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Manson School District recognizes 2025 Blue & White Excellence award winners



Ashlyn Nicolson



José Fernández

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MANSON – The Manson School District announced José Fernández and Ashlyn Nicolson as recipients of the 2025 Blue & White Excellence Award during the district’s board meeting on March 24.

The annual awards recognize employees who have made “a significant contribution to the lives of students, staff, and the greater Manson community.”

Fernández, who joined the district in 2021 as a technology assistant and computer technician, earned praise for his versatility and problem-solving approach.

Colleagues noted his ability to handle various responsibilities with composure while maintaining a com-

mitment to resolving technical issues. One nomination highlighted his impact on student success, stating, “He helps students with all tech issues, which allows them to continue being successful in their learning. He is so soft-spoken and kind-hearted, which makes the kids feel at ease when it comes to asking him for assistance.”

Another submission emphasized his positive presence: “José is someone I always look forward to seeing on campus. I am not alone, because everyone seems to smile when they see him coming. He is kind, helpful, always prompt, and professional. We are lucky to have him in our tech department.”

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Manson’s Village Green returns to the community

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSON – A prime Manson property, informally known as the Village Green, is back in the hands of the community thanks to the efforts of community members and local donors.

Lake Chelan Community Services Council will own and manage the property to create a park as a charitable gift to the community, council secretary Mary Murphy said.

The vacant property at 91 Wapato Way, which is adjacent to the Manson Bay Park, was initially considered by the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority for a bus turnaround and small business incubator building.

However, when community members learned of the port’s plans they quickly rallied support with another plan in mind, to turn the property back into an open green space for the community.

Larry Hibbard is part of the group of citizens who raised funds to purchase the property. The Village Green Group is a loose group of volunteers from Manson who have had a dream for this park since 1987. Over the years the group has tried to purchase the property but it never worked out.

So, when both groups learned of the opportunity everyone jumped in to help make that dream a reality.

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Spring art exhibit at Nature’s Window Museum features fine-art photography of Guy Miner



GUY MINER

Snow-capped mountains provide a majestic backdrop to a foreground of vibrant yellow balsamroot and purple lupine wildflowers, showcasing the landscape diversity that inspired Miner during his hikes near Wenatchee and Chelan. The photographer often captures these scenes while exploring local trails with his dog Maverick.

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Manson volunteer, junior firefighters train with live fire experience



COURTESY OF GILLIAN WALSH
LT. Training Officer Raynor and his father Chief Arnold Baker have worked to make the Manson Fire Department Junior Firefighter program a success.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSON – The Manson Fire Department recently conducted a live fire training event for both seasoned and junior firefighters.

The important live fire training allowed firefighters to train in authentic fire conditions, which is something that cannot be replicated in classroom training.

Tom Dorr made the unique training experience possible through the generous donation of his home on Greens Landing Road, which was set for demolition.

Fathers, daughters, and sons worked side by side to put out the flames and gain valuable hands-on experience during the training session.



COURTESY OF GILLIAN WALSH
Junior firefighter Liam worked alongside his father Ronan Walsh at the recent Manson Fire Department live fire training.

The training exercise brought together not only Manson’s volunteers but also firefighters from neighboring Chelan, Waterville, and Orono fire departments.

This collaborative approach allowed crews to share techniques and build the cohesion needed during actual emergency responses.

The Manson Fire Department is entirely volunteer, with a widely respected and growing junior firefighter program. Young community members eager to learn the ropes of firefighting get to train under experienced professionals, many of whom are their own parents.

Over the past four years, the department has seen an influx of volunteers as newcomers to the area seek meaningful ways to give back to



COURTESY OF GILLIAN WALSH
Junior firefighter Gunnar Rasmussen worked alongside his father Adam Rasmussen to put out the fire at the recent Manson Fire Department live fire training.

their adopted community. Manson Fire Department’s Chief Arnold Baker and his son Training Officer Raynor Baker have grown the junior firefighters program into what it is today.

“We’re not just training firefighters – we’re building the future of our community,” Baker said. “It’s about teaching responsibility, giving back, and strengthening the bonds that make Manson such a special place.”

For more information about the Manson Fire Department’s firefighter program, call (509) 687-3222.

Gillian Walsh contributed to this report.

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Union Valley resident installs home built wildfire water system

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Union Valley resident Chris Birchman is not the type of guy to passively surrender his fate to whatever waits around the corner.

The Gulf War veteran, former deputy sheriff, and aircraft firefighter has seen enough victims to decide that, given other options, he does not want to be one, especially one of wildfire.

Birchman addressed the March 19 meeting of the Chelan Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners to advise them that he has taken defensive action to protect his property in the event wildfire comes calling. He said the option taken by many residents in the face of wildfire is: “I am going to leave. I hope my place will be there when I get back.”

“I can’t live that way. I won’t live that way,” said Birchman. “I want some control of my destiny.”

Birchman said he decided he needed an adequate quantity of stored water, a delivery system for that water, and an independent power source to run the system. The estimated \$18,000-\$25,000 cost to have a system professionally installed was a budget-breaker so, with help from his brother, Damien, a multi-talented engineer with water system experience, the two hit the drawing board.



COURTESY OF CHRIS BIRCHMAN
Chris Birchman’s Dodge pickup is equipped with tanks, pumps, and hose to take the water wherever it might be needed on his property.

The result is an affordable home system designed to protect an estimated five-acre area and four buildings, the main cabin, guest house, greenhouse, and shop. A combination of staged water tanks, rooftop sprinklers, portable gas-powered water pumps, and pickup-turned-firetruck covers all contingencies.

After explaining his system to the commissioners, Birchman requested

their help to get the word out to other property owners.

“If I can get some support, I will do the video,” said Birchman. “All I ask of you is for fire department help with media outlets.”

Birchman met with Assistant Chief Shawn Sherman last week to continue those discussions.

Speaking with The Mirror last week, Birchman explained in more detail how his fire system unfolded.

“We drew up a plan; trial and error,” said Birchman. “How many tanks do we need and what kind; how much area do we want to cover; the kind of sprinkler hose to use; the kind of fittings to use; the kind of adhesive; what kind of sprinkler, the length, the heads; what kind of piping; what kind of valves, metal versus plastic; how many water pumps.”

The list was a long one, but the result is a template compiled at a cost of less than \$7,000 for materials that Birchman will share with other property owners who chose the proactive route for wildfire protection.

“It has the legwork stuff, suppliers’ names, and all that,” said Birchman. A demonstration video is planned “to show that it’s relatively simple to put up.”

“I want to get the word out in Union Valley because I think I’m the only

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Kenzie's Landing Dog Walk

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust & the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society are hosting a fun-filled dog walk at Kenzie's Landing on Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Leash up your pup and enjoy a morning of fresh air, sunshine, and community fun at Kenzie's Landing, 2105 Maiden Ln, Wenatchee.

For more information, visit [Pets & People Outdoors](#).

Spring Queens Drag Show

YWCA NCW's Hallow Queens will host the Spring Queens drag show on Saturday, April 5, to raise funds for YWCA NCW.

"The Hallow Queens you know and love – plus some fresh faces – are back and ready to take the stage. Get ready for a night of dazzling performances, fierce energy, and unforgettable fun – all for a great cause!" Intended for mature audiences.

For more information, visit [YWCA NCW on social media](#).

Working Girl Special

Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards in Manson invites all working girls (and guys) to take a well-deserved break on Tuesdays, from Noon to 5 p.m.

"Put your oars in the water and enjoy a select bottle of wine plus a cheese plate for just \$25," the event page states.

For more information, visit [Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards on social media or their website](#).

EntiART Wildcrafting

EntiART will host Wildcrafting on April 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"Enjoy a creative afternoon creating your own nature-inspired masterpiece in a fun, social, and interactive setting. Class is led by Sophie Campbell, with all supplies and instruction included."

For more information, visit [EntiART on social media](#).

Side Hustle @ Union Hill

Side Hustle will perform at Union Hill in Wenatchee on



April 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

"We play music people instantly recognize and say, 'Hey, I remember that cool song, and I love it!' Expect an eclectic mix of cover songs from the 60s to today, delivered in our own unique style."

We love to include music that not everyone is playing—think of it as hanging out with your favorite friends in the backyard, having a wonderful time."

For more information, visit [Side Hustle on social media](#).

LCSD to host community meeting on facilities improvement plan

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CHELAN – The Lake Chelan School District (LCSD) will hold a public information session titled "Talking Buildings with Brad" on Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the district's Central Office located at 309 E. Johnson.

Superintendent Brad Wilson and members of the Fac-

ility Advisory Team will present details of the district's facilities improvement plan and answer questions from attendees.

The meeting is open to district staff, families, and community members, according to the announcement.

District officials state the purpose of the meeting is to "help us develop safe facilities that lead to student success," emphasizing the connection

between educational infrastructure and student outcomes.

The Lake Chelan School District, whose motto is "Achieve. Believe. Contribute.," has organized this event as part of its community engagement efforts regarding facility improvements.

Community members seeking additional information are encouraged to attend the April 9 session.

Genealogical Society to host presentation on Douglas County historic records

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EAST WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will host a hybrid presentation featuring Douglas County Assessor Jim Ruud on Monday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Ruud will present "Historic Records in Douglas County,"

offering attendees insights into the historical documentation maintained by the county.

The event will be held in person at the FamilySearch Center at 667 10th Street in East Wenatchee.

A virtual attendance option is also available via Zoom. Interested participants should contact Library@wags-web.org for connection information.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For additional information about the event, call 509-782-4046.

The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society regularly hosts educational programs related to family history research and local historical records.

Manson Community Library board seeks voters for two open positions

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MANSON – The Manson Community Library is calling for community members to cast their votes for two open positions on its governing board.

Four candidates are competing for the two positions, which carry three-year terms on the seven-member board. The posi-

tions will become vacant when the current members' terms expire at the end of April.

Voting will be conducted at the library from April 1 through April 10 during regular business hours. The library is open Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Only registered voters residing within the Manson School District boundaries are eligible to participate in the election.

The board typically convenes on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

Community members seeking additional information are encouraged to contact the Manson Community Library directly at 509-687-3420.

Village Green

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Private donors along with the Village Green group quickly assembled enough donations to make a back-up cash offer.

"We thought we had a better idea," Hibbard said. "So we went to work, and within a few days, we were able to find enough donors that we could get a backup offer in on the property."

In just two days the group was able to raise the \$750,000 to purchase the property.

The Lake Chelan Community Services Council took possession of the property this week and is beginning volunteer efforts to clean the property and make it ready for community use.

The gas tanks have been previously removed from the property and environmental assessments have been made so Hibbard does not anticipate any issues in that regard.

Hibbard said the space will be a good addition to the downtown area.

The project will enhance the town's entrance from the lake, creating a more welcoming and attractive space for visitors arriving from the docks.

This improvement is expect-

ed to benefit the entire community, encouraging more foot traffic to local businesses and boosting the local economy, Hibbard said.

"One of the big concerns anytime somebody starts talking about our valley is they say that the lake is one of our biggest assets, but yet we have limited public access to it," Hibbard said.

"This will help increase public access to the lake and to joining the existing Manson Bay Park, which is very full and busy, especially during summer months, and giving the community and our visitors more access to the lake, to the waterfront, and to the views that go with it."

The space will also offer a place for picnics, family gatherings, and community gatherings and events. The council hopes to have it ready for use during the Apple Blossom Festival.

The Lake Chelan Community Services Council's mission is to provide leadership and resources to address significant community needs.

Over the years, the Lake Chelan Community Services Council has donated to a large number of organizations.

The council invites orga-

Manson School District introduces innovative SchoolAI pilot program

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MANSON – Manson High School is launching a pilot program featuring SchoolAI, a platform designed to enhance the educational experience for students, teachers and parents, school officials announced Thursday.

According to Manson High School Principal Kamie Kronbauer, the AI platform provides students with personalized tutoring that adapts to individual learning paces.

"Teachers will benefit by using AI to create more effective, differentiated lesson plans, address language barriers, and provide additional learning supports," Kronbauer said.

The program also enables parents to monitor their children's progress, reinforce lessons at home and access supplementary tutoring materials. Students will receive guid-

ance from teachers on ethical AI use, with a "Stoplight" tool indicating permitted levels of AI usage for assignments.

"As technology continues to shape the world, students must learn how to use AI responsibly and appropriately," Kronbauer said. "This program will prepare students for a future where understanding and utilizing AI will be essential in many careers and everyday life."

School officials emphasized that student safety and privacy are primary concerns. All AI platforms used will comply with privacy regulations including FERPA, COPPA and GDPR, and will include security systems designed to flag inappropriate content or potential self-harm searches.

The school has committed to maintaining transparency by providing detailed privacy policies for all AI tools implemented in the program.

Excellence award

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Nicolson, hired in 2022 as the seventh and eighth-grade social studies and language arts teacher, was recognized for her exceptional classroom engagement strategies.

"Her understanding of students and her ability to connect with them through humor make her a beloved teacher and a trusted safe place for her students," one nominator wrote.

"At the beginning of the school year, several students expressed their dislike for reading. However, through Ashlyn's creative approach incorporating fun games and interactive activities these same students are now engaged and excited about reading. Her commitment to understanding her students ensures that they receive the extra help and

time they need when struggling with assignments, fostering both academic growth and confidence."

A student's nomination simply stated, "Mrs. Nicholson is so understanding, and she is someone I can go to if I feel sad."

The district also acknowledged 25 additional nominees for the 2025 awards: Angel Gosvener, Anita Johanson, Ann Wisdom, Brittany Serafini, Brittany Sivertson, Cari Valdovinos, Celina Mendoza, Diana Willoughby, Erik Helleston, Heather Teague, Heidi Lindsay, Jay Fox, Joey Johanson, Kate Sorenson, Kendra Ellsworth, Kendra Farnsworth, Kyle Maclean, Lauren Griffith, Leanna Cochran, Luz Segura, Matt Brown, Rudy Blomquist, Susan Sears, Trista Walters, Victoria Sullivan, and William Thompson.

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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, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

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=feCLUIQkF3Z2tGEGDFVvVaCEHpFI6AB.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.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Chelan Valley Community Nurse program provide free, bi-weekly (Wednesday, March 19) 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. You will be provided a wallet size record card to share with your physician if desired.

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: 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

Chelan Valley Republican Women (CVRW) will be holding their April 2025 meeting at Radiance Winery in Downtown Manson on Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Matt Erickson, author of "Learn the Constitution and Roar" and 14 other books. Matt is the founder and President of Patriot Corps, LLC. He is also the creator of the "Learn-TheConstitutionInOneYear" Program Course. Guests and non-members are welcome. Men are always welcome. Come early to enjoy Radiance's great food and wines. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Chelan Valley Republican Women.

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.

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

Chelan Senior Center Open House: We invite the community to join us on Sunday, April 6, 2-5 p.m. Come in and see who we are and what we do. Board members and volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide information about our activities and programs. Contact: Chelan Senior Center

509-682-2712.

Chelan Valley Hope: Spring Cleaning. With spring right around the corner, many of us are starting our annual spring cleaning. Before you throw things away, consider donating them to Chelan Valley Hope. We gladly accept items that could still be of use, such as space heaters, fans, tents, blankets, and sleeping bags. We also collect coats, jackets, gloves, beanies, and scarves year-round. If you're cleaning out your pantry, we happily accept canned goods and boxed or instant foods - even if they're a few months past their expiration date. (Though, you might want to toss that 4-year-old can of peaches) Our donation hours are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feel free to ring our bell or drop off your items in our outdoor pantry. For any questions, call us at 509-888-2114.

Chelan Museum: The Chelan Museum is now open Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info: 509-682-5644 or <https://chelanmuseum.com>

SAIL Exercise Classes: SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday, 11:15 p.m. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center. SAIL classes are offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

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

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

Household hazardous waste dropoff: 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>

Chelan County Sheriff Report



March 21

12:28:55 Malicious Misch., 840 3RD ST, Chelan
 12:47:30 Assist Agency, 110 S APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan
 13:59:25 Suspicious, 108 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan
 14:01:30 Theft, 108 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan
 16:26:59 911, 13500BLK ENTIAT RIVER RD, Chelan
 17:36:04 Traffic, 108 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan
 18:01:46 Theft, 109 GRANITE FALLS RD, Chelan
 19:01:27 Traffic Offense, 801 W GOLF COURSE DR, Chelan
 21:00:59 911, 108 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan
 21:25:34 Prowler, 126 LONG DR, Chelan
 21:43:48 Welfare Check, CH SR 150 & WAPATO WAY, Manson

March 22

09:23:30 Animal Problem, 2711 WASHINGTON ST, Manson
 10:30:29 Weapons Violation, GALLAGHER FLATS, Chelan
 10:32:02 Welfare Check, US HWY 97 MP 239, Chelan
 11:10:12 Trespass, 100BLK LONG DR; LOT 54, Chelan
 11:28:41 AtL/Atc, ENTIAT, Entiat
 14:37:53 Parking/Abandon, WAPATO WAY & TOTEM POLE RD, Manson
 15:37:29 Civil, 400 COTTAGE AVE, Cashmere
 15:45:27 Domestic Disturbance, 8310 ENTIAT RIVER RD, Entiat
 15:54:44 Suicide Threat, 309 E GIBSON AVE# 20, Chelan
 15:57:39 Alarm, 110 S BENNETT RD, Manson
 16:52:21 Noise, 524 E TROW AVE, Chelan
 22:11:48 911, 2312 W WOODIN AVE, Chelan

March 23

01:30:28 Domestic Disturbance, 2113 W PROSPECT ST, Chelan
 11:43:59 Civil, 1025 S BRADLEY ST# 2B, Chelan
 14:04:45 Civil, 505 BOYD LOOP RD; CABIN 3, Chelan
 14:54:11 Runaway, 726 N MARKESON ST# 109, Chelan
 20:04:55 Juvenile Problem, 14425 OLIN ST# K2, Entiat 22:21:49 Noise, 35 BARKLEY RD, Manson

March 24

10:25:49 Burglary, 229 W HIGHLAND AVE# 1/2, Chelan
 12:21:45 Parking/Abandon, 1300BLK N BRADLEY ST, Chelan
 14:56:56 Disturbance, 14914 GOLDEN DELICIOUS ST, Entiat
 16:38:29 Assist Public, 975 SUMMIT BLVD, Manson
 17:35:18 Scam, 1033 SUNNY BROOKE LN, Chelan
 19:45:26 Domestic Disturbance, 726 N MARKESON ST#119, Chelan

March 25

04:35:11 Burglary, 817 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan
 08:41:07 Accident No Inj, HILL ST & TOTEM POLE RD, Manson
 09:14:38 Welfare Check, 65 E HUGO RD, Chelan
 10:00:02 Suspicious, 119 SAN REMO LN, Chelan
 11:02:05 Miscellaneous, 300 WASHINGTON ST, Chelan
 11:19:22 Miscellaneous, 401 WASHINGTON ST# LWR, Chelan
 12:21:29 Fraud/Forgery, 23300 US HWY 97A, Chelan
 18:03:28 Civil, 3022 MANSON BLVD, Manson

March 26

18:39:04 Harass/Threat, 218 ARDEN RD, Ardenvoir
 19:37:27 Warrant, 455 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
 22:43:04 Traffic Offense, W MANSON RD & N LAKE ST, Chelan
 08:28:27 Traffic Offense, BORTZ DR & ENTIAT RIVER RD, Entiat
 09:48:50 Welfare Check, 309 E ELI LN, Chelan
 10:30:10 Suspicious, 2535 WASHINGTON ST, Manson

11:48:21 Assist Public, 879 HOWARD FLATS RD, Chelan
 11:52:31 Trespass, 11800BLK S LAKESHORE RD, Chelan
 12:05:47 Assist Public, 214 CHELAN AVE, Chelan
 14:32:06 Scam, 11155 S LAKE-SHORE RD, Chelan
 15:31:27 Traffic Offense, 525 E WAPATO AVE, Chelan
 16:52:54 Theft, 455 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
 17:55:26 Civil, 4336 ENTIAT RIVER RD, Entiat
 18:47:32 Assist Agency, 403 RIDGEWOOD DR, Manson
 18:55:03 Harass/Threat, 3168 MANSON BLVD, Manson
 20:36:37 Traffic Offense, W WOODIN AVE & WATERSLIDE, Chelan
 20:51:55 Weapons Violation, 14425 OLIN ST UNIT H6, Entiat
 21:06:48 Domestic Disturbance, 11604 ENTIAT RIVER RD, Entiat

March 27

08:08:07 Malicious Misch, 78 APPLE ACRES RD, Chelan
 08:10:53 Disturbance, 879 HOWARD FLATS RD, Chelan
 10:50:01 Runaway, 72 WAPATO WAY# 1, Manson
 11:34:27 Juvenile Problem, 2084 ENTIAT WAY, Entiat
 18:44:58 Assault, 1000 TOTEM POLE RD, Manson
 19:17:28 Runaway, 14425 OLIN ST# K2, Entiat
 20:35:40 Suspicious, 10BLK SHEARSON ST, Entiat

Death Announcements

Erma Faletto

Erma Faletto, 101, of Chelan, Washington passed on March 26, 2025.

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CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL			
Fri, Apr 4 3:00 PM	Chelan vs.	Royal	Home
Tue, Apr 8 4:30 PM	Chelan vs.	Manson	Away

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
Tue, Apr 8 7:00 PM	Chelan vs.	Omak	Away

VARSITY TENNIS			
Tue, Apr 8 4:00 PM	Chelan vs.	Manson	Away

VARSITY GOLF			
Mon, Apr 7 2:00 PM	Chelan vs.	Cascade	Home

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL			
Sat, Apr 5 11:00 AM	Chelan vs.	Cle Elum-Roslyn	Away

CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL			
Sat, Mar 29	Chelan 3	Colville 9	Loss
Sat, Mar 29	Chelan 5	Colville 6	Loss

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
Thu, Mar 27	Chelan 2	Cashmere 1	Win
Sat, Mar 29	Chelan 2	Cascade 1	Win

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL			
Thu, Mar 27	Chelan 20	Okanogan 6	Win
Sat, Mar 29	Chelan 4	Colville 13	Loss
Sat, Mar 29	Chelan 10	Colville 13	Loss

CHELAN ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Betsy McLemore
Junior



Olivia Nelson
Senior

Girls Doubles Tennis

Olivia and Betsy won a pivotal match on March 27 vs East Valley. With the team score tied 2-2, their match was the last match on the court late in the evening, and the tie-breaking match to earn the team win 3-2. They won their doubles match 6-0, 6-4.

Olivia Mack Softball

Olivia delivered a standout performance, pitching a complete game to secure a historic win over Cashmere - the team's first victory against the Bulldogs since 2018. She also contributed at the plate, going 1-for-3. Later in the week, she dominated offensively against Okanogan, hitting 4-for-5, including a triple.



ENTIAT HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS			
Tue, Apr 8 4:00 PM	Entiat vs.	Liberty Bell Jr/Sr	Home

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS			
Tue, Apr 8 4:00 PM	Entiat vs.	Liberty Bell Jr/Sr	Home

MANSON HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL			
Tue, Apr 8 4:30 PM	Manson vs.	Chelan	Home

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
Tue, Apr 8 4:00 PM	Manson vs.	Brewster	Away

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS			
Tue, Apr 8 4:00 PM	Manson vs.	Chelan	Home
Wed, Apr 9 4:00 PM	Manson vs.	Tonasket	Away

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS			
Wed, Apr 9 4:00 PM	Manson vs.	Tonasket	Away

MANSON HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER			
Thu, Mar 27	Manson 2	Liberty Bell 0	Win



Chelan tennis teams prevail over Okanogan in non-league match

Lake Chelan Mirror
Ward Media

CHELAN - Under ideal weather conditions with temperatures in the low 70s and no wind, Chelan High School tennis teams secured victories over visiting Okanogan in non-league competition on Wednesday, March 26.

The Chelan girls' team defeated Okanogan 4-1, improving their season record to 3-1, while the Chelan boys completed a clean sweep with a 5-0 win, evening their season record at 2-2.

In girls' competition, Okanogan's Liberty Linklater, who

finished third in state singles last year, defeated Chelan's Estee Flynn 6-1, 6-0 in the #1 singles match. Despite the score, the rallies were closer than the final tally indicated, with Flynn putting up strong resistance.

Chelan captured the remaining matches with Alison Horner defeating Logan Bordner 6-1, 6-3 in #2 singles, while Maddie Cowan prevailed in a three-set battle against Melody Moses, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the #3 singles position.

In doubles play, Chelan's Taylor Hatherell and Josie Bekele defeated Hallee Chilmonick and Evelyn Gomez 7-5, 6-2 in the #1 slot. The #2 doubles team of Keira Gjerde and Reese

Bordner secured a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Harper Hamilton and Riley Linklater.

The boys' competition saw Chelan's Tristan Sanderson edge Okanogan's Aiden Gaines in a tightly contested three-set match, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in #1 singles. Chelan claimed three matches by forfeit, while the #1 doubles team of Elijah Moody and Owen Sanderson dominated Okanogan's Trace LaDoux and Kyan Woodrow 6-1, 6-1.

In junior varsity action, Chelan's Kyla Otom and Liv Nelson won their doubles match 8-2, while Betsy McLemore also secured an 8-2 victory in singles play.

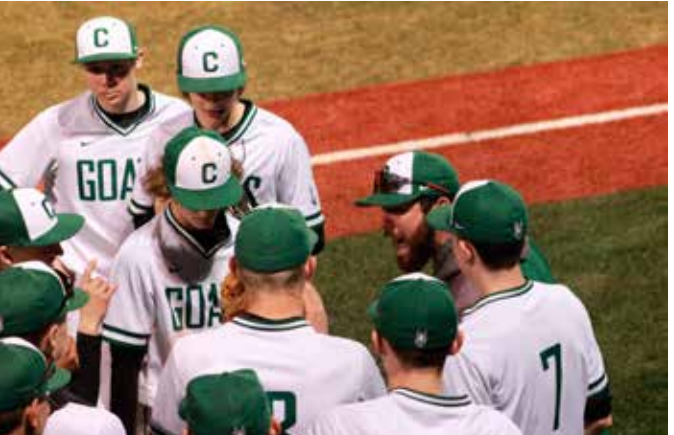
Resilient Goats' comeback falls short in 8-6 loss to Cashmere

Lake Chelan Mirror
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - The Chelan Goats started the game in shaky fashion, spotting Cashmere an 8-1 lead, but then turned their fortunes around almost the whole way, blanking Cashmere 5-0 the rest of the way.

It was not enough however,

and the Goats returned home from Wenatchee Valley College's Paul Thomas Sr. Stadium having dropped the game 8-6.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Coach Gage Estes encourages his troops during the Goats' 8-6 loss to Cashmere in Wenatchee. The pep talk worked plenty well for a while, as the Goats came back from seven runs down to make a game of it in the middle innings, including a four-run fourth frame, before losing 8-6. Nolan Harris pitched three and one third innings of one-hit ball in relief.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Fresh off hitting a triple, this Chelan player cannot contain his enthusiasm and hollers at his teammates in the dugout. The Goats tried hard, but could not fully dig themselves out of the seven-run hole they dug in the first two innings, losing 8-6.

Chelan tennis teams edge East Valley in non-league matchup

Lake Chelan Mirror
Ward Media

CHELAN - Both Chelan High School tennis teams secured narrow 3-2 victories over visiting East Valley (Yakima) in a non-league matchup Thursday afternoon, demonstrating the

depth of their respective programs despite missing several key players.

The Chelan girls improved to 4-1 heading into spring break, while the boys moved above .500 with a 3-2 record following their victory.

"We appreciate 2A East

Valley making the long trek up here to play," said Chelan's coach Marty Rothlisberger.

"Both of our squads are large and evenly matched, so it was a great afternoon of competitive tennis matches."

See **CHELAN TENNIS** Page B2

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COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF/BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Trojan's Ronald Sanchez battles Bridgeport's Oscar Rivera for control of the ball during a soccer match between visiting Manson and the Mustangs on March 25. The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

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Wenatchee Marathon returns on April 19

Ward Media / NCW News

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Marathon, a Boston Qualifier, will return to the valley on April 19.

The annual event invites athletes of all levels to participate in its full marathon (26.2 miles), half-marathon (13.1 miles), 10k, and 5k. Walkers are welcome to join in all of the marathon categories and will be given an early start.

All races begin and end in front of the Numerica Performing Arts Center in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Participants will be taken briefly along Wenatchee Avenue, then through the scenic Apple Capital Loop Trail. The USATF-Certified marathon is largely flat with a few rolling

hills, making it ideal for setting personal records and qualifying for the Boston Marathon.

This year's event has also expanded to feature music by a live DJ, food options, a bouncy house for kids, and a beer garden for ages 21 and up, hosted by Pinnacles Beerworks. Mountain Berry Bowls and Sammies & Hammies will offer local bites, and Café Mela will provide coffee on-site. The entire block of Wenatchee Ave between First and Second Streets will be closed until 3 p.m. for the event.

The Wenatchee Marathon is put on by TedDriven, a social benefit organization dedicated to supporting cancer research and local organizations and non-profits. Proceeds from the event will go toward cutting



COURTESY OF TEDDRIVEN
Participants run along the Apple Capital Loop Trail during the Wenatchee Marathon.

edge and groundbreaking cancer research.

The organization was conceived over 20 years ago, after

co-founder Ian Crossland lost his mother, Kris Crossland, to cancer. It was renamed TedDriven when another co-found-

er, Ted Finegold, passed away from cancer in 2010. Today, the organization is led by co-founders Ian Crossland, Wendy Crossland, and Lynda Finegold-Brine, in addition to Finegold-Brine's husband, Colin Brine.

Ted Driven also produces the Leavenworth Marathon, the Leavenworth Mai Blumenlauf, the TedDriven Overland Ultra Relay (TOUR), the Leavenworth Tour de AlpenFlusse, and the TedDriven Gravel Challenge Tour.

The Wenatchee Marathon is sponsored by Wenatchee Valley Medical Group, Peoples Bank, Performance Footwear & Outdoor Gear, Leavenworth Outdoor Center, Mission Ridge and Washington Health Plan Finder.

All races will begin on

Wenatchee Avenue, in front of the Numerica Performing Arts Center: 123 North Wenatchee Ave. Finishers in all events will receive a custom Wenatchee Marathon medal. Overall and age-group awards will be presented at the Podium Stage, with ceremonies beginning at approximately 11 a.m. Registration and more information can be found on the TedDriven website: teddriven.com/wenatchee-marathon.

Race Start Times:
6:30 AM: Early Bird Start for Marathon Walkers (26.2 miles only)
8:00 AM: Marathon (runners and walkers)
8:20 AM: Half Marathon (runners and walkers)
8:45 AM: 10K
8:50 AM: 5K

Burgett's celebrate an aerial golden anniversary... of smokejumping

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – Most milestones separated by half a century involve something significant to jump about. In the case of Rich and Chase Burgett it involves something to literally jump from.

The Burgett's belong to an elite corps of past and present aerial firefighters – the smokejumpers – father, Rich (alum class of 1974) and son, Chase (active class of 2024). The two gathered recently to reflect on how some aspects of their shared experience – separated by 50 years – are similar while other aspects have changed. A good example involves how each landed his first fire job, one by circumstance, the other by design.

Rich, a 1970 Brewster High School graduate, was pumping gas in Pateros one week, and training to fight fires the next.

In 1971 Forest Service was hiring prospects off the street trying to put some trained crews together following what Rich termed “the hellacious fires” from the previous year.

“One of my friends told me they were hiring at Chelan, so I went there,” said Rich. “They picked 10 or 12 of us for a ground crew.”

Promotions came quickly after Rich's initial hire.

In 1972 Rich joined a new helitack crew that had converted a Bell UH-1 (Huey) helicopter into a helitack transport.

“We would take off and land at the fire,” Rich explained of the quick insertion strategy.

“In 1973 we were the very first helitack crew converted to a rappelling crew,” said Rich. “You slide down a rope up to 250-feet long to the ground. We were trying to figure it out along the way.”

One of the instructors helping the rappellers learn the ropes was a jump foreman from the North Cascades Smokejumper Base (NCSB). At the end of the 1973 season the helitack crew members were offered the opportunity to apply for jumper positions the following year. Rich was one of two who took the offer to apply. He made his first jump in 1974 and



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Rich & Chase

stayed with the program for six seasons.

Fast forward a couple of decades and hiring procedures and qualifications have changed.

“Nowadays hiring is all done through a third party called USAJobs,” said Chase. “They look for people who have a couple years of experience through a Hotshot or Type 1 crew.”

Unlike his father, Chase set his sights on wildland firefighting following high school. After graduating Brewster in 2008 Chase hired on with the DNR in South Okanogan. He moved on to Entiat hand and Hotshot crews as he worked his way up the ladder to rappelling.

“Smokejumpers were my goal when I started out,” said Chase who made his first jump in 2024. “It took awhile to get there. I was a permanent employee with the rappellers, but I'm giving that up to jump for another year.”

Parachute upgrades

Chase said one of the biggest changes during the half century from '74 to '24 is the type of parachutes jumpers now use. The round canopies of Rich's era were replaced by the rectangular parafoil type models of the Ram-Air system adopted by the NCSB about four years ago.

“The Ram-Air is more technical, and the rigging, deployment, and flying are different,” said Rich. “Ours was a 15-foot static line attached to a deployment bag that pulled the para-

chute out.”

The new system gets the jumper more involved.

“We have a static line that opens a small drogue parachute,” said Chase. “All that does is stabilize us in every fall.”

During the fall the jumper does a five-count, said Chase:

- Jump-thousand
- Look-thousand
- Reach-thousand
- Wait-thousand
- Pull-thousand

“During that time, you drop under drogue about 500 feet,” said Chase. “Then you pull a drogue release and the power generated by the drogue pulls out your main chute.”

“I've never flown a round chute,” said Chase. “Those who have used both systems say the Ram-Air is more maneuverable and durable with more forward drive to overcome moderate to high winds.”

Ground hazards

Contrary to what many might assume, the greater risk does not occur during the actual jump, but rather when jumpers are on the ground engaging a wildfire. What both Burgett's call “gravity hazards” – falling trees, big boulders – pose the real danger for firefighters when their attentions are focused on the work of containment.

Rich related one near-miss while he was digging a fire line along one blaze.

“I was digging away with my head down when I heard a loud crack,” said Rich. “I looked up at a tree right in front of me that a two-foot-round boulder had rolled down and hit. Thank God the tree was there, or it would have taken me out.”

Despite the risks, both men value their smokejumper experiences, one in retrospect, the other returning.

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COURTESY OF CHASE BURGETT
Father and son celebrate Chase Burgett's first practice jump.

Wenatchee pursues legal action against Chelan County over jail services contract

NCW News / Ward Media

WENATCHEE – The City of Wenatchee voted Thursday to take legal action against Chelan County following months of unsuccessful negotiations over jail service agreements, according to an open letter from Mayor Mike Poirier.

The dispute centers on the Chelan County Regional Justice Center, which the county owns and operates. The city currently contracts with the county to house its inmates, paying \$1.6 million in 2024 for these services.

According to Mayor Poirier's letter, Wenatchee police officers have faced challenges with jail access, with some inmates being refused booking.

“Every denied booking into the Jail means that an individual who is already suspected of a crime remains in the com-



Mike Poirier, Mayor of the City of Wenatchee

individuals arrested by city officers, but these changes were rejected by the county, according to the mayor.

Financial negotiations have also stalled. The city proposed increasing its annual payment to \$1.8 million for 2025, which was rejected. A subsequent offer of \$2.2 million – a 37% increase from 2024 – was also not accepted by the county.

In response, Chelan County sent the city a letter of termination that would end jail services in August 2025.

“The County's position has left our Wenatchee community with limited options,” Poirier wrote. “I cannot in good conscience recommend that the City enter into an agreement that risks the safety of our community and our officers.”

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Third annual Día del Fundador Latino to celebrate Latino entrepreneurship in Wenatchee

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WENATCHEE – NCW Tech Alliance will host the third annual Día del Fundador Latino (Latino Founder Day) on Thursday, April 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee Convention Center, offering a full day of programming designed specifically for Latino entrepreneurs across Washington State.

The free, in-person event will be conducted entirely in Spanish and aims to educate, inspire, empower, and connect Latino business owners and professionals throughout the region.

The day will begin with networking opportunities and regional business spotlights from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by expert-led sessions and a keynote luncheon featuring prominent Latino leaders in business and policy.

Afternoon programming will include educational sessions covering financial fundamentals, fundraising strategies, AI-driven marketing approaches, media training, and pitch practice. Throughout the day, attendees can explore a business expo showcasing dozens of Latino-owned businesses, with most vendors offering bilingual services.

According to organizers, the 2025 event is expanding following strong attendance in 2024. Educational content will address both traditional small and regional businesses, as well as scalable startup development, including validation,



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Marcos Wanless, Founder and President of the Seattle and Tacoma Latino Chambers of Commerce.



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Nelson Reyneri, Immediate Past Chair of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Director of Strategic Alliances and Policy at NRG Energy.

funding, and growth strategies.

Keynote speakers include Nelson Reyneri, Immediate Past Chair of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Director of Strategic Alliances and Policy at NRG Energy. Reyneri brings over two decades of leadership experience in the energy sector, including helping scale Liberty Power from a startup to a billion-dollar enterprise.

Also featured is Marcos Wanless, Founder and President of the Seattle and Tacoma Latino Chambers of Commerce. Under Wanless's leadership, the Seattle Chamber was recognized as the Best Hispanic Chamber in the U.S. in 2022, selected among 260 chambers nationwide.

Wilma Cartagena, Trustee at Wenatchee Valley College and Past President of the NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,

will serve as the event's moderator.

The event is supported by the Washington State Micro-enterprise Association, funded by the Washington State Department of Commerce, and Peoples Bank.

Latino entrepreneurs interested in exhibiting their businesses can secure a free booth by contacting Rosie Martin at (509) 881-7543 or rosie@ncwtech.org.

Registration for Día del Fundador Latino is free and available at ncwtech.org.

NCW Tech Alliance, established in 1999, operates as a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to bring together people and resources in technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM education in North Central Washington.

Emily Flores 6-0, 6-4.

"This was a big win for the depth of our program," Rothlisberger stated. "We were missing a few of our top players today, but our JV swing players rotated up and won their matches to seal the victory at the end of the evening. Great work Reese, Kyla, Liv and Betsy!"

On the boys' side, East Valley's Cameron Erb dominated the #1 singles match against Elijah Moody 6-0, 6-0, but Chelan's Angel Mendez evened the score with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Camden Hauver in #2 singles.

East Valley took the lead as Lleyton Fast and Luke Hartman defeated Loen Moody and Sean Rynd 6-2, 6-1 in #1 doubles. Chelan then secured the team victory with wins in both remaining doubles matches. The #2 team of Nick Diaz-Manda

and Cooper Neff rallied to defeat Giovanni Munguia and Judah Wheeler 5-7, 7-5, 6-1, while the #3 pair of Caden Griggs and Caleb Bertomeu topped Grayson Toth and Braxton Miller 6-4, 6-3.

"Same story for the boys: Chelan was without the top 3 boys on the ladder and still managed a team victory," noted Rothlisberger. "Props to the JV swing players who won their matches: Nick, Coop, Caden and Caleb!"

Chelan's junior varsity teams also had a successful outing, with five doubles teams securing victories: April Alatorre/Brianna Richardson (8-2), Ruby Harberd/Madelyn Wallace (8-5), Keely Collins/Kendall Bordner (8-1), Daniela Ochoa Bernal/Yoselin Pimental-Lopez (8-0), and Katelyn Stanfield/Ever Pollard (8-3).

Wenatchee Foothills Trail System reopened April 1 after winter wildlife closure

NCW News / Ward Media

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Foothills trail system reopened to the public on Tuesday, April 1, following its annual winter closure, according to officials from Chelan County PUD and Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT).

The trail system closes each December to protect crucial mule deer winter habitat, creating undisturbed space for wildlife during harsh winter months. The reopening coincides with the arrival of spring and will welcome back hikers, runners, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

"We greatly appreciate everyone's compliance with the winter closure," said Chelan PUD Senior Wildlife Biologist Von Pope. "The Wenatchee Foothills are tremendously valuable for deer and other wildlife, especially during the winter months, and for trails users during the spring, summer, and fall."

Chelan PUD manages the Home Water Wildlife Preserve, approximately 960 acres in the heart of Sage Hills, as part of its federal license to operate Rock Island Dam. The winter closures are a required condition of the permitted seasonal trail use.

In addition to the PUD-managed lands, CDLT and the



COURTESY OF CHELAN-DOUGLAS LAND TRUST

The Wenatchee Foothills trail system reopened to the public on Tuesday, April 1.

City of Wenatchee also close public access to more than 2,200 acres of adjacent open space to provide additional winter range for wildlife.

Trail improvements are scheduled throughout 2025, according to CDLT officials.

"In 2025, we will focus on trail sustainability and access improvements throughout the Foothills," said Ryan Graig, CDLT's Trails Project Manager. "This spring, we will be re-grading the Coyote Canyon Trail, improving accessibility at Horse Lake Trailhead, and restoring sections of the Lower Castle Rock trails. In the fall, we will reconstruct the Saddle Rock East Trail and re-grade the Lightning Trail."

The reopening comes as CDLT celebrates its 40th anniversary of land conservation in the region. The organization has announced plans for 40 free community events to mark the milestone and encourages residents to check their website at cdlandtrust.org for updates on trail conditions, weather-related closures, and event changes.

CDLT is a membership-based nonprofit that works collaboratively with property owners and communities to identify and protect important natural lands in Chelan and Douglas counties. The organization relies on community support to continue its conservation mission.

Chelan tennis

Continued from page A4

In girls' competition, Chelan's Brooklyn Foyle dominated her #1 singles match against Arella Mendoza 6-2, 6-0. East Valley responded with Avelina Dearte defeating Madeline Cowan 7-5, 6-3 in the #2 singles match.

East Valley took the lead when their #1 doubles team of Emily Knautz and Ceci Mendoza handily defeated Taylor Hatherell and Keira Gjerde 6-0, 6-1. However, Chelan secured the team victory with wins in both remaining doubles matches. The #2 team of Reese Bordner and Kyla Otom blanked Gigi Morrier and Alexis Overacker 6-0, 6-0, while the #3 pair of Olivia Nelson and Betsy Mclemore defeated Ximena Vegas Martinez and

Orondo man in custody after SWAT team responds to taser attacks, standoff

By Andrew Simpson
Ward Media Staff Reporter

ORONDO – On Monday, March 24, Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call just before 3 p.m. for a disturbance on Orondo Spur off US97. Reports said that a man who was later identified as 39-year-old James Scott Martin of Orondo was threatening people and had assaulted others with a taser-equipped flashlight.

According to a Douglas County press release from Sheriff Kevin Morris, deputies and members of the Chelan County Behavioral Health Unit tried a number of times unsuccessfully to get the man to surrender before summoning the East Cascade SWAT and Crisis

Negotiation teams. Traffic was shut down in both directions on US97 for the duration of the incident, with northbound cars being diverted through Watterville via Pine Canyon and southbound vehicles rerouted onto McNeil Canyon Road.

After a 3-hour standoff, Martin was finally subdued and taken to the Chelan County Regional Jail on suspicion of Assault in the Second Degree. He was later formally charged with the assault and with Malignant Mischief in the Second Degree.

This was not Martin's first run-in with a SWAT team. In February of 2024, he was arrested after assaulting two people, one with a metal bar and one with a glass bottle, at a residence in the same area as



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The Orondo Spur of US97 intersects with US2 at Orondo, about 16 miles outside East Wenatchee.

This incident. In that instance, Martin also refused to come outside until SWAT arrived. He was subdued with a non-lethal 40 mm round in order to get him in custody. It's unclear whether the charges from 2024 are still pending.

In Tuesday's release, Sheriff Morris acknowledged the contributions of East Cascade SWAT,

Washington State Patrol, Washington State Department of Transportation, Chelan County Behavioral Health Unit, Rivercom, and Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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The residence of the suspect is in the 10 block of Orondo Spur, adjacent to Martin Family Orchards.

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Legals

Public Notices

Lake Chelan Reclamation District Budget Workshop
The Board of Directors of Lake Chelan Reclamation District will meet for a special Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 08, 2025 at the District office. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a Budget Workshop.
Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror March 26 and April 2, 2025. #9606

Public Notices

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1632 of the City of Chelan, Washington

On the 11th day of March 2025, the City Council of the City of Chelan, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 2025-1632. A summary of the content of said Ordinance provides as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHELAN, WASHINGTON AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 17 "ZONING" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM, CH 17.47, AND AGRICULTURE-BASED SHORT TERM RENTALS RELATED PROVISIONS.
The full text of the Ordinance will be mailed upon request. DATED this 12th day of March, 2025.
Peri S. Gallucci
City Clerk
Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror April 2, 2025. #9729

Public Notices

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN LODGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff(s), vs. TINIAN, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company, Defendant(s).
Cause No. 24-2-00789-04
Judgment Rendered On: 12-13-24
Order of Sale Issued: 2-24-25
Date Received: 3-13-25
Date of Levy: 3-14-25

The Superior Court of Chelan County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Chelan County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. The property address is in Washington and legally described as:
Legal Description: UNIT 638-C DECLARATION THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 04, 1984, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 8404040186, RECORDS OF CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, THE LAST OF WHICH RECORDED MARCH 23, 2004, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 2169625, AND SAID UNIT IS LOCATED ON SURVEY MAP AND PLANS FILED IN VOLUME 19 OF CONDOMINIUMS, PAGES 16 THROUGH 31;
The Assessor's Property Tax Parcel or Account Number: N/A
Property Address: 1 Wapato Point Parkway #638-C, Manson, WA 98831
The sale of the above-described property is to take place:
Time 9:30 AM
Date Friday, May 2, 2025
Place <https://www.bid4assets.com/chelancountysheriffsales>
The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of Eighteen thousand fifty-seven and 22/100 dollars (\$18,057.22) plus interest, costs, and fees before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the sheriff at the address stated below. DATED: March 14, 2025
MIKE MORRISON, SHERIFF CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
By: /s/ Jen Ramm, Civil Deputy
P.O. Box 36 98807 0036
401 Washington Street, Level One
Wenatchee, Washington 98801
Sheriff's Civil
Process No. C25-00182
509 667 6876
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Public Notices

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1634 of the City of Chelan, Washington

On the 25th day of March 2025, the City Council of the City of Chelan, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 2025-1634. A summary of the content of said Ordinance provides as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHELAN, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET AND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1627 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 10, 2024, IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM SPECIFIED FUNDS TO OTHER SPECIFIED FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
The full text of the Ordinance will be mailed upon request. DATED this 26th day of March, 2025.
Peri S. Gallucci
City Clerk
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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN LODGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff vs. 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
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Patrick M. McDonald, WSBA #36615
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Public Notices

City of Chelan Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Planning Commission of the City of Chelan, Washington will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday April 16, 2025, beginning at 5:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Council Chambers, 135 East Johnson Avenue in Chelan, Washington to take public testimony for the City-initiated Text Amendments to the Chelan Municipal Code: TA2025-01. Pertaining to Unit Lot Subdivisions.
All members of the public are encouraged to participate and are welcome to submit written comments to mllibbey@cityofchelan.us before the public hearing, or alternatively, provide testimony during the scheduled hearing. Your engagement is highly valued as it contributes to the comprehensive decision-making process. A copy of proposed text amendments and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost by contacting Monica Libbey, mllibbey@cityofchelan.us, 509-682-8037, or at the Community Development Department at 135 E. Johnson Ave, Chelan, during regular office hours. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Dated this 28th day of March 2025
Monica Libbey
Senior Planner
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Public Notices

CITY OF CHELAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the City of Chelan Hearing Examiner at **10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025**, in the Council Chambers at 135 East Johnson, Chelan, WA on the following application:
Lead Agency File Number(s): SSDP2024-05 / SEPA2024-07
Project Description: An application for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) to redevelop the existing water vessel rental facility. The existing marina will be redeveloped to a launch dock and a new marina off the eastern point of the property, accessed from a new trail. The redeveloped marina will extend a total of 250' out into the lake and will be an addition of 2,246 sq ft (in addition to the existing 2,826 sq ft), for a total of 5,072 sq ft of overwater coverage. A new ADA restroom and office will also be constructed. The application seeks a shoreline setback reduction of 5 feet by implementing a native vegetation enhancement plan which includes an additional 110 sq ft of mitigation plantings adjacent to the OHWM.
Project Location: 1320 W. Woodin Ave, Chelan, WA 98816
Project Applicant: Stevens Landing LLC, c/o Konnar Stevens, 177 Stevens Orchard Lane, Manson, WA 98831
Permit Criteria: City of Chelan Shoreline Master Program 7.5 Shoreline Substantial Development Permits
Environmental Review: On March 19, 2025, the City of Chelan issued a SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS). This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS. A copy of the threshold determination may be obtained upon request or at: tinyurl.com/CityofChelanSEPA
All interested persons are invited to appear and provide testimony regarding this application at the public hearing and receive a copy of the Hearing Examiner's decision once made. A copy of the application, all documents and evidence relied upon by the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and copies will be provided at the requestor's cost. A copy of the staff report will be provided for inspection at no cost at least ten calendar days prior to the hearing and copies will be provided at the requestor's cost. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing. Please address any specific and factual comments about the project to: Monica Libbey, City of Chelan, P. O. Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816 or by email to mllibbey@cityofchelan.us. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror April 2, 2024. #9730



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Spring art exhibit at Nature's Window Museum features fine-art photography of Guy Miner

Lake Chelan Mirror
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CHELAN – With the Spring 2025 opening of Nature’s Window Wildlife, Natural History Museum & Art Gallery on April 4, the Chelan area has the opportunity to view a new collection of wildlife and North Central Washington landscapes by photographer Guy Miner. Founded by local businessman Shannon Kollmeyer and his wife Cris, the nature museum and art gallery represent a significant advancement in promoting animal conservation through art and science.

The reconfigured art gallery will showcase a large collection of photography capturing native animals, alongside bronze sculptures by various artists.

Miner, the featured photographer, was born in Sacramento, California, where he became a wildlife and nature columnist for the Sacramento Union newspaper while still in school.

His passion for nature, native animals, photography, and cartography fueled his love for the outdoors.

After attending Sacramento State University, Miner enlisted in the Marines, which took him to posts in Asia and around the world during the Persian Gulf War.

Among his most notable assignments was in Norway, where he was embedded with local military personnel.

The married father of two documented his travels and vacations but only seriously pursued photography after retiring from the Wenatchee police force.

“I had a collection of crummy cameras but my generous wife bought me an Olympus OMD which pushed me into the big leagues with other professional photographers,” Miner said.

“It started as a catharsis for all the bad things observed while serving in the military and the local police force but my later photography became much more than that. The rest is history.”

Miner primarily photographs on local hiking trails with his dog Maverick, both in Chelan and around the Confluence State Park, as well as at the Horan Natural Area – a nature preservation area near Wenatchee.

“The wild animals there are a mixed group of mammals and birds but apparently are not scared away by hikers. It’s a great place for capturing the local color,” Miner commented.

The exhibition also features three-dimensional art by several noted wildlife and Western sculptors, including Burt A. Jones, Rick Taylor, Jerry McKeller, Lorenzo Ghiglieri, and Ron Herron. Watercol-



PHOTO: GUY MINER

Bighorn sheep with impressive curved horns gaze directly at the camera in this striking portrait taken in the wilderness areas surrounding Chelan.

ors by artist Louis Kollmeyer are part of the permanent collection.

Nature’s Window will be open to the public during the tourist season from April 4 through October.

The venue also hosts private functions and special events for community organizations, serving as a meeting place, reception site, and a new venue for fundraising events.

During its first year of operation, the museum has been utilized for hunter-safety lessons, scout meetings, sportsmen’s clubs, school field trips, and art classes.

Located at 21285 Highway 97A, Chelan, WA 98816, the museum is situated north of the Knapp’s Hill Tunnel, approximately 10 minutes south of Chelan and 45 minutes north from Wenatchee. Nature’s Window is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the IRS and the Washington Secretary of State.

For more information, call 509-670-8081, email info@nwwildlife.com, or visit natureswindowmuseum.com.



PHOTO: GUY MINER

A rare piebald mule deer pauses in the brush, demonstrating Miner’s patience and skill in wildlife photography.

Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra launches executive director search

NCW News / Ward Media

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra announced it is seeking a new executive director to lead the organization forward.

The orchestra, which has been a fixture in the Wenatchee Valley arts community since 1947, is looking for “a dynamic and visionary Executive Director” to guide the organization into what they describe as “its next exciting chapter.”

The position will involve

multiple responsibilities including “advancing WVSO’s mission, overseeing operations, fundraising, and community engagement.” This position offers a unique opportunity to shape the future of live symphonic music in the Wenatchee Valley.

The symphony has established a dedicated webpage for interested candidates, who can access the full job description and application details at the organization’s website at wenatcheesymphony.com/ed-announcement. Applications will remain open until a suitable

candidate is selected to fill the position.

For additional information about the executive director position, potential applicants are directed to contact Ron Lodge at Rlodge@wenatcheesymphony.org.

The Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra has provided “high-quality symphonic performances and educational programs to audiences of all ages” since its founding nearly eight decades ago, establishing itself as “a cornerstone of the local arts community.”

Water system

Continued from page A1

person who has done this,” said Birchman.

Birchman said when he moved to Union Valley in 2014 he was told: “We haven’t had a fire here in years.”

A mere 11 months later Birchman said he watched trees a mile from his property explode in the 2015 fire. Following the 2019 fire Birchman had enough and decided to act.

What resulted are four 1,000-gallon water tanks, three Honda gas powered pumps, commercial grade sprinklers, and a 2001 Dodge pickup that serves as a plow truck during winter and a firetruck the rest of the time.

The cabin and guest house have wood shingle roofs, so Birchman improvised a commercial grade sprinkler permanently mounted on each roof. Turn a valve and “in five minutes or less both roofs are

completely saturated,” Birchman said.

His remaining acreage has not been ignored. Birchman has studied the topography to determine the likely approaches of future fires and intends to complete a bare earth fire break along a portion of his property boundary as a further measure of protection.

Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or michael@ward.media

Legal Action

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The Chelan County Regional Justice Center was established in 1983 as Washington State’s first regional jail through a partnership between Chelan County, Douglas County, and Wenatchee. According to the FAQ included with the mayor’s letter, Chelan County withdrew from the regional operational approach in 2009 and has since independently operated the facility.

Data provided by the city

shows a significant decrease in the jail’s average daily population over recent years. In 2018, the city’s average daily population at the jail was 43.5 inmates, while the county had 139.4. By 2024, those numbers had dropped to 28.5 for the city and 81.0 for the county. The jail’s capacity is listed as 197 inmates, according to Chelan County Code.

While the city could contract with facilities in neighboring counties, this would require officers to make potentially four-hour round trips to transport

arrestees, taking them away from local law enforcement duties. Building a new city jail would be “a multi-year effort and would not solve the current immediate need for jail services,” according to the FAQ.

“I hope this issue sparks more conversations about the need for regional jail services and the importance of working together, just as we did when the Jail was built in 1983,” Poirier wrote, encouraging community members to contact local officials about prioritizing public safety.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

For centuries, humans have used camels as transportation and to carry goods across the desert. For this reason, they have earned a famous nickname. Use the code to reveal it.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow simple written directions.

Puzzling Camels

Discover some surprising facts about camels by solving the puzzles on today’s Kid Scoop® page!

Blink! Blink! Blink!

Camels have lovely, long lashes to help keep sand out of their eyes. But that’s not all. Camels have another interesting eye feature that helps keep the sand out of their eyes. Circle every other letter to find out what it is.

C S A B M T E J L M S Q H V A H V L E W A C
 T B H N I Y R K D B E Q Y X E M L O I T D H
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Standards Link: Science: Animals have features that aid in survival.

What’s in the Hump?

A camel’s hump is **not** filled with water. Hold this page up to a mirror to see what’s inside a camel’s hump.

A camel’s hump is not filled with water. Hold this page up to a mirror to see what’s inside a camel’s hump.

Fast or Slow?

Camels usually take their time walking in the hot desert. How fast can a camel run? Add up the numbers on the correct path through this maze to discover the answer.

_____ miles per hour in short bursts.

Standards Link: Math: Addition and subtraction within 100.

Togetherness

Camels are social animals that like to be in groups called herds. Can you find each camel’s exact twin?

Standards Link: Reading: Use context clues to determine vocabulary.

Designed for the Desert

Oops! The hot desert sun melted some of the words in this paragraph. Can you replace them?

Camels have _____, tough feet that help them _____ on hot, sandy deserts. These wide feet keep them from sinking in the _____ and, surprisingly, make them excellent swimmers!

When it’s windy in the desert, camels can pinch their nostrils _____ to keep out sand and dust.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Write On! Camel Fact and Opinion

Describe a camel with three facts and one opinion. Label each one.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.

Kid Scoop Together Funny Fill-In

Ask a family member for nouns, adjectives and verbs to fill in the blanks. Then read your silly story aloud!

The Camel Race

It was a _____ day in the desert. Clive Camel challenged Carla Camel to a race from the sandy _____ to a _____ oasis a mile away.

Carla got an early lead, running as fast as a _____. But she tripped over a _____ and Clive pulled into the lead.

Clive struggled running up a _____ dune, and he began to _____ down the other side. Carla caught up!

The two camels were neck-and-_____ as they approached the oasis. As he galloped over the _____, Clive shouted, “I’m going to win!”

Just then, the oasis disappeared! “Oh, no! The oasis was just a _____ mirage!” cried Carla as clouds of dust and _____ swirled all around the two camels.

Standards Link: Language: Recognize and use parts of speech correctly.

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