





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