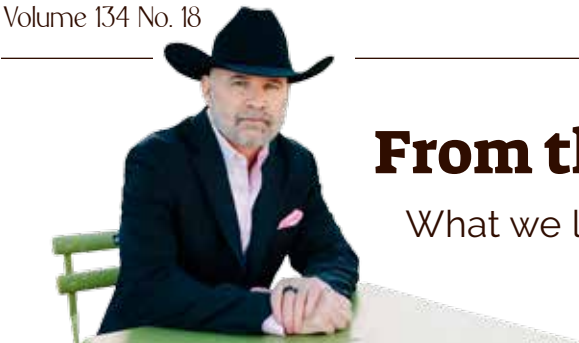


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City Administrator Wade Farris to retire after five decades of public service

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CHELAN — Wade Farris, City Administrator for the City of Chelan, has announced that he will retire at the end of October 2025, capping a distinguished public service career that spans more than five decades.

Farris, who joined the City of Chelan in 2020, brought decades of leadership experience, including senior administrative roles in Gig Harbor and Othello, and a 39-year career in the United States Air Force.

During his tenure as City Administrator, he provided steady oversight of the City’s day-to-day operations and direct supervision of all municipal departments, helping Chelan navigate a time of significant growth and organizational transition.

“I am incredibly thankful that Wade agreed to stick with us after his four years with Mayor Goedde. Wade has been a steady hand and a trusted leader for the City of Chelan,” said Mayor Erin McCardle.

“His dedication to public service, his

calm approach to problem-solving, and his commitment to community have made a lasting impact. I am grateful for his service and wish him all the best in this well-earned retirement.”

Farris’ leadership is widely credited with enhancing operational efficiency and fostering a collaborative work environment within city government.

His background in both military and municipal administration offered a unique blend of discipline, vision, and approachability – qualities that have helped position Chelan for a

vibrant and sustainable future.

The City will begin the search for Farris’ successor in mid-May. The next City Administrator will be expected to demonstrate strong leadership skills, a collaborative management style, and a deep commitment to public service.

Strategic planning, community engagement, and organizational excellence will be top priorities for the next leader, who will be tasked with building on the foundation Farris leaves behind.



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF CHELAN
Wade Farris, City Administrator for the City of Chelan, has announced that he will retire at the end of October 2025.

Lake Chelan School District honors retirees, names Employees of the Year



Retirees Jen Lervold (left), Julie Webster (middle), were honored recently for their service and dedication to LCSD. They are pictured with: Rosey Buckhard, Food Service/Maintenance & Operations Director.



Chelan School of Innovation (CSI) teacher Bill Sibbers was recognized for his service and dedication during the annual all-staff breakfast as he prepares for retirement.
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Chelan Earth Day Fair celebrates 36th year with focus on nature, sustainability

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CHELAN – Community members gathered at Riverwalk Park in downtown Chelan on Saturday, April 19, to celebrate the 36th annual Chelan Earth Day Fair. This year’s theme, “Celebrate Nature,” brought families, organizations, and vendors together to promote environmental awareness and sustainable living.

The fair featured a wide variety of activities, including live entertainment, children’s events, educational displays, electric car exhibits, a book sale, and plant sales. Food vendors, artisans offering jewelry and handmade goods, and representatives from multiple environmental organizations were present.

At the Waste Station, visitors and vendors were encouraged to sort items for disposal into specific categories: Trash Only (Landfill), Compost, Recyclable Items, Liquid, and Glass.

Ann Congdon of the Lake Chelan Research Institute/Keep It Blue spoke with attendees about the science of Lake Chelan. The nonprofit group’s booth offered information about protecting the lake’s water quality and ongoing conservation efforts.

The Lake Chelan School District’s Green Machine was among several food vendors serving attendees throughout the day.

Entertainment was also a major feature of the event. The Kevin Jones Band performed during the afternoon, energizing the crowd and getting people “dancing and moving their feet during their set at the fair.”

Local organizations, including the U.S. Forest Service, Chelan Fire & Rescue, Lake Chelan EMS, the Washington State Department of Ecology,



RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA
Visitors and vendors at the Chelan Earth Day Fair took items they want to dispose of to the Waste Station at the fair. They could choose from Trash Only (Landfill), Compost, Recyclable Items, Liquid and Glass.



RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA
It wouldn’t be a Chelan Earth Day Fair without some entertainment. The Kevin Jones Band got people dancing and moving their feet during their set at the fair.

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Lake Chelan Valley Boys & Girls Club launches NFL Flag Football for ages 3-12



Two Commanders keep the ball away from the Seahawks defense.

By ANDREW SIMPSON
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – At Sargent Field this spring, there’s a new football team in town. Make that a few new teams. And with jerseys donated by the NFL and teams you already watch on Sundays in the fall, they’ll look like miniature versions of the big guys across the country.

NFL Flag is a program from the National Football League, and this year, in addition to programs for older kids, they’re sponsoring teams for players as young as three years of age. In the youth league, the top end is 6th grade, so the age span isn’t too wide, and teams are grouped into ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and one final group of 11-12 year-olds.

Kids from Brewster, Chelan and Manson from the Lake Chelan Valley Boys & Girls Club will play every Saturday until the end of the six-week season, with seven games in total.

“The Lake Chelan Valley Boys & Girls Club is thrilled about the local interest from families who want their children ages three through grade 6 to participate in our NFL Flag Football program,” said Angela Collins, the club’s unit director. “The program aims to foster a positive experience for players and families, emphasizing respect, ethical competition, and the development of football fundamentals.”

The positive experience for kids this young begins with the fact that there’s



Players huddle with the coach to discuss strategy.

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Washington State Apple Blossom Festival

The 106th Washington State Apple Blossom Festival returns April 24 through May 4 in Memorial Park, Wenatchee. "Get ready for 'The Best Time Ever' with exciting attractions, tasty food, live music, and community celebrations. Highlights include the Food Fair, Funtastic Carnival, Pepsi-Cola Youth Day (April 27), and the Stemilt Grand Parade (May 3)." Note: No dogs allowed in the park during the festival (Wenatchee Municipal Code 5.28.090).

For more info, visit appleblossom.org.

Catch Me If You Can

Numerica Performing Arts Center will host a production of Catch Me If You Can

on May 1 from 7:30-10 p.m. in Wenatchee.

The musical, based on the hit film and incredible true story, follows the high-flying adventures of Frank Abagnale Jr., a teenager who runs away from home and successfully poses as a pilot, doctor, and lawyer – all before his 21st birthday.

For more information, visit numericapac.org.

Classy Chassis Parade and Car Show

The annual Classy Chassis Parade and Car Show will take place May 2 through May 3 at Eastmont Park. "Festivities kick off Friday, May 2, with the parade starting at 6 p.m. Spectators are encouraged to set up chairs early and enjoy nearby eater-

ies during the event. An after-party will follow at 8 p.m.The car show continues Saturday, May 3, featuring classic and custom vehicles, games, and awards, with events running until 4:30 p.m."

For more information, visit eastmontparks.com or the *Classy Chassis Facebook page*.

Painting in the Park

Celebrate spring with a relaxing afternoon of creativity at "Painting in the Park" on May 4, at 2 p.m. in Entiat City Park. "Enjoy the beautiful scenery while you paint in this outdoor class. All skill levels are welcome – just



bring your creativity and a love for the outdoors."

For more information, visit the *City of Entiat Facebook page* or entiatwa.us.

Karaoke at Even Keel Roadhouse

Even Keel Roadhouse will host a Karaoke Night on May

2 from 7 p.m to 10 p.m. "Sing your heart out while enjoying a selection of wines, beers, and ciders on tap, Food options will also be available, making it a perfect night out with friends."

For more information, visit *Even Keel Roadhouse on Facebook*.

What we leave behind

Most of us won't leave behind statues or headlines. But maybe – just maybe – a few words we said, a kindness we offered, or a hand we extended will echo longer than we know. I was reminded of that recently while texting with a friend from high school. We were swapping stories, catching up on life after all these years, when he shared something I had never known: how a simple gesture from a

neighbor during a tough time had stuck with him. He said he was about 16, struggling with school, confidence, and life in general. One afternoon, a neighbor asked him to help mow the lawn. Afterward, the man handed him a glass of lemonade, clapped him on the shoulder, and said, "You're a good worker. I hope you know that." It was such a small moment – no lecture, no grand advice.



From the Publisher

TERRY WARD

Earth Day Fair

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Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center, Landscape Conservation, Chelan Douglas Land Trust, and Cascade Conservation District, provided informa-

tion and resources focused on sustainability, conservation, and public safety. For more information about the event and recycling resources, organizers encouraged visitors to go to chelanearthdayfair.org.



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The Lake Chelan School Districts The Green Machine was one of several food vendors at the Chelan Earth Day Fair.



Ann Congdon of Lake Chelan Research Institute/Keep It Blue visits with fair visitors about the science of Lake Chelan.

Local firefighters to present on wildfire preparation at Ruby Theatre

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CHELAN – The Ruby Theatre in Chelan will host an educational presentation on wildfire preparation featuring firefighters from Chelan Fire District 7 on Thursday, May 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The event, titled "Wildfire – During the Fire," is part of the Ruby U series and aims to provide residents with critical information on managing wildfire events in the Chelan Valley region, an area with significant historical wildfire activity.

The presentation will include a comprehensive overview of Chelan Fire & Rescue operations, historical analysis of past wildfires in the area, and forecasts for the upcoming 2025 wildfire season.

The program will focus on practical measures citizens and community members can implement to prepare for wildfires.

Attendees will also hear firsthand accounts from firefighters who responded to the 2022 Union Valley Fire.



COURTESY OF RUBY THEATRE

Local firefighters will share their expertise on wildfire preparedness at the upcoming "Wildfire - During the Fire" presentation on May 1 at the Ruby Theatre. The event, featuring Chelan Fire District 7 personnel, will address the region's wildfire history and provide citizens with critical information on how to manage when similar fires inevitably occur in the area.

The event is free to the public, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The Ruby Theatre is located at 135 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan. For additional information, residents can visit the theatre's website at www.rubytheatre.

com or call (509) 687-3210. Ruby U, an educational initiative associated with the historic Ruby Theatre, organizes community programs throughout the year focusing on topics relevant to Chelan Valley residents.

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

Manson Grange Youth Fairst 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 Pedio St. In person or JOIN ZOOM MEETING: Meeting ID: 865 5396 3012, Passcode: 98831: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553963012?pwd=feCLUlQkfc3Z2tgEGDFVvVaCEHpFI6AB.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 (Thursday, May 1) 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

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

Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art Gallery: Open to the public Thursday- Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m., April to October. Located at 21285 Highway 97A, Chelan, north of the Knapp's Hill Tunnel, approximately 10 minutes south of Chelan.

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>

Chelan Valley Hope: Food for Thought. Chelan Valley Hope works closely with the Lake Chelan Food Bank to support our community. They provide us with emergency food bags for those who miss the food bank or need extra assistance through the week. We also hold food boxes for those who can't make it during the food banks designated times. In addition, we offer emergency homeless food bags with ready-to-eat items, and our annual Summer Lunch Program serves kids

Work progresses on Manson Village Green project, vendor opportunities coming soon

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

MANSON – Significant changes are underway at the future site of the Village Green in Manson as the Lake Chelan Community Services Council (LCCSC) continues its efforts to transform the property into a public green space.

“If you’ve driven by the property this week, you’ve likely noticed some exciting changes as we continue transforming this space into a unique green gathering place for Manson,” project organizers said in a public update. “The carport roof has been removed, irrigation has been repaired, lawn areas have been reseeded, and the building has been thoroughly washed. It’s

really starting to take shape!”

Questions have arisen from the community regarding the future of the building on the site. LCCSC officials said plans for the building’s removal are still in development.

“We’ve had many people ask about the building and whether it will be removed,” organizers said. “That part of the project will take a bit longer, as it involves permitting and careful planning – but rest assured, we’re working on it and deciding the best option. Thanks for your patience as we move through the process!”

As work on the property continues, the LCCSC is preparing to open the site for limited concession and vendor operations during the summer months. Or-

ganizers said they will be seeking a small number of vendors offering items appropriate for a park setting.

“In the meantime, the property owner – Lake Chelan Community Services Council – will be putting out a call for summer concessionaires and vendors to operate on-site,” organizers said. “There is limited space available, so the LCCSC is looking for a couple good fits. A formal announcement will be provided next week. Think: frozen treats, fresh fruit, smoothies, pretzels, hot dogs, sandwiches, etc. (park-fare).”

Those interested in applying to operate as a vendor at the Village Green site are encouraged to reach out by email to villagegreen.manson@gmail.com.

Genealogical Society to offer family tree program May 12

NCW News / Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will present a hybrid program, “Where Did Your Family Tree Grow?”, on Monday, May 12, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

WAGS members Cathie and Brian Wengreen will lead the presentation at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE,

East Wenatchee, and online via Zoom.

The Wengreens will share “pictures and details of their trip to the Netherlands last year” and broaden the discussion to explore how individuals can uncover the roots of their own family stories.

“Where did your family tree grow? Why would you want to know? Have you ever been

in Chelan and Manson with sack lunches from 12–1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, starting June 16. For more information about the Summer Lunch Program, email vrohrich@gmail.com. For details on Chelan Valley Hope, email info@chelan-valleyhope.org, and for the Chelan Food Bank, email Director.LakeChelanFood-Bank@gmail.com.

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).

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

there? What could you gain by knowing more about where your family story began?” they ask in their event description.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Zoom information is available by emailing Library@wags-web.org. For general inquiries, call 509-782-4046.

The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society maintains a library at 127 South Mission, Museum Annex Building, open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. More information is available at www.wags-web.org.

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.

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

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Catching up with the director of “Catch Me If You Can,” this year’s Apple Blossom Musical

By **ANDREW SIMPSON**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – Hailey Tolman is a woman of many talents. It used to be that to be an actor, you needed to be well-rounded in a Vaudeville sense: Acting, yes, but also singing and dancing and a charisma that creates its own camera effect.

To direct, however, takes a whole other level of talent and commitment. You have to have all of the above and couple it with the sense to wrangle the same out of a group of people, many of whom you may never have worked with before. And MUSIC theater is an entirely different beast, because it requires a fluency with all of those skills at once that sometimes isn't required with “regular” plays that have no singing or cues based on the beginning, middle or end of a song.

In a musical, you can't miss a note. So it's been fun to watch Tolman move from her place on the stage in last year's Apple Blossom musical – as Rizzo in “Grease” – to behind the scenes for this year's production of “Catch Me If You



COURTESY OF HAILEY TOLMAN

The cast of *Catch Me If You Can* sings and dances during a dress rehearsal.

Can,” a musical stage adaptation by Terrence McNally of the movie by the same name, which is in turn based on an autobiographical work written by the main character of the true story, Frank Abagnale.

How has Tolman achieved the seamless transition from player to playwright? She trusts her actors. “I like to give them, what I call, I give them the room. I give them floor and the walls, and I let them decorate it. So I give them, ‘There, that's a good way of putting it, yeah.’ I give them their general vibe. ‘This is what is happening in the scene now. This is how I feel that your character would

react. Let's have you start over here. By the end of the scene, I need you to end up over here,” says Tolman.

This musical is special to her. It's not just that it's a story that could be told in any generation to any crowd, played by good actors from any background.

“I grew up loving the movie. It was a big staple in my house. My parents were huge Leo [DiCaprio, the star of the film] people, and so I grew up watching it, and when I first heard the soundtrack, I was like, ‘Okay...’ And then I saw the musical, and was like, ‘Oh, this is fabulous.’ Then when I went back and re-watched the movie, I was



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Hailey Tolman stops for a photo in front of the Wenatchee mural on the Avenue in between rehearsals for the 2025 Apple Blossom Musical.

like, ‘Oh, this is exactly when this musical number would happen. This is exactly when this musical number would happen,” she says.

There has to be a sense of wonder for a 25-year-old woman who sees a piece of art, then sees that art reinterpreted, then gets to reinterpret it herself. And while that's probably part of the overall fun for Tolman, it's likely that the larger wonder of it all comes from her background. She moved to this area just a few years back from Wyoming, which is not necessarily known for its vibrant music theater – or even regular theater – scene.

Coupled with the sense of community that Wenatchee's expansive network of performing arts engenders even in newcomers, directing makes Tolman feel like a true part of our city.

“Coming from Wyoming, we had one community theater that was in a tiny building, and there were maybe, like 30 to 40 of us, right, that were a part of it. And that's it. We didn't



COURTESY OF HAILEY TOLMAN

The musical numbers during this year's Apple Blossom production look like they'll be spectacular.

have anything else. Our playhouse at max only held about 200 people. We didn't have a Numerica Performing Arts Center. We didn't have a town Toyota Center, right? We didn't have the theaters they have up in Leavenworth, we didn't have any of that. I first moved to Wenatchee and thought, ‘I need to get into the theater scene.’ I start doing research and looking things up. There's 12 different groups that I could jump right in and be a part of. I think it's because of just the deep rootedness in being so community-centric, because the theater is a place that you can come to, and everything outside of the doors does not matter. When you are in the theater, you are part of something bigger. You are all collaborating as a team. It doesn't matter what one person thinks over the other, because you're all as important as each other.”

For something as important to this town as our annual Apple Blossom Musical, it's hard to imagine meeting someone more appreciative of the opportunity to contribute. Her team is outstanding this year, with Mark Belton producing the show and a classically

trained singer in the lead role, and a whole cadre of theater regulars who perform in everything they can get a script for.

This Apple Blossom, everything seems to be playing into the theme that the city picked for the 2025 festival: “The Best Time Ever.” This show promises to be a good time, and Hailey Tolman has certainly had a good time putting it together.

“That's what I love so much about the Apple Blossom show, is you have a huge cast of all kinds of different people. I mean, we have people who, you know, work part time in a cafe and then get to come do this for fun. Or we have people who are doctors and lawyers and, you know myself, I'm a mortician. And we just get to come to this place. We just get to come to this place and have fun for a few hours.”

You can have fun watching *Catch Me If You Can* at the Numerica Performing Arts Center May 1-4 and 7-10 at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. showing on Sunday the 4th. Tickets are available through the Numerica Box Office.

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Chelan County Sheriff Report

April 18

- 06:47:11 Assist Agency, 224 W HIGHLAND AVE, Chelan
- 08:14:28 Trespass, 620 GORGE RD, Chelan
- 09:25:45 Parking/Abandon, 214 S NAVARRE ST, Chelan
- 11:33:21 Parking/Abandon, 2669 ENTIAT WAY, Entiat
- 11:40:30 Assist Public, 309 W HIGHLAND AVE# A, Chelan
- 12:36:25 Parking/Abandon, 21285 US HWY 97A, Chelan
- 13:24:56 Civil, 14947 GOLDEN DELICIOUS ST, Entiat
- 13:31:37 Trespass, 518 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan
- 13:58:33 Assist Agency, 123 OPEN LN, Chelan
- 14:12:45 Animal Problem, 300BLK W WOODIN AVE, Chelan
- 14:39:53 Traffic Offense, US HWY 97A MP 217, Entiat
- 15:30:47 Suspicious, 2117 LAKE-SHORE DR, Entiat
- 15:32:38 Animal Problem, LANDING PARK, Chelan
- 15:37:37 Civil, 5000 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
- 19:25:18 Suspicious, BEEBE BRIDGE RD & SR 150, Chelan
- 19:49:10 Assist Public, 485 W MANSON RD, Chelan
- 19:54:41 Accident No Inj, 108 N APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan

April 19

- 00:53:11 Traffic Offense, LAKE CHELAN SHORES DR & SR, Chelan
- 07:08:51 Welfare Check, 455 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
- 09:03:15 Theft, S EMERSON ST & E WAPATO AV, Chelan
- 10:27:33 Accident No Inj, W WOODIN AVE & WATERSLIDE, Chelan
- 13:01:45 Harass/Threat, 5800 CRUM CANYON RD, Entiat
- 13:47:47 Welfare Check, 23505 us HWY 97A, Chelan
- 14:43:51 Theft, 14903 VOSS PL, Entiat
- 16:14:54 Marine, 565 S LAKE-SHORE RD, Chelan

- 18:08:58 Hazard, APPLE ACRES RD MP 1, Chelan
- 19:05:24 Civil, 988 DRY LAKE RD, Manson
- 19:30:16 AtL/Atc , 4170 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
- 22:29:05 Warrant, 817 E WOODIN AVE, BILLS, Chelan
- 22:48:47 Dui, 435 SR 150, Manson

April 20

- 10:43:13 Parking/Abandon, 317 N EMERSON ST, Chelan
- 12:11:59 Harass/Threat, 707 CROOKED MILE LN, Chelan
- 14:57:22 Court Order Via, 15029 US HWY 97A # 7, Entiat
- 16:37:09 Welfare Check, 110 S APPLE BLOSSOM DR, Chelan
- 19:48:52 Trespass, 455 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
- 20:15:56 Domestic Disturbance, 201 MANSON BLVD, Manson
- 20:59:23 Disturbance, 67 WAPATO LAKE RD, Manson
- 21:48:08 Suspicious, PINE ST & GREEN AVE, Manson

April 21

- 09:44:42 Miscellaneous, 14425 OLIN ST# H3, Entiat
- 13:52:36 Civil, 15029 US HWY 97A # 7, Entiat
- 15:48:33 Assist Public, 404 RIDGE-WOOD DR, Manson
- 16:02:38 Extra Patrol, STONERIDGE ST & BURKEY ST, Chelan
- 16:56:20 Traffic Offense, 422 S NAVARRE ST, Chelan
- 19:01:27 Suspicious, 619 W MANSON RD, Chelan
- 19:52:52 Traffic Offense, 817 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan
- 22:40:35 Traffic Offense, SR 150 & BOYD RD, Chelan
- 22:58:13 Noise, 188 CHELAN AVE, Chelan

April 22

- 00:11:48 Assist Agency, 110 S WASHINGTON ST, Chelan
- 04:08:24 Accident No Inj, W WOODIN AVE & WATERSLIDE, Chelan
- 07:27:10 Theft, 25 STELIKO RD, Chelan
- 09:25:58 g11, 461 SUNNY BROOKE

- L N , Chelan
- 12:22:59 Domestic Disturbance, 2230 W TERRACE AVE, Chelan
- 13:57:14 Accident No Inj, 310 W MANSON RD, Chelan
- 15:15:36 Harass/Threat, 2123 CAMMACK AVE, Entiat
- 21:20:47 AtL/Atc, 418 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan
- 22:49:25 Parking/Abandon, SR 150 & WAPATO POINT PKWY, Manson

April 23

- 12:17:54 Alarm, 97 TARA LN, Manson
- 14:38:54 Suspicious, 502 W MANSON RD, Chelan
- 17:20:16 Graffiti, 400BLK GORGE RD, Chelan
- 17:49:06 Suspicious, 222 MYSTIC CREEK LN, Chelan
- 18:06:01 Suicide Threat, ENTIAT RIVER RD MP 2, Entiat
- 19:37:17 Assist Public, 587 GREEN AVE, Manson
- 21:54:53 Assist Agency, 217 E IOWA ST, Chelan

April 24

- 04:35:03 Assist Public, 217 E IOWA ST, Chelan
- 09:14:17 Fraud/Forgery, 1135 S BRADLEY ST, Chelan
- 12:03:03 Assist Agency, 217 E IOWA ST, Chelan
- 12:13:47 Trespass, 619 W MANSON RD, Chelan
- 12:18:03 Trespass, 413 SR 150, Manson
- 13:25:33 Graffiti, 485 W MANSON RD, Chelan
- 14:58:35 Alarm, 301 CLOS CHE-VALLE RD, Chelan
- 15:41:29 g11, 128 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan
- 22:21:08 Traffic Offense, E WOODIN AVE & N WASHINGTON, Chelan

Empire Tournament

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and sophomore Elijah Moody achieved the highest finish among Chelan competitors, placing seventh out of 41 boys doubles teams.

They posted wins over Lakeland of Rathdrum, Idaho, 6-3, 6-2; Coeur d'Alene Charter, 6-1, 6-1; and Ellensburg, 7-5, 6-4.

Junior Sean Rynd earned a victory in No. 1 singles, defeating Ridgeline (Spokane Valley) 7-6, 6-3 after trailing 2-5 in the first set.

Senior Tristan Sanderson and junior Wade Sanderson bounced back from a first-round loss to East Valley (Yakima) to win two matches before a narrow loss to Coeur d'Alene Charter in their fourth match on Friday.

Junior Nick Diaz-Manda and freshman Loen Moody recorded a 6-2, 6-2 win over North Central (Spokane) in boys doubles.

In girls competition, junior Estee Flynn posted a 6-3, 6-0 win over Naches Valley in No. 1 singles.

Sophomores Brooklyn Foyle and Josie Bekel advanced to the quarterfinals after three

straight victories on Friday, defeating teams from Wenatchee, Toppenish, and Quincy before falling to the No. 1 seed from Lewis and Clark (Spokane).

Senior Kyla Otom and sophomore Reese Bordner won their opening girls doubles match against Rogers (Spokane) 6-1, 6-1.

Sophomores Alison Horner and Maddie Cowan defeated Manson's Koth and Richmond in girls No. 1 doubles.

Chelan's strong showing against a large and competitive field provided valuable experience as postseason tournaments approach.

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Six startups selected to compete for \$200,000 at Flywheel Investment Conference

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WENATCHEE – The Flywheel Angel Network has announced six finalists who will compete for over \$200,000 in angel investment awards and prizes at the upcoming Flywheel Investment Conference, scheduled for May 21-23 in Wenatchee.

The three-day conference will bring together hundreds of founders, investors, and business leaders, beginning with a welcome reception on Wednesday evening and concluding with the announcement of winners on Friday afternoon.

The event, supported by sponsors including Microsoft, Clark Nuber, AEM Movement, Peoples Bank, Freestone Capital, and The Salcido Group of Companies, aims to catalyze innovation and economic growth throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The six finalist companies represent diverse industries ranging from medical devices to sustainable seafood production:

Grace & Able, founded by an arthritis patient and hand therapist, produces FDA-registered medical devices that relieve joint pain while resembling comfortable apparel. The company reports 300% year-over-year growth and is seeking \$500,000 for product development and marketing.

LensBase has developed a solution for contact lens insertion difficulties, which the company identifies as the primary reason people abandon contact lenses. Their device is currently available in over 750 clinics.

MarineSitu, a University of Washington spinoff, provides underwater monitoring solutions for marine environments. The company reports having logged over 4,000 days of field deployments with detection and classification accuracy exceeding 95%.

NewGem Foods creates wraps made from fruits and vegetables as alternatives to bread and tortillas. The patent-holding company targets consumers managing dietary restrictions in the \$300 billion U.S.

wellness food market.

OoNee focuses on harvesting overpopulated sea urchins threatening Pacific Northwest kelp forests. The company utilizes proprietary container-based systems to transform undernourished urchins into premium seafood products.

Pioneer Biofuels, based in Spokane, has developed technology to improve anaerobic digestion efficiency. Their proprietary booster system reportedly increases biogas yields by over 50% while reducing capital and operating costs for digesters.

The Flywheel Investment Conference is organized by NCW Tech Alliance in partnership with the Flywheel Angel Network. Previous winners include Cartogram, Agtools, Iasis Molecular Sciences, BrainSpace, ZILA Works, GemaTEG, Gnara, Alphi, Dopl Technologies, and OneCourt.

All-access tickets for the event are available for \$299. More information can be found at flywheelconference.com/ attend.

Chief For A Day honors chronically ill kids with badges and a swearing-in

By Andrew Simpson
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – The Chief For a Day program is an annual tradition at Wenatchee’s Apple Blossom Festival, and here locally, it involves multiple agencies naming kids from area schools to take over as the boss at those agencies for one day. The purpose, of course, is to give kids with chronic or life-threatening illnesses a way to be distracted from them for at least one day and be the most important person in the room.

That’s what everyone attending got to see Thursday, April 24, on the GESA Credit Union Entertainment Stage, as this year’s kids brought up in front of their classmates in the audience, who cheered like crazy when the Little Chief from their school was honored.

Seven agencies participated by nominating a kid to take over as chief. The Wenatchee and East Wenatchee Police Departments, the Chelan and Douglas County Sheriff’s Offices, the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department, the Washington State Patrol and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife all picked one lucky kid, who each wore a uniform created by Sew Rite Alterations here in Wenatchee, and was awarded a badge.

This year’s Little Chiefs were:

- Rebecca Fox from Lewis & Clark Elementary for the Wenatchee Police Department
- Jordan Arnold from Lee Elementary for the East Wenatchee Police Department
- Nathaniel Veteto from River Academy for the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office
- Rodrigo Garibay from Cascade Elementary for the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office
- Lark “Tilly” Love from Newberry Elementary for the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department
- Charlee Rose Lyons from Mission View Elementary for the Washington State Patrol
- Jack Ballamis from Kenroy Elementary for the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

There was a performance of the national anthem by Detective Jeffrey Eifert of the Wash-



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Rebecca Fox, the Wenatchee Police Department’s Chief of Police for a day.

ington State Patrol, an honor guard salute, and a special swearing-in by Chelan County Superior Court Judge Kristin Ferrera.

The affair, which was overseen by the joyous-as-usual Mayor Mike Poirier and his East Wenatchee counterpart, Mayor Jerrilea Crawford, was capped with a special flyover of the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office helicopter, which buzzed Memorial Park twice for the cheering crowd.

The ceremony was outstanding, and the faces of both the kids who were honored and their parents will be memories that last forever.

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Lake Chelan School District honors retirees, names Employees of the Year

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CHELAN – The Lake Chelan School District recognized five retirees and named three Employees of the Year during its annual all-staff breakfast.

The event celebrated the contributions of retiring staff members and highlighted the efforts of employees selected by their peers for exceptional service to students, families and the school community.

This year’s retirees include Chelan Middle School (CMS) teacher Joanie Bankson, who is retiring after 32.5 years with the district; CMS and Chelan High School (CHS) Head Cook Jen Lervold, with 14 years of service; Chelan School of Innovation (CSI) teacher Bill Sibbers, with 3 years in the district; Morgen Owings Elementary Head Cook Julie Webster, with 30 years of service; and CMS teacher Roseann Young, who retires after 27 years.

Each retiree was honored by their supervising administrator for their dedication to student learning and well-being.

The 2025 Employees of the



From left to right are the Lake Chelan School District 2025 Employees of the Year Juan Mendez, Jessica Dumont, and Jody Petersen.

Year are CMS and CHS teacher Jessica Dumont, Migrant Program Family Advocate Juan Mendez, and substitute para-professional Jody Petersen.

The honorees were selected

based on nominations submitted by fellow staff members, who cited their leadership, impact on student success and families, and their commitment to going above and beyond in their roles.

The district received a record 82 nominations for this year’s Employee of the Year awards.

Founded in 1892, Lake Chelan School District serves nearly 1,300 students, with 95 percent graduating in four years and more than half enrolled in no-cost, college-level coursework, according to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The district is headquartered at 309 E. Johnson Ave., Chelan, WA 98816. For more information, call (509) 682-3515 or visit chelanschools.org.

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NFL Flag Football

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no contact – just a flag to grab, instead of getting “tackled” for the ball. That’s easier on parents of this age children, as well. Mouth guards are required even in practice, so this really is about recreation and teamwork, not the bone-crunching game you see played at Lumen Field.

The kids will get to keep those NFL jerseys after the season ends, though. It’s a great reminder of participation in something that more than three-quarters of a million kids across the country will do this year. NFL Flag has even become a proving ground for female athletes to compete at the college level – not that any of the little 11-year-olds at Sargent Field are worrying about that just yet.



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Most importantly, however, the Boys and Girls Club doesn’t ever turn away kids for lack of financial support. Every kid gets to compete. The Club gets donations, and will be holding a benefit golf tournament that’s set for June 26 at Bear Mountain Golf Course in Chelan. The

tournament will feature many UW and WSU sports celebrities from over the years. To sponsor or register, email Angela Collins at acollins@bgcsc.org or call the club at 509-300-8480.

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WORDS

CANCER
COVER UP
DERMATOLOGIST
HEAT
INDEX
INDOORS
MELANOMA
MORNING
PROTECT
RADIATION
RASH
REFLECT
SHADE
SKIN
SPOTS
SUNBLOCK
SUNBURN
SUNGLASSES
SUNLIGHT
ULTRAVIOLET
UMBRELLA
WIDE-BRIMMED

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



This year, Teacher Appreciation Week starts on another special day: **Cinco de Mayo!**

On Cinco de Mayo, it's fun to break open a piñata filled with treats.

Look closely to find the piñata below that is different than all the others.

The National PTA celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week with a theme each year. Use the code to discover this year's theme!



Standards Link: Social Studies: Discover jobs and careers in our community.

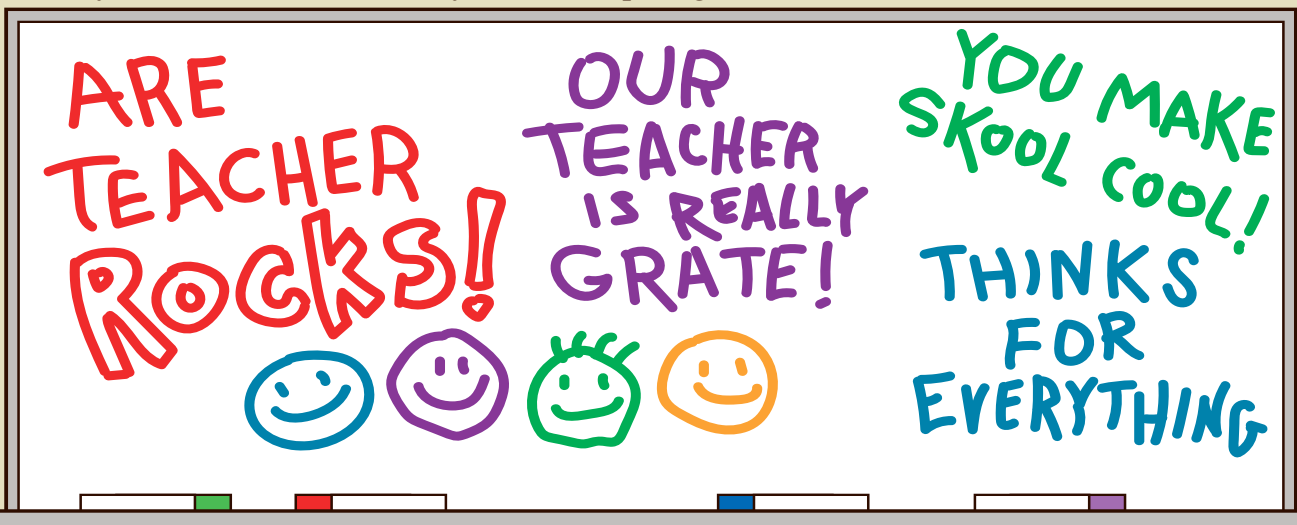
Teachers work hard. They also make learning fun, listen when students are having problems and sometimes even take care of scraped knees and elbows.

What does your teacher do for you and your classmates?

- ☐ Teach
- ☐ Listen
- ☐ Smile
- ☐ Dry tears
- ☐ Comfort
- ☐ Help Solve Problems
- ☐ Clean
- ☐ Make jokes
- ☐ Talks
- ☐ Friendship
- ☐ Hugs



Students decorated this white board for Teacher Appreciation Week, but they made a few mistakes. Can you fix their spelling errors?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Teacher Appreciation Ad

Cut out pictures and words from the newspaper to create an advertisement thanking your teacher for their good work. Paste them on another sheet of paper to make a collage.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Can you find at least 10 differences between these twin teacher pictures?

Have a friend or family member try. Did they find any differences you missed?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



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

R	F	T	C	O	M	F	O	R	T
E	F	H	X	I	K	C	I	V	E
P	S	E	K	W	R	Q	S	E	A
A	J	M	V	W	O	R	K	L	C
P	W	E	C	L	X	D	L	I	H
S	U	A	Z	M	I	E	A	Y	E
T	R	J	R	P	F	S	T	C	R
E	W	T	L	D	L	K	T	H	F
L	F	E	X	S	M	I	L	E	U
V	H	O	Q	T	W	A	R	D	N

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

Pretend you have \$500 to spend on a gift for your teacher. Look through the newspaper to find out what you could buy. Can you find items that add up to exactly \$500?

Standards Link: Calculate sums to a particular amount.



Why did the dog do so well in school?

ANSWER: Because he was the teacher's pet.

I appreciate my teacher because ...

Finish this sentence.
Add a few more sentences!



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