

The Leavenworth Echo

\$1.00
Volume 124 • No. 51

Upper Valley News Since 1904
A Ward Media Publication

 leavenworthecho.com

My Merry Christmas Inside Tab
COLORING BOOK & CONTEST

NCW NEWS
Connecting communities across North Central Washington
NCW News | B1-B2

Stitches 'N' Beads Loft opens, supports women worldwide through handmade creations



Owner Vimbai Madya envisions both a gift shop for tourists, as well as a space for the community to learn crafts such as crocheting and beading.



Stitches 'N' Beads sells clothing in addition to children's gifts, jewelry, and accessories.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Stitches 'N' Beads Loft, a new addition to downtown Leavenworth, offers handmade gifts and serves as a space for creativity and community connection.

The shop is owned and operated by Vimbai Madya, an entrepreneur from Puyallup. Madya's shop features handmade dolls, jewelry, accessories, and clothing created by her and women worldwide. Stitches 'N' Beads is Madya's first retail location, after building a business

from online and market sales that was inspired by her own journey to the U.S.

Madya grew up in Zimbabwe, and in 2014, fled to Tanzania with her 6-month old daughter to escape an abusive relationship. In Tanzania, she witnessed women in similar situations, who did not have the education or economic means to leave. She began helping women to perfect and sell their craft.

"Talking to people, they just said, 'I can't leave, because I have seven kids. I have five kids, like, 'I can't pay school fees'...So I started it when I was in Tanzania, just starting to

make, trying to understand what they are capable of doing. Can they bead? Can they weave?" said Madya.

While helping women in Tanzania find ways to support themselves, Madya also worked at a local hotel to provide for her own family. It was there that she met an American couple from Washington. The couple's friendship with Madya grew over the years, eventually leading to her attendance at their daughter's wedding in 2017, where she met her now-husband. After relocating to Puyallup with her daughter, Madya later gave birth to a son, who arrived prematurely at 29 weeks and spent

nearly two months in the hospital. During those challenging weeks, knitting became Madya's solace.

"All I did was knit, knit, knit when I was in the hospital, because it was so stressful, I didn't think he would survive. So, knitting helped me, like with the stress and everything," said Madya. "After that, I had so much I had done, and my husband said, 'What are you going to do with all of this?'"

Madya started selling her products online, then products from a network of artisan women from Zimbabwe,

See **STITCHES 'N' BEADS** Page **B4**

City of Leavenworth updates permit application timelines, invests in downtown improvements

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – During its final meeting of 2024, the Leavenworth City Council approved several measures designed to enhance the downtown corridor and streamline the project permit application process.

In downtown Leavenworth, the city will be leasing 10 additional Bigbelly bins for a contract term of 60 months, funded by the lodging tax. Earlier this year, the city installed 55 Bigbelly bins in the downtown corridor in order to more efficiently manage garbage in heavily trafficked tourist areas. The compacting Bigbelly bins have a 150-gallon capacity, are fully enclosed, and have a fullness indicator. According to Public Works Director Andi Zontek-Backstrum, the bins upgrades have significantly reduced labor hours, particularly during festivals.

"On Sunday mornings, we had the entire utility crew come in historically, and they would clean up all of the loose litter and pick up all of the street cans. And we've actually reduced that now to two people for two hours, versus their whole crew of eight," said Zontek-Backstrum.

Leavenworth City Council also authorized Ardurra Group, its on-call transportation engineers, to complete hydraulic and structural analyses of the Blackbird Island Pedestrian Bridge, located on the eastern side of Blackbird Island. This fall, city staff observed significant erosion, or scour, affecting the existing pile cap on the bridge, posing significant risk to the bridge's structural integrity. Ardurra Group will also propose recommendations for mitigation.

In community development, the city adopted proposed amendments to LMC Title 21, as required by the Local Project Review Act by Jan. 2025. The changes include new permit review timelines and annual reporting requirements, and are intended to increase the timeliness and predictability of local development project review and decision-making.

"These changes [are] fairly small, but they're important," said Community Development Director Maggie Boles.

Previously, the code required that final decisions for project permits undergoing a full administrative or a quasi-judicial review process be issued within 120 days after determining the application's completeness.

The adopted amendments now establish distinct timelines for issuing decisions on project permits based on the type of review process. For permits reviewed through a limited administrative process, decisions must be issued within 65 days of determining the application is complete. Permits subject to a full administrative review require decisions within 100 days, while quasi-judicial or judicial review processes allow up to 170 days for a decision.

In other business, the city also approved a professional services agreement with The Local Event Co. LLC for management services of the Leavenworth Festhalle, adopted the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget, and discussed a proposed partnership agreement with the Leavenworth Summer Theater regarding Festhalle room rental expenses.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

Cascade School District earns first-ever 'Soil Friendly' designation for district-wide composting



COURTESY OF CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Two students at Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School participate in the school's composting program by sorting their milk cartons after lunch. The waste-sorting initiative, which began in 2022, helped the Cascade School District earn the first "Soil Friendly School District" designation.



NCW News
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH – Cascade School District (CSD) has become the first school district to receive the "Soil Friendly School District" designation from Winton Mfg. Compost Works, following the successful implementation of a district-wide composting program.

The initiative, which began in 2022,

was launched at Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School in partnership with the nonprofit organization Waste Loop. "We started our program at PD for two reasons: there was the most food waste due to the ages of the children and there were the fewest bears," said Superintendent Dr.

See **'SOIL FRIENDLY'** Page **B4**

Lions Club keeps roasted chestnut tradition with new approach



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Lion and Mason Dave Wilkie, Lions Club Treasurer Dan Nelson and President Tony Maffey. Recently, the Lions have invited other organizations to participate in their chestnut fundraiser.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Freshly roasted chestnuts has long been a hallmark of Leavenworth's Christmastown festival, thanks to the efforts of the Lions Club. For decades, their work has kept the holiday tradition alive downtown, even as the club has adapted its approach in recent years.

"When people hear the word 'nut,' they think they're crunchy, but they're not. They're very soft,

like a sweet potato, almost," said Lions Club member Anita Wilkie.

For many years, Lions Club members would get together each week to score chestnuts, then a few more would volunteer long, cold days, to freshly roast and sell chestnuts, along with cider and hot chocolate, out of their Bavarian wood trailer downtown. The chestnut sales raised money to support the club's local service initiatives, but the Lions still

See **LIONS CLUB** Page **B4**

Inside The Echo this Week

5 Things to do this Week.....	A2	Classifieds.....	B3-B4	Sheriff Report.....	A3
Business Directory.....	A3	Coloring Book Contest.....	Inside Tab	Sports.....	A4
Church Guide.....	A4	Point of View.....	A2	Advertising Flyers:	
Community Calendar.....	A3	NCW News.....	B1-B2	Safeway, Dan's Food Market	

\$1.00



Phone:
509-548-5286

www.leavenworthecho.com

The Leavenworth Echo

© Ward Media, LLC 2024



WARD MEDIA

On the Internet

Website:
www.leavenworthecho.com
E-mail:
news@ward.media

Office hours

Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. except weekends, or call 509-548-5286

Contact information

CEO & Publisher

Terry Ward

509-731-3284

terry@ward.media

COO & Co-Owner

Amy M. Yaley

509-731-3321

amy@ward.media

Multimedia Sales Manager

Sherrie Harlow

253-255-5920

sherrie@ward.media

Reporter

Taylor Caldwell

taylor@ward.media

Reporter

Quinn Propst

quinn@ward.media

Circulation

509-293-6780

circulation@leavenworthecho.com

Deadlines

Calendar Listings	Noon, Friday
News Submissions:	Noon, Friday
Letters to the Editor:	Noon, Friday
Display Advertising:	5:00 p.m., Thur.
Legal Notices:	Noon Friday
Classified Ads:	Noon Friday

Subscriptions

Print and online (yearly)	\$45.00
Online-only Subscription	
12 Months	\$45.00
6 Months	\$22.50
3 Months	\$12.50
1 Month	\$5.00
1 Week	\$1.50

The Leavenworth Echo does not refund subscription payments except to the extent that it might fail to meet its obligation to publish each week, in which case the cost of the issues missed would be refunded as an extension. Subscriptions may be transferred to another individual or organization.



© Ward Media, LLC prints on recycled newspaper with soy ink. Please recycle.

Letters policy

The Leavenworth Echo welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be accompanied by the author's name, a home address and a daytime phone number (for verification purposes only). Letters may be edited for length, clarity, accuracy and fairness. No letter will be published without the author's name. Thank you letters will only be printed from non-profit organizations and events. We will not publish lists of businesses, or lists of individual names. Email your letters to letters@ward.media.

Corrections

The Leavenworth Echo regrets any errors. If you see an error, please call 509-548-5286. We will publish a correction on this page in the next issue.

News tips

Have an idea for a story? Call the Echo at 509-548-5286 email news@ward.media

Classified Advertising

Classified ads can be placed during normal office hours by calling 509-293-6780 or by emailing classifieds@leavenworthecho.com.

Legal Advertising

Legal ads can be placed during normal business hours by calling 509-293-6780 or by emailing legals@ward.media

Obituaries

Obituaries can be placed during normal business hours by calling 509-548-5286 or by emailing obits@ward.media

Services

Back Issues are available up to one year after publication for a small fee. Archive Research \$25 per hour

The Leavenworth Echo (USPS 308 160) is published every Wednesday by Ward Media, LLC, 29 S. Wenatchee Ave., Suite A, Wenatchee, WA 98801 Telephone: 509-548-5286. Periodical postage paid at Leavenworth, Wash. (and additional mailing offices). Postmaster: Send address corrections to: Leavenworth Echo, 131 S. Apple Blossom Drive #109, Chelan, WA 98816

Classified Weekly Rates

\$15.00 for first 30 words .10 for each additional word over 30 words Borders, bold words, headlines, logos and photos subject to additional charges.

Get your event in the spotlight with Ward Media!

If you have an exciting event to share, email Reporter Quinn Propst at quinn@ward.media. We'll showcase the five most captivating events of the week, giving your event the recognition it deserves. Even if your event isn't among the top five, it will still be added to our events calendar and featured online. Don't miss this chance to make your event shine!



Christmas Music by Steven Dunlap

Neu Flessenow Cellars will host Christmas Music by Steven Dunlap on Saturday, December 21 from 2-4 p.m.

"Customer and staff favorite Steven Dunlap will lead all of us through two hours of Christmas and Holiday music as we wind up our first full year of being open to the public," the event page states. "Join us as we celebrate with special offers on wine and merchandise as well."

Leavenworth Village Voices concert

Leavenworth Village Voices and BOSAYA will perform a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 22, from

7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Numerica Performing Arts Center.

"The Leavenworth Village Voices and indie-pop duo BOSAYA will join together to present an unforgettable, family-friendly Christmas experience," the event page states. "This will be a unique musical collaboration you don't want to miss."

Non-Denominational Christmas Eve Service

Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort will host a free Non-Denominational Christmas Eve Service with Jon Vandel and special music on Tuesday, December 24, from 8-9 p.m. in the Chapel.

"Everyone is welcome," the event page states. "No cost,

no need to RSVP, we look forward to seeing you."

For more information, visit sleepinglady.com.

Holiday Concert

The Jewel Tones will perform a Holiday Concert at the Leavenworth Gazebo on Friday, December 20, from 6-7 p.m.

"The Jewel Tones are an all-female, Motown-inspired vocal trio who perform hits by The Supremes, The Jackson 5, Gladys Knight and The Pips, Stevie Wonder and many more," the event page states. "These ladies deliver sparkling personality, stellar vocals, fun choreography, and a classic 1960's look."

For more information, visit leavenworth.org.

Manuela's Magical Christmas Spectacular

Manuela Horn's Magical Christmas Spectacular will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 2-3 p.m. at the Leavenworth Festhalle.

"From interactive performances to festive activities, there's something for everyone," the event page states. "Witness the wonder of Manuela's captivating show and be part of the magic."

For more information, visit leavenworth.org.

POINT OF VIEW

Serving as your legislator was my honor and privilege



BRAD HAWKINS
State Senator
for the 12th
Legislative
District

The Washington State Legislature will begin its 105-day session on January 13. Thanks to your support in the recent election, I'm now in the process of transitioning to the County Courthouse rather than planning my annual move to the State Capitol. As I work to finish up my State Senator duties next month and look back on my 12 years of service in the Legislature, I'm grateful that you entrusted me to represent you. I'm proud of the friendships made and experiences gained while working on your behalf.

Public service over politics

During my years as your legislator, I always put public service before politics, focused on bipartisan opportunities, and made you my top priority. Despite the State Capitol being a challenging place at times, I believe my colleagues would attest that I treated everyone with respect and worked hard to find compromises while being a tenacious advocate for our region. Representing the people of the 12th District has definitely been the privilege of my professional career.

While I wasn't expecting the abrupt changes to legislative boundaries and leaving the State Legislature so soon, I feel fulfilled with my legislative service on your behalf. I arrived in Olympia in 2013 as your State Representative at the age of 37. When I served that first term, I was one of the youngest Representatives in the House, but fortunately

I brought my educational training, experience as a PUD employee, and years as a school board member to the Capitol, which was helpful preparation.

Concluding 12 years of Legislative Service

I served two terms in the House of Representatives and two terms in the State Senate. Throughout my 12 years in the Legislature, I've gained experience on several committees during my tenure, including serving on the Education and Transportation committees in both chambers. As a former school board member and the only Senate Republican with children in school, I was chosen by Senate leadership as the lead Republican for the Education Committee and advocated strongly for preserving local control for school boards.

Securing support for local projects

I worked hard to secure funding for regional capital and transportation projects, including extending Wenatchee Valley's Loop Trail to Lincoln Rock State Park, completing the West Cashmere Bridge, funding a sewer line beyond East Wenatchee, improving the Saddle Rock trail system, adding buildings to Wenatchee Valley College, and advancing Wenatchee's Confluence Parkway.

The bills passed and funding secured were never accomplished alone, thanks to the support of my hard-working seatmates, local elected officials, and community groups. Our region had the greatest impact in Olympia when we came together on issues, partnered with statewide advocacy groups, and spoke with a collective voice. It was very fulfilling to work with large groups of diverse stakeholders to eventually accomplish something that had been difficult to achieve.

My greatest accomplishment

People often ask me about my most significant legislative achievement and my answer often surprises them. Rather than any bill sponsored or project funded, I always consider my approach to constituent outreach and customer service as to be my proudest accomplishment. Soon after my election to the Senate, I began a tradition of annual "Listening Tours." At first, I wasn't sure whether these would work, but our communities responded so positively that I expanded them every year, which proved both fun and helpful.

I'd also like to thank my staff, past and present, for all of their help in serving you over the years. Many of you may know that my office implemented a process where each constituent who wrote in would receive an email response by staff almost immediately and handwritten note from me within a couple days. This became the

expectation for my office, but it certainly wasn't easy when we sometimes would receive 200 emails and calls each day, but that was our standard of service to you.

The honor of my professional career

Looking back on my 12 years in Olympia, it seems to have gone by quickly. Thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve you as your State Representative

and Senator. I am profoundly grateful. You are in good hands with our 12th Legislative District team. I look forward to working with them – and continuing to serve you – as your next Chelan County Commissioner.

Brad Hawkins has served 12 years in the Washington State Legislature. He was elected Chelan County Commissioner for District 3 in November and will begin on January 1.



COURTESY OF BRAD HAWKINS

Rep. Brad Hawkins addresses the House of Representatives in 2013 on "Children's Day" with his two boys, Luke and Tyler. Hawkins served four years in the House of Representatives and eight years in the State Senate. He begins his role as Chelan County Commissioner on January 1.

Leavenworth Planning Commission seeks new member for advisory role

The Leavenworth Echo
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — The City of Leavenworth is seeking applicants for an open position on its Planning Commission, following the departure of commissioner Janessa Ruckle.

The vacancy is for Position No. 1 on the citizen advisory board, with the term beginning in February 2025 and running through April 2026. The Planning Commission plays a crucial role in the city's development, being responsible for long-range planning and making legislative policy recommendations to the City Council.

According to the city's press release, commissioners "help achieve the community's vision by developing the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan and through updates to the Leavenworth Municipal Code and Shoreline Master Program."

Eligible candidates must either reside within Leavenworth city limits or own property within the city limits or Urban Growth Area (UGA). The commission holds monthly meetings at City Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with sessions typically lasting between 1.5 to 2 hours, though they may run longer depending on specific topics under discussion.

Interested parties have until 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 2025, to submit their letters of interest. Applications can be submitted via email, mail, or in person to City Clerk Andrea Fischer at City Hall.

Letters of interest shall be submitted to:

City of Leavenworth
Attn: Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, 700 Hwy 2 | PO Box 287
Leavenworth, WA 98826
afischer@cityofleavenworth.com

delicious
Strudel
for
Holiday Entertaining

**ORDER
AHEAD**

Obertal Inn
Leavenworth, Wa

509-548-5204

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

Dec 6

7:44:55 Parking/Abandon, 3567 Hansel Ln, Peshastin,
10:18:31 Suspicious, Niles Creek Ln & Old Blewe
10:50:48 Scam, 21309 Stetson Rd, Plain, W
17:38:52 Traffic Offense, 500 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth,
17:44:55 Assist Agency, 1250 Us Hwy 2, Mcdonalds L
20:09:09 Assist Agency, 231 Benton St, Leavenworth
21:50:42 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 99, Leavenworth

11:07:22 Harass/Threat, 10144 Main St# 5, Peshast 6
11:17:52 Malicious Misch, Us Hwy 2 & E Leavenworth R Lv
11:50:39 Hazard, Chiwawa Loop Rd Mp 6, Lake 1
17:12:59 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 99, Leavenworth 6
17:57:15 Accident No Inj, 19789 Beaver Valley Rd, Pl 1
19:33:24 Parking/Abandon, 708 Us Hwy 2; Wafd, Leaven Lv
19:40:35 Accident Injury, Chiwawa Loop Rd Mp 2; Area 1
21:50:42 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & River Bend Dr, Lv
22:04:05 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy Mp 1, Leaven 6
22:12:45 Suspicious, 163 Niles Creek Ln, Peshas 6

Dec 7

1:33:15 Domestic Distur, Us Hwy 2 & Mill St, Leaven Lv
3:02:05 Alarm, 20643 Miracle Mile, Lake W 1
6:10:36 Welfare Check, 617 Front St# 2a, Leavenw Lv
7:09:32 Hazard, Eagle Creek Rd Mp 2, Leave 6
7:44:49 Accident Unk, 19845 Beaver Valley Rd, Pl 1
8:18:30 Accident Unk, 617 Us Hwy 2; Area, Leaven Lv
9:55:54 Burglary, 22787 Brown Rd, Lake Wenat 1

Dec 8

18:03:09 24c12998 Traffic Offense, Eastmont Ave & N Baker Ave
0:40:03 24c13004 Animal Problem, 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd,
2:10:10 24c13006 Suicide Threat, 8300blk E Leavenworth Rd,
6:09:45 24c12983 Accident No Inj, 18100blk Camp 12 Rd,

Plain
6:19:20 24c12984 Accident No Inj, 8000 E Leavenworth Rd, Lea
7:54:43 24c12985 Harass/Threat, 12735 Prowell St, Leavenworth
10:25:06 24c12989 Welfare Check, 1032 Commercial St, Evergr
14:20:55 24c12993 911, 590 Us Hwy 2; Enzian Motor
15:05:55 24c12995 Extra Patrol, 10395 Chumstick Hwy; Leave
16:45:07 24c12996 Suspicious, 11645 North Rd; Amtrak Ici
17:23:34 24c12997 Burglary, 221 8th St; #4, Leavenworth
18:28:12 24c12999 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 99, Leavenworth
22:12:12 24c13001 Parking/Abandon, 920 Front St; Wok About Gr

Dec 9

0:19:34 Domestic Distur 6585 Us Hwy 97, Peshastin, 6,
0:40:03 Animal Problem 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd, 6,
2:10:10 Suicide Threat 8300blk E Leavenworth Rd, 6,
8:16:48 Welfare Check 8558 Larson Rd, Peshastin, 6,
14:56:10 Burglary 100 Ward Strasse # A105, L Lv,
15:34:36 Parking/Abandon 935 Front St; Icicle Brew! Lv,
16:43:19 Alarm 1253 Nighthawk Ridge Ln, L 6,
17:42:01 Welfare Check 263 Mine St# 103, Leaven Lv,

Dec 10

0:19:34 Domestic Distur, 6585 Us Hwy 97, Peshastin,
13:07:12 Domestic Distur, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway
16:15:26 Suspicious, 11026 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth

Dec 11

9:14:56 Malicious Misch, 14164 Idlewild Rd, Lake We 1
10:06:57 Sex Offense, Stevens Creek Yodelin Brid 1
10:46:04 Theft, 429 Evans St; First Baptist Lv
13:34:37 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway
13:58:27 Accident Link, 8775 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth
16:06:12 Suspicious, 10625 Ski Hill Dr, Leavenw
17:32:41 Alarm, 9555 Nibelink Rd, Peshast
17:37:10 Alarm, 920 Front St; Wok About Gr
18:00:49 Alarm, 1253 Nighthawk Ridge Ln, L
21:04:32 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Stine Hill Rd,

Dec 12

10:21:32 Disturbance, Stirrup Rd & Palomino Rd, 1
16:02:15 Littering, 7651 Saunders Rd; Dryden D 6
20:35:06 Property, 1001 Front St# A; Colchuc Lv

Social Walking Program in the Festhalle returns in January



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Participants of last year's walking program pose for a group photo. The walking program is a social event, with music and an end of year celebration.

Ward Media
The Leavenworth Echo

LEAVENWORTH – Social Walking Program in the Festhalle will return on Jan. 6, offering a welcoming indoor space for locals to stay active throughout the winter, no matter the weather. From Jan. 6 through the end of winter, the Festhalle will be

open Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. for locals to maintain their walking routines in a safe and dry environment. Participants can walk laps around the Festhalle, with the option to incorporate an incline with the steps of the stage for an added challenge. The program is free to attend and open to all locals. However, the program cannot

accommodate children at this time. Parking is free until 9 a.m., when meters are activated. Participants should bring dry walking shoes and enter through the middle door on the Front Street side of the building.

The program will continue through the winter months. For more information, call Sharon Waters: 509-548-7939.

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 music.
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, 7 p.m. 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

Monday

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.leavenworthmasons.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 meeting 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.
Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 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.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

Complete Excavating Service

Power & Water Systems
Dump Truck & Dozer
Drainfield Repair
Free Estimates
Septic Systems
Road Grading

Upper Valley EXCAVATING
(509) 548-3489
Leavenworth, WA
Licensed - Bonded - Insured

Tumwater Drilling and Pump Inc.

"Water Treatment Systems Built to Your Individual Problem"

Free Water Analysis/Estimates

Conveniently located on Hwy 2 across from the Big Y Cafe in Dryden @ 9290 Hwy 2

Tumwater Drilling & Pump, Inc.
509-548-5361
www.tumwaterdrilling.com • email info@tumwaterdrilling.com

WATER SOFTENERS, IRON FILTERS, CONDITIONERS, UV FILTERS, REVERSE OSMOSIS, SULFUR, WHOLE HOUSE FILTERS, PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, SERVICE, SALT SALES

BOGO 40% OFF
Minimum purchase of 4

+ \$200 OFF Your Entire Purchase
Minimum purchase of 4

ENDS 1/31

844-239-3248

RENEWAL by ANDERSEN
FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT

Be prepared before the next power outage.

It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.

Call 888-518-9678 to schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply.

GENERAC

Donate Your Vehicle

Call (877) 225-8568 to donate your car, truck, boat, RV, and more today!

- Support Veteran Nonprofits.
- Free Pickup & Towing.
- Top Tax Deduction.

Donate Your Vehicle Today 877-225-8568
www.veteranautos.org/dnt71

While we appreciate every donation, in some cases, we find that we are unable to accept certain vehicles, watercraft, and/or recreational vehicles due to the prohibitive costs of acquisition. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (877) 225-8568.

Consumer Cellular®

BIG WIRELESS COVERAGE, WITHOUT BIG WIRELESS COST.

Plans start at just \$20/month.

Switch & Save Today. **855-854-4608**

© 2024 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. Plans shown above include \$5 credit for AutoPay and E-billing. Taxes and other fees apply. Credit approval required for new service. Cellular service is not available in all areas and is subject to system limitations.



Sports

We've got Kodiak **PRIDE!**

Dan's Food Market

From your fresh, friendly LOCAL grocer. 509-548-5611

Mountain Country Corner

We've got spirit, **yes we do!**

843 Front St., Ste. A | 509-548-5312

WARD MEDIA

Fueling Champions

From the court to the mat Ward Media is proud to support the Kodiaks

Let's go Kodiaks!

State Farm

Bruce Cheadle,
(509) 782-1659

Kodiaks maul Lions in 63-16 blowout

PHOTOS SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA



Surrounded by a pride of Moses Lake Christian Lions, the Kodiaks' Maizy Groff (11) manages to unload a shot, during Cascade's 63-16 win Dec. 9.

Cascade's Maizy Groff in action against Moses Lake Christian on Dec. 9. The Kodiaks took it to the Lions early and often, en route to a 63-16 victory.

Your team in the game, our team providing care - a winning combination!

CASCADE MEDICAL
PARTNERS IN YOUR HEALTH

ONE SPIRIT, ONE TEAM, ONE WIN!

München Haus
709 Front St. Leavenworth
509-548-1158
www.munchenhaus.com

Sharpe leads Kodiaks with second place at Cashmere Invite

PHOTOS SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA



Jackson Young wrestles a tough customer in Jacoby Tait, a Cashmere grappler working his craft in front of his home crowd during the Cashmere Invitational Tournament. Tait won the match by technical fall.



Daniel Guerrero, at left, wrestles Cashmere's Ulysses Betancourt at 215 lbs. during the Cashmere Invitational Tournament last Dec. 14. Guerrero almost pulled off the upset of the hometown grappler, losing 9-8.



Cascade's Lola Rieke drives to the basket during the Kodiaks' 63-16 thumping of Moses Lake Christian Dec. 9.



Cascade's Allison Romero looks for the open teammate during the Kodiaks' lopsided 63-16 win over Moses Lake Christian on Dec. 9.

CASCADE SCHEDULE

Boys Basketball		
Sat, Dec 20	7:15 PM, Chelan	Away
Girls Basketball		
Sat, Dec 20	5:45 PM, Chelan	Away

CASCADE SCOREBOARD

Boys Basketball		
Mon, Dec 9	Cascade 40, Moses Lake Christian Academy 58	Loss
Wed, Dec 11	Cascade 49, Omak 90	Loss
Fri, Dec 13	Cascade 29, Sultan 66	Loss
Girls Basketball		
Mon, Dec 9	Cascade 63, Moses Lake Christian Academy 16	Win
Wed, Dec 11	Cascade 54, Omak 40	Win
Fri, Dec 13	Cascade 46, Sultan 47,	Loss

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Maizy Groff Girls Basketball - Guard, Senior



Maizy Groff, a senior guard for the Girls Basketball team, delivered a standout performance in the Lady Kodiaks' first league win against Omak. In just 30 minutes of play, she dominated the court with an impressive stat line: 19 points, 17 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 steals. Shooting 50 percent from the field, Groff was instrumental in propelling the team to its first 4-0 start in 20 years, marking a significant milestone for the program.

Slow start dooms Kodiaks in 58-40 loss to Lions

PHOTOS SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA



Jackson Feeney shoots a jumper during the Kodiaks' loss to Moses Lake Christian, Dec. 9.



Graham Campbell drives upcourt for the Kodiaks during Cascade's game against Moses Lake Christian, on Dec. 9. The Kodiaks fought hard and grew stronger from the second quarter on, but a shaky first quarter where they only scored two points allowed Moses Lake to get a head start, and keep Cascade at bay, 58-40.



Julian Feeney tries to escape the pressure of being double-teamed by two Lions, during the Kodiaks' game against Moses Lake Christian. The felines bested the ursines, with the Kodiaks dropping the game 58-40.



Max Spiegel leaps to catch a rebound during the Cascade Kodiaks' game against Moses Lake Christian on Dec. 9. The Kodiaks took a while in getting into the groove of things, and that cost them, dropping the game 58-40.

UPPER VALLEY CHURCH GUIDE To Place Information in The Church Guide Call 509-548-5286

Leavenworth

CASCADE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH
Office: 509-548-4331 • 11025, Chumstick Hwy.
• Please join us Sunday mornings, 9 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Worship Service

LEAVENWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
418 Evans Street • 509-548-5619 • 10 a.m. Sunday Service,
Pastor Jo Dene Romeijn-Stout • Leavenworthumc.org
• leavenworthumc@outlook.com

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
10170 Titus Rd. (across from middle school).
Church: 509-548-7667
• Meetings: Sunday - 10 a.m

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
"Reconciling in Christ Congregation"
• 224 Benton Street
• 509-548-7010 • Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following
• https://www.flcleavenworth.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC
429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745
• Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
• www.leavenworthbaptist.com
• Email: info@leavenworthbaptist.com

LEAVENWORTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
111 Ski Hill Drive • 509-548-5292 • Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
• Lead Pastor: Greg Appleby • Youth Pastor Paige Derossett
• Worship Pastor-Jacob Mitchell • www.LCN.org

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
10600 Ski Hill Drive • 509-548-4345 • Saturday Services • Bible Study 9:30 a.m. • Worship 11 a.m. • 509-860-3997

SPIRIT LIFE CENTER
210 Benton Street • 509-548-7138 • Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Prayer 6 p.m. • Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. • Pastor Russell Esparza

Dryden

DRYDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hwy 2 at Dryden Ave. • 509-782-2935
• Sunday Worship at 11 am.
Prayer Meeting Wed. at 6 pm. Pastor Bill Clem

MID-VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
8345 Stine Hill Rd. • 509-782-2616
• Worship Service, 10 a.m.,
Sunday School, 9 a.m. • Pastor Mike Moore
www.midvalley baptist.org

Peshastin

LIGHT IN THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
8455 Main Street • Sunday Worship 10 a.m. • Pastor John Romine
www.lightinthevalley.org

NEW LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH
7591 Hwy. 97 • 509-548-4222 • Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
• Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall
• newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com
FB page: newlifeleavenworth • www.newlifeleavenworth.com

Plain

PLAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Serving Our Valley Since 1941 • 12565 Chapel Dr. 509-763-3621
Looking for you at 10:30 this Sunday! • plaincommunitychurch.org
facebook.com/plaincommunitychurch • office@plaincommunitychurch.org

Cashmere

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
303 Maple Street • 509-782-2431 • Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Call for activities: Pastor Charles Clarke • www.cashmerepres.org

CASHMERE COMMUNITY CHURCH
213 S Division St - 509-782-3811 • Worship Service at 11:00 AM, Sunday • Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, • 10 AM to 1 PM
• Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana

CHRIST CENTER
Sunday Worship Service at 10 am • Lead Pastor Steve Haney • 5800 Kimber Rd., Cashmere • 509-295-8006 christcentercashmere.com

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
• 509-860-0736 • 222 Cottage Ave.,
• 9 am Formation of Faith, 10 am Worship. Combined service with Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Rob Gohl

Monitor

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3799 Fairview Canyon - 509-782-2601
Worship Service at 9:00 AM, Sunday
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana

NCW NEWS

www.ncw.news



New Year New Swag
Elevate Your Brand's First Impression. Turn heads with premium, personalized promotional products that showcase your style.

Call now and make your logo the star of 2025 • 509-731-3624 • northwestswag.com

Impact Stream: Empowering Communities in Togo Through Blockchain Technology

By **CAROLINE MENNA**
Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH - In an era where global aid organizations often dictate the solutions for struggling communities, a decentralized non-governmental organization is challenging the norm by empowering citizens to take charge of their own development.

Impact Stream, a trailblazing initiative, has launched a pilot project in the West African nation of Togo that allows local residents to allocate resources where they are needed most. By utilizing a blockchain-based platform, the organization is fostering transparency, collaboration, and sustainability in its community-driven development efforts.

Impact Stream's model is simple but revolutionary: the platform enables individuals to propose and vote on projects that directly impact their communities. In Togo, where access to basic services like clean water, education, and job training is limited, this model is helping to bridge the gap. The first wave of projects included the creation of a technology education center for adults, a youth training program focused on textile and apparel manufacturing, the construction of a community library, a solar-powered clean water access initiative, and the provision of new equipment for an elementary school.

The organization's commitment to transparency is one of its core values. Through the Impact Stream platform, donors can track their contributions every step of the way, ensuring that funds are used effectively and responsibly.

As Leavenworth hotelier, entrepreneur, and

philanthropist Hans Mulders, an Impact Stream board member, explains: "Impact Stream reflects the impact that we want to create on impoverished communities and countries by providing an effective, continuous stream of resources to help them build infrastructure. This transparency allows donors to see exactly how their money is being spent, unlike traditional aid organizations where funds are often pooled together, making it difficult to trace individual contributions."

Mulders, who grew up in Ethiopia, saw firsthand the pitfalls of traditional top-down aid models: "Most NGOs focus on designing solutions for people in need, but that approach often leads to problems. Even well-made infrastructure, for example, can break, but there is no easy way for communities to obtain spare parts or make repairs." Impact Stream aims to change this by providing communities with the technical support necessary to sustain and repair projects long after the initial funding has been used.

Impact Stream's founder Will Little, a fellow entrepreneur with a passion for impactful philanthropy whom Mulders describes as "the smartest guy in the room," introduced Mulders to the concept of decentralized charitable giving. This vision led to the development of the Impact Stream platform, which leverages blockchain technology to ensure that every project is transparent, accountable, and trackable.

The platform also allows community members in Togo to propose projects and vote on which initiatives should be prioritized. Projects are submitted during a 60-day window, and once the voting period is over, the community

decides which project will receive funding first.

The process is built on the principle of inclusivity, allowing those who are directly affected by the projects to have a say in the decisions that will impact their lives.

While Impact Stream is still in its early stages, having recently completed its second year of operation, the organization is steadily growing. They are currently in the process of becoming a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and are looking for donors who are willing to contribute on a recurring basis. "We are in constant fundraising mode," says Mulders, emphasizing the need for sustained support to continue these efforts.

One of the most distinctive features of Impact Stream is its commitment to making its software open-source. This means that any organization can use the platform free of charge to implement similar projects in other parts of the world. "Our goal is to help the rest of the world become less stressful," Mulders explains. By providing a platform for decentralized decision-making and transparent funding, Impact Stream is helping create a world where local communities can thrive without relying on traditional, top-down aid models.

Togo was chosen as the pilot location for Impact Stream's work because of the network of trust that Mulders and Little have developed there. The team believes that local knowledge and collaboration are key to ensuring the success of the initiative. "Togolese helping Togolese with American support," says Mulders, highlighting the importance of local involvement in the process.

In a world where international aid often falls



COURTESY OF IMPACT STREAM

Breaking ground on an Impact Stream funded project in southern Togo that will introduce a water well, equipped with a solar pump, designed to provide reliable and clean water to a local school and the surrounding village communities that currently rely on unsanitary sources.

short of its promises, Impact Stream offers a refreshing alternative. By harnessing the power of technology and local leadership, the organization is helping communities in Togo build the infrastructure and resources they need to thrive—while creating a model

that can be replicated in other regions. As the project grows and more communities are empowered, Impact Stream is paving the way for a new kind of philanthropy—one that is transparent, sustainable, and community-driven. For more information and/

or to donate to Impact Stream: <https://www.impact.stream>

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 Group.

Washington State Parks launches New Year's Day hiking events statewide

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — More than 30 Washington state parks will host outdoor activities on New Year's Day 2025 as part of the annual First Day Hikes program.

The initiative, part of a nationwide program by

America's State Parks, will feature various activities including guided hikes, snowshoe excursions, trail rides, polar plunges and scavenger hunts. Last year's events drew more than 1,700 participants who covered 2,907.2 miles of trails across Washington's state parks.

Activities span multiple

difficulty levels and locations. Fort Worden will offer a 2.5-mile trek through historic grounds and scenic trails, while Palouse Falls State Park will host a photo scavenger hunt near Washington's official state waterfall. Lake Wenatchee plans a guided 2.5-mile snowshoe hike with limited

complimentary equipment rentals available.

The parks department has prioritized accessibility, with ADA-compliant trails available at six locations: Bridle Trails, Columbia Plateau Trail, Lake Sylvia, Palouse Falls, Sequest and Wenatchee Confluence.

Other featured activities include a cold-water plunge

at Maryhill's swim beach, a 1.5-mile old-growth forest exploration at South Whidbey, and equestrian trail rides at Bridle Trails State Park.

January 1 marks 2025's first Discover Pass free day, waiving parking fees at state recreation lands. However, Sno-Park permits remain mandatory at winter recreation

areas including Lake Easton, Lake Wenatchee and Mount Spokane.

Most activities require advance registration and have limited group sizes. Registration information is available through the Washington State Parks website at www.ncw.social/2p98e5c6.



WHEN YOU WANT THE BEST YOU WANT OMAHA STEAKS

When you want to experience a steak that delivers rich, juicy, exquisite flavor and unparalleled quality in every bite, you don't want just any steak. You want Omaha Steaks.

Butcher's Deluxe Package

- 4 Butcher's Cut Top Sirloins (5 oz.)
- 4 Air-Chilled Boneless Chicken Breasts (4 oz.)
- 4 Boneless Pork Chops (5 oz.)
- 4 Individual Scalloped Potatoes (3.8 oz.)
- 4 Caramel Apple Tartlets (4 oz.)
- 1 Omaha Steaks Seasoning (3 oz.)
- 8 FREE PureGround™ Filet Mignon Burgers (6 oz.)**

77318FYG separately \$224.94 **\$99.99**
SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE

8 FREE BURGERS (A \$37 VALUE)

Order Now! » OmahaSteaks.com/Deluxe9858 | 1.888.769.2092
Ask for your 8 FREE burgers with offer 77318FYG



SLIDE WATERS LAKE CHELAN WATERPARK

"A Special Pepsi Christmas Offer!"

stocking stuffers

\$28 (\$58 value)

Includes All Day Pass, Chicken Strips or Burger, bag of chips, Pepsi and an Exclusive High Trek Chelan offer.

Stocking Stuffer 10-pack \$250 (\$280 value)
Includes 10 Stocking Stuffer passes
Limited quantities. Offers expire 12/31/2024 or while supplies last. Stocking Stuffers not available online.

2025 Season Pass
Individual and Family & Friend Packages
25% OFF
Season passes are available ONLINE ONLY
To purchase season passes visit slidewaters.com
Cabanas and Pavilions are now on sale on slidewaters.com

To purchase Stocking Stuffer Admission tickets please visit; Stan's Merry Mart in Wenatchee, Kelly's Ace Hardware in Chelan or mail your check with name, email and return address to; Slidewaters Christmas PO Box 1601 Chelan, WA 98816

Celtic Holiday Concert returns to Wenatchee with focus on community impact



COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

Members of the Seattle Irish Dance Company perform during a previous Christmas in Washington concert.



COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

The Stewart sisters of Cascade Irish Dance pose in matching green sequined performance dresses and traditional Irish dance shoes. The trio will make their debut appearance at this year's Christmas in Washington concert in Wenatchee.



COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

Electric violin virtuoso Geoffrey Castle performs in front of a decorated Christmas tree during a holiday concert. His signature black cowboy hat and embellished coat with glittering accents have become hallmarks of the Christmas in Washington shows.

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE—The annual Celtic holiday concert series “Christmas in Washington” is set to return to the Wenatchee Valley Convention Center on December 22 at 7 p.m., featuring electric violin

virtuoso Geoffrey Castle and an ensemble of performers.

The production, now in its tenth year, combines traditional Celtic music with holiday festivities, showcasing Castle’s signature six-string electric violin accompanied by a group of professional musicians. “We’re inviting

everyone to feel the joy and magic of the season—bringing families and communities closer together through the music,” Castle said.

This year’s performance includes the Seattle Irish Dance Company’s Celtic Dancers, Irish guitarist and tenor Dan Connolly, and vocalist Emily

McIntosh. Local performers, the Stewart Sisters from Cascade Irish Dance, will make a special appearance. The sisters, Isabell and Zoe, recently achieved first and second place respectively at the Western Irish Dance Regionals.

Event Manager Brad Snow emphasized the community-focused nature of the production. “We liked the idea of bringing world class entertainment to communities, and using that as a Fundraiser

for our communities,” Snow said. According to organizers, proceeds from ticket sales support various local initiatives, including student and youth programs, senior and veteran services, and “A HOME for the Holidays,” a new housing assistance program.

The organization will release a live album titled “Geoffrey Castle’s Celtic Christmas LIVE!” exclusively available for purchase at the concerts.

Tickets are available at the door while supplies last, with a

special Coca-Cola Family Pass discount offered. Additional information can be obtained through the event website at www.christmasinwashington.com or by calling (509) 881-8811.

Looking ahead, Cascade Irish Dance has announced plans to open a dance school in Wenatchee in 2025.

Cascade Medical Foundation receives Upper Valley Legacy Grant

NCW News
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH—Cascade Medical Foundation has received a \$3,000 grant from The Community Foundation of NCW’s Upper Valley Legacy Fund.

The money will help build the core Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund, ensuring annual scholarships for Cascade Medical employees, yielding years of benefits in the delivery of quality healthcare to the community. The education fund provides current Cascade Medical employees with opportunities to develop skills and advance their careers while working on the job and helps Cascade Medical retain valued employees, especially in high-demand fields.

“We’re using the Upper Valley Legacy Funds to continue Mark Judy’s legacy,” CMF Board Chair Shannon Keller said.

The education fund was created in memory of Mark Judy, a former CM administrator and CMF Board Member whose

leadership philosophy focused on encouraging individuals to reach their potential. When he died suddenly in 2023, his community, family and friends looked for ways to honor his legacy and commitment to helping others.

“Mark Judy lived by the concept of ‘Ubuntu,’ a South African term from the Nguni languages of Zulu and Xhosa,” Keller said. “Ubuntu means, ‘we are human only through the humanity of others.’ If we are to accomplish anything in this world, it will be due to the work and achievement of others. The Upper Valley Fund Legacy Grant will further facilitate the Mark Judy Memorial Caregiver Education Fund by doing just that: enabling caregivers to share their humanity and professional skills to help others. What a wonderful concept!”

The Community Foundation of NCW’s new Legacy Funds Grant program replaces the Regional Impact Grant program. Legacy Fund Grants provide unrestricted funding to nonprofits by geographic

region in Cashmere, Chelan Valley, Methow Valley, Okanogan Valley, Upper Valley, and Wenatchee Valley. These funds have been established by donations from local individuals and families who wanted to create a meaningful legacy to their community.

Each Legacy Fund Grant has its own criteria, established by the Local Advisory Board (LAB), comprised of volunteers representing a cross section of each community, including a mix of long-time and newer residents, working and retired individuals, and community members. Each LAB reviews applications and awards grants within their respective communities.

The grant to Cascade Medical Foundation is one of several awarded to Upper Valley nonprofits this fall.

For information about the Mark Judy education fund, go to cascademedicalfoundation.org. Cascade Medical employees will be invited to apply for the next round of scholarships starting in January.

Please recycle this paper



SAVE OVER 33%

REG. \$44.99-
NOW \$29.99
+\$5.99 SHIPPING

A Perfect Blend Of Fruit and Sweet Treats!

This gift box is the ideal gift for fruit and snack lovers alike. Perfect for sharing or gifting, this box brings a taste of sunshine and sweetness straight to your door.

- 4 Grove Navels
- 4 Honey-Sweet Tangerines
- 4 Petite Navel Oranges
- 2.5 oz. Chocolate Chip Cookies
- 4 oz. Grower’s Choice Fruit & Nut Snack Mix
- 3 oz. Foil-wrapped Milk Chocolates

CALL 866-276-1302 OR VISIT HALEGROVES.COM/H5YF83
Order Item #483X, mention Code H5YF83 for your savings.

*Only \$29.99 (reg. \$44.99), plus \$5.99 shipping & handling. Satisfaction completely guaranteed. This gift ships in December at the peak of freshness. Order by Dec. 18, 2024 for GUARANTEED Christmas delivery. AZ, CA, TX & LA order by Dec. 12, 2024.

SINCE 1947 - HALE GROVES, VERO BEACH, FL 32966

IC: H5YF83

WENATCHEE WILD

Walt the Wolf's MARGARITAVILLE

RIVERSIDE PAYMENTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 28 11 6PM
TOWN TOYOTA CENTER | DOORS OPEN: 5PM

(509) 888-PUCK
WENATCHEEWILDHOCKEY.COM 7825



CLASSIFIEDS

Leavenworth Echo
Cashmere Valley Record
Lake Chelan Mirror
Quad City Herald

Email your Classifieds & Legal Notices to: classifieds@ward.media or call 509-293-6780

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. To complain of discrimination call HUD at 1-800-669-9777. The number for hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

CORRECTIONS: Ward Media LLC shall be responsible for corrections to advertisements on the first publication only. The advertiser will be responsible for the corrections made thereafter. Ward Media LLC shall not be responsible for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of the advertisement. Ward Media LLC's liability for other errors or omissions in connection with an advertisement is strictly limited to the publication of the advertisements in any subsequent issue. No monetary refunds will be given. For more information call 509-548-5286.



Announcements

Miscellaneous

ELIMINATE GUTTER CLEANING FOREVER!
LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & amp; Military Discounts. Call 1-888-360-1582.

We buy 8,000 cars a week.
Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast payment. Call 1-888-684-5494

Attention Landowners and Loggers:
Wanted maple burls & logs. I'm looking for large diameter maple burl logs and quilted maple logs. brushhardwoods@gmail.com 209-496-1553. Erick Brush

PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES
today with a GENERAC home standby generator. \$0 money down + low monthly payment options. Request a FREE Quote. Call now before the next power outage: 1-888-674-7053.

We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS!
No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-888-720-3848

Moving? Are you a Snowbird?
Don't forget to call Laura in Circulation so you don't miss a single issue of your Local Weekly Community Newspaper or your Monthly Business publication!
email: laura@ward.media or call 509-293-6780
The Leavenworth Echo
Cashmere Valley Record
Lake Chelan Mirror
Quad City Herald
Wenatchee Business Journal

www.leavenworthecho.com
www.cashmerevalleyrecord.com

General Interest

Conflict Resolution
509 521 6441
NCW
Mediation
Chelan & Manson

Methow Green Clean
Eco-friendly cleaning for homes, offices, and construction sites. We organize too! 20% off your first service. Call 509-557-2690 or visit methowgreenclean.com

Employment

Help Wanted

Lake Chelan School District has openings for the following positions:
GEAR UP Advisors – Full time positions at CMS & CHS
GEAR UP Graduation Specialist – Part time Apply ASAP – interviews soon
Substitute Bus Drivers: Salary is \$26.75 an hour. District will train prospective applicants and reimburse certain expenses after successful completion of the course, receipt of license and a minimum of 10 drives as an LCSD substitute.
Other District Positions:
• Substitute Custodians
• Substitute Teachers
• Substitute Paraeducators
• MS/HS Coaches
Job postings and applications are available online at: www.chelanschools.org Call 509-682-3515 EOE

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT
School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following position:
• Icicle River Middle School Bilingual Secretary
Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at www.cascadesed.org EOE

Help Wanted

Bus Driver/Operator – Full Time
Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO)
TranGO IS HIRING A DRIVER; Full-time (36+ hours per week) position available now: hourly non-exempt. Compensation is \$21.64-\$23.41 per hour. DOE. Benefits include health, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement (see website for benefit details), sick leave, and vacation. Must have a Commercial Driver's License with Passenger Endorsement. Please visit www.okanogantransit.com for required qualifications, application, and job description. A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. E-mail your completed application to financehr@okanogantransit.com mail it to TranGO. PO Box 507. Okanogan WA 98840. or drop it off at 303 2nd Avenue, S. Suite A, Okanogan. Application Deadline: Application review will continue until the position is filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Legals

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
On the 10th day of December, 2024, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinances. A summary of the contents provides as follows:
Ordinance 1704: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, adopting the 2025-2026 biennial budget to carry on the government of the City of Leavenworth, WA.
Ordinance 1705: An Ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, Washington, adopting amendments to LMC Chapters 21.07 and 21.09 to implement the requirements of SB5290 and the local project review act, Chapter 36.70B RCW.
A full copy of these ordinances is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on December 18, 2024. #9079

Public Notices

Notice of Corporate Dissolution RCW 23B.14.030 (3)
Cascade West, Inc., a Washington for profit corporation has dissolved voluntarily by mutual consent of its shareholders and directors. All claims against the assets of the corporation must be made in writing and must include the claim amount, basis and origination date. The deadline for submitting claims is April 11, 2025 (the "Claim Deadline"). Any claims that are not received by the Claim Deadline are barred and will not be recognized by the Corporation. All claims shall be sent to the corporation at the following address:
Davis Arneil Law Firm, LLP
617 Washington Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
CASCADE WEST, INC.
By: /s/ Steven T. Moore, President
Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on December 11, 18, 25, 2024. #9048

Windermere Real Estate/NCW
Leavenworth/Lake Wenatchee Specialists
Looking for real estate in the Upper Valley?
Give us a call today!
See all available properties at windermereleavenworth.com
Robyn Bodajla - 617-462-3402
Momi Palmieri - 509-433-2211
Geordie Romer - 509-679-8958
Allyson Romer - 509-630-9898
Baily Brown - 425- 407-2692

Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of BONNIE CATHERINE BERGUM, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-00446-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative 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 Representative or the Personal Representative's 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; 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 and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 11, 2024
By: /s/Neil Wehmeyer
NEIL WEHMEYER, Personal Representative
Address: 16750 16th Avenue NW Shoreline, WA 98177
Dated: November 6, 2024
Attorneys for Personal Representative: GATENS GREEN WEIDENBACH, PLLC
By /s/Lindsey J. Weidenbach
LINDSEY J. WEIDENBACH, WWSBA No. 43523
305 Aplets Way
Cashmere, WA 98815
CHELAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
Chelan County Superior Court
350 Orondo Avenue, Suite 501
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2885
Published in the Leavenworth Echo, Cashmere Valley Record, and Lake Chelan Mirror on December 11, 18, 25, 2024. #9014.

Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of ORLENE GENELLE ERICKSON, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-00452-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's 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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020; 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 and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 11, 2024
By /s/ Stein Erickson
STEIN ERICKSON, Administrator
Address: 225 19th Street NE, Unit 8
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
Dated: November 21, 2024
Attorneys for Administrator: GATENS GREEN WEIDENBACH, PLLC
By /s/ Lindsey J. Weidenbach
LINDSEY J. WEIDENBACH, WWSBA No. 43523
305 Aplets Way
Cashmere, WA 98815
CHELAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
Chelan County Superior Court
350 Orondo Avenue, Suite 501
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2885
Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record and Lake Chelan Mirror on December 11, 18, 25, 2024. #9013

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Cashmere Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on Monday January 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM at Cashmere City Hall, 101 Woodring St. to review and consider the following consolidated permit applications submitted by Marc Spears. A major subdivision application to divide a parcel into twelve (12) separate lots for single family homes. The property is approximately 3.87 acres, average of lot sizes is 12,500 S.F. Property is located West of Evergreen Drive, North of Kimber Rd. within Cashmere City Limits, Chelan County Assessor's Parcel 23-19-05-21-08-50. The purpose of this hearing is for the hearing examiner to review these proposals and take testimony from the public. The Hearing Examiner may approve, approve with conditions or deny the application and shall issue a written decision on the applications within 10 working days of the close of public testimony. The public is invited to attend and make comments. Copy of the Staff report to the Hearing Examiner is available at Cashmere City Hall, 509-782-3513
Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on December 18, 2024 & January 1, 2025. #9056

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Weis Towers LLC is proposing to construct a new, up to 150 foot tall monopole telecommunication antenna tower approximately 0.35 miles west of Hwy 97 on Hansel Creek Road in the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 23 North, Range 17 East of the Willamette Meridian, Chelan County, Washington. This Notice is made in accordance with the National Preservation Act of 1966, as amended and the 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for review under the National Preservation Act; Final Rule. Weis Towers LLC is hereby notifying the public of the proposed undertaking and soliciting comments for any Historic Properties within a 0.5 mile radius of the proposed undertaking which are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be submitted in writing within 30-days of the date of this notice to: John F. Wark, 835 W. Cliff Dr., Spokane, WA 99204, Ph: (509) 999-4755. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on December 18, 2024. #9064

Public Notices

City of Leavenworth Request for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Docket) Proposals
The City of Leavenworth is entering into the annual 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 2025 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 sponsored amendments when submitted by January 31, 2025. Suggested amendments, applications and/or questions may be sent to Community Development, phone (509) 548-5275, e-mail at mboles@cityofleavenworth.com, or mail City of Leavenworth, P.O. Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2024 #8786



SUDOKU
Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

	4		2	8				
			5		3	2		
3			1	4				
9	7							
8				1				
5	7	8						
			4		9		7	
							6	
4				6	8			

Level: Intermediate

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!

3	8	1	8	3	4	2	9	7
7	5	3	1	8	9	4	6	2
1	8	6	2	4	3	9	5	7
5	1	7	8	3	2	6	4	9
8	6	2	4	9	1	7	3	5
3	9	4	7	6	5	2	1	8
2	3	8	9	6	1	4	5	7
9	7	1	6	5	8	3	2	4
6	4	5	3	2	7	8	9	1

ANSWER:

NCW NEWS
Discover the heart of North Central Washington with NCW News – your premier source for local stories, insights, and community updates.
Stay informed, stay connected. <https://ncw.news/>



Lions Club

Continued from page A1

managed to keep costs low for all families to partake in the tradition.

“There are so many people who love these chestnuts, and for some it’s really a cultural thing. They grew up with them,” said Wilkie. “It was an important fundraiser for us, but it was also, to a degree, sort of a service.”

Last year, the club decided to pivot from selling chestnuts themselves, due to the significant time and labor involved. They sold their Bavarian-style trailer, which they had worked out of for



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Lions Club members Dorothy Nilles, Anita Wilkie, Marcia Patten and Joan Shumate score chestnuts. The chestnuts must be scored to allow for steam to escape during roasting.

years, to the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, which now serves primarily as a mobile visitor center.

“That was one of those projects that was very intense, and there were a lot of moving parts to it,” said Lions Club

member Dorothy Nilles.

Despite the change, the Lions Club remains at the heart of the chestnut tradition. Now, the Lions work behind the scenes, sourcing and scoring the chestnuts, then selling them to a vendor. The vendor continues the custom, selling the chestnuts out of the club’s former trailer during the festival.

“It’s such a beautiful trailer. We just love that the trailer was taken on by the Chamber...It makes me smile when I walk downtown and I see it,” said Wilkie.

Every Monday afternoon, from the week of Thanksgiving to Christmas, the volunteers gather at the Nilles’ for a

few hours to score chestnuts together. It’s a social affair, with volunteers chatting while they score and fueling up with home baked goods and warm drinks.

In each session, the volunteers will score between 350 to 500 pounds of chestnuts sourced from Selah, Washington. By the end of the season, the volunteers will have scored 2,300 chestnuts.

Recently, they’ve invited other organizations to participate and share the proceeds, such as Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.), which provides scholarships to local women, and the Leavenworth Masons, who support early

reading and language skill building initiatives. The tables of volunteers are often a mix of members from all three organizations, with some who participate in multiple, such as Lion and Mason Dave Wilkie.

“I found that it’s refreshing to have cross-club interactions. All of us have the best interest of Leavenworth in mind,” said Wilkie.

The roasted chestnuts, a cherished symbol of the season, can still be found on Front Street near the Gazebo, bringing warmth and nostalgia, all while supporting local initiatives.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

Stitches ‘N’ Beads

Continued from page A1

Kenya, Turkey, and Tanzania she had built. One of Madya’s partners is Gogo Olive, a nonprofit in Zimbabwe that employs women to knit children’s toys, such as dolls and finger puppets. The Gogo Olive products can be found in the retail store, with the name of the woman who knitted the individual product.

Two years ago, a friend convinced Madya to start doing holiday markets and craft

fairs, and her popularity and community support grew from there. Her efforts resonated with customers, and two generous patrons surprised her with a tent and banner, helping boost her market presence. Additionally, over 300 supporters raised \$15,000 through the crowdfunding loan platform Kiva, in order to help Madya meet the growing demand for her products.

“I didn’t know anybody here, but, like Washingtonians became my family,” said Madya. “They just love to support.”

During one market, customers suggested that Leavenworth would be the perfect place for Madya’s products. Her family visited, and her kids fell in love with the snowy town. However, it wasn’t until a shooting occurred near her booth at the Grant County Fair in August, that Madya was convinced to explore a safer and more stable option for her business. Madya opened her retail space by Thanksgiving.

“I do have finished products that the tourists can buy and use them as souvenirs and all

that, but I also want the local people to be involved in this,” said Madya.

Aside from selling ready-made projects, Madya envisions a place where people can learn new skills and work on their own projects. A craft room is located in the back of the space, where Madya welcomes community members to bring their own projects to work on. In the future, she plans to organize lessons for different crafts, such as beading, embroidery, knitting, and crocheting.

“I want people to be free

to come here, to crochet, to knit, to bead, to just talk and to meet, to come and make friends here, you know? To build a community, like a safe space,” said Madya.

Stitches ‘N’ Beads loft is located at 703 US-2 in downtown Leavenworth. It is currently open every day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Madya holds a stuffed animal she made. The shop sells a mix of products made by Madya as well as women in countries such as Turkey, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania.

‘Soil Friendly’

Continued from page A1

Tracey L. Edou.

The program expanded systematically throughout the district, reaching Cascade High School in November 2022, followed by Alpine Lakes and Icicle River Middle School in spring 2023. More than 1,000 students participated in the

waste sorting program during its first year of operation.

To address safety concerns in bear-populated areas, Winton replaced standard compost collection carts with bear-resistant versions in spring 2023. The City of Leavenworth subsequently upgraded all trash containers to bear-resistant models, ensuring comprehensive wildlife safety measures.

“We live in a bear territory; being able to compost and manage our trash within our school district in an environmentally responsible manner while not attracting bears is very important,” Dr. Edou explained. “We are grateful to both Winton and the City of Leavenworth for making these bear resistant containers available to us for our facilities.”

The district’s composting system operates through sorting stations where students separate uneaten food waste after lunch periods. Staff members and cafeteria workers provide initial guidance, while custom-designed signage helps students identify proper waste sorting procedures.

Now in its third year of district-wide composting, CSD has earned recognition for all

its facilities. Peshastin-Dryden Elementary School, Alpine Lakes Elementary School, Icicle River Middle School, and Cascade High School have each received the “Soil Friendly School” designation.

Robbette Schmit, General Manager of Winton MFG Compost Works, praised the district’s achievement: “We are thrilled to offer this award to the Cascade School District

and its schools. Hopefully this program will inspire other schools and school districts to become soil friendly and to compost their food waste.”

The designation acknowledges the district’s commitment to environmental education through food waste recycling and highlights the importance of composting for soil enrichment and climate action.

Kid Scoop THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE
Get puzzle answers, recipes and more at www.kidscoop.com
© 2024 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 41, No. 3

THE BEAUTY OF BLUBBER

Some places are very cold in the winter. Icy winds blow. Water freezes and snow covers the ground. What do animals do to survive these freezing months?

Whales, penguins and seals have a thick layer of body fat, called **blubber**, to keep them warm. The blubber on a large whale can be very thick. It is almost impossible for the cold to go through the blubber and chill the whale.

Standards Link: Life Science: Recognize that different animals have features that help them thrive in different places.

A Whale of a Ride
Only two of the hitch-hiking penguins above are the same. Can you find them?
Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

How Blubber Works
To find out how blubber keeps animals warm, try making this blubber mitt and taking **The Blubber Test**. You’ll need:

- ✓ 1 cup of solid shortening
- ✓ 3 zip-lock sandwich bags
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Large bowl or a bucket
- ✓ Ice
- ✓ Duct tape

- Put the shortening in a zip-lock bag.
- Put your hand in the empty bag.
- With your hand in the bag, put it into the bag with the shortening.
- Seal the tops of the bags together with duct tape.
- Squish the shortening around until it surrounds your hand.
- Fill a large bowl or bucket with ice and water.
- Slip your other hand into an empty plastic bag and tape the top of the bag to your wrist.
- Stick both hands into the water at the same time. Which hand can stay in the water longer?

Now try: **THE BLUBBER TEST**

Extra! Extra! Hot Hunt
Look through the newspaper for:
• 3 ways to stay warm
• 4 words that describe the weather
• 5 numbers that add up to 100
Standards Links: Reading: Skim and scan reading. Science: Classification by common attributes. Math: Finding sums to 100.

A: Whale blubber can be inches thick.

Standards Link: Science: Follow a set of written instructions for a simple investigation.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

I’m found in oceans all over the world, but especially in the coldest ones. To find out what I am, color each space that has a 1 in it **black** and each 2 space **blue**. Leave the blank spaces white.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

BLUBBER
WHALE
SQUISH
BODY
SLIP
PENGUINS
SEAL
CHILL
COLD
THICK
MITT
FREEZES
WATER
WARM
EMPTY

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Hot and Cold
Students can work in pairs to play this game. Have one partner secretly select a picture in the newspaper. The other player then asks questions that can be answered “Yes” or “No” to determine the secret picture.
Standards Link: Cooperative Learning: Make predictions based on patterns of listening and observation.

Write On! Wonderful Wiggly Walrus

Alliteration is when you use the same letter to start every word in a sentence. Write your own alliterations.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Penguin Fitness

Tummy Time
Penguins slide on their tummies to move across snow and ice.
Try holding this pose for 10 seconds at a time. It’s not as easy as penguins make it seem!

Iceberg Hop
Pretend you are a penguin and hop like a penguin does from one chunk of (pretend) ice to another.
Jump back and forth 20 times.

Snow Angels
Lie on the floor and make imaginary snow angels by moving your feet and flippers—er, um, arms!

Balance
Penguins don’t stand on just one foot very often, but pretend penguins can!

EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.

AT YOUR LIBRARY

- Storytimes
- After school events & activities
- Check out books, comics, movies, & more

NCWLIBRARIES.ORG

- Free homework help
- Britannica Library
- Stream books, comics, movies, & more

MEDIA PARTNER: **NCW Libraries** and **WARD MEDIA**