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Planning Commission advances manufactured home amendments, rejects height deviation removal

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The Planning Commission moved forward with proposed amendments to manufactured home standards and denied a proposed administrative deviation during its Jan. 8 meeting.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved proposed amendments to the city's manufactured home standards. The changes aim to eliminate regulatory barriers to producing manufactured

homes, which, according to the Housing Action Plan, "offer a pathway toward homeownership due to the lower cost of the structure." The city has only issued one permit for siting a manufactured home since 2015.

According to Community Development Director Maggie Boles, the most notable proposed amendment was the removal of Section D in 18.36.028 - Manufactured home standards, which required a manufactured home to meet the requirements of a "designated manufactured home."

"It required a certain size for a manufactured home, and that was probably the number one barrier that the Planning Commission saw as an issue with our current code, because there are a lot of manufacturing options that might be smaller," said Boles.

Tiny home dwelling standards were also added to the code, which requires tiny homes to be in compliance with residential dwellings standards and designed and permitted in accordance with current International Residential Code (IRC) and Washington State

Department of Labor and Industries. Additional code included that tiny home parks be regulated by the standards of manufactured home parks. Conversely, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to deny a proposed code amendment that would remove a 10 percent administrative deviation for height in residential zones.

In 2022, City Council reduced the maximum allowable height in residential zones from 35 feet to 30 feet in response to community concerns. After it was adopted, concerns were raised regarding the city's administrative deviation process, which allows for 10 percent deviation from development standards, including height. In 2024,

the council requested the deviation for height be reviewed, and possibly removed, in residential zones.

The Planning Commission argued that the deviation was a necessary exception for justified extraordinary circumstances, and not granted haphazardly.

"The reason for the ten percent deviation is for when you have an exceptional scenario...You have to show that you have a reason," said Planning Commissioner Alison Miller.

The Planning Commission's recommendations will be sent to City Council for consideration and further action.

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Sustainable NCW's Bike CoOp expands under Ecology grant



Ollie Crain and Loren Honaas stand in front of the Bike Corral. Sustainable NCW's Bike CoOp offered free bike parking at the Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market over the summer as part of its community outreach.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – Sustainable NCW's Bike CoOp will be launching its mobile bike repair, CoOp on the Go, after receiving grant funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology through the Air Quality for Overburdened Communities grant program.

Ecology's new grant program funds local projects that improve air quality in communities it has determined are "historically overburdened with health, social, and environmental inequities and are highly impacted by air pollution," which includes Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.

The mobile bike repair will allow the Bike CoOp to reach more communities, providing education and tools to empower both youth and adults to ride their bikes further and more often.

"If you are empowered to bike, then you are helping the environment, because you're not creating greenhouse gas emissions by driving, [and] you are helping yourself because it's a healthy way to move...And biking is community building because it's a little slower and we're not disconnected from each other in our car bubbles," said



Loren Honaas helps with a bike repair for the Bike CoOp.

NCW Executive Director Marlene Farrell.

The Bike CoOp started in spring of last year after Sustainable NCW met with interested community members to discuss creating a bike cooperative for the Wenatchee Valley. Of those

members was Van Brinkerhoff, who has spent the last five years teaching himself repairs through refurbishing abandoned bikes and giving them away.

"What became very apparent, is there's a lot of folks out there that

would really like a bike, and some have means to buy a bike, but a lot don't. And so, I kind of saw it moving towards a little bit of a social justice kind of aspect to it," said Brinkerhoff.

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Give NCW fundraising campaign nets record \$904K for local nonprofits

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Community Foundation of North Central Washington's annual Give NCW campaign raised a record-breaking \$904,765 during the 2024 holiday season, marking a 31% increase from the previous year's total of \$686,899.

The fundraising initiative, which ran from Thanksgiving Day through December 31, supported 85 nonprofit organizations across Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. The campaign's "Give to All" fund generated more than \$130,000, providing each qualifying nonprofit with an additional \$1,558.65 in support.

"The power of Give NCW comes from every single person who participates," said Jennifer Dolge, Director of Marketing & Communications at the Community Foundation of NCW. "When you combine thousands of individual acts of giving – whether it's rounding up

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Variety show 'Sample Seattle' to debut in Leavenworth over MLK weekend

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Sample Seattle, a three-day variety show featuring western Washington musicians, will debut in Leavenworth over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

Each evening will feature a different genre of music at the Leavenworth Festhalle hosted by magician "the American Mystifier," who will also perform in between musicians. The event was created by impresario Lee Dancy, who saw an opportunity to support artists in an area where living expenses are high while gig payouts are low.

"The concept was to be able to bring people that old style of variety entertainment that couldn't come to Seattle to see these great people in the bands that they might be playing in, and at the same time give these musicians a chance to start earning

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Snowshoe Strolls

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a Snowshoe Stroll on Friday, January 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery Visitor Center. "Begin the year with new discoveries," the event page states. "Starting from the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, join Wenatchee River Institute naturalist guides on a one-mile snowshoe trail along beautiful Icicle Creek. We will learn about native wildlife and ecology along the way."

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Fest

The Wenatchee Valley Museum will host Martin

Luther King Jr. Multicultural Fest on Saturday, January 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"This free event is a celebration of the rich diversity of our region," the event page states. "Visitors will learn about the diverse array of cultural and heritage groups that shape the tapestry of our community."

"There will be booths displaying art, crafts, clothes, and pictures of different cultures," the event page states. "Kids will learn and connect with cultural traditions through arts and crafts."

For more information, visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

Live Ice Carving

During the Winter Karneval

Commerce will host live ice carving on Saturday, January 18 and on Sunday, January 19, from 12-3 p.m. in Front Street Park.

"Watch as talented artists transform simple blocks of ice into marvelous sculptures," the event page states.

For more information, visit leavenworth.org.

Winter Karneval fireworks

The Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Winter Karneval Fireworks on Saturday, January 19, at 6 p.m. "It only happens once a year

in Leavenworth," the event page states.

For more information, visit leavenworth.org.

Free community dinner

The Leavenworth Methodist Church will host a free Community Dinner on

Tuesday, January 21, from 5-7 p.m.

"This Community Dinner is for everyone, families, singles, couples and seniors," The event page states. "Come join your neighbors and friends for a yummy meal and good conversation."

No RSVP is required.

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Icicle Creek Center for the Arts names Monica Miller its new Executive Director

By CAROLINE MENNA
Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH – Icicle Creek Center for the Arts's (ICCA) Board of Directors have named Monica Miller as its new Executive Director (ED).

Miller, who holds a BA in Studio Arts from The College of William and Mary and an MA in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University, will succeed Phil Lacey. Lacey has transitioned to the ED position at Icicle Fund, a nonprofit that supports arts organizations, including ICCA, in North Central Washington.

"Whenever I have been

[on the ICCA campus], I have felt the energy of place and how it can act as a catalyst for creativity and human connection," said Miller, who went on to state that she also appreciates how the "beauty of ICCA is inspiring to both artists and the community."

Miller has spent the last decade as the director of Ellensburg's Gallery One Visual Arts Center, a community-focused gallery featuring rotating exhibitions of Pacific Northwest contemporary art and art classes.

Her work at Gallery One, and previously as Director of Seattle's Fremont Solstice Parade, has left Miller with a

"holistic view of what it takes to work for a non-profit with a mission to support artists. That's my passion: advocating for artists and to help create and grow resources and infrastructure needed for them to provide opportunities for the greater community."

ICCA, which faced existential financial stress prior to, and during the first half of, the pandemic, has since placed itself in a state of long-term financial stability. Over the last several years, "the Board, Phil [Lacey], and the staff made smart choices and have done a great job shoring up the programming by figuring out which programs



COURTESY OF MONICA MILLER
Monica Miller is poised to take the reins as Executive Director of Icicle Creek Center for the Arts.

to build on the demand for beautiful experiences in the arts. Attendance is proving that the community wants a diversity of events. I'm excited about their choices and want to build upon those kinds of programs that represent and reflect the passions, interests, and heritage the community."

Miller takes the helm at ICCA in February.

ICCA, founded by the late Harriet Bullitt in 1995, has also named Bob Maher as the President of its Board. The previous president, Ellen Beardsley, remains on the Board with the title of Past President.

both work artistically and are viable financially," relates Miller.

"They've laid solid groundwork for the next steps, which include continuing

Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior (Class of 2025) at Cascade High School. She serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Cascade High School Publications Group.

Bike CoOp

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Brinkerhoff also started volunteering with the Cashmere Middle School Bicycle Repair Club, where he realized teaching someone how to repair their bike is just as impactful as gifting a bike, especially for underserved communities.

"Kids get really empowered when they can do their own maintenance on a regular basis. They can go out and ride and have a good time and not worry about, 'Oh, I got a flat tire. Oh, wait a minute, I know how to fix it,'" said Brinkerhoff.

Inspired by his experience, Brinkerhoff brainstormed the idea of a community bike shop, or cooperative, in the Wenatchee Valley with a friend in the bike repair community, Loren Honaas. The two brought the idea to the nonprofit, who was immediately interested.

"Sustainable NCW has

always been about the environmental justice side of sustainability as well, so this fits really, really well," said Sustainable NCW Executive Director Marlene Farrell.

The program was established through a committee under Sustainable NCW with a mission to provide education around repair and safety, build community, advocate for bike route infrastructure, and promote sustainability.

The program started with pilot bike repair workshops with the youth organization Triple Point NCW, as well as providing education and free bike parking at the Wenatchee Farmers Markets over the summer.

When Ecology announced a new grant program in August that funds local projects in communities it determined to be overburdened by air pollution, the CoOp team came up with the idea of a mobile bike repair, where it could reach more communities.

The grant funds will

support the purchase of an electric vehicle, trailer, repair equipment, event materials, helmets, repair kits, and bicycles for refurbishment, as well as funding for a part-time position.

Within the first six months, the mobile bike repair program plans to provide bike safety and repair education to six middle schools in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, as well as a handful of community events such as the Apple Blossom Festival and its Earth Day Fair.

"Youth can be leaders on this. If they're learning something that can become a life skill, then not only are they doing it for the rest of their lives, but they can bring their families along, which then can bring their friends and neighbors," said Farrell.

Sustainable NCW is



COURTESY OF SUSTAINABLE NCW
Van Brinkerhoff leads a bike workshop for youth at Triple Point NCW.

currently looking for volunteers and plans to hire a part-time project coordinator for the CoOp on the Go initiative in the near future. Repair training will be provided to volunteers. Those

interested in getting involved can find out more information at sustainablenew.org/bike-coop.

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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.)
Ice & 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
IWSC 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.
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Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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Jan 3

6:54:37 Diversion, LEAVENWORTH, LEAVENWORTH
 8:06:24 Accident No Inj, US HWY 2 & US HWY 97, PESH
 8:41:03 Hazard, 8350 LAKE ST, PESHASTIN, W
 11:23:38 Diversion, LEAVENWORTH, LEAVENWORTH
 8:28:16 Assist Public, 1757 MARKER ST #1/2, WENA

THE ADDITIO
 16:57:25 Welfare Check, HATCHERY CREEK RD & US
 19:38:08 Theft, 116 RIVER BEND DR, SAFEWAY
 20:23:02 Theft, 932 FRONT ST; #A1 TWISTED
 20:43:39 Assist Public, 820 FRONT ST; GAZEBO PARK
 21:13:45 Alarm, 715 FRONT ST; BOYD CASCADE

8:12:55 Property, 709 FRONT ST; MUENCHEN HAU LV
 9:21:16 Court Order Via, 3669 ALLEN LN, PESHASTIN
 13:50:34 Theft, 212 W WHITMAN ST, LEAVENWO
 14:10:26 Rso, 34450 US HWY 2, STEVENS PA
 18:59:10 Assist Public, 12735 PROWELL ST, LEAVENWO

Jan 5

0:28:12 Welfare Check, 1310 US HWY 2; BLUE SPIRIT LV
 7:51:02 Trespass, 32495 US HWY 2; YODELIN LO
 15:38:21 Harass/Threat, 24608 SPUR ST, PLAIN, WA
 17:25:49 Extra Patrol, 8400BLK ICICLE RD, LEAVENW
 18:00:28 Parking/Abandon, KING CREEK RD & US HWY 97
 18:59:43 Accident Injury, INGALLS LN & HANSEL LN, PE

Jan 8

10:11:20 911, 590 US HWY 2; ENZIAN MOTOR LV
 10:29:06 Suspicious, 11025 CHUMSTICK HWY; CASCA
 18:06:04 Welfare Check, 100 WARD STRASSE #A105, LV
 Jan 9
 9:12:20 Accident No Inj, 220 US HWY 2; ARGONAUT COF LV
 10:10:13 911, 500 ALPINE PL; BLUE ELK IN LV
 11:50:35 Parking/Abandon, 8611 FRONTAGE RD, DRYDEN
 12:46:05 911, 100 ENCHANTMENT PARK WAY, LV
 14:50:08 Court Order Via, 1300 COMMERCIAL ST, GARTEN LV
 21:32:47 Parking/Abandon, 10415 TITUS RD #D, LEAVEN

Jan 6

0:28:12 Welfare Check, 1310 US HWY 2; BLUE SPIRIT LV
 6:48:40 Vehicle Prowl, 4804 US HWY 97, PESHASTIN

'Sample Seattle'

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a little bit better money," said Dancy.

Friday night will feature "Lubbock" playing country rock covers, followed by southern rock and blues covers by "Hard Days and Hard Nights." Saturday evening will begin with old school soul by "Boundary Bay" and close with "Stank Foot" playing 70's and 80's funk. Sunday night will close out the weekend with "Dansa del Sol" playing Latin jazz and "Thelonius" performing bebop to fusion jazz. The evening will have light bites catered by Simply Garcia Catering.

"There's more than one opportunity for the folks up in the Upper Valley to get a chance to come get their groove on," said Dancy.

Dancy had originally intended to host Sample Seattle's first event in Alaska in September, but had faced technical challenges with the website while launching the event. The variety show pivoted to Leavenworth, a location that was closer in proximity with a lot to offer. If all goes to plan, Dancy hopes to bring the event back to Leavenworth in February. Eventually, the event will debut in Alaska.

"Leavenworth does two things for me. It punches two holes. It punches a hole of the German side: I spent 14 years in Germany...Secondly, I think of the Leavenworth area as a mini Alaska, because some of the very same activities and some of the very sorts of people you would meet there, you will meet up in the hills," said Dancy.

Tickets for one night are \$45 in advance, and \$60 at the door. The event also offers VIP tickets for \$130, which offer perks during the event, as well as access to the after party located at Dancy's Nasonhof Farm, located in Merritt, each night.

The nightly shows run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m. The bands will have a warmup session at 3 p.m. each afternoon, to which the public is invited to watch free of charge.

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TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA
Coal Fiano will spend their senior year in the Netherlands.

OBITUARY

Lynn Alexander Takacs



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Lynn Alexander Takacs, age 62, of Leavenworth, WA, on January 2, 2025. Born on November 5, 1962, in Seattle, WA, Lynn was the cherished son of Maxine McNary and Lazlo Takacs. He lived much of his life in Leavenworth, where he created a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Lynn had an undeniable zest for life, known for his contagious laughter and a smile that could light up any room. As a

talented chef and food sales representative, he dedicated much of his career to sharing his passion for food and hospitality, often bringing people together through his love of cooking and entertaining. He enjoyed snowmobiling, fishing, and most of all, spending time with those he loved.

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents, Maxine McNary and Lazlo Takacs, and his brothers Craig and Stephen Takacs. He is survived by his children, Deston Takacs

and Ashton Takacs; his sisters, Dana Takacs and Cheryl Flemming; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members across Washington, Texas, and California.

A celebration of life to honor Lynn's memory will be held at a later date. Details will be shared with family and friends.

OBITUARY

Noreen (Noni) Freese



Life's a journey, and our mom, Noreen Freese, met you along the way. It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our mom, Noreen (Noni) Freese, on January 3, 2025. Noreen was born on January 31, 1925, in Seattle, Washington. She passed just shy of her 100th birthday.

Noreen graduated from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. She was a career pediatric nurse at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle, where she was a post-surgical care nurse, ER and head nurse of the Poison Control Center, the Mr. Yuk Program.

Noreen and her husband,

Jim Freese, retired to Leavenworth where they built their home in 1979. She was active in the Leavenworth community, a member of the United Methodist Church, the Leavenworth Hospital Guild, and the Cascade Garden Club.

She was passionate about gardening, knitting, driftwood sculpture, the card game Shanghai, and travel. Over the years, Noreen traveled extensively to Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Noreen was Leavenworth Senior Center Queen at the Autumn Leaf Festival in 2018.

The family would like to thank Hospice for

their attentive care and the passionate care at Elmwood Cottage Adult Family Home.

Noreen raised her four children, Jeanie, Susie, Judy, and Rob in the Seattle area.. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Noni touched the lives of so many.

One of her favorite quotes was, "Don't stop living cause you're old."

A private family graveside service was held.

CHS student Coal Fiano Selected for year abroad through Leavenworth Rotary Club's Youth Exchange

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Leavenworth Rotary Club will be sponsoring a year abroad for Cascade High School student Coal Fiano as part of its decades-long youth exchange program.

"Coal will be perfect. They're an ideal candidate. We're so happy to have them represent Leavenworth, and Washington, and the United States," said

Youth Exchange Officer Karen Haire, who describes Fiano as kind, outgoing, and a go-getter.

Fiano will spend senior year in the Netherlands, learning a new language, a new culture, and making friends from across the world.

"Our club feels that this is a really important opportunity that should be available to high school students. An exchange student is an ambassador, and ambassadors build world peace," said Haire.

Each year, the Leavenworth Rotary participates in the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program, sponsoring a student to go abroad while hosting an international student in exchange. Students are assigned to countries that best align with their preferences, though they are not always first choice. The program provides room and board for the student, access to mental

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Sat, Jan 18	10:00 AM	Tonasket	Away, Tonasket Apple Pie Tournament
Girls Wrestling			
Tue, Jan 18	10:00 AM	Tonasket	Away, Tonasket Apple Pie Tournament
Girls Basketball			
Thu, Jan 16	5:45 PM	Moses Lake	Home
Fri, Jan 17	2:00 PM	Nooksack Valley	Home
Tue, Jan 21	6:00 PM	Liberty Bell	Away
Boys Basketball			
Thu, Jan 16	7:15 PM	Moses Lake	Home
Tue, Jan 21	7:30 PM	Liberty Bell	Away

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Teyva Dillion overcomes a double-team during the Kodiaks' win 46-43 over Omak.



Teyva Dillion battles for the ball with an Omak player during an exciting clash between Kodiaks and Pioneers. Cascade prevailed 46-43.



Teyva Dillion tries to play some tough defense to keep the Omak Pioneers at bay, the Kodiaks won a thriller, staving off a late Omak comeback to win 46-43.



Sydney Melody drives the ball upcourt for the Kodiaks during their 46-43 win over Omak.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ada Missal
Girls Basketball
Sophomore

Ada delivered an outstanding performance in the Jan. 8 victory over Omak at home. The sophomore guard/forward put together a complete game, pouring in 23 points while also making a strong impact on the boards with 7 rebounds. Her shooting efficiency was remarkable across the board - she shot 54% from the field and was particularly lethal from beyond the arc, connecting on 67% of her three-point attempts. Ada also showed poise at the free throw line, converting



70% of her opportunities. Her well-rounded offensive showing helped lead the team to an important home win.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cascade falls to Omak despite strong rebounding



Jackson Feeny tries to get past an Omak player's tough defense during the Kodiaks' loss to Pioneers 66-52.



Jackson Feeny tries to get past an Omak player's tough defense during the Kodiaks' loss to Pioneers 66-52.



Ivan Alejandro tries to shake off Omak's stout defense during the Kodiaks' loss to the Pioneers 66-52.

Ferguson proposes \$4 billion in cuts to ease budget deficit

By **JUAN JOCOM**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson unveiled a budget-cutting plan to ease a projected \$12 billion statewide budget deficit during a 2025 legislative preview in Olympia Jan. 9. "Washingtonians expect that we will increase revenue as a last resort. I will not contemplate additional revenue options until we have exhausted efforts to improve efficiency," Ferguson said. Estimates of the deficit vary widely, from \$7 billion to \$15 billion. To make up the deficit, Ferguson proposes cutting spending by 6% budget across most state agencies and a 3% budget cut to four-year higher education institutions. The cuts are projected to save \$4 billion. Public K-12 education, community and technical colleges, public safety agencies, and pass-through



JUAN JOCOM/WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL
Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson speaks during the 2025 legislative preview in Olympia on Jan.9. Ferguson replaces Jay Inslee who served for 12 years.

entitlement benefits delivered by state agencies to eligible Washingtonians are not affected by the cuts. Ferguson said he will collaborate with legislative leaders and state agencies to identify programs that are not reaching their goals for Washington residents. Some programs could be cut by less

than 6 percent, and some could face larger cuts, Ferguson said. In December, outgoing Gov. Jay Inslee proposed a wealth tax to make up the projected deficit, which would tax residents of Washington who are worth \$100 million or more. Ferguson, however, has expressed skepticism with this plan.

"We are not going to tax our way out of this," Ferguson said. Ferguson also shared his previously proposed plans to invest in affordability, transportation and public safety. He is proposing an additional \$100 million over two years to hire more law enforcement officers in the state. Additionally, Ferguson said he also wants to accelerate getting more ferries in operation. In addition to the current budget shortfall, Ferguson said he wants to look at the whole process the state uses to forecast revenue and expenses. "I intend to spend some time making sure I understand how we got to this level of a shortfall, and to make sure that I, as a governor, do everything I can to make sure this doesn't happen again," Ferguson said. Ferguson becomes Washington's next governor on Wednesday, Jan. 15. *The Washington State Journal is a non-profit news website operated by the WNPA Foundation. To learn more, go to wastatejournal.com.*

People think the state should reduce spending But some programs deserve more support, poll shows

By **TAYLOR RICHMOND**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Washington State voters want legislators to cut spending but also support spending more on specific programs, according to a recent poll. "People are not anti-government," said pollster Stuart Elway during a legislative preview session Jan. 9. "People want government to work and to provide needed services but done efficiently and effectively." Elway established the Cascade PBS/Elway Poll in 1992. This year, 403 registered voters across Washington State were surveyed between

Dec. 26 and 30, with phone calls, text messages and online survey questions. The poll has a 5% margin of error at the 95% confidence level. As the State Legislature begins Jan. 13, one of the biggest challenges will be a projected budget deficit of at least \$10 billion over the next four years. Cuts will have to be made to make up the deficit, according to Governor-elect Bob Ferguson, who is proposing a "6% cut across state agencies." This year's Elway Poll asked voters what they believed was the cause of the projected budget deficit. 40% said governmental waste and overspending. However, those polled were

overwhelmingly in favor of increasing spending when asked about specific proposals likely to be discussed during the upcoming Legislative session. The poll showed: 74% support more funding for K-12 education; 73% support more money going toward hiring police officers; 68% support limiting annual rent increases; 63% are in favor of more funding for affordable housing; and 61% want the state's tax structure revised. Also, during the COVID-19 pandemic, federal funding paid for free lunches to all school students. Now, this funding has now been cut, yet some states continue to provide free lunches.

66% of the survey respondents believe Washington should do the same. Elway says contradictory numbers like this are common when ideas are asked about separately. "All ideas sound pretty good at first," he said. "These are more specific proposals, all of which have constituencies." And he added: "Government waste is a general concept, which no one favors." To find more information, visit cascadepbs.org/politics. *The Washington State Journal is a non-profit news website operated by the WNPA Foundation. To learn more, go to wastatejournal.org.*

NCW NEWS

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Chelan County to conduct Point-in-Time count on Jan. 30

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County officials announced plans to expand their annual Homeless Point in Time Count to three locations on January 30 to better identify individuals experiencing homelessness in rural communities across Chelan and Douglas counties.

The count, scheduled from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., will establish resource fair events at Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Wenatchee, Chelan County Fire District 3 station on Chumstick Highway in Leavenworth, and Chelan Valley Hope in Chelan.

The 2024 count documented 141 people living unsheltered, marking a 20-person increase from 2023. An additional 341 individuals were recorded staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or hotels through emergency voucher programs, representing a decrease of 27 people from the previous year.

“This is an important day for data collection to better understand the need in the community, but it is also an important day to try and connect more people to the resources available in our community,” said Amber Hallberg, Chelan County Community Services manager and co-coordinator of the outreach event.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development and Washington State Commerce mandate the annual survey. Outreach teams collect data

on living situations, including duration of homelessness, sleeping arrangements, origin, and shelter access. Participants receive backpacks containing essential items such as gloves, socks, hand warmers, hygiene products, and food.

Mobile teams will expand their reach to rural areas including Orondo, Entiat, Rock Island, Plain, Cashmere, Peshastin, and Dryden. The Columbia Valley Community Health Mobile Clinic will provide on-site medical, mental health, and substance use disorder services at Lighthouse Christian Ministries.

“Last year, there were 22 agencies represented at the event at the Lighthouse. We anticipate seeing the same amount, if not a few more, providers at this year’s event,” Hallberg said. “This is our third year participating in the Point in Time Count, and we continue to improve upon how we reach the people who need our services the most.”

The initiative allows service providers to connect directly with individuals needing assistance, facilitating immediate program enrollment and resource distribution. Coverage areas are distributed among local organizations, with Chelan Valley Hope overseeing the Chelan Valley and Northern Douglas County, while Upper Valley MEND in Leavenworth will manage the Cascade School District service area and Cashmere. Multiple agencies will coordinate outreach efforts in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.

Endless Orchards Cider earns top honors at Best of the Northwest Awards



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Endless Orchard Cider’s celebrated creations—Eternal Sunshine Pineapple-Mango, Boundless Blueberry Basil, and Radiant Mimosa Orange—earned top honors at Sip Magazine’s 13th Annual Best of the Northwest Cider Awards for their exceptional quality and unique profiles.

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CHELAN – Endless Orchard Cider earned top honors at Sip Magazine’s 13th Annual Best of the Northwest Cider

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Lake Chelan Chamber gears up for two weekends of Winterfest

Lake Chelan Mirror
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CHELAN/MANSON - Chelan and Manson will celebrate the magic of winter with two weekends of Lake Chelan Winterfest this month. Ice Weekend in Chelan will be held on January 17-19. The festivities will include the

Famous Ice Bar, ice sculptures and carvings, and a wine walk. There will also be fireworks, a beach bonfire and a Polar Bear Plunge. A new activity this year is Frosty’s Winter Trail. Participants can collect snowman pieces at stops around town and assemble Frosty at the end of the route.

During that weekend, there

will be more than 50 discounts and specials throughout the Lake Chelan Valley.

The celebration continues with Fire Weekend in Manson on January 24-26. Fire Weekend will feature the Fire Bar, live music, a vendor

market and fireworks show.

At the annual Find Tsilly Scavenger Hunt children, and even adults, can go on the hunt for the fun character Tsilly and support local businesses. One lucky participant will win a grand prize.

A Bubble Brunch catered by Apple Cup Cafe will offer unlimited bubbles and a chance to learn more about sparkling wine produced in Lake Chelan. Cider Press in Manson will host the event.

The weekend will also

include the Flames of Intention ceremony, where participants can reflect and set goals for the year ahead.

Event tickets and All-Weekend Passes are available at lakechelanwinterfest.com.

Coal Fiano

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health counselors, and support through the sponsoring club’s officer, such as Haire. While abroad, students live with multiple host families throughout the year in order to make more connections and gain a broader understanding of another culture.

Due to the nature of the exchange, students go through a rigorous selection process,

attending informational sessions, obtaining teacher references, submitting letters from them and their parents, and then interviewing with both the Leavenworth Rotary and Rotary District 5060, which is made of of twelve regional rotaries spanning from Clearwater, British Columbia, to Prosser, Washington.

“We want to make sure that the students are successful and that they have the full support of their parents and their family. That means that

they will have a better year,” said Haire.

After confirming their exchange, Fiano spent the winter break preparing their student visa and other documents and enrolling in a Dutch class outside of school. Next, Fiano will participate in monthly Zoom check-ins and also attend two intensive training weekends alongside other students chosen by Rotaries within the district, which cover culture shock, language adaption, and

managing homesickness.

“In Cascade, I know everyone. I know almost every single person’s first and last name. I’ve grown up with these kids since I was in sixth grade, and I think I’m really, really excited to be able to go to a school where I can learn [about] all these new people,” said Fiano.

Fiano first learned about the program through their friend, Reese Mathers, who went to Germany through the exchange program last

year. The two talked about the experience for five hours, with Fiano inspired by the vast network of people Mathers created while abroad.

“She met so many people from different cultures, because there’s a bunch of other Rotarians that are also [coming] to your same country...Speaking a different language too, was also another thing that intrigued me, because all these people were there together, speaking the same language, but they all

grew up with a different one,” said Fiano.

Fiano is heading into the year with an open mind and no expectations, at the advice of their friend Mathers. However, they feel optimistic that the experience will prepare them for their future, such as pursuing a career as an attorney.

“I think I need more practice talking to people that I’m not familiar with, so I think this will definitely help me get out of my shell a little bit more,” said Fiano.

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The campaign facilitated multiple donation channels, including online contributions, donor-advised funds, IRA qualified charitable distributions, and gifts of stock. All credit card processing fees were covered

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Local businesses played a significant role in the campaign’s success through various partnerships. Plaza Super Jet, a Wenatchee-based market, and Icele Brewing Company contributed through charitable roundups. The Taproom by Hellbent Brewing hosted a “Drink Beer. Do Good.” fundraising event, while Munchen Haus organized a “Benevolent Night.”

Among the largest beneficiaries were the Pybus Market Charitable Foundation receiving \$50,839, Women’s Resource Center of NCW with \$31,029, and Upper Valley MEND collecting \$30,149.

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Community Foundation of NCW staff members wear branded “Give NCW Turkey Trot” winter hats while posing with a participant in a turkey costume at the 2024 Turkey Trot event in Wenatchee, which kicked off the foundation’s annual fundraising campaign that went on to raise a record-breaking \$904,765 for local nonprofits.



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Plaza Super Jet staff members present a check for \$7,500 collected through customer roundups at checkout.

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Cancer Care of NCW	\$12,179	Okanogan Regional Humane	\$3,489
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Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village	\$9,614	Plain Valley Ski Trails	\$3,459
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Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	\$12,124	Women’s Resource Center of NCW	\$31,029
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Announcements

Lost & Found



3,000. REWARD FOR LOST DOG ANY INFORMATION/TIP LEADING TO HIS WHEREABOUTS OR RETURN - NO QUESTIONS ASKED Senior Hound Dog. Brown with White Speckles Huckleberry went missing on December 16th in the Antoine Creek area. (509) 682-0131 Avemariadover@gmail.com

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- Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor

Details at cityofleavenworth.com/employment/. EOE



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Legals

Public Notices

Superior Court of Washington For Chelan County
In the matter of the estate of Claudia J. Hohmann, Deceased. No. 24-4-00479-04
Notice To Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
The person 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 his attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. 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(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this 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: January 1, 2025.
Karl H. Hohmann, Personal Representative
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991
Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Leavenworth has received the following application and has scheduled a public hearing with the Leavenworth Hearing Examiner. You are invited to review the files and make comments. Comments received by January 28, 2025 will be addressed in the City staff review, other comments may be addressed at the public hearing. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday February 24, 2025, at 1:00pm online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 980 9026 7129. Passcode: 735125; Or the call-in phone number: 1-253-215-8782. If you cannot attend via Zoom, please contact us, at least one day prior to the hearing, for special arrangements.
a. **LUA2024-063:** Application submitted by Kym and Trentyn Good, requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a 2-bedroom Bed & Breakfast to be located within the primary residence. The owner will live in an onsite ADU. The project is located at 212 Commercial Street, within the RL6 Zoning district; Assessor's parcel number 241712815190.
The public is encouraged to attend via zoom and to submit written comments prior to the hearing. Materials may be viewed by appointment only at City Hall, or on the City's Public Portal at <https://lynworth.wa.permittrax.com/Citizen/>; Search by file number, address, or use the interactive map. Questions may be directed to Celeste Barry, Senior Planner, phone 509-548-5275 or email cbarry@cityofleavenworth.com.
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CARNATION
DAFFODIL
DAHLIA
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DANDELION
FLOWER
IRIS
LEAVES
LILY
MARGOLD
ORCHID
PEONY
PETALS
POLLINATE
ROSE
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STEM
TULIP
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SMART FUN AT HOME

One important thing to understand when you read is **cause and effect**.

For example, in the legend of Groundhog Day, when the groundhog sees his shadow, he goes back in his burrow. In this case, the **effect** is that the groundhog goes back in his burrow. That is what happens. What **causes** him to go back in his burrow? Getting frightened by his shadow.

Try It!

1. With a parent or learning buddy at home, select an article from today's newspaper. Read the headline. Discuss what you think caused the news reported in the headline.

2. The headline usually tells what happened. This is called an **effect**. Read aloud to your learning buddy the first paragraph of the article. Does this tell you the **cause**? Read the rest of the article aloud. After each paragraph, stop and discuss what you have learned about what caused the news reported in the headline.

Complete the following:

HEADLINE (effect):

CAUSE(s):

NAME:

NAME OF LEARNING BUDDY:

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between cause and effect in text.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HYPOTHESIS**

The noun **hypothesis** means a suggestion or guess not proved but serves as the basis for further study.

The class was asked to test their **hypothesis**.

Try to use the word **hypothesis** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Sunny Question

Why are sunny winter days **COLD**, while sunny summer days are **HOT**? *Kid Scoop's* winter expert Dr. I. Cicle explains it all!

As you can see, it's a sunny winter day here and ...

YEAH! It's a sunny day! Let's hit the waves, Bro!

Uh, Dude, there's something really wrong with this sand. It's, like, frozen!

That's because it isn't sand. It's snow!

SNOW? But it's, like, sunny today. So why isn't the snow, like, melted?

I'm glad you asked! Let's pretend this snowball is Earth.

Earth is, like, WAY bigger, Dude!

The Earth tilts on its axis as it travels around the sun. In the winter, if the part of the Earth where you live is tilted away from the sun, it gets indirect sunlight.

Indirect sunlight doesn't warm up the Earth as much as the direct sunlight we get in the summer.

That is so cool! Now, why is this sand so COLD?

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that weather can be observed, measured and described; changes in weather and seasons are affected by the Earth's position.

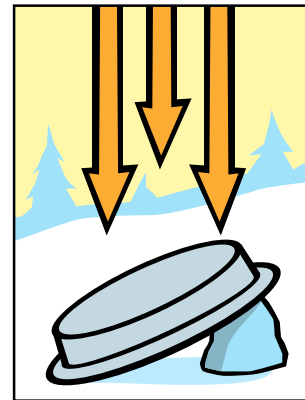
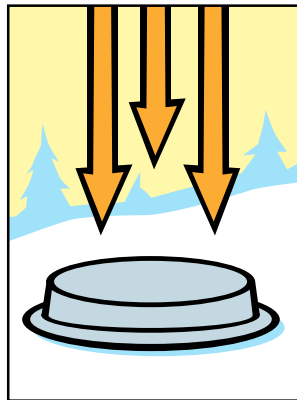
Experiment Tells All

Try this experiment to understand the difference between indirect and direct sunlight.

Keep track of your work on a separate sheet of paper like the Scientist's Notebook.

Stuff you need:

- 2 metal pie tins or flat pans
- a sunny winter day
- watch or clock
- a rock



What to do:

1. Lay one pan flat on the ground in the direct sunlight. (Fig. 1)
2. Tilt the other pan on its side. Lean it against a rock or a shoe. This pan is being hit with indirect sunlight. (Fig. 2)
3. Wait three minutes.
4. Which pan is warmer?

Standards Link: Investigation: Students will make predictions based on observation; answer meaningful questions and draw conclusions.

SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Question	Hypothesis	Observation	Conclusion
Which pan do you think will feel warmer after three minutes in the winter sun?	What do you think the answer to the question is? <input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Which pan was warmer in three minutes? <input type="checkbox"/> pan in direct sunlight <input type="checkbox"/> pan in indirect sunlight	Was your hypothesis correct? What did you learn from this experiment?

Extra! Extra!

Without the Sun ...

Without the sun we wouldn't have newspapers because newsprint is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Sun Spot Mystery

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?
3M million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?
26 Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?
86,400 miles.

WARNING!

Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.

Double Double Word Search

SUNLIGHT
EXPERIMENT
SUMMER
MILES
PAPER
DIAMETER
HYPOTHESIS
METAL
WINTER
SAND
SNOWBALL
PAN
AXIS
SHOE

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

S	I	S	E	H	T	O	P	Y	H
D	A	L	L	A	B	W	O	N	S
I	W	N	I	R	E	M	M	U	S
A	S	S	D	N	X	T	N	E	R
M	I	M	E	T	A	L	R	S	E
E	X	P	E	R	I	M	E	N	T
T	A	R	S	G	T	L	P	U	N
E	E	O	H	S	I	N	A	S	I
R	H	T	I	M	N	A	P	N	W

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

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