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## From Columbia Market to Dan's Food Market: Celebrating 75 years of service



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The Koncz family became the new proprietors of Dan's in May 2023.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – As chains continue to dominate the grocery business, Dan's Food Market has remained a preferred destination for locals and tourists alike. After 75 years, the market is busier than ever. While the small market has a lot to offer – local produce and products, quality meats, sweets from Homefires Bakery, the deli's ready made meal deals – it's best known for the bond between its employees and the community. "It's a great staff...Just really friendly. It's lot of people that

worked here for a long time, and they know everybody in town, so it's got that small town, homey feel," said customer Mason Schuur. Schuur has been shopping at Dan's Market since the 1990s. Nowadays, he regularly comes in on his lunch break for a "Dan-wich," a custom-made sandwich accompanied by a bag of chips for \$6.99. According to Schuur, it's "fresh every time, well-made, a good price, and it's a healthy option." "I think it's important and we will continue to offer a good quality, affordable lunch...I think it's one of my favorite items in the deli, the Dan-Wich, and to get a custom sandwich like that for that price, I think it's

awesome," said co-owner Kat Koncz. The deli and bakery, tucked behind the main market, have served as a reliable ritual for a number of groups over the years. Each morning, the deli has hot coffee and ready-made burritos and sandwiches for its reliable 5 a.m. crowd. Around 11:30 a.m., high school students congregate in and around the store for a quick and cheap off-campus lunch. Before the pandemic, manager Jeremy Radach fondly remembers a group of retired regulars routinely meeting at the checkerboard tables for morning coffee. To Radach, Dan's regulars are equally as important to the store's success as are its dedicated



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Rachel Oseguera prepares a 'Dan-Wich' in the deli of the market.

employees. "To me, it makes it feel even more family oriented than just with co-workers, you know, because that feels like family too. When you get customers that come in, because you know each other's name and there's that connection, I think that goes a long way," said Radach. Over the years, Radach has witnessed the toddlers trailing their parents' shopping carts grow old enough to get ID'd. A photo of him and his daughter's softball team hangs on the wall as one of the many Dan's-sponsored teams. "Just having that unique relationship with your customers

over time, it's special. It's really special," said manager Cindy Puckett. For Puckett, her fondest memories have been helping an elderly woman shop for her groceries and carry them to her car, or dropping groceries off to her neighbor. Over time, Puckett's been able to pick up on who's deceased or moved away, just by noticing which items aren't moving off the shelves. "Tenureship I think really adds to just the store itself. It's a big part of what makes Dan's what it is, and part of the draw of having the community come here," said Koncz. "I haven't experienced anything like

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## Flywheel Investment Conference applications opened February 1 - Over \$150,000 in awards

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WENATCHEE – The annual Flywheel Investment Conference, presented by Ogden Murphy Wallace, Microsoft, and Clark Nuber, announces the opening of applications for its highly anticipated 2025 investment competition. Applications opened on February 1, inviting early-stage companies across Washington State to compete for investment awards starting at \$150,000. The 2024 Flywheel Investment Conference was a milestone event, drawing attendees from over 100 zip codes to Wenatchee. Since its

inception, Flywheel has received 385 applications, with 48 companies presenting and \$1.5 million awarded in investments. Finalists have gone on to secure millions more in follow-on funding, cementing Flywheel's role as a catalyst for startup growth in Washington State. For 2025, Flywheel is unveiling a refreshed format and a new conference date of May 21-23. Enhancements include sector-specific sessions, an expanded exhibitor hall, more networking opportunities, and exciting keynote speakers. The three-day event will culminate in the Top Six Competition

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Group photo of 2024 Flywheel Conference winners with the Flywheel Angel Network.

## Mountain Meadows earns national customer experience award

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LEAVENWORTH — Mountain Meadows, a senior living facility in Leavenworth, has been awarded the 2025 Customer Experience Award from Activated Insights for excellence in senior care services across fourteen categories.

The award recognizes facilities ranking in the top 15% of care providers nationwide over a 12-month evaluation period. The assessment included metrics for quality of food, cleanliness, and communication with residents and families.

"It is our pleasure to congratulate Mountain Meadows for their well-deserved achievement in winning the Customer Experience Award," said Bud Meadows, Chief Executive Officer of Activated Insights. "This award reflects Mountain Meadows's unwavering commitment to fostering an exceptional work environment for its team, while ensuring clients receive the highest standard of care from well-trained, compassionate caregivers."

The facility earned the recognition through a comprehensive evaluation process conducted throughout 2024, which included monthly telephone interviews with residents and their families. These interviews incorporated both structured ratings and open-ended questions across various service categories.

Amanda Ledezma, Executive Director at Mountain Meadows, emphasized the collaborative effort

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## NCW bridal show celebrates 40 years of wedding planning excellence



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Models show off wedding gowns at the Bridal Premier.



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The NCW Bridal Premiere connect brides and grooms with wedding experts to help plan their big day.

By **QUINN PROPST**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – North Central Washington's largest and longest running bridal show, Bridal Premierè, will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the 2025 show on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee.

More than 60 vendors will be on hand to showcase their wedding related business and products. Admission is free and attendees will have the opportunity to register for door prizes.

Bridal Premierè has assisted thousands of brides and grooms-to-be plan their perfect wedding day, said Katrina Curtis-Anderson event

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### NCW Bridal Premiere 2025

The 2025 NCW Bridal Premiere will be at the Toyota Town Center on Saturday, February 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"NCW Bridal Premiere is your one and only must attend bridal and wedding event," the event page states. "Be sure to register to win some of the many door prizes. Enjoy viewing the many gorgeous wedding gowns, bridesmaids dresses and tuxedo styles and walking around visiting with the many booths."

For more information, visit [towntoyotacenter.com](http://towntoyotacenter.com).

### Valentine Pet Portraits

Fire House Pet Shop in Wenatchee will host Valentine

Pet Portraits on Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.

"Join us Saturday, February 8 for professional pet portraits," the event page states. "These will be keepsake level photos that are sharable and also frame worthy."

For more information, visit [firehousepetshop.com](http://firehousepetshop.com).

### Valentine's Cookie Decoration Class

Neu Flessenow Winery will host a Valentine's Cookie Decoration Class on Saturday, February 8, from 5-7 p.m.

"Love is in the air and we are sweetening it up with cookies and wine," the event page states. "Your talented instructor, Norma Maravilla, will guide you through the

process, sharing tips and tricks to make your cookies look as good as they taste."

For more information, visit [neuflessenowinery.com](http://neuflessenowinery.com).

### Galentine's celebration

Milbrandt Vineyards in Leavenworth will host Sip, Sparkle and Sway: A Galentine's Celebration on Thursday, February 13 from 6-8 p.m.

"A ladies only event," the event page states. "Gather your besties and celebrate love, friendship, and wine," the event page states. "Join us for a dreamy evening of fizzy pink drinks, games, dancing, prizes, Insta-worthy photo ops, and so



much more."

For more information, visit [milbrandtfamilywines.com](http://milbrandtfamilywines.com).

### Roller Skating Night

The Leavenworth Festhalle will host a Roller Skating Night on Wednesday, February 12,

from 6:30-9 p.m.

"Join us for themed Roller Skating Nights every Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. (adults until 9 p.m.) at the Leavenworth Festhalle," the event page states.

For more information, visit [leavenworthfesthalle.com](http://leavenworthfesthalle.com).

## Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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



### Jan 24

8:54:36 Rso, 21604 Primitive Park Rd, L Lv  
10:44:19 Assist Agency, 3664 Allen Ln, Peshastin, 6  
13:37:43 Rso, 220 12th St, Leavenworth, Lv  
13:39:37 Rso, 12280 Meacham Rd, Plain, W 1  
15:22:56 911, Icicle Rd Mp 5; Area, Leav 3fs  
15:27:25 Alarm, 700 Us Hwy 2; City Of Leav Lv  
16:38:57 Warrant, 131 Benton St, Leavenworth Lv  
17:47:54 Trespass, 920 Front St; Wok About Gr Lv  
19:23:55 Runaway, 820 Front St; Gazebo Park, Lv

### Jan 25

10:45:58 Domestic Distur, 174 Poplar St, Leavenworth  
8:48:43 Theft, 21608 Camp 12 Rd, Plain, W  
17:23:22 Animal Problem, 40 Bin Yard Ln, Leavenworth  
20:19:11 Vehicle Prowl, 1300 Commercial St; Garten  
20:43:23 Welfare Check, 308 Zelt Strasse; Pine Vil  
21:11:22 Harass/Threat, 8709 School St, Dryden, Wa

### Jan 26

10:45:58 Domestic Distur, 174 Poplar St, Leavenworth Lv  
12:33:53 Domestic Distur, 611 Cascade St, Leavenworth Lv  
12:35:54 Property, Leavenworth, Leavenworth,  
13:57:30 Parking/Abandon, 7700blk Mountain Home Rd, 6  
18:24:19 Traffic Offense, 11000 Us Hwy 2; Prey, Leav 6

### Jan 27

2:06:54 Missing Person, 1300 Commercial St# 103,  
10:13:17 Assist Public, 12735 Prowell St, Leavenworth  
11:45:48 Diversion, 263 Mine St# 221, Leavenworth  
14:55:11 Alarm, 55 Klakin Ln, Lake Wenatchee  
17:18:54 Welfare Check, 100 Ward Strasse # A309, L  
20:26:55 Suspicious, 8830 School St, Dryden, Wa  
20:34:52 Trespass, 301 Ward Strasse; Hampton

### Jan 28

02:06:54 Missing Person, 1300 Commercial St# 103, Lv  
13:16:19 Trespass, 12753 Pobst

Pl, Plain, Wa 1  
14:02:20 Juvenile Problem, 10190 Chumstick Hwy; Casca Lv  
15:50:49 Property, 8200blk River View Rd, Pes 6

### Jan 29

8:58:54 Theft, 17635 High Mountain Meadow 1  
10:53:24 Assist Public, 8500blk Icicle Rd, Leavenworth 6  
11:09:35 Welfare Check, 9556 E Leavenworth Rd; Tub Lv  
19:56:18 Fraud/Forgery, 302 Commercial St# A, Lea Lv

### Jan 30

0:38:52 Domestic Distur, 21317 Sr 207, Lake Wenatch 1  
6:20:21 Alarm, 843 Front St; Edelyeiss, L Lv  
7:49:39 Traffic Offense, 617 Us Hwy 2; Gustavs, Lea Lv  
11:20:12 Theft, 12721 Chumstick Hwy, Leave 6  
15:31:03 Welfare Check, 900 Front St# F; Taffy Sh Lv  
18:18:05 Welfare Check, 528 Price Ave, Leavenworth Lv  
20:12:34 Hazard, 800blk Edelweiss Weg, Leav Lv  
23:25:32 Suspicious, 100 Ward Strasse # A, Leav Lv

## Hispanic business training series launches in Wenatchee Valley

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce is launching a new bilingual business training initiative aimed at supporting Hispanic entrepreneurs in the region.

The program, called *Empresarios en Accion* (Entrepreneurs in Action), will offer comprehensive training sessions covering essential business topics including marketing, bookkeeping, business and grant writing, and taxes. The series will be

conducted in both English and Spanish to ensure accessibility for all participants.

The initiative, sponsored by SkillSource, will consist of four sessions scheduled throughout 2025, with meetings planned for February 26, April 16, July 16, and October 15.

The training program was developed based on input from Hispanic business owners and community leaders to address specific needs within the local business community. It aims to connect Hispanic entrepreneurs with resources available through the Chamber

and its partners.

The Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization with over 600 members, has served the local business community for more than 100 years. The Chamber's offices are located at the intersection of Second Street and Wenatchee Avenue.

Interested participants can find more information about the program at [wenatchee.org/empresarios-en-accion](http://wenatchee.org/empresarios-en-accion) or by contacting the Chamber at 509-662-2116 or [dandre@wenatchee.org](mailto:dandre@wenatchee.org).

## Ballmer Group awards \$20 million in funding for Washington's YMCA youth programs

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE - Washington State Alliance of YMCAs was the recipient of a three-year contribution of over \$20 million from the Seattle-based Ballmer Group.

The Ballmer Group, founded by philanthropist Connie Ballmer and her husband Steve Ballmer, former CEO of Microsoft, commits funding to leaders and organizations that have demonstrated the ability to implement initiatives that align with the group's mission to improve economic mobility for children and families in the United States. The contribution to the Washington State Alliance of YMCAs will empower the YMCAs to significantly expand their programs for low-income youth aged five to 17 years old.

"This vital funding is an investment in the resilience and potential of the next generation, helping today's young people explore their options as shapers and stakeholders of tomorrow's strong communities," said Karen Hedine, Washington State Alliance of YMCAs Chair, and CEO of the Walla Walla YMCA, in a press release.

The contribution will be distributed among the Washington State Alliance of YMCAs, which leverages the collective strength of 14 independent 501c3 nonprofit YMCA associations, including Wenatchee Valley YMCA.

"I know that the other Y's are as excited as we are that we're being recognized as a youth service provider of excellence...It's amazing just being recognized by them,

but more importantly, in their help in wanting to help us bring more efforts towards serving low income families," said Dorry Foster, CEO Wenatchee Valley YMCA. "We can breathe a little bit and be able to explore what else we can do to expand that mission."

The Wenatchee Valley YMCA will receive about \$467,000 of the contribution over the next three-years, which will go towards supporting the Y's teen outreach initiatives, which includes its two teen centers that are available free to every middle school student in the valley, its gang prevention work in Eastmont School District, youth sports, and its Extreme Teen camps.

"Our guarantee is that no child ever is ever denied access or participation due to the inability to pay, so it helps us with that guarantee," said Foster.

According to Foster, the YMCA has yet to allocate the contribution to specific initiatives, but she is hopeful that the news of the contribution will remind Wenatchee Valley families that the YMCA is there for support.

"I hope it brings awareness... We have an enormous, passionate board that helps us assess the community at any given level. But if this allows others to know that we're here for them and they want to come to the table and help us expand that, I think ultimately that would be probably all of our goal, is to be able to serve better, and we can do that with awareness," said Foster.

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## Community Foundation seeking local advisory board volunteers

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WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW is seeking new volunteer Local Advisory Board members to review and make decisions on local grants impacting their communities through its Legacy Fund Grant program, which focuses on place-based, community-centered grant distribution to charitable organizations throughout North Central Washington.

Legacy Funds provide grant funding by their geographic regions in Cashmere, Chelan Valley, Methow Valley, Okanogan Valley, Upper Valley, and Wenatchee Valley. These funds have been established by legacy gifts from donors who wanted to leave a meaningful gift to their community beyond their lifetime along with living donors who want to give back to their community.

Each Legacy Fund has a Local Advisory Boards (LABs) comprised of community volunteers who have responsibility for reviewing applications and awarding grants. They aim to represent a broad and diverse cross section of

each community, including a mix of long-time and newer residents, working and retired individuals, donors, volunteers, and community members. Advisors provide leadership and input, recommend grants to benefit each community, help grow the funds, and inspire people to leave a legacy in their local community.

Local Advisory Boards provide opportunities for more local community members to become involved in community philanthropy. Working alongside the Community Foundation and other advisors to evaluate grant applications from their local nonprofit organizations, volunteers achieve a deep understanding of the needs and assets in their communities. Serving on a LAB also gives individuals an opportunity to become ambassadors for growing local resources that local communities in NCW will need to thrive, for generations to come.

Learn more about Local Advisory Boards and apply at <https://cfncw.org/localadvisoryboards/>. Application deadline is March 1.

**Irma Gomez Castro**

**Employee of the Year**

**Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus**

Irma Gomez Castro, a 12-year team member at Mountain Meadows, was recently promoted to Environmental Services Supervisor. Known for her joyful demeanor, kindness, and dedication, Irma keeps the environment clean and healthy while always treating residents and staff with respect. Appreciated for her reliability, team spirit, and impeccable attendance, she was voted for the annual Employee Service Award. We're grateful for Irma's hard work and amazing cooking! Congratulations, Irma!

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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. Call 509-548-6666 by Tuesday noon to make a reservation.

### Thursday

**Leavenworth Lions Club**, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.  
**Peshastin Community Council meeting**, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)  
**Caregiver Support Group**, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)  
**Parkinson's Support Group** Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873  
 Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.

### Friday

**Veteran Service Office**, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us  
**Leavenworth Rotary Club**, in person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.  
**Senior Center**: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

### Monday

**Upper Valley Free Clinic**, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.  
**Leavenworth Mosquito District** board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/  
**Cascade School board meetings**, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)  
**Chelan Douglas Republican Women**, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

### Tuesday

**Peshastin Water District**, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)  
**Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting** Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)  
**Cascade Education Foundation**, Contact: CEF@cascade.org  
**LWSC Alpine Committee**, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)  
**Leavenworth Masons**, 7:30 p.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.

## Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

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

# Plans for new gun regulations progress in Washington Legislature

By: JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET

Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Sandra Ramirez's son Joseph was hanging out with friends last February at the home of a boy whose parents owned a gun.

One of the children found the gun in an unlocked safe, Ramirez told the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary last week. The gun went off, killing Joseph Martinez, 13.

"This tragedy could have been prevented if the firearm was properly locked up," said Ramirez, of Richland. "I don't just see the shooter as responsible for this happening. I see the gun owners, the adults, as who should be held accountable."

Ramirez was testifying in support of House Bill 1152, a proposal in the Washington Legislature to require gun owners to lock up their weapons in their cars and homes. The severity of the punishment for violating the proposed law rises based on the consequences, from a civil infraction to a felony if unsafe storage leads to someone being injured.

The secure storage measure is part of a package of legislation Democratic lawmakers are looking to pass this year in hopes of curbing gun violence in Washington.

The bills would require a permit to purchase guns, restrict bulk purchases of ammunition and firearms, impose an excise tax on firearm and ammunition sales, add new requirements for weapons dealers and further limit the public places where people can carry firearms.

Legislative committees have passed a couple of the bills already. A House panel was set to vote on several more last week, but some members couldn't make the meeting, so the votes were pushed to this Friday.

On Wednesday, House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma, cited the secure storage bill as a gun reform measure her caucus is interested in prioritizing.

The National Rifle Association, gun shop owners and competitive shooters argued the legislation would infringe on the rights of lawful gun owners. They said lawmakers should instead implement tougher criminal punishments, specifically for gang violence.

In recent years, Democrats have banned untraceable ghost guns that don't have serial numbers as well as the sale of semi-automatic rifles and high-capacity ammunition magazines, among other gun laws.

Washington's current gun laws have an A-minus rating from the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, ranking ninth in the country.

In 2022, the latest year for which comprehensive federal data is available, the gun death rate in Washington increased 11% from the previous year, for a total of 1,022 deaths,

according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About two-thirds of those were suicide.

Guns were also one of the leading causes of death among Washington children that year, claiming 32 lives, on par with car crashes and higher than drownings.

### Permit to purchase

Perhaps the centerpiece of Democrats' plan to further regulate guns this session is a measure to require buyers to get a permit before being able to get a firearm.

State law already includes a 10-day waiting period before sellers can deliver guns to a buyer. Purchasers also have to prove they've completed a firearm safety program before they can buy.

Under House Bill 1163 from state Rep. Liz Berry, D-Seattle, prospective buyers would have to apply for a five-year permit from the Washington State Patrol. The state patrol's Firearms Background Check Program would issue the permit within 30 days, or 60 days if the applicant doesn't have a state ID.

The state would have to issue the permit as long as the applicant isn't prohibited from buying guns, free on bond awaiting a trial or sentencing on felony charges, or the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant. They also still have to prove completion of a safety course within the past five years.

If denied, applicants can challenge the decision in court. The state can revoke a permit if the person no longer meets the required conditions.

The state patrol anticipates receiving 200,000 permit applications each year. In 2022, the agency received over 500,000 background check requests. About 1% failed.

Julia Berus, an Ingraham High School senior, said she was just feet away when a student was shot and killed at the Seattle school in 2022. She argued a permit to purchase "protects the public by ensuring the background checks occur before a firearm purchase, rather than at the point of sale, making sure that guns don't fall into dangerous hands."

"I personally do not want to be in a situation again where these guns do end up in dangerous hands," Berus told a House panel last week. "Neither do the other 1,000 students at my high school that I am speaking on behalf of right now."

Opponents said their constitutional right to bear arms shouldn't require a permit.

"How many of you would adamantly reject the idea of having to get a permit to speak, write, attend religious services, peacefully assemble, petition, own property or vote?" asked Allen Ernst, a competitive shooter. "You know, other key individual rights afforded to us in our federal and state constitutions."

The measure is already poised to advance further than

last year, with a committee vote scheduled for Friday. If passed, the law would take effect in November 2026.

Sen. Marko Liias, the sponsor of the Senate version, said this could be the year the legislation makes it to the governor's desk.

"I feel really confident that we've got momentum," Liias, a Democrat from Edmonds, said early this month.

About a dozen other states have permit-to-purchase laws on the books.

### Buying and selling

Democrats also want to impose an 11% excise tax on the sale of firearms and ammunition, with exceptions for police and the military.

Washington's tax would be on top of the federal excise tax. Revenue from House Bill 1386, projected at \$35 million in the 2029-2031 biennium, would be earmarked for programs focused on gun violence prevention.

Seattle already has a similar excise tax, costing \$25 per firearm and 2 cents per round of ammunition that is 0.22-caliber or less and 5 cents per round above that size.

Another proposal would limit how many guns or bullets someone can buy. House Bill 1132 aims to stop gun shops from selling more than one gun to an individual buyer in a month, as well as 100 rounds of 0.50-caliber ammunition and 1,000 rounds of all other ammo. The state currently has no such restrictions.

### Violators would be subject to a \$500 fine.

In the 2017 shooting that left 60 dead in Las Vegas, the shooter spewed over 1,000 rounds from 15 guns in under 10 minutes.

Carrie Parsons, of Seattle, was one of the victims. Her mother, Ann-Marie Parsons, urged lawmakers last week to approve the restrictions on bulk purchases. She called it a "straightforward, sensible, effective way to save lives."

Sports shooters said the proposal would stop them from buying enough ammo to compete.

"Shooters who are preparing for the Olympics or other large events can expend anywhere from five to 10,000 rounds a month," said Brian Keelan, of the Washington State Rifle and Pistol Association.

Five states have passed laws limiting the number of guns people can purchase in certain time frames.

Democrats also want to strengthen requirements approved last year for gun shops. In July, employees of firearm dealers will have to undergo fingerprinting and a background check. Shops will also need additional security and surveillance systems.

Senate Bill 5099 would require the state patrol to inspect 10% of licensed sellers per year. It also requires dealers and their employees to complete training on how to recognize illegal activity.

Critics said the legislation is overly burdensome for

firearm retailers. Jeremy Ball, the owner of Sharpshooting Indoor Range and Gun Shop in Spokane, said the state is losing 20 sellers licensed federally per month because of the additional restrictions.

"None of us can find any data that shows that raising the barrier of entry for firearms retailers and consolidating our industry to publicly traded corporations who care absolutely nothing about the community other than their bottom line is going to yield the results you're looking for," Ball told a Senate committee last week.

Sen. John Lovick, D-Mill Creek, the bill's sponsor, called the bill "common sense for responsible dealers."

"They ensure firearms stay out of the wrong hands," he said. "This bill isn't just about compliance, it's about accountability and safety."

The Senate Law & Justice Committee advanced Lovick's bill onto the Ways & Means panel along party lines last week.

### Open carry

Last year, lawmakers added public libraries, zoos, aquariums and transit stations to the list of places where gun owners aren't allowed to open carry.

This year, Democrats are looking to add more public places to the list of gun-free zones.

Senate Bill 5098 would also make it a gross misdemeanor to knowingly carry a gun in parks "where children are likely to be present," state or local public buildings and county fairgrounds. The restrictions in public buildings don't include rest areas or ferry terminals.

Gun owners who have a concealed pistol license would be exempt. Signage at each facility would let patrons know about the prohibition.


NRA lobbyist Aoibheann Cline said the expansion would "make it virtually impossible to lawfully carry firearms in Washington."

Sen. Javier Valdez, D-Seattle, cited the example of an August shooting at the Grant County Fair that injured two teen girls to explain the importance of his bill.


The bill has passed out of a Senate committee and now awaits action in Ways & Means.

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## Kodiaks honor wrestling seniors as they prepare for Districts and State



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The CHS class of 2025 wrestlers, pictured here on their senior banner, are set to lead the team into the postseason.

By **CAROLINE MENNA**  
Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH - Cascade High School's (CHS) boys wrestling team celebrated its graduating seniors on Tuesday night, January 28, in an emotional and hard-fought, split conference meet versus the visiting Omak Pioneers and Chelan Goats. The atmosphere in the gymnasium was electric as family, friends, and fellow students gathered to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of these soon to be graduating athletes.

The senior wrestlers - captains Frank Rosario, Damian Sandoval, and Jeffrey Palacios, and Cruz Martinez, Abraham Gonzalez, and Talen Johnson - were each introduced before the match, walking onto the mat with their families.

Head Coach D'Andre Vasquez and Assistant Coach Juan Martinez shared heartfelt words about each senior, highlighting their contributions to the team, their individual growth, and the impact they have had on the Kodiak wrestling program.

"These seniors have poured their heart and soul into this team," said Vasquez. "Their commitment has been special, and they've shown incredible leadership, both on and off

the mat. We're going to miss them."

The seniors themselves were filled with a mix of emotions. There were tears, smiles, and a palpable sense of gratitude mixed with nostalgia. "I've been waiting for [senior night] since freshman year," explained Palacios. "It was really great having my family with me as we were recognized."

Sandoval concurred with Palacios adding that he "will miss this group. The team is like a second family to me; it was meaningful to have us, and the sport, recognized like that. This night was exciting and sad at the same time."

But the evening was not all sentiment. The Kodiaks, Pioneers, and Goats battled fiercely on the mat, with several close matches keeping the crowd on the edge of their seats. The seniors wrestled with extra determination, leaving it all out there in their final home meet.

"We had a tough one tonight, as it always is against Omak," remarked Vasquez. "And we were missing a couple of our guys, which always presents a challenge. But we rebounded against Chelan, and we're headed to the post season now with Districts next weekend, and the top eight qualifying for

### CASCADE SCHEDULE

Girls Basketball			
Thu, Feb 6	5:45 PM	Omak	Home
CTL Tournament, Winners will play Chelan on Saturday, February 8th to determine the CTL tournament champion (Time TBD)			
Boys Basketball			
Thu, Feb 6	7:15 PM	Omak	Away
CTL Tournament, Winners will play Chelan on Saturday, February 8th to determine the CTL tournament champion (Time TBD)			
Girls Wrestling			
Fri, Feb 7	4:00 PM	Omak	
Boys Wrestling			
Sat, Feb 8	10:00 AM	Okanogan	Away

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Girls Basketball					
Fri, Jan 31	Cascade	50	Tonasket	32	Win
Boys Basketball					
Tue, Jan 28	Cascade	50	Bridgeport	53	Loss
Fri, Jan 31	Cascade	36	Tonasket	73	Loss

State. We anticipate doing well and taking a pretty big group."

Sandoval echoed Vasquez's optimism: "We're projected to have a good post season with a lot of us going to Districts and State. So, I'm hyped for that."

"It's a really tough sport and I'm proud of all these kids coming out here and wrestling regardless of the score," concluded Vasquez.

With the regular season behind them, the Kodiaks are now looking forward to the postseason, starting with the Sub-District Tournament on Saturday, February 8, at Okanogan High School. The top 4 wrestlers in each weight class will advance to Districts.

#### Boys Wrestling Post-Season Details:

- Sub-District Tournament: Saturday, February 8, at Okanogan High School. The top 4 wrestlers in each weight class advance to Districts.
- District Tournament: Saturday, February 15, at Wapato High School. The top 8 wrestlers in each weight class qualify for Mat Classic at the Tacoma Dome on February 21-22. Congratulations to the CHS

wrestling senior class of 2025!

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

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Rylie Songer**  
Cascade Girls Basketball  
Freshman



Rylie put together an impressive all-around game in our victory over Bridgeport. She led the offensive attack with 13 points while making her presence felt on the glass with 6 rebounds. Rylie also showed her playmaking ability by dishing out 2 assists. Her well-rounded contribution played a key role in securing the team's win.

## Kodiaks dominate home double-dual, sweep Omak, Chelan

The Leavenworth Echo  
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - The Kodiaks did plenty of celebrating that night, defeating Omak 54-24 and then Chelan 49-20 in a double-dual at CHS last Jan. 28. Cle Elum-Roslyn also participated, wrestling first the Goats then the Pioneers.



Isaac Avila has the referee raise his hand in triumph after the Kodiak grappler bested his competition during a double-dual in Leavenworth last Jan. 28.



Jonah Peake in the midst of a fiery performance against the visiting Chelan Goats. The Kodiaks won 49-20.



Daniel Guerrero in action against the visiting Chelan Goats last Jan. 28. The Kodiaks bested the Goats in the nightcap of a double-dual that also saw the Kodiaks get the best out of the visiting Omak Pioneers.

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# RiverCom seeks matching State and Federal funding for new public safety answering point facility

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WENATCHEE - RiverCom, the region's essential 911 call-taking and emergency services dispatching provider, is seeking state and federal support to help fund a new Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) facility that will ensure continued, reliable, and professional 911 services to Chelan and Douglas Counties.

The current RiverCom facility, located on the third floor of the Wenatchee Police Department is no longer adequate to support the growing public safety needs of the region. Built in 2004, the facility faces numerous challenges that limit RiverCom's capacity to meet the growing emergency response needs of the region, including limited space, inadequate electrical capacity, and vulnerability to power outages and natural disasters. A 2019 study from an outside consultant, emphasized the need for a new facility, noting that the existing space is beyond capacity and ill-equipped to accommodate future growth. Since the 2019 report, RiverCom call volume

has increased by 17% and staffing by 12% highlighting an even greater need now than at the time of the study.

"We've been managing with an outdated, overcrowded facility that is simply not up to the task of supporting RiverCom's critical mission," said Doug Jones, RiverCom Director. "Our current staffing levels and operational needs require space, modern infrastructure, and security that this facility can't provide. A new facility will ensure we continue to meet the growing demands of our community, now and into the future."

The RiverCom Administrative Board, which oversees RiverCom, is committed to making the new facility a reality. The board consists of elected officials from Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Chelan County, Douglas County, as well as representatives from the regional fire, police and EMS agencies served by RiverCom.

"The new RiverCom PSAP will not only strengthen local emergency services but also improve coordination between local, state, and federal agencies," said Sheriff Mike Morrison, RiverCom Board Chair. "This is especially

crucial when responding to events, such as wildland fires or search and rescue emergencies, where seamless communication and resource-sharing can make all the difference in saving lives and protecting property."

Wenatchee Mayor Mike Poirier, who also serves as a RiverCom board member, emphasized the regional significance of the project. "This facility is not just for Wenatchee, it serves all the communities in Chelan and Douglas counties. By investing in this state-of-the-art PSAP, we are strengthening our region's overall emergency response capabilities and enhancing public safety for not only our citizens, but our regional tourism as well."

In August 2024, the RiverCom board took a significant step forward by purchasing land for the new facility for \$1.4 million. The property is located at the corner of 5th St. N.E. and N. Lyle Ave. in Douglas County.

RiverCom is in the process of requesting both state and federal community project funding for the remaining finances needed to complete the project. "We've been able to save a good portion



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of project funds through the local communication sales tax, but securing matching state and federal funds will make this project a reality," said Jones, concluding that, "this is a sound investment in regional public safety, ensuring the

citizens of Chelan and Douglas counties receive a fast, reliable, and well-coordinated response when they call 911 in times of crisis."

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**NCW bridal**

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coordinator and owner of Katrina's Wedding Boutique.

The show features wedding and reception venues, wedding gowns, bridesmaids dresses, tuxedos, floral, bakery and cakes, catering, wedding planners, photographers, DJs, mobile bars and more.

Curtis-Anderson said the event offers the opportunity to speak with wedding professionals and get help planning the big day.

However, the event isn't just for brides.

"It's not just for ladies," Curtis-Anderson said. "There's a lot of things for men, you know, whether it's tuxedos or picking out beers or ciders. There's all sorts of things there too, it's not just for weddings, because we have a lot of people that come there for birthdays, quinceaneras, anniversaries, so any type of event."

Curtis-Anderson has been organizing the bridal show since she was 17. Her mother bought the store, now known as Katrina's Wedding Boutique in 1985, when she was a senior in high school.

"We were prom shopping, and we ended up buying the whole store because my mom thought it would be something fun to do, and she asked if she could name it after me and I said sure," she said.

Curtis-Anderson and her

mother started the bridal show that same year and it has been going strong since 1985.

According to Curtis-Anderson, North Central Washington has become a sought-after wedding destination due to its natural beauty and diverse venues, including wineries and outdoor locations. Many brides return to the area from Seattle, Spokane, and beyond to celebrate their weddings in their hometown.

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**Flywheel**

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Currently an angel investor and fractional VP of Sales

based in central Washington, Len holds a BS from the University of Washington and an MS from USC as a Hughes Masters Fellow. His experience as VP International for two public companies and his extensive global network in emerging tech and sales channels uniquely position him to lead this year's fund.

The Flywheel Fund is accepting new accredited investors for 2025. Investment participation offers a unique opportunity to support innovative startups based in Washington State. Interested investors are invited to attend the next Flywheel Angel Network Meeting, held virtually on February 19 at noon. Contact information can be found at [flywheelconference.com/about](http://flywheelconference.com/about).

**Mountain Meadows**

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behind the achievement. "We are deeply honored to receive this award. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team who strive every day to provide the highest quality of care," said Ledezma. "I am incredibly proud of their commitment to providing exceptional service and creating a positive and enriching experience for each and every resident."

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**Dan's Food Market**

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that coming from Bellingham, which is obviously a bigger town...It's really, I think, unique and special."

Dedicated staff has been a strength of the market since 1996, when Dan Firth took over and renamed it to Dan's Food Market, turning it into the local landmark it is today.

"My employees. They keep the customers coming back. They are the ones who sell the market," Firth told the Echo in 2011. "They are good people and greet most people by name. I would have to hand all the kudos to the employees."

The market that stands today originally opened in the 1950s as Columbia Market. But the market has shapeshifted over the years, taking on different names and housing additional businesses, such as a laundromat and dentist office. Nowadays, the different eras are concealed by the market's uneven flooring and additional walls.

"It housed a lot of different businesses back from the 60s to the 70s and then on. But it's always been a grocery store too, for as long as I can

remember," said Puckett. "There's still some existing windows behind walls."

When Firth took ownership, town was slower and items didn't move off the shelves as quickly. Yet, even with Safeway down the street, the market was still doing well, due to its emphasis on quality service. By 2011, Firth sold the market to Eric Worthen, who built upon his predecessor's legacy. Under Worthen's leadership, the market underwent key interior improvements and saw expanded offerings, such as the deli and bakery. Yet, his focus remained on fostering a welcoming atmosphere where employees and customers felt valued.

Worthen took a hands-on approach, chatting with customers in the aisle or helping at the check stand, which made the grocer more accessible. Sports teams could ask for sponsorship, a local business owner could pitch their product, or a customer could request a specific item directly from Worthen.

When Jonathan and Kat Konz took over in 2023, they embraced this philosophy, ensuring that Dan's remained as accessible and community-driven as ever.

"They're both out on the floor all the time, interacting with customers, interacting with employees, and just overall, it's to me, a much fuller experience for everybody," said Radach.

Aside from minor building repairs, Dan's has remained primarily the same since 2023. The Konzcs have focused on preserving the market's community-driven charm while also responding to customer requests for new products.

"It keeps improving. I mean, right now, I think we've been finding items that people have wanted for a long time, that we've never been able to really get. It kind of opened a lot of doors, as far as items that we could bring in," said Radach.

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**City of Leavenworth**  
**700 US Hwy 2**  
**Leavenworth, WA 98826**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Leavenworth for construction of the Water Transmission Main Replacement project. Work to be performed includes: Installing ductile iron 24" watermain and associated fittings, water services, hydrants, valves, and connections to existing main between the bridge over the Wenatchee River on Icicle Road and the intersection of Mill Street and US 2. This work shall include, but is not limited to all roadway restoration required due to the nature of the watermain work. This project also includes minor telemetry upgrades to the City's existing well site. **Bid proposals will be received only at Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826 by 2:00:59 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025,** at which time they will be opened, read, and tabulated publicly. Proposals received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered. Contract documents may be purchased on [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for \$22.00, nonrefundable, under project #9517335. Addenda will be published only through the online bidding service. Bidders that do not purchase a bid set will not automatically be notified of addenda and will need to periodically check the on-line plan room for addenda. A voluntary pre-bid walkthrough of the City's wellsite will take place on February 12th, 2025 at 2:00 PM. An informational copy of the contract documents is on file for inspection at the City of Leavenworth. Direct questions regarding the contract documents to Cai Yamamoto, RH2 Engineering, Inc., (509) 398-3194, [cyamamoto@rh2.com](mailto:cyamamoto@rh2.com).

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