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Chelan addresses state mandate on accessory dwelling units

Current Code Development Option in the NW/SW Gateways SUD (STRs Not Allowed)

PC Recommended Code in NW/SW Gateway & Lord Acres SUD (Minimum 5 Acres)

COURTESY OF THE CITY OF CHELAN

Current Code Development Option in the Lord Acres SUD (STRs Not Allowed)

Current Gateways SUD would allow up to 10 lots and a potential of 20 dwellings.

A 10 acre lot would allow one house and one accessory dwelling unit.

Higher density in the Lord Acres area would permit up to 30 lots with a lower 20 percent open space requirement.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN –The city council addressed its agriculture-based short-term rental (STR) code at its Feb. 11 meeting to bring the city in alignment with legislation enacted by the state in 2023.

House bill 1337 relative to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) was passed in July 2023 and is now state law under RCW 36.70A.680.

In response to a housing affordability crisis the new state law addresses

the shortage in communities in need of more rental housing across the income spectrum.

“Many cities dedicate the majority of residentially zoned land to single detached houses that are increasingly financially out of reach for many households,” the bill’s notes said.

“Due to their smaller size, accessory dwelling units can provide a more affordable housing option in those single-family zones.”

Community Development Director John Ajax reported on recommendations from the planning commission

following a January public hearing. The goal is to rework the code to include home stay options inside the special use district (SUD) that the current code does not allow.

“The whole point of our SUD is to promote these sorts of uses in our commercial and mixed-use zones,” said Ajax.

“Our ag tourism code does not work for this so we wanted to put this back in to make sure we are fulfilling that comprehensive plan need.”

A stipulation requires a minimum lot size of five acres with an onsite

agriculture component. The USDA defines a working farm as one that can demonstrate the ability to produce a crop of \$2,000 a year from fully established agriculture.

“We are looking at uses like vineyards and orchards and not a quick turnaround where someone plants hay overnight,” said Ajax. “It has to be fully established and productive.”

Ajax illustrated several theoretical examples of SUD options including:

- A 10-acre lot would allow one STR along with an ADU. It would include an option to subdivide and split the lot.

- Current code inside an SUD (no STR) - A 10-acre lot in either of the Gateway units north and south of the city, one house and one ADU. Subdividing would allow up to 10 lots requiring 50 percent in open space or active agriculture.

“You could have one ADU currently on each of those lots so a potential of 20 dwellings,” said Ajax. “In 2026 be allowed to have a second ADU, so potentially 30 structures on 10 acres

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Taste Chelan returns for month-long celebration of wine and food



COURTESY OF LAKE CHELAN WINE ALLIANCE
Lake Chelan Wine Valley’s signature food and wine event, Taste Chelan, will Celebrate the region’s best wine and culinary offerings throughout the month of March. [SEE STORY ON PAGE A3](#)

Point in Time Count shows mixed picture of homelessness in Chelan, Douglas counties

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WENATCHEE – The 2025 Point in Time Count for Chelan and Douglas counties showed fewer people living unsheltered but more utilizing emergency shelters and temporary housing services.

The annual count, conducted on January 30, documented 104 unsheltered individuals, a decrease of 37 people from the previous year’s count of 141.

The sheltered population rose by 64 people, with 405 individuals staying in emergency shelters, RV Safe Parks, transitional housing, or emergency hotel/motel voucher programs.

“Data collected during the Point in Time Count is intended to be a snapshot of homelessness on this one night in our community,” said Madison Calloway, coordinator of the Chelan County Homeless Program. “The PIT Count helps to measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels.”

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COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY
Joshua Mathena of the City of Wenatchee and Chyvonna Torres of the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council conduct outreach during the 2025 Point in Time Count, surveying individuals living in RVs in Wenatchee on January 30. The annual count showed 27 people living in RVs across Chelan and Douglas counties.

Chelan County Commissioners finalize short-term rental code changes

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – After receiving public comment and recommendations from the Planning Commission, the Board of Chelan County Commissioners (BOCC) formally adopted changes to the short-term rental (STR) code on Feb. 18.

Last year, the BOCC tasked the Planning Commission with reviewing portions of the short-term rental code, which was originally adopted in 2021.

Of these considerations, the Planning Commission was asked to consider whether children 24 months and younger should be included in occupancy counts. STR owners were supportive of this change, which would align with the occupancy standards of booking platforms. The commissioners decided to leave the code as is, which counts children in occupancy rates, regardless of age.

Commissioners agreed to maintain the same percentages of maximum number of short-term rentals allowed in designated areas, with the Manson

area lowered from nine to six percent at the request of the Manson Community Council.

Under the new updates, property owners will need an initial inspection of new short-term rentals by the Chelan County Fire Marshal’s office, rather than an applicable fire district. While self-inspections for health and safety are encouraged annually, the updated code now requires that Fire and Life Safety Inspections are performed every other year by the office.

Parking standards were updated to

require that the number of vehicles allowed at short-term rental must include any boats, trailers, campers, personal watercraft or other similar vehicles. Additionally, short-term rentals will be allowed to park in setbacks, in alignment with homes that are not short-term rentals, as long as they provide proof of two parking spaces outside of the setback.

Signage verbiage was updated to clarify the intent of the code. Signs must be all-weather, permanently posted, and include the permit number and phone number of a quali-

fied person or local contact who can be on-site in 60 minutes.

Lastly, code surrounding annual renewal payment updated to include a schedule of renewal application acceptance and late fees. Applications are accepted between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30, applicants must pay a late fee of twice the permit fee in addition to the renewal fee, with the permit fee tripling between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31.

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Cirque Kalabante: Strength, Spirit, Spectacle

Join us at the Numerica Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for Cirque Kalabante. Afrique en Cirque is a show by Yamoussa Bangoura, inspired by daily life in Guinea. This performance shares the beauty, youth, and artistry of African culture. A colorful show beyond its scenery, costumes, and staging, it makes any theatre vibrate with energy and represents the strength, agility, and life's joy of young Africans. The audience will see acrobats execute gravity-defying moves and human pyramids, accompanied by the contemporary sound of live Afro-Jazz, percussion, and kora. Welcome to the universe of Kalabanté Productions, and prepare for an unforgettable journey.

Numerica Performing Arts Center 123 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee

For more information, visit https://numericapac.org/

Tipsy Canyon Winery with Live Music: Virgil Eagle

Tipsy Canyon Winery can't wait to bring you another night of award winning wines and live music featuring, Virgil

Eagle on Thursday, February 27 at 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The ever-kilted Virgil, has been playing music for as long as he can remember, growing up in a family where music brought them together. Over the years he's played with small ensembles as a guest artist, including with his daughter, local performer Elaine. Summer 2021, he performed with local band No Promises before forming Whisky Trail at the end of the year with friends, Brent and Chris. Four months, later the band was honored to be awarded 2022 Wenatchee World's Best Band, followed by a second World's Best Band for 2023. Enjoy classic rock covers from Whisky Trail's lead singer.

Tipsy Canyon Winery, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd Manson

For more information, visit https://tipsycanyon.com/upcoming-event/live-music-virgil-eagle/ or contact 509-741-5501

Red Barn Event: Cottonwoods - Unlocking Our Rivers' Histories

Join us Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. a hybrid event at Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn 347 Division Street, Leavenworth or livestream via our YouTube Channel

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a community social with beer and wine available for purchase. The presentation will start at 7:00 p.m.

This presentation, partnered with the Wenatchee Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society and the Pacific Northwest chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists, is all about the river specialists called cottonwoods. We'll talk about how these trees evolved and what they can tell us about a river's history and diversity. Streaming link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAYduaigr7M

For more information, visit jschaub@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org 509-548-0181, ext. 5

Winthrop Washington's 28th Annual Air Balloon Roundup

The skies over Winthrop brighten with the brilliant colors of hot air balloons. This 3-day (Friday, Feb. 28 – Sunday, Mar 2) Hot Air Balloon Roundup is an incredible sight to see. Watch as hot air balloons fly over the old western town of Winthrop framed by the snow-capped mountains of the North Cascades.

VIEWING THE BALLOONS: The balloons are scheduled to



launch during each of the three mornings of this event, but the weather will determine if the balloons can launch. Consider extending your stay to ensure being able to see the balloons take flight. Arrive around 6:45 a.m. behind The Winthrop Inn and Abbycreek Inn (located on Hwy 20 at the south end of Winthrop, 960/1006 Highway 20). The balloons begin inflating for launch at 7:00 a.m. and generally stay up in the air until about 9:00 a.m.

All events are weather permitting. Each morning at 6:45 a.m., the balloons decide whether to fly based on current weather conditions.

For more information for parking, event schedules, and RSVP's, visit https://winthropwashington.com/event/balloon-roundup/

Mountain Music Series: Live Music with the Bandits of the Animal Kingdom

Come experience the vibe of live music on the mountain in the Hampton Lodge on Saturday, March 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Take a break from your night turns, or just head up for a night of good music, dancing, food, and drinks at a higher elevation. The action goes down on the Ka Wham Cafe side of the lodge but can also be enjoyed from the Chair 5 Pub. Mountain Music Series nights are free and are all-ages events.

Location - Mission Ridge Ski Area 7500 Mission Ridge Road Wenatchee

For more information, visit missionridge.com (509) 663-6543

Letter to the Editor

Reader appreciates Ruby U program

I just wanted to express to your readers what a gift Ruby U gave to our community last night with a presentation by Rich Beausoleil of the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife. With the assistance of Milo, his beautiful, audience-friendly Karelian Bear Dog (vital member of the Cougar management team), Rich explained the habits and lifestyle of a world-class

animal: the Mountain Lion (aka Cougar). Cougars are our neighbors, and we can co-exist safely with them.

I now know what to do if I meet one out on a trail, I know how to prevent my chickens from being a cougar lunch, I know what to do if I find one in my tree.

Thanks Ruby U and Rich for an amazing and helpful evening!

Marianne Patton Chelan

Write On The River contest deadline nears for regional authors

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WENATCHEE – Regional writers have less than two weeks remaining to submit entries for the 2025 Write On The River Writers Competition. The annual contest, now in its 16th year, offers \$1,200 in prize money to be shared among six winners.

The competition, hosted in partnership with the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, welcomes both fiction and nonfiction entries up to 1,000 words. Submissions can be complete works or opening pages of longer pieces, including novels, short stories, flash fiction, essays, memoirs, or humor writing.

Eligibility is restricted to writers residing east of the Cascades, with an exception for Write On The River members who live elsewhere in Washington state. Out-of-state submissions will not be considered.

All entries must follow specific formatting requirements: double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins, submitted as PDF files. Manuscripts should not include the author's name but must display the title, page numbers, and genre designation ('F' for fiction or 'N' for nonfiction) on the first page.

The entry fee is \$20 per submission. Writers can opt for three written critiques of their work for an additional \$20. While multiple entries are permitted, participants can only win one prize per category.

Competition directors and judges are ineligible to win prizes in categories they are judging. The contest accepts prose entries only, with separate poetry competitions planned for later in 2025.

For complete guidelines and submission details, writers can visit wvmce.org or writeontheriver.org.

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PIT Count

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The survey found that 88 of the unsheltered individuals identified as chronically homeless, while 46 reported experiencing homelessness for the first time. Demographics showed most surveyed individuals were white (63 people) and male (61 people), with an average age of 47 years.

Housing and economic factors emerged as leading contributors to homelessness, with 24 people each citing job loss/unemployment and eviction/loss of housing as causes. Health-related issues also affected housing status, with 15 people reporting mental illness and nine each attributing their situation to physical illness and substance use.

The count's expanded reach this year included participation from fifteen agencies and covered previously underserved rural areas. "We had a great turnout of outreach volunteers and agencies participating this year," Calloway said. "This allowed us to target the more rural areas that we had not been able to target in previous years, and contributed to the event's overall success."



COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY

Outreach workers Mathena and Torres document an outdoor living site during the Point in Time Count. The 2025 survey found 42 people living outdoors in locations not meant for habitation, part of the total 104 unsheltered individuals counted across the two-county region.

Among those surveyed, 66 expressed willingness to stay in shelters if space was available, while 48 declined shelter options.

The most common reasons for avoiding shelters included feeling unsafe (9 responses), inability to bring pets (7 responses), and concerns about storage availability or overcrowding (4 responses each).

The survey also revealed that 104 of the individuals were unemployed, with 12 reporting part-time work and one person in full-time employment.

For income sources, 20 people reported receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), while 11 each received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or other forms of assistance.

The count was conducted across both counties, with resource events held at Light-house Christian Ministries in Wenatchee, Chelan Valley HOPE, and Upper Valley MEND locations.

The data will be used to plan services and identify gaps in the region's homelessness assistance system.

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Meetings

Monday

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

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

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

Tuesday

Manson Community Council: Third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Manson Parks Department, 142 Pedi St. In person or JOIN ZOOM MEETING: Meeting ID: 865 5396 3012. Passcode: 98831. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553963012?pwd=feCLUIQkf3Z2tgEGDFvVaCEHpFI6AB.1>

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

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

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

Wednesday

TOPS® Chapter Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle: Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. TOPS® chapter (weight loss support group) meetings at Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, located at 206 N. Emerson St. Attendees should use the side entrance of the church between the Lake Chelan Health Express Care Clinic and the church. TOPS empowers people to stop dieting and start creating healthy, enjoyable lifestyle habits that will work for them over the long haul.

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

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

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

Thursday

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

Chelan Cancer Support Group: First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Chelan Health Hospital. Lunch (purchase from hospital cafe)/meeting in Bragg Room. Meetings are open to anyone impacted by cancer. Including: patients, survivors, caregivers, family members and especially those who are recently diagnosed. It is also open to folks wanting to learn ways to support someone affected by cancer. It's a place where members can offer advice, share coping strategies, and build relationships along their journey. More info: Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Chelan Valley Community Nurse program provide free, bi-weekly (Thursday, March 6) blood pressure checks to everyone in the valley, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center, 534 E. Trow Avenue, Chelan. For info: Catharine at 509-679-9059, email: chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com. Will be provided a wallet size record card to share with your physician if desired.

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

Saturday

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

Other Events

Lake Chelan Lions Club Shamrock Shuffle will be Saturday, March 15, (same day as Top Dog Parade). Walk, Stroll or Run in this fundraiser for Diabetes. Registration day of at Riverwalk Park Shelter 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Pre Register: lakechelanlions.org Shamrock Shuffle. Adults \$25 (19 and older) receive a kelly green beanie and 2025 shamrock pin; Youth \$15 (7-18) receive a kelly green beanie and 2025 shamrock pin; Kids: 6 and under. A beanie and pin may be purchased for \$6 for kids 6 and under. If you have participated before and still have your beanie bring it with you and get a 2025 pin. Event begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants will leave Riverwalk Park and will cross the Old Bridge and take the Riverwalk trail to the boat launch, then up the hill towards the Chelan River Gorge. The halfway mark is at the end of the pavement at the Gorge

Road. Participants will turn around there and take the same route back to the starting point. Supporters are: Lake Chelan Health Foundation, Erik Nelson/Edward Jones, Whaley's General Store, Local Myth Pizza and Endless Orchards Cider.

Chelan Valley Hope: As the winter temperatures in Chelan and surrounding areas drop, our warming station is here to support those in need. When temperatures reach 20°F or below, we open our doors from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. to provide a safe, warm space for individuals who are unhoused or unsheltered during extreme weather. Stay updated on warming station hours by following us on Facebook or Instagram. Your awareness and support make a difference in keeping our community safe and warm this winter. Info: chelanvalleyhope.org

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

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

Food Bank food distribution: Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway Saturday and Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m. Drive through distribution at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. Information: lakechelanfoodbank.org Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center).

Household hazardous waste drop off: Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A in Wenatchee. Open the first Saturday of the month, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Free service to Chelan County residents. For the list of items that the facility does, and does not accept, go to <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>.

Taste Chelan returns for month-long celebration of wine and food

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CHELAN – Taste Chelan, Lake Chelan Wine Valley's signature food and wine event, returns this March for a month-long celebration of the region's acclaimed wines and culinary offerings.

Every Saturday throughout the month, participating wineries will feature expertly curated wine and food pairings, highlighting the diverse flavors of the Lake Chelan Wine Valley. Local chefs and winemakers have collaborated to create unique pairings that showcase the valley's award-winning wines alongside thoughtfully prepared bites.

"We are excited to once again bring Taste Chelan to life, offer-

ing visitors and locals an opportunity to experience the best of our region's wine and culinary scene," said Renea Roberts, director of community engagement for the Lake Chelan Wine Alliance. "This event is the perfect way to explore our valley while indulging in expertly crafted pairings."

Taste Chelan tickets include curated tastings at four select wineries, a bonus fifth tasting stop at one of two designated locations, a Taste Chelan gift bag, and exclusive discounts at participating venues.

The event welcomes both seasoned wine enthusiasts and first-time visitors, offering a vibrant and immersive way to experience one of Washington's most picturesque wine destinations.



COURTESY OF LAKE CHELAN WINE ALLIANCE

Tickets include tastings at four wineries and a bonus fifth tasting at one of two designated locations.

Tickets are available now at tastechelan.com. For updates and pairing previews, follow @lakechelanwinevalley on social media.

The Lake Chelan Wine Alliance is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the region's wine industry. Through marketing, events, and partnerships, the alliance connects visitors with the unique story of Lake Chelan's wine community, fostering growth and recognition for the valley's wineries and vineyards.



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Every Saturday in March, participating wineries will feature curated wine and food pairings.

Chelan County Sheriff Report

February 14

05:30:57 Accident Unk, SR 150 MP 11, CHELAN, WA
06:11:15 Accident No Inj, BOYD RD & PURTTEMAN GULCH
07:41:58 Welfare Check, 301 E WOODIN AVE; CHELAN
09:46:20 Noise, 222 WAPATO WAY; WINEGIRL
11:30:16 Alarm, 4010 SR 150, MANSON, WA
11:47:43 Harass/Threat, 2031 W TERRACE AVE, CHELAN
15:14:40 Harass/Threat, 215 W WEBSTER AVE; CHELAN
15:50:14 Malicious Misch, 414 E WOODIN AVE, CHELAN
16:13:58 Accident No Inj, 10BLK CHELAN FALLS RD, CHELAN
18:01:44 Traffic Offense, WILL-MORTH DR & us HWY 97A
23:09:24 Alarm, 85 GRACE LN, CHELAN, WA

February 15

01:12:31 Trespass, 455 WAPATO LAKE RD; 12 TRI
9:28:28 Welfare Check, 12 DIETRICH RD, CHELAN, WA
12:52:52 AtL/Atc, 405 S CLIFFORD ST, CHELAN
13:51:06 Hazard, 205 CRESCENT ST, CHELAN
16:37:09 Hazard, 2000BLK FIRST CREEK RD
18:01:28 Hazard, 2500 FIRST CREEK RD, CHELAN
20:35:51 Warrant, US HWY 97A & STONERIDGE ST EN
February 16
2:35:41 Noise, 2312 W WOODIN AVE;BEST WE
11:13:58 Traffic Offense, SR 150 MP 4, MANSON, WA
13:50:27 Assist Agency, 9925 BELL DR, ENTIAT, WA
14:14:14 911, 100 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR; O

16:03:39 Welfare Check, 14903 BURKEY ST, ENTIAT
17:42:41 Traffic Offense, US HWY 97A & STONERIDGE ST
20:26:26 Suspicious, 1045 IVAN MORSE RD, MANSON

February 17

0:06:14 911, 214 BARKLEY RD, MANSON, WA
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15:37:40 Civil, 14912 BURKEY ST, ENTIAT
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BLOSSOM DR
February 19

8:49:10 Suspicious, ENTIAT RIVER RD & CRUM CAN
12:26:21 Accident No Inj, 455 WAPATO LAKE RD; 12 TRI
12:14:11:28 Warrant, 300 WASHINGTON ST; CHELAN
16:05:18 Theft, 100 COLUMBIA VIEW RD, CHELAN
12:32:02 Hazard, 6000BLK APPLE ACRES RD
22:47:11 Dui, 103 BIGHORN WAY; LAKE CHELAN
February 20
5:24:23 Hazard, ENTIAT RIVER RD MP
8:33:47 Assist Public, 420 E TROW AVE, CHELAN
9:45:03 Scam, 317 HIGHPOINT PL, CHELAN
18:57:31 Theft, 108 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR;
20:09:29 Dui, N BRADLEY ST & SHORT RD.
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Death Announcements

Jerry Rex Faught

Jerry Rex Faught, 85, of Manson, Washington passed away on February 16, 2025.

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Caribou Trail League announces 2025 All League athletes

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The 1A Caribou Trail League comprised of Chelan, Cascade, and Omak high schools named 45 varsity athletes to its 2025 list of All League players for boys and girls basketball and boys wrestling.

Chelan junior basketball standout Brynn Hughbanks was named Player of the Year and boys basketball coach Tony Callero won Coach of the Year honors.

- Boys Basketball**
- CTL Team Champions**
Chelan
- Team Sportsmanship**
Cascade
- Player of the Year**
Teagan Mullin (12) Omak
- Coach of the Year**
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- First Team**
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Vance Reese (12) Omak
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Maizy Groff (12) Cascade
Sydney Melody (9) Cascade
- Second Team**
Jayden Simmons (10) Chelan
Marley Williams (11) Chelan
Ceciley Albert (8) Omak

- Teyva Dillon (12) Cascade
- Boys Wrestling**
- CTL District Champions**
Omak
- Team Sportsmanship**
Chelan
- Wrestler of the Year**
Darrell Nanpuya (135 lbs) Omak
- Coach of the Year**
Dan Agee – Omak
- First Team**
Connor Scaman (106 lbs) Chelan
Cruz Martinez (113) Cascade
Abraham Gonzalez (120) Cascade
Sebastian Cisneros (126) Chelan
Brynn Jensen (132) Omak
Darrell Nanpuya (138) Omak
Jessie Garcia (144) Omak
Tristan Sharpe (150) Cascade
Quinn Phillips (157) Omak
Juan Duran (165) Omak
Easton Jensen (175) Omak
Talon Cate (190) Omak
Jacob Monaco (215) Omak

- Issac Avila Tinoco (285) Cascade
- Second Team**
Victor Aragon (106) Omak
Colton Bowthorpe (113) Chelan
Javier Anzar (120) Chelan
Damian Sandoval (126) Cascade
Evan Ragsdale (132) Cascade
Ryder Abrahamson (138) Omak
Jeffrey Palacios (144) Cascade
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COURTESY OF CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chelan junior Brynn Hughbanks is the Caribou Trail League Player of the Year.



Falling student performance fuels school funding debate

By **TAYLOR RICHMOND**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – Holly Koon struggles every day in her 9th-grade biology classes to help students achieve, but sometimes it seems like a losing battle. Chronic absenteeism, growing class sizes and fewer classroom helpers all get in the way of student learning, she said.

“All students can absolutely learn, and they can learn to standard,” she said. “I have a biology class right now with 36 students in it; I have one instructional aid. How do you – in 60 minutes a day – individualize and support all 36 students?”

Koon’s question is one that echoes across Olympia this Legislative session as Democrats and Republicans debate how to spend dollars dedicated to education. Fueling that discussion is a national assessment that shows 71% of Washington eighth graders are not proficient in math, compared to 58% in 2013.

Although Washington is doing better than the national average, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal agrees that student

performance needs to improve.

“We have to make significant gains in elementary and middle school math in order to set up our students for maximum success in high school and beyond,” he said.

His plan includes fully funding basic education, including materials, supplies and operating costs and special education.

Reykdal said the difference between what the state supplies districts, and what they are spending on materials, operations and special education totals more than \$800 million.

Democrats agree with Reykdal’s assessment. At a recent rally, Sen. Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle, said: “There is nothing more important for the state government than to provide ample funding for the education of all kids who reside in the state of Washington.”

Republicans say they agree funding is an issue but Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, said legislators should carefully target new spending.

“The Legislature needs to acknowledge the reality and the highly disproportionate balance of power between teacher unions and the school



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Holly Koon, a high school biology teacher for over 30 years, works through a lesson with two of her students at Mount Baker High School.

districts,” he said. “If we just write blank checks to the districts, that money will go to teacher salaries.”

While Stokesbary is happy teachers have “one of the highest average teacher salaries” in the nation, he says money should be spent more directly to improve student outcomes.

For example, House Bill 1832, sponsored by Rep. Michael Keaton, R-South Hill, wants to tie teacher bonuses to test scores.

Under his plan, Nation-

al Board-certified teachers would no longer receive extra money. Instead, money would be given to schools based on student reading achievement, and bonuses dispersed to teachers who contributed to helping students meet those standards. Some schools would also receive grants to hire reading coaches.

The bill also requires third graders to pass a statewide standardized test, pass an alternative assessment or provide a portfolio that proves “sufficient third grade reading skills” or be

held back a year.

“Once you hit third grade,” Stokesbary explained, “more and more of your education becomes increasingly self-directed. If you can’t read at grade level – in third grade – you’re not going to be able to read your social studies textbook or your science textbook.”

Educators and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) officials couldn’t disagree more. National Board bonuses for teachers were implemented to encourage teachers to improve their skills, which leads to higher quality education, and studies show holding back students who don’t meet grade level objectives hinders student performance.

“With adequate resources, schools can provide additional support and interventions to students without holding them back a grade,” said OSPI’s Chief Policy and Legislative Affairs Officer Jenny Plaja.

She added funding tied to student achievement would help higher-performing schools only and punish the under-resourced schools.

Koon agrees. She called the bill “destructive.”

“[HB 1832] will very likely result in better math and reading test scores,” she said, “and a less educated, less prepared-for-the-world student body.”

Studies tend to support Koon’s view. Student performance is often influenced by things beyond a teacher’s control, like poverty, learning disabilities, unstable homes and poor nutrition, research shows. Teaching to the test, as it is commonly known, tends to narrow learning to test prep questions at the expense of broader explorations.

A bill from the Republican side of the aisle getting support is SB 5007, sponsored by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia. It provides funding to help reduce chronic absenteeism, defined as those who miss more than 10% of school days, excused or unexcused. Districts with low student performance often have high percentages of chronic absenteeism, OSPI studies show.

In Koon’s Mount Baker School District, 37.4% of students were chronically absent last year, so she is teaching about two-thirds of the curricu-

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Federal cuts hit Wenatchee River Ranger District, threatening Leavenworth backcountry

By **Taylor Caldwell**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Ten U.S. Forest Service employees have been fired at the Wenatchee River Ranger District Office amid agency wide cuts, with fears that more agency firings are on the way.

“It feels like... We’re kind of the canary in the coal mine... This is like the beginning of actions that are going to really start affecting everyday people, not just government employees,” said Lead Wilderness Ranger Kyle Warden, who was included in the Wenatchee River Ranger District terminations.

The employees were among 3,400 Forest Service employees that were fired by Presidents Day as billionaire Elon Musk and President Donald Trump have taken swift actions to cut federal spending.

“These cuts to the Forest Service are devastating, in particular for my district, the eighth congressional district, just because we have vast expanses of national forest land,” Congresswoman Kim Schrier (D-District 8) told Ward Media. “The people who keep our forests safe and protected are critically important.”

A Shrinking Staff

The Wenatchee River Ranger District (WRRD), based in Leavenworth, has three field crews that oversee and maintain roughly 800 miles of trail and approximately 696,000 acres.

This acreage contains large parts of three congressionally designated Wilderness areas: the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, and Glacier Peak Wilderness.

In fall of 2024, the Forest Service already dealt a blow to WRRD’s size, announcing it would not hire temporary seasonal workers for the 2025 season due to a shrinking budget, cutting about 2,400 jobs agency wide.

The Leavenworth-based district lost all of its non-fire temporary seasonal employees, which accounted for three Wilderness crew members, one trail crew member, and three development and dispersed recreation crew members, according to former staff.

Now, the most recent firings, which targeted permanent seasonal employees in probationary periods, have gutted the district’s field operations.

All trail crew members were let go, which consisted of three permanent seasonal employees and a mule packer, who is responsible for 11 mules that are used to transport volunteers and heavy equipment into the backcountry.

The mules were not only used by WRRD, but were also available for the Naches, Entiat, Cle Elum districts.

As of Feb. 19, only one permanent seasonal employee remained in each of the other two teams: the Wilderness crew, which lost three employees, and the development and dispersed recreation crew, which lost one. Included in the terminations was the district’s volunteer coordinator, further complicating its workforce.

In addition to the eight field employees, the office lost its only two front desk employees that provided visitor information and services.

“Terminating your lowest paid employees who are making \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year is not the way to cut the budget. And really it’s the taxpayers who are going to see the negative consequences from these illegal terminations,” said National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) union steward Rachel Granberg.

Granberg told Ward Media that the union knows of 40 Okanogan-Wenatchee National



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Owen Wickenheiser protests federal cuts on Presidents Day.

Forest employees that were included in the firings.

Probationary, but Experienced

While the terminated employees were in their first and second years of their probationary period, they had already dedicated a number of years to the district as temporary seasonal employees.

“It’s extremely common for people to have, you know, 20 years as a seasonal that just had the opportunity to either get a promotion or turn into a perm[anent employee],” said Warden.

Temporary seasonal employees are often referred to as “1039 employees,” as they are only allowed to work 1,039 hours in a season—one less hour required to be eligible for year round health benefits. It took Warden seven seasons as a temporary seasonal employee with WRRD before landing a permanent position.

Even as a temporary seasonal employee, Warden had field-specific skills such as terrain familiarity, medical and rescue capabilities, firefighting certifications, trail building knowledge, and physical strength to hike up 60 pounds of gear over 5,000 vertical feet.

“People think you can just throw any college intern in these jobs, and everything will be okay, but there’s a serious chance of injury out there on a day to day basis, so just having the people with the skill set to make those safe decisions is huge,” said Warden.

“A big slap in the face”

The district’s four Wilderness rangers were funded through the end of the 2025 season by a grant from Washington state’s Recreation Conservation Office, according to RCO grant details.

Yet, three of them still received letters of termination, and for reasons Warden found perplexing.

“[The letter said] I’m being terminated, I’ve been deemed ‘not in the public interest’ or something...But it also says ‘due to performance,’ which is a big slap in the face to everybody,” said Warden.

After four seasons of positive evaluations from Warden, his direct superior, Wilderness Climbing Ranger Owen Wickenheiser received the same reason in his letter.

“All of the employees I’ve talked to who have been terminated have positive performance evaluations, but their termination documents say that they’re being let go due to poor performance,” said Granberg.

The NFFE Forest Service Council is currently gathering performance evaluations and other documents from employees for legal action, claiming that the basis of their termination was illegal.

“In order to let someone go due to poor performance, you have to first demonstrate that they indeed have poor performance, and also give them a chance to improve. There’s an entire process that you have



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

Former temporary seasonal employee Evan Melcher sets up a fire closure on a trail.

to go through to be able to do that. And they’ve completely bypassed all of that,” said Granberg.

Wilderness Areas at Risk

Going into the 2025 season, the former rangers fear irreversible damage will occur in the increasingly popular Wilderness areas, which are “designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition” under the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Wilderness areas are not only intended to protect areas of solitude for recreationists, such as Pacific Crest Trail or Enchantments hikers, but they can also protect water resources for municipalities, or habitats for threatened species.

In 2024, WRRD saw nearly 175,000 visitors in its Wilderness areas, who left behind thousands of pounds of waste.

Last year alone, the Wilderness rangers dug 14 wilderness toilets, buried 703 piles of human waste, removed 5,000 pounds of it via flight, and hiked out 635 pounds of trash, according to a 2024 WWRD wilderness report.

However, Wickenheiser says the overall waste removed via flight actually amounts to about 10,000 pounds a year.

As a climbing ranger, Wickenheiser worked primarily in the Enchantments, located in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Although the Enchantments only makes up 6.7 percent of the wilderness area, it receives the highest amount of traffic in the entire district. In 2024, it saw over 120,000 visitors alone.

“We hear a lot like, ‘This trail looks excellent. I didn’t see any trash.’ But like, you step five feet off the trail and look behind a boulder, and there’s 10 piles of poop right on the creek side,” said Wickenheiser.

“We find things like full abandoned coolers up there, full of broken glass... People pop holes in their rafts and decide they don’t want to carry them down.”

With the amount of trash and rogue feces piles that were found under Wickenheiser’s patrol, he only sees it getting worse in the absence of rangers.

This could pose a problem for Leavenworth’s municipal water, which is sourced from the Alpine Lakes via Icicle Creek.

“The human waste issue is going to be immediate in the Enchantments. As soon as we open the gate, those toilets are going to be overflowing after a week of use,” said Warden.

A Threat to Public Safety

As more inexperienced hikers venture into the Enchantments, the Wilderness rangers have played a crucial role in public safety.

Due to their backcountry presence, the rangers often become first responders, providing emergency medical assistance and coordinating extraction with the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office search and rescue (SAR) team.

“Sometimes we are the only people there, waiting for a heli-



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

A WRRD ranger assists with a search and rescue mission in the backcountry.

copter for four hours, which can get really difficult when there is a situation like a fatality or serious injury,” said Warden.

The rangers also take preventative measures, including providing trail safety information, deescalating potential SAR situations, and putting out campfires. Last year, Wickenheiser put out three campfires in undesignated areas, and extinguished more that were put out but still hot.

“There’s so much standing dead from beetle kill... Colchuck Lake is literally a tinderbox... And that’s four, five miles from town [as the crow flies],” said Wickenheiser.



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

Former Wilderness Climbing Ranger Owen Wickenheiser hikes a vault toilet out of the Enchantments.

Although the recent cuts exempted firefighters, the loss of field employees presents a significant blow to firefighting resources. During fire seasons, the fire qualified WRRD staff were sent on fire assignments for support, working as a resource advisor, cleaning gear, managing radio operations, or managing base camp.

“There are so many critical roles to make fire camps run, and a lot of those were staffed by either [temporary] seasonals or permanent seasonals,” said Wickenheiser.

An Uncertain Future

A day after Wickenheiser


was fired, the lottery opened for overnight permits in the Enchantments, even though the district no longer has the staff to enforce them. Warden also anticipates the district office will close without enough personnel, making it harder for recreationists to source information.

“People are paying for an experience that they’re not going to get. There’s also going to be just so much poaching of campsites that it’s going to be difficult to even probably find a campsite in certain times for those people that are legally going,” said Warden.

The agency has yet to announce any shutdowns to the lottery or trail closures. However, the nature of the terrain access makes it near impossible to close the area off entirely. Even if the district closed the Eight Mile Road gate, persistent recreationalists could still reach the Enchantments via Snow Lakes Trailhead.

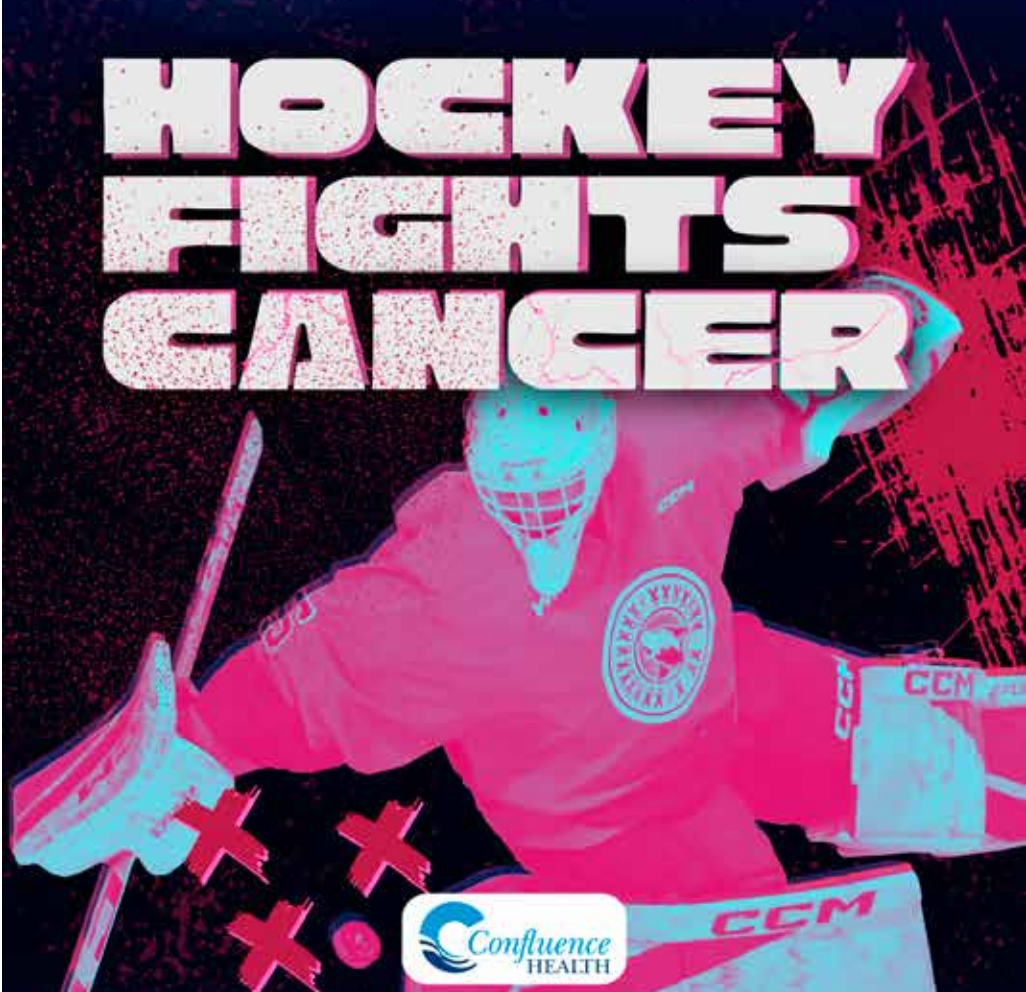
“Maybe this might not be the year to like, do all your goals out in the [National] Forest or Parks... It’s going to be really hard, even if you are totally [practicing] ‘Leave No Trace,’ to not leave an impact in these times of no management,” said Warden.

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Hundreds gather in Wenatchee to participate in nationwide Presidents Day Protest

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – An estimated 300 people gathered at Memorial Park on Presidents Day to protest the significant changes implemented in the federal government by President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk.

The protest was part of a nationwide demonstration organized under the 50501 Movement, which stands for “50 protests. 50 States. 1 movement.”

The protest was organized in order to “uphold the Constitution and end executive overreach,” according to the group’s website.

Wenatchee’s demonstration brought in protestors from all over North Central Washington, including Winthrop, Leavenworth, and Malaga.

“I hope that more people realize that it’s okay and it’s safe to come out and speak out. That’s one of our first and foremost constitutional rights to peacefully assemble and protest,” said demonstrator Elizabeth Kazemba. “And



Three generations demonstrated together: Tom Rowe, Judy Dubuque, and Henry and Elizabeth Kazemba (left to right).

in order to create better future citizens, they need to be educated of those rights and demonstrate them.”

Kazemba attended the demonstration with her fifth-grade son and two parents. As a Fourth Grade teacher, Kazemba was compelled to advocate for her students, who have been affected by the current administration’s rhetoric and directives with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

“I have had students come to school and said, ‘I’m scared that one or both of their parents are going to be deported,’” said Kazemba.



Karen Grudier attended to protest the federal cuts, as well as the dissolution of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. “I’m a Native American, and I’ve always had to fight for what I want, and I feel like getting rid of DEI is going to make the fight even worse,” said Grudier.

“When the questions do come up, it’s hard to answer. And it’s hard for anyone to answer.”

Many demonstrators also came out to protest the firing of over 200,000 federal workers under the direction of the White House and its Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

“I feel like just the people I know are really suffering, and we’re basically on a standstill in academia right now, in



Jeff Graham fears more cuts are coming to public land management agencies.

science,” said demonstrator Molly Sayles. “Even though we’re not federal employees, everything we’re doing is funded by federal grants or in collaboration with federal employees.”

Sayles, a Wenatchee-based entomologist obtaining her Ph.D at Washington State University, works with farmers in the valley on implementing affordable and sustainable pest control. In addition to watching her federal partners lose their jobs, Sayles’s project funding has been frozen since January.

“We were applying for a grant to continue this project we’re doing, and they took away the deadline, so we can’t

apply for it anymore. So there’s no more money. The grant agencies told us to stop spending our money,” said Sayles.

Jeff Graham, a realty specialist who has worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 17 years, came out from Malaga in support of employees fired from the Forest Service, a fellow public land management agency.

While his office had been spared at the time of the protest, Graham says he and his colleagues have been waiting for more information, and anticipating terminations.

“I hope people realize it is affecting us. I don’t care who you voted for as Americans. It’s public lands, it’s your fellow Americans. We are people. Who’s America being great for?” said Graham. “You’re taking workers out. I mean, we’ve got families here. You’re taking our income, our salary. Not only that, you’re taking what we do for our community. We protect our public lands.”

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Friends of Sophie Stavig (left) and Emma Loney (right) have been affected by Forest Service staffing cuts.

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Molly Sayles and Elijah Young. As a scientist, Sayles says her pest control work with farmers has been interrupted amidst funding freezes and federal job cuts.

Wenatchee Downtown Association to host annual dinner celebrating community growth

NCW News / Ward Media

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Downtown Association announced plans for its Annual Appreciation Dinner, scheduled for February 28, highlighting a year of growth and development in the historic downtown district.

The event, themed “Connecting the Pieces,” will take place at the LocalTel Event Center in Pybus from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., bringing together business owners, property owners, and community supporters to celebrate the accomplishments of 2024.

Rosa Pulido, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Downtown Association, emphasized the significance of the gathering.

“We’ve seen so much growth and change downtown, and this night is about celebrating that – coming together as friends, colleagues, and neighbors,” she said.

“It’s a chance to recognize all the pieces that make downtown special and to strengthen the connections that keep our community thriving.”

The celebration has garnered support from prominent downtown property owners, including Sam and Vickie Mills, Mike and Sheila Salmon, Todd and Amy Kiesz, Bumps Properties LLC, and Mills Style & Design.

Szmania Catering will provide the evening’s meal, while downtown’s Norwood Wine Bar, owned by Josh Thaut, will manage bar service.

The Wenatchee Downtown Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, participates in the Washington Main Street Program and Main Street America, working in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

The organization focuses on preserving and enhancing Historic Downtown Wenatchee while promoting business vitality and community heritage.

Tickets for the appreciation dinner are priced at \$45 per person, with limited space availability.

Interested attendees can make reservations through the association’s website at www.downtownwenatchee.org or by calling (509) 662-0059.

Dwelling units

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in the north and southwest SUDs.”

• A higher density allowance in the Lord Acres area would permit up to 30 lots with a lower 20 percent open space requirement.

“On each of those lots you could have currently one house and one ADU and in 2026, two ADUs,” said Ajax. “So potentially 90 structures on 10 acres inside the SUD with 20 percent

open space. None of those could be used for STRs.”

Ajax said controlmeasures would regulate the pace of development.

• A conditional use permit (CUP) process with public notification to neighboring property owners.

• A cap on the number of licenses that could be issued each year.

• A cap of five rooms that could be rented between a single-family home and an ADU.

• Additional rental units for

existing wineries.

“We want to provide monetary incentive to property owners to preserve agriculture as an alternative to full blown development to try to protect some of these areas that are unique to the city,” Ajax said.

He reminded the council of the opportunity to make changes after a public hearing to gather more testimony from the public.

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lum she did 15 years ago.

“I just can’t move fast enough,” she said.

“How do you keep up when these 10 kids are absent yesterday and a different 10 kids are absent tomorrow?”

Ultimately, Koon said student

performance will improve if adequate resources are dedicated to classroom instruction.

Koon recalled teaching a class of 28 students who all needed individualized instruction because of learning disabilities and all but three met the state performance standard at the time.

The difference between now

and then? That classroom, she said, had two certificated teachers – herself included – and three “top-notch” paraeducators.

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Minibike theft investigation leads to drug and weapons bust

NCW News / Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE – A burglary investigation led to the discovery of drugs, counterfeit pills, and stolen property during a search warrant execution in East Wenatchee, police officials said Wednesday.

The investigation began on February 10 when patrol officers spotted suspicious activity near Rock Island Road and 2nd Street SE around 4:45 a.m.

Officers observed one individual standing near a new Coleman minibike while a second suspect was found hiding in nearby bushes with a backpack containing bolt cutters.

Police discovered a large hole in the fence of a nearby business that had previously reported multiple thefts and burglaries.

One suspect was immediately taken into custody on charges of burglary in the second degree, theft in the second degree, malicious mischief in the third degree, and possession of burglary tools.

A second suspect was arrested two days later on identical charges and held on \$5,000 bail.

The investigation expanded on February 13 when the East Wenatchee Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant at a residence in the 700 block of N. Baker Avenue.

During the search, officers discovered powdered fentanyl, methamphetamine, and counterfeit oxycodone pills.

Additionally, law enforcement recovered a stolen handgun and stolen Dewalt power tools valued at over \$2,000.



COURTESY OF EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DeWalt power tools and accessories valued at over \$2,000, including multiple cordless drills, batteries, chargers, tool bags, and a 108-piece mechanics tool set, were recovered during a search warrant execution at a residence in East Wenatchee on February 13.

Two additional individuals were taken into custody during the warrant service.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN LODGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff v. CHAD ADAMS and JOHN/JANE DOE ADAMS , and their marital community, Defendants. No. 24-2-00648-04 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION (60 DAYS)

The State of Washington, To: CHAD ADAMS and JOHN/JANE DOE ADAMS , and their marital community. You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 26th day of February, 2025, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff at his (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action being to collect unpaid assessments and foreclose a lien for the same. This concerns collection of a debt. Any information obtained or provided will be used for that purpose. The attorney is acting as a debt collector.
Signed: /s/ Patrick M. McDonald Pody & McDonald, PLLC
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The State of Washington, To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PHILLIP L. CURTIS AND REBECCA J. WARNER; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE.
You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 5 day of February, 2025, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff at his (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action being to collect unpaid assessments and foreclose a lien for the same. This concerns collection of a debt. Any information obtained or provided will be used for that purpose. The attorney is acting as a debt collector.
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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WIPPOS

Danger!

Don't let their gentle appearance fool you. The hippopotamus is considered the world's deadliest large land mammal. These giants kill an estimated 500 people per year in Africa.

Help me find some grass to munch!

Hippos are found in these regions of Africa.

Hippos leave the water at night to look for food. They like to eat grasses—lots of grass. They eat 80 lbs (35 kg) of vegetation each night.

How many hippos can you find on this page?

How many differences can you find between these two hippos?

Open Wide!

Hippos have a huge mouth, measuring up to 4 ft (1.2 m) when opened wide!

Hippos have a pair of huge incisors in each jaw. The large, curved lower canine teeth are like tusks as they grow throughout a hippo's life. They can reach a length of 1 foot 8 inches (50 cm)! These teeth are used for combat, not eating. When a hippo yawns, it's not tired but it is a sign of a threat.

CAUTION: SPEEDING HIPPOS


Are hippos slow? Quite the opposite!

Even though their legs are short, and their bodies are large and heavy, a hippo can run fast! Hippos have been clocked running at speeds of 19 to 25 mph (30-40 km/h).

Extra! Extra! Opposites

Look through the newspaper to find words that are opposites. For example: large and small wet and dry

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Recognize antonyms.



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Let's Draw a Hippo!

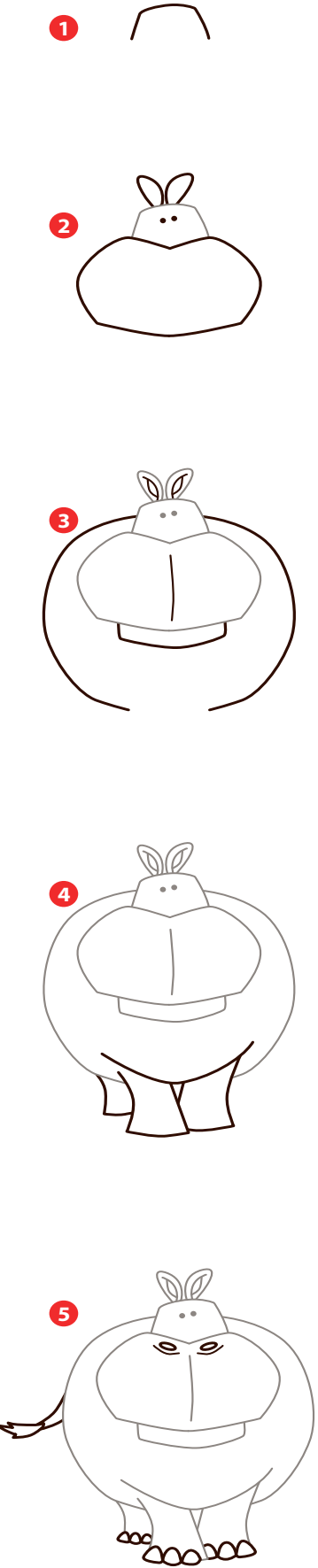
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Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and it stays on the skin and protects it from drying out—and acts as a sunblock, too!

When early European explorers first noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos they observed, they gave it a name.

Circle every other letter to see what they called it.

DBKLTOWOYDJSAPPEAVT

B _____

Double Double Word Search

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

K	C	O	L	B	N	U	S	R	D
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Fact and Opinion

Look through the newspaper to find and circle five facts. Then look through the newspaper to find and underline five opinions.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Know the difference between fact and fiction.



How does a hippopotamus get out of the water?

ANSWER: Wet and wrinkled!

Write On!

Alliterations

Hippos hardly hold hankies is a sentence where every word starts with the same letter. This is an alliteration. Write three alliterations.

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