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Guild B delivers donations to enhance healthcare at Lake Chelan Health Hospital

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Lake Chelan Health Guild B recently presented two donations to Lake Chelan Health Hospital.

Lake Chelan Health Guild B works to support the greater Chelan community and healthcare providers by raising funds from private donors and members to purchase major medical equipment and address specific hospital needs.

Mary Lou Schoolcraft, President of Lake Chelan Health Guild B, presented checks from recent fundraising events.

“I’m honored to present the results of two recent fundraising events organized by our Guild,” Schoolcraft said.

“Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, generous donors, and the ongoing support of the hospital,

these events were a great success in supporting both the hospital and the wider community,” Schoolcraft said.

“This success highlights what we can achieve when we work together.”

The first event, Paint the Town Pink was held in October and raised \$20,000. The theme for the Paint the Town Pink event was “Measure Up, Pressure Down”.

“This success was made possible by the incredible teamwork between our Guild and the generosity of our community sponsors and donors,” she said.

“The funds raised will go toward standardizing blood pressure machines, directly benefiting patients and improving the care that is provided.”

The second event, the Karen Collins Estate Sale, raised \$6,200. Collins was an honorary Guild member.

Collins’ family asked the Guild to hold her estate sale as a way to recognize her commitment to the Guild and support of the hospital.

The event was co-led with Vita Monteleone from the Foundation.

“Vita played a crucial role in extending our reach and ensuring a smooth-running event,” Schoolcraft said.

Funds from the estate sale will go towards a new EKG machine for the clinic as their current machine recently failed.

“We are excited about the positive changes these contributions will bring to the hospital and the lives of those who need it most,” she said.

“The enthusiasm and generosity we’ve seen reflect the strength of our community and our shared commitment to making a lasting impact.”

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Mary Lou Schoolcraft, President of the Lake Chelan Health Hospital Guild B, presents a check to Jordana LaPorte, Lake Chelan Health Hospital board chair. From left to right: Len England, board member, Diane Tryon of Guild B, Lynette Teeny of Guild B, Mary Lou Schoolcraft, Jordana LaPorte, Aaron Edwards, CEO of Lake Chelan Health Hospital, Doug Gibson, board member, Mary Murphy, board secretary and Lori Withrow, board vice chair.

Discover Lake Chelan Wines event expands to Boise, visits Spokane again



COURTESY OF LAKE CHELAN WINE ALLIANCE

Lake Chelan produced wines have made the area a rising star in the Washington wine scene.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The Lake Chelan Wine Alliance will expand its tasting experiences this year to include Boise, Idaho and will again visit Spokane.

Lake Chelan Wine Alliance’s Director of Community Engagement Renea Roberts said the events will showcase the exceptional wines that have made Lake Chelan a rising

star in the Washington wine scene.

“Lake Chelan wines are experiencing a surge in popularity, thanks to their unique flavor profiles, the exceptional quality of the grapes, and the region’s picturesque setting,” Roberts said.

“The expansion to include Idaho reflects a recognition of the increasing connection between wine regions in the Pacific Northwest,” Roberts said. “By including Idaho, we aim to broaden our audience and showcase



COURTESY OF LAKE CHELAN WINE ALLIANCE

Lake Chelan Wine Alliance tasting events highlight wines produced in the Lake Chelan Valley.

the diversity of wines produced in this corner of Washington.”

The first tasting is on February 20 from 6-8 p.m. at the Davenport Hotel’s Marie Antoinette Ballroom in Spokane.

The next tasting event will be at Boise’s Inn at 500’s Capital Room on Thursday, May 8 from 6-8 p.m. Guests will enjoy exclusive tastings of award-winning wines from the Lake Chelan

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Chelan parking passes now available for purchase

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Chelan Parking passes are now available for Chelan and Chelan Valley residents.

The passes provide access to parking at Don Morse Park, Lakeshore Marina and Lakeside Park.

According to Chad Coltman, Chelan’s director of communications, the passes are designed to make parking more affordable and accessible for residents who frequently visit these public spaces.

“Residents benefit from parking passes by saving money on daily parking, particularly during busy times of the year,” Coltman said.

“It’s a money-saving option for those who frequent city parks.”

“You also won’t have to find and deal with lines at parking kiosks if you’ve already got your pass,” he said.

“Just pop it on your rearview mirror and go.”

While parking passes do not sell out, Coltman encourages residents to purchase early to maximize the benefits.

Parking passes are available year-round at the Chelan Parks Office in Don Morse Park during business hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The passes are valid for the entire calendar year. Residents must provide proof of residency to purchase a pass.

- City of Chelan Residents: \$25
- Chelan Valley Residents: \$45

City of Chelan residents must have a primary residence within the Chelan city limits.

Chelan Valley residents must live in the zip codes 98816, 98817, 98831, or 98852.

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Lake Chelan School District celebrates 21 board certified teachers

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CHELAN – The Lake Chelan School District announced that 21 of its educators have achieved National Board Certification, the highest credential in the teaching profession.

The district also reported six additional teachers are currently pursuing certification, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to educational advancement in this rural Washington community of approximately 1,300 students.

The certified teachers are Ken Barnes, Cindy Bertomeu, Steve Bo-

vingdon, Brandon Boyd, Carolyn Burdick, Steve Burdick, Kayli Crosby, Jessica Dumont, Amber Finch, Paula Fitzpatrick, Heather Fox, Kim Green, Amanda Mattingly, Cathy Morris, Kristin Nelson, Meghan Perry, Jenifer Rainville, Marty Rothlisberger, Sarah Sanderson, April Slagle, and Shelly Stamps.

Teachers currently pursuing certification include Mayte Castillo, Melissa Collins, Mary Green, Jess Poland, Rob Rainville, and Sarah Todd.

National Board Certification requires educators to undergo a rigor-

ous voluntary assessment process, including submission of teaching portfolios, classroom videos, and written reflections, along with comprehensive evaluations of their content knowledge and teaching practices.

Teachers must renew their certification every five years to maintain their status.

“These teachers represent the pinnacle of professionalism and dedication in education. Their commitment to excellence profoundly impacts our students, fostering a learning environment where every student can

thrive,” said Superintendent Brad Wilson in a written statement.

The certification program has shown measurable impact on student achievement, according to the district.

Research indicates students of National Board Certified Teachers consistently achieve stronger academic outcomes through innovative teaching strategies and differentiated instruction methods.

The certification process is overseen by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and is widely recognized as the gold stan-

dard in teaching excellence.

The Lake Chelan School District, established in 1892, has demonstrated strong academic performance, with a 97% four-year graduation rate.

More than half of its high school students are enrolled in no-cost, college-level coursework, according to data from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

The district serves the Lake Chelan community from its headquarters at 309 E. Johnson Ave., operating with a focused mission to provide comprehensive education to its student population.

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Local, Regional Community News & Events

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name, city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events. To submit info call **509-682-2213** or email: **ruth@ward.media**

Meetings

Monday

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

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

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

Tuesday

Manson Community Council: Third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Manson Parks Department, 142 Pedito St. In person or JOIN ZOOM MEETING: Meeting ID: 865 5396 3012, Passcode: 98831. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553963012?pwd=feCLUIQkF3Z2TgEGDFvVaCEHpFI6AB.1>

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

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

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

Wednesday

TOPS® Chapter Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle: Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. TOPS® chapter (weight loss support group) meetings at Lake Chelan United Meth-

odist Church, located at 206 N. Emerson St. Attendees should use the side entrance of the church between the Lake Chelan Health Express Care Clinic and the church. TOPS empowers people to stop dieting and start creating healthy, enjoyable lifestyle habits that will work for them over the long haul.

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

Chelan Fire & Rescue Board of Commissioners: Third Wednesday, 3 p.m., Station #71, 232 E. Wapato Ave., Chelan. Meetings are in person and are held via ZOOM you can follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284665516>. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782/ Contact: Misty Fifield, Administrative Assistant, 509-682-4476. Agenda at chelan7.com

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

Thursday

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

Chelan Cancer Support Group: First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Chelan Health Hospital. Lunch (purchase from hospital cafe)/meeting in Bragg Room. Meetings are open to anyone impacted by cancer. Including: patients, survivors, caregivers, family members and especially those who are recently diagnosed. It is also open to folks wanting to learn ways to support someone af-

fectured by cancer. It's a place where members can offer advice, share coping strategies, and build relationships along their journey. More info: Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

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

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

Friday

Veterans Outreach - Chelan & Manson: All veterans and their families are invited to join the Veterans Outreach meeting on Friday, December 20. Two sessions, first at Company Creek Pizza in Chelan at 9 a.m. then the Manson Parks building at 10:45 a.m. Questions, contact Norm Manly 509-293-0225.

Saturday

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

Other Events

Chelan Valley Hope: Chelan Valley Hope's Winter Coat Drive is in full swing for the winter season. They are accepting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and new socks. All sizes are needed. Donation bins can be found at the following locations: Chelan Valley Hope, Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Lake Chelan Health Hospital, Chelan Fire & Rescue, Manson Fire Dept., Chelan Elementary (MOE), Lake Chelan Eagles, North

Shore Bible Church, Chelan Public Library, Cashmere Valley Bank, Lake Chelan Building Supply in Manson, Church of Nazarene, Roots School and Even Keel Roadhouse. If you are in need of warm winter wear please call or visit us at Chelan Valley Hope, open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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

SAIL Exercise Classes: SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday, 1:15 p.m. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center. SAIL classes are offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

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

Food Bank food distribution: Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. Drive through distribution at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. Information: lakechelanfoodbank.org Non perishable food donations may be dropped

Chelan County Sheriff adds 24/7 supervisor coverage to patrol shifts

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COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
The Chelan County Sheriff's Office announced comprehensive changes to enhance supervision across all patrol shifts starting in 2025, including clearly marked supervisor vehicles and round-the-clock supervisory coverage throughout the county.

WENATCHEE – The Chelan County Sheriff's Office announced comprehensive operational changes to enhance supervision and accountability across all patrol shifts beginning in 2025.

Sheriff Mike Morrison revealed that patrol supervisors, including both Sergeants and Corporals, will be scheduled alongside deputies during every patrol shift, establishing round-the-clock supervisory presence throughout the county.

The initiative addresses previous gaps in supervisory coverage and aligns with law enforcement best practices, according to the department's announcement on December 31, 2024.

"Supervisors play a critical role in overseeing investigations, managing critical incidents, evaluating employee performance, and ensuring accountability," Morrison stated in the release. "They are responsible for making real-time decisions during incidents, ensuring deputies comply with legal and procedural standards, and providing coaching and mentorship."

As part of the transparency measures, patrol supervisor vehicles will be clearly marked with "SUPERVISOR" signage and display their assigned in-

signia in multiple locations, making them easily identifiable to the public. This change is scheduled for implementation in early 2025.

The department emphasized that supervisors will manage critical documentation and oversee resources while maintaining service standards across the communities they serve.

"The Sheriff's Office is committed to professionalism, accountability, and public safety," the release stated, adding that these changes represent "a key step in strengthening public confidence and ensuring law enforcement operations meet the highest standards."

off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Chelan Museum: The Chelan Museum on Woodin Avenue is closed and will re-open in March.

Household hazardous waste drop off: Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A in Wenatchee.

Open the first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Free service to Chelan County residents. For the list of items that the facility does, and does not accept, go to <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>



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SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Tue, Dec 30	Chelan	66	Okanogan	44	Win
SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
Tue, Dec 30	Chelan	54	Okanogan	51	Win
SCHEDULE BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Fri, Jan 10	7:30 PM	Chelan vs.	Manson	Away	
Sat, Jan 11	5:15 PM	Chelan vs.	Cashmere	Away	
Tue, Jan 14	7:15 PM	Chelan vs.	Omak	Home	
SCHEDULE BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
Tue, Jan 7	5:45 PM	Chelan vs.	Liberty Bell	Home	

MANSON HIGH SCHOOL					
SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Sat, Jan 4	Manson	63	Wilbur-Creston-Keller	52	Win
SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
Thu, Jan 2	Manson	40	Moses Lake Christian Academy	19	Win

ENTIAT HIGH SCHOOL					
SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Sat, Jan 4	Entiat	64	Wilson Creek	28	Win
SCOREBOARD BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
Sat, Jan 4	Entiat	37	Wilson Creek	42	Loss
SCHEDULE BASKETBALL - BOYS					
Wed, Jan 8	7:30 PM	Entiat vs.	Pateros	Away	
Fri, Jan 10	7:30 PM	Entiat vs.	Soap Lake	Home	
Tue, Jan 14	7:30 PM	Entiat vs.	Moses Lake Christian Academy	Away	
SCHEDULE BASKETBALL - GIRLS					
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Tue, Jan 14	6:00 PM	Entiat vs.	Moses Lake Christian Academy	Away	

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Tue, Jan 14	7:30 PM	Manson vs.	Brewster	Away	
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Community Foundation now accepting applications for scholarships

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WENATCHEE – The Community Foundation of NCW is now accepting scholarship applications for students who plan to attend community college, university, or trade school in Fall 2025.

Over 160 scholarships are available to high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students, each with unique criteria and award amounts.

Most scholarships seek to support students who have served their community, show growth and potential, and demonstrate financial need.

“Our scholarships have been

established by people in our region who care about helping local students achieve their education and career dreams” said Julie Mott, scholarship program specialist.

“Each was created with a certain student in mind, so there is really something for everyone. We encourage anyone who plans on going to college or trade school this fall to apply.”

The application process is completed online.

A universal application allows students to apply once and qualify for multiple scholarship opportunities.

The application deadline for general scholarships is March 1. The deadline for nursing/

allied health/trade school scholarships is June 1.

If students plan to apply for the latter, it is recommended they apply for general scholarships as well and meet the March 1 deadline.

Students will need to complete the FAFSA before applying, as well as obtaining letters of recommendation from teachers and/or mentors, and school transcripts, so proper planning is highly recommended.

Last year, over \$1.2M in scholarships was awarded to students across North Central Washington.

To learn more and apply, visit www.cfncw.org/scholarships.

Community leaders to address CVRW

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MANSON – The Chelan Valley Republican Women (CVRW) announced they will commence their 2025 calendar of events with a community leadership forum at Radiance Winery in downtown Manson on Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will feature presentations from various community leaders who will outline their objectives and strategic plans for the Chelan Valley region in 2025. The organization has extended an open invitation to both members and non-members, including men, to attend the event.

Radiance Winery, the selected venue for the gathering, will offer food, wine, and beverages for purchase before the formal proceedings begin. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early to allow time for dining and refreshments. The CVRW, a local chapter of the broader Republican women’s organization, regularly hosts community events and political discussions in the Chelan Valley area. This meeting marks their first official gathering of the new year.

For additional information about the event or the organization, interested parties are advised to contact the Chelan Valley Republican Women directly.

Guild B

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The funds raised from the events are part of a larger effort to improve healthcare and support the community, Schoolcraft said.

“We are proud to be part of this important work and look forward to achieving even greater things together,” she said.

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RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA
Mary Lou Schoolcraft, President of the Lake Chelan Health Hospital Guild B, second from left, poses with Guild B members Lynette Teeny, and Diane Tryon by the guild’s Lights of Love Christmas tree in the Orchard Cafe at Lake Chelan Health Hospital.

Discover Lake Chelan Wines

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Wine Valley, paired with hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment.

The events also offer an opportunity to meet the winemakers and discover the distinct flavors of the region’s reds, whites, and rosés, all shaped by Lake Chelan’s unique terroir.

“We’re excited to bring a taste of Lake Chelan to Spokane and Boise,” she said.

“These events offer a chance for wine lovers to explore the exceptional quality and diversity of our wines while connecting with the passionate winemakers behind every bottle.”

Lake Chelan wines have been honored with over 100 Platinum, Best in Class, Double



COURTESY OF LAKE CHELAN WINE ALLIANCE
The Lake Chelan Wine Alliance will expand their tasting events to include Boise.

Gold and Gold awards across several North America and PNW wine competitions in 2024, Roberts said.

“Lake Chelan wines are special because of the terroir

– a combination of volcanic and glacial soils, paired with a climate moderated by the lake, which creates ideal conditions for growing grapes,” she said.

“This leads to wines that are vibrant, crisp, and well-structured. Visitors also enjoy the close-knit winemaking community, where they can meet winemakers and learn the stories behind each bottle.”

The Lake Chelan Wine Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the Lake Chelan Valley’s wine industry.

With over 85 members, the Alliance works to enhance the reputation of Lake Chelan wines through education, marketing, and community events.

For tickets and more information, visit discoverlakechelanwines.com.

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Link Transit

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Chelan Route 21 added three additional round trips on both Saturday and Sunday.

Route 22’s weekend service increased to 45-minute frequency between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Route 28 between Wenatchee and Cashmere introduced Sunday service for the first time, offering five daily departures from Columbia Station.

Route 32, serving Leavenworth’s local area, adjusted to 30-minute intervals between buses, while Route 25 to Waterville underwent schedule restructuring with new morning service times.

Link Transit made new schedule books available to passengers prior to the changes, with digital schedules updating automatically on the morning of the service change.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Washington's Legislature, by the numbers

By **LAUREL DEMKOVICH**
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA – On Monday, 147 state representatives and senators will descend on the Capitol for 105 days of law-making.

Hundreds of others – lobbyists, support staff, press and members of the public – will also filter beneath the dome over the next four months.

Legislators will have to solve a \$10 billion to \$12 billion dollar budget problem and will likely pass hundreds of bills.

Here's a look at some key numbers to know as you follow along:

98 representatives and 49 Senators

The state Legislature has two chambers, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The House is the larger of the two with 98 members – two for each district in the state.

The Senate is smaller with only one representative per district.

Democrats control both chambers and grew their majorities in this year's elections.

In 2025, there will be 30 Democrats and 19 Republicans

in the Senate and 59 Democrats and 39 Republicans in the House.

31 new people – and counting

The Legislature saw high turnover this year following retirements and lawmakers moving to different elected positions.

There will be 31 people in new seats. That includes eight former representatives heading to the Senate.

There's also a handful of lawmakers returning after time off. And some are representing new districts following court-ordered changes to district boundaries.

The rest are newcomers. Three more replacements are still on the way.

Sen. Patty Kuderer will leave her post in January to become the next state insurance commissioner.

Her vacancy will mean at least one new member in the Senate – likely a current House member. The resulting House vacancy would mean another new member in that chamber.

Meanwhile, Rep. Tana Senn will also leave next month to lead the Department of Children, Youth and Families. Her

vacancy will need to be filled too.

35 committees

Between the House and the Senate, there are about 35 standing committees where bills start their long journey to becoming law.

They cover topics like economic development, higher education, housing, long-term care and tribal affairs.

Standing committees meet regularly throughout the session to hold public hearings on proposed legislation, amend bills and vote to move them on through the process. It's where much of the bill-writing process happens.

Most committees have less than a dozen members, but the finance committees are much larger.

The House Appropriations Committee, for example, had 31 members last session, and the Senate Ways and Means Committee had 21 members.

There are also joint committees that include members from both chambers and meet periodically throughout the year to discuss specific topics, like veterans' and military affairs, water supply during droughts, and energy supply.



The Senate chambers at the Washington state Capitol.

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

7 important cutoff dates

To keep things moving during the session, lawmakers set deadlines for when they must pass legislation.

The first cutoff comes on Feb. 21 when bills must pass through a policy committee in their house of origin or they are likely dead for the year.

The next one comes a week later when the fiscal committee cutoff arrives. All leading up to "house of origin" cutoff on March 12.

Then the process repeats with three more deadlines before "sine die" on April 27 – the final scheduled cutoff for anything to pass this session.

274 pre-filed bills and counting

In the month or so before a legislative session starts, lawmakers can pre-file bills.

Doing so doesn't automatically mean the legislation will get a hearing, and it doesn't make it any more likely to

become a law.

But it does give committee chairs ideas for what they might want to bring forward once the Legislature convenes.

When lawmakers gavel in, hundreds more bills are likely to be introduced.

Some could pass quickly, others could take all session to move along, and many may never be considered. As of Dec. 30, at least 274 bills had been pre-filed.

747 reams of paper

During the 2021 legislative session, when lawmakers worked from home during the COVID pandemic, they used significantly less paper than they normally do.

Christine Rolfes, lead Democratic budget writer at the time, told lawmakers on the final day of that session that not having to print the 1,100-page budget saved 747 reams of paper – or about 37 trees.

Although the pandemic brought some permanent

changes to the Legislature, like remote testimony, it didn't change lawmakers' reliance on printed products.

Assuming the Legislature prints their budget like they do most years, it'll require hundreds of reams of paper. And that doesn't include all of the sheets used for agendas, bills, notetaking and more.

2,520 hours

That's how many hours are in the 105 days that lawmakers will have to debate bills in 2025 – assuming that a special session doesn't add more time.

Hopefully, they won't work too many nights or weekends, but they are known for pulling long and late hours, especially as the session nears its end.

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Stemilt donates \$240K to Wenatchee Valley organizations



COURTESY OF STEMILT

Stemilt employees gather behind tables filled with wrapped holiday gifts and bicycles for foster children in Chelan and Douglas counties. The company's Community Investment Committee helped coordinate the gift-giving initiative, which provided presents for 112 children in 2024, marking the 12th consecutive year of the program.

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WENATCHEE – Fruit producer Stemilt has contributed \$240,000 to more than 50 organizations throughout the Wenatchee Valley region in 2024, focusing on education, nutrition, and wellness initiatives.

The company reached a \$1.3 million cumulative donation to the Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF), supported by proceeds from their annual golf tournament.

The year concluded with the company providing holiday gifts to foster children in Chelan and Douglas counties.

"To serve the community is a true honor and we're privileged to give to numerous organizations in need of support in the Wenatchee area," said Stemilt President West Mathison.

"Our founder and my grand-

father, Thomas K. Mathison, always valued being a steward to the community and the next generation."

Recipients of the company's 2024 charitable giving included the CAFÉ Yes program, Columbia Valley Community Health, Project Search, and the Wenatchee Valley YMCA, among others.

The donations support local initiatives, from youth sports to healthcare services.

In a separate initiative, Stemilt employees participated in an internal drive collecting 827 winter clothing items for distribution to children of company workers.

The effort was organized as a friendly competition among office staff.

The company also marked its twelfth consecutive year providing holiday gifts to local

foster children. Working with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Family Services and K Connections, Stemilt employees and its Community Investment Committee purchased presents for 112 children ranging from newborns to age 17.

K Connections, a behavioral rehabilitation service provider, manages case services for children, while the state department focuses on building health resilience and improving educational outcomes for youth in the foster care system.

Stemilt, a family-owned operation run by the Mathison family, leads the region's fruit industry in sweet cherries and organic tree fruits.

The company has operated its environmental sustainability program, Responsible Choice®, since 1989.

My Merry Christmas COLORING BOOK & CONTEST Winners

1 First Place
Caden S. age 6 1/2

2 Second Place
Arianna B. age 9

3 Third Place
Nicholas A. age 8

Thank you to all of the children who participated in this contest. It was a joy to see all of the entries and we look forward to next year. Happy New Year!

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS LAKE CHELAN RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2025 SMALL WORKS ROSTER
Pursuant to RCW 87.03.436, the Lake Chelan Reclamation District (District) is accepting applications from contractors for its 2025 Small Works Roster. Applications will be accepted continuously until December 2025. Project cost will be \$350,000 or less. In order to qualify, applicants must be: 1) a registered contractor in good standing in the State of Washington with a WA State UBI number and Contractor's License number; 2) be able to comply with Federal and State prevailing wage requirements as they apply to each project; 3) be able to provide bid bonds, payment bonds, performance bonds, and an endorsed certificate of insurance naming the District as additional insured when called for; 4) complete and submit a Small Works Roster Application. Applications, specifications, and information on work available and selection process may be obtained from the District's website at www.lcrrd.org. Questions concerning applications may be directed to Jennifer Collins by email at jcollins@lcrrd.org. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025 #9099

Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN LODGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff v. TIMOTHY W. GRUBB and JOHN/JANE DOE GRUBB, and their marital community, Defendants. NO. 24-2-00792-04 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (60 DAYS)
The State of Washington, To: TIMOTHY W. GRUBB and JOHN/JANE DOE GRUBB, and their marital community. You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 25 day of December, 2024, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff at his (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action being to collect unpaid assessments and foreclose a lien for the same. This concerns collection of a debt. Any information obtained or provided will be used for that purpose. The attorney is acting as a debt collector. Signed: /s/Dean H. Pody Pody & McDonald, PLLC Dean H. Pody, WSBA #27585 Patrick M. McDonald, WSBA #36615 Asha A. Abdulle, WSBA #61101 1000 Second Avenue, Suite 1605 Seattle, WA 98104-1094 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on December 25, 2024, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2025. #9107

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NOTICE TO ENGINEERS LAKE CHELAN RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2025 WASTEWATER SYSTEM UPGRADES
Scope: Provide engineering services to assist the District with sanitary sewer collection system and pressure sewer/lift station improvements, and possibly provide other misc. wastewater and collection engineering services as requested.
Qualification Requirements: Selection criteria include: 1) Qualifications, understanding and experience with the Districts current sewer infrastructure; 2) demonstrated ability to facilitate and interact effectively with the public, District board, District staff and convey that information both orally and in writing; 3) General sewer collection system and pressure sewer/lift station project experience; and 4) any other criteria the District may deem pertinent in the review process.
Submission Requirements: Submit Statement of Qualifications electronically via email to jcollins@lcrrd.org. Limit response to no more than 15 single-sided pages, including key project personnel, background, proposed subconsultants (if any) with qualifications, relevant project history, references and other information as deemed necessary. Include a cover letter not to exceed one page (not part of page limit).
Note: The District anticipates notifying short listed firms the week of Feb 3rd. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 1, 8, 15, 2025. #9108

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FLOWER POWER WORD SEARCH

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- MARIGOLD
- ORCHID
- PEONY
- PETALS
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- SNAPDRAGON
- STEM
- TULIP
- ZINNIA

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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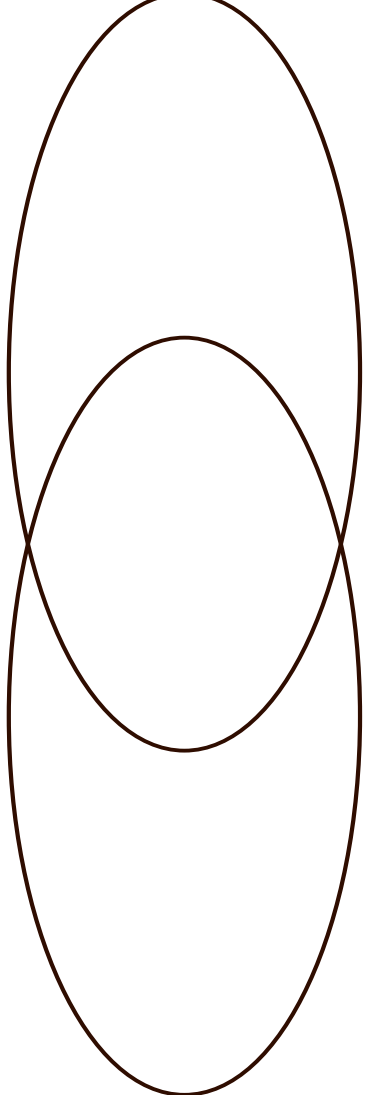
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- Lake Chelan Mirror
- Cashmere Valley Record
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Work with a partner at home to complete the following diagram.

1. Look at the list of traits. In the upper part of the top oval, write all of your traits.
2. Write your partner's traits on the lower part of the bottom oval.
3. In the area where the two ovals connect, write the traits you BOTH have.

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| DIMPLES | DARK HAIR |
| NO DIMPLES | LIGHT HAIR |
| CAN ROLL TONGUE | CURLY HAIR |
| CAN'T ROLL TONGUE | STRAIGHT HAIR |
| RIGHT HANDED | FRECKLES |
| LEFT HANDED | NO FRECKLES |



A2 *The Spottville Bugle*

Fortune Shines on Freckled Faces

SPOTTVILLE, USA – The Spottville school board passed a new rule last night giving Spottville children with freckles more privileges than children without freckles.



Student Myron Fleming feels the new rule is "long overdue."

Freckled children will always sit at the front of the classroom and be first in line. They will get to use new pencils and the finest white paper. Children without freckles will have to sit at the back of the room or on the floor. Grocery bags will be used as paper for their assignments.

Many non-freckled children find the Freckle Rule unfair. "This rule stinks!" cried Alison Smythe, age 11. "I can't help it that I don't have freckles. Why can't I eat in the same cafeteria as my friends with freckles?"

Many children with freckles also disagree with the new Freckle Rule. "I plan to fight against this dumb idea," said Dottie Darling, a student at Spottville Elementary School. "Dr. Martin Luther King's message is that discrimination is always wrong, and this new rule is discrimination."

"Disgruntled nonsense," said school board president Spotz McDotter. "The rule is fair to the people that really matter most – people with freckles."

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Could this be true?

What if this news story were true? Are the schools in Spottville treating all children equally?

Dottie Darling Disagrees

Dottie and lots of kids from her school are speaking out against the Freckle Rule. Use the code to see what their signs say.

CODE

A	B	C	D	E	F	I	K	L
M	O	Q	R	S	T	U	Y	

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

This story may seem a bit silly. Sadly, there is some truth to it. For many years, groups of people in the United States were treated differently just because of the way they looked.

Dr. King's Dream of Equality

Dr. Martin Luther King knew what it was like to be discriminated against. He had been called names and told he could not do all of the things other people could do. It wasn't because of freckles that Dr. King had these problems. It was because his skin was black.

In the 1950s and 60s, many Americans, Black and white, spoke out and even fought against unfair laws that discriminated against Black people. Dr. King was one of the leaders of this struggle called the Civil Rights Movement.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

Did Dottie and her friends get rid of the Freckle Rule? To find out, color the spaces with two dots RED and the squares with one dot BLUE.

Standards Link: Follow simple directions.

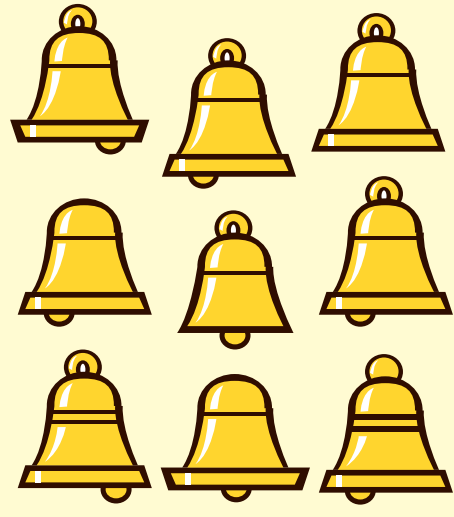
Extra! Extra!

Spirit of Freedom

Look through the newspaper for pictures and stories that show the freedoms Americans enjoy. Cut these out and make a poster called: "The Spirit of Freedom—The Spirit of America!"

Standards Link: History: Students understand the rights of citizenship.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Let Freedom Ring

After years of struggle, the Civil Rights Act made discrimination against the law. However, Dr. King knew it would take more than a law to change people's hearts and minds. He continued to teach people that discrimination was unfair.

Each year on his birthday, Americans remember this man who believed the dream of equality and freedom should ring true for all.

Find the two bells that are exactly the same.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- EQUALITY
- FORTUNE
- SIGNS
- FREEDOM
- MARTIN
- LUTHER
- KING
- DREAM
- TEACH
- STRUGGLE
- SPOTS
- SKIN
- RULE
- SAME
- LAW

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

N	A	L	F	G	W	A	Y	Y	R
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S	E	S	R	L	L	E	K	S	T
S	I	E	T	A	U	H	D	P	R
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M	I	Q	N	O	H	A	N	T	M
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E	L	G	G	U	R	T	S	Q	O

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

FROM THE **Kid Scoop** LESSON LIBRARY

Is the dream alive?
 Has Martin Luther King's dream come true? Look through the newspaper for examples that show the dream is alive. Do you see examples that show that his dream still isn't alive for all people?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Students recognize the forms of diversity in their school and community and the benefits and challenges of a diverse population.

Why do cows wear bells?



ANSWER: Because their horns don't work.

Write On!

I Make a Difference

Tell about how you make a difference in someone's life in your family, at school or in your community.

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