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Greater Leavenworth
Museum revives tea social
event at historic grange hall



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
Ann Colley and JoAnne Prusa tend to the dessert table.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – After a six-year hiatus, the Greater Leavenworth Museum brought the return of its afternoon tea event at the historic Chumstick Grangehall on May 29. “We wanted to bring back a community event that was heartfelt... The Upper Valley Historical Society and the museum [aren’t] just for guests that are visiting from out of town. We’re here for the community,

and preserving the history means having events that gather our community,” said Upper Valley Historical Society Board President and Treasurer Christie Voos. The tea events started in 2010, taking place at Wenatchee River Institute’s Riverhaus and eventually moving to the grange. Each tea hosted a different theme, as well as different speakers, presentations, and activities. This year, the Tea Committee, chaired by Claudia Cockerham,



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
The afternoon tea event sold out after returning from a six-year hiatus.

organized a spring-themed tea with scones, sandwiches and desserts prepared by UVHS volunteers and the Cascade Garden Club. The event sold out, with over 60 guests in attendance. Throughout the years, the tea has also been associated with the Royal Ladies. During the tea, 2025 Royal Lady Sandy Houston thanked the organization for bringing back the event. “Your work here at the Historical Society is significant because,

as we know, preserving history knits generations together. It is the heartbeat of a community’s memory, and it ensures that future generations can understand where they came from and why it matters,” said Houston. During the tea, Voos and former president Matt Cade shared about the organization’s plans for the historic Chumstick Grange Hall. According to previous Echo reporting, the

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Howard Hopkins Memorial
Pool faces budget shortfall after
new levy fails to be collected



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
If the renewal levy had not passed last fall, the Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool was at risk of closing, due to costly, necessary repairs.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The Leavenworth City Council approved an interfund loan to address a shortfall of approximately \$200,000 for the Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool 2025 budget year. The shortfall is a result of the Chelan County Assessor’s Office failure to include the new Upper Valley Parks and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) levy of 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on properties when preparing 2025 tax bills. The new levy was voter approved last fall to replace the existing levy that was set to expire at the end of 2024. Instead, the county assessor added a one percent increase to last year’s collection of almost 7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, a standard annual increase for existing levies. As a result, approximately \$200,000 was collected, rather than the \$410,000

that was expected from the new, voter-approved levy. “We have a budget that includes over \$200,000 in capital improvements that need to happen before we can even open the pool,” said City of Leavenworth Finance Director Chantell Steiner. During the May 27 city council meeting, Chelan County Assessor’s Office Levy Administrator Stacy Wuolle stated that the mistake was “not so much of a levy error” but a “gray area.” “It doesn’t seem like a gray area to me,” said City Councilmember Anne Hessburg. According to Wuolle, the PRSA Board submitted an unnecessary resolution that referred to the one percent increase along with the correct paperwork, such as the ballot measure, verification that it passed, and levy certification. Wuolle had

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Public tour highlights forest
health and wildfire risk reduction
work around Lake Wenatchee

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LAKE WENATCHEE – Local agencies and organizations invited the community on a tour of forest restoration and community wildfire protection work taking place on public forest land on May 29.

The tour visited work sites around Lake Wenatchee, with discussion from the U.S. Forest Service, Cascadia Conservation District, Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, Chelan County and more. The first stop was an overlook along

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Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
The Nature Conservancy Forest Program Manager and Past Chair of North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative Lloyd McGee speaks at the Meadow Creek stop.



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
Over 30 attendees tour the forest health and wildfire resiliency projects around Lake Wenatchee.

Leavenworth's
Bavaria trip adds
new meaning to
chamber-led travel



COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Visitors walk through the town of Mittenwald, known for its manufacturing of violins, violas and cellos, dating back to the mid-17th century

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - For some chambers of commerce, organized travel is a common mechanism for revenue, offering fully planned group itineraries in exciting destinations for the community. These trips are often focused on cultivating connections through travel, inspiring new business or community development ideas, and encouraging personal and professional enrichment. For instance, the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce offers domestic and international trips that offer “tourism along with unique cultural business exchanges,” planning travel to Greece, Italy and New England this year. The Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce will lead a trip to the French Riviera in the fall. When the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce organized its trip this spring, Bavaria was naturally its destination of choice. “Learning about the place that we are replicating in our town just adds a lot more authenticity. I think the longevity of this Bavarian theme will continue to last because of that,” said Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Troy Campbell. The 10-day trip, which began in Munich, the capital city of the state of Bavaria, included a mix of chamber representatives, business owners, and city staff. The group stayed in the historic towns of Fussen, Garmisch, and Berchtesgaden, while taking day trips to various towns and their

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COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A maipole is manually erected in Großweil, a small municipality in Bavaria. The group visited a number of community-based Maifest celebrations during their trip.

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Live Music at München Haus with Matthew Marcus McDaniel

München Haus will host singer-songwriter Matthew Marcus McDaniel as part of its Summer Music Series on June 11, from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. at 709 Front Street in Leavenworth. “Known for his soulful vocals and raw rock ‘n’ roll energy, McDaniel brings deep emotion and bluesy authenticity to every performance. This all-ages event is free and open to the public.”

For more information, visit munchenhaus.com/#events.

Poetry by the River: An Evening with Kara Briggs

Wenatchee River Institute is hosting Poetry by the river on June 6, from 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. at 347 Division St, Leavenworth. “Hosted in partnership

with A Book for All Seasons, this special outdoor poetry reading features Indigenous poet Kara Briggs, Briggs will read selections from her debut collection Rivers in My Veins, which shares the stories of her Northwest tribal heritage and connections to regional rivers.”

For more information, contact Joshua Schaub at jschaub@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org or call 509-548-0181,

The Summer Shred Returns to Ski Hill

Mountain Sprouts Children’s Community will host the second annual Summer Shred on June 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ski Hill in Leavenworth.

“This family-friendly mountain biking event includes courses for all skill levels and kicks off with a strider bike “race” for young

riders. Later in the day, teens and adults can take part in a costume-friendly relay race.”

For more information and to register, visit mtnsprouts.org/summershred.

Glass Fusing Workshop at Boulder Bend Glassworks

Boulder Bend Glassworks will host a Make Your Own Glass Fusing Workshop on June 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8210 US Highway 2 in Leavenworth.

“Participants can create their own fused glass piece using colorful hand-pulled cane and murrine made in the studio. Projects typically take 40 to 90 minutes to complete. Open to ages 7 and up (under 18 must be accompanied by



a parent or guardian). No reservations required for individuals. Cost ranges from \$50–\$80.”

For more information, email craig.sorensen@gmail.com or call (509) 881-1320.

Drag Bingo: Leavenworth Adventure Park

Drag Bingo Takes place on Friday, June 6, from 8 p.m to 10 p.m. at 9342 Icicle Rd,

Leavenworth. “Join host Karma del Ray for a lively evening of bingo fun after hours at the Adventure Park. The event is free, with games, prizes, and entertainment for all ages. Reservations are required.”

For more information or to reserve a spot, visit leavenworthadventurepark.com or email Nancy@leavenworthadventurepark.com.

Less complaining, more connection

We live in a time when it's easier than ever to share an opinion, voice frustration, or criticize someone or something. Social media, online forums, and even community meetings have become outlets for venting—sometimes constructively, often not.

But I've been thinking lately about the toll that constant complaining can take—not just on our communities, but on ourselves. Complaining without action or empathy can become a habit. It can fray relationships, breed cynicism, and create distance where we most need connection.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't hold each other accountable, raise concerns, or

push for better. That's essential in a healthy democracy. But there's a difference between constructive criticism and chronic negativity. One opens the door to collaboration. The other closes it.

What would happen if we redirected some of that energy toward connecting with our neighbors? If instead of leading with what's wrong, we started with curiosity or compassion? If we paused before we posted or spoke and asked: Will this build up or tear down?

I've watched communities rally after wildfires, come together to support a struggling business, or wrap around a family in crisis. In those moments, there's little complaining. There's action.

There's unity. There's heart.

We don't have to wait for a crisis to act like a community.

At our newspapers, we're committed to being a platform for civil discourse, solutions-focused journalism, and stories that remind us of our shared humanity. We'll still report on hard truths, ask tough questions, and shine a light where it's needed—but we also believe in the power of connection.

Maybe the first step is listening more. Complaining less. And remembering we're all in this together.



From the Publisher

TERRY WARD

Let's make room for that.

Connection doesn't require grand gestures. Sometimes it's as simple as a conversation at the grocery store, a kind word to a stranger, or showing up to a local event—not to criticize, but to contribute. These small acts, repeated over time, build trust. And trust is the foundation of any strong community.

We can choose how we show up—in person, online, in our neighborhoods. Do we bring fuel for the fire, or water for the roots? That choice, made daily, shapes the kind of community

we live in.

There's plenty in the world to fix. But there's also plenty worth celebrating. Let's not lose sight of the good happening all around us—neighbors mentoring youth, volunteers cleaning up parks, businesses quietly donating to those in need. These stories matter too, and they deserve our attention.

So the next time we feel the urge to complain, maybe we can pause. Take a breath. And ask: What can I do to connect, to contribute, to care?

That's the kind of energy that makes a place stronger. That's the kind of community I want to live in.

And I believe we can build it—together.

Two arrested in Leavenworth vehicle prowl case

NCW News
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — Two individuals were arrested in connection with a series of vehicle prowls reported in Leavenworth on May 22, according to the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 11 p.m., a Chelan County deputy was flagged down by a citizen in the Safeway parking lot. The citizen reported that a bicycle had been stolen from the back of her truck. The deputy obtained a detailed description of the stolen bicycle along

with a photograph of a similar model. Authorities noted the bicycle's distinct color and accessories, which aided in its identification.

Later that night, deputies responded to a report of a vehicle prowl in progress near 8th and Commercial Street. Upon arrival, they located two suspects matching the description provided by RiverCom dispatch. One of the individuals was observed riding the stolen bicycle.

The two were detained at the scene. According to the Sheriff's Office, the bicycle was confirmed to be the stolen

item reported earlier. Deputies also discovered multiple stolen items in the suspects' possession believed to be from other recent vehicle prowls.

The suspects, identified as Marque Wilson, 26, of Coulee

Dam, and Phillip Quandrell Green Jr., 32, of Wenatchee, were arrested and booked into the Chelan County Regional Justice Center for possession of stolen property in the second degree. Chelan County

Sheriff Mike Morrison stated that deputies “will continue to work for, ‘A community where safety, justice and security are ensured for all through unwavering commitment to service.”

Sixth Grade Camp creates lasting memories at Tall Timber Ranch



CAROLINE MENNA/WARD MEDIA

Hands-on science: Icicle River Middle School sixth grade boys explore the Napeequa River last week for aquatic insects as part of a water quality study to assess salmon habitat during Sixth Grade Camp at Tall Timber Ranch

By CAROLINE MENNA
Ward Media Intern

NORTH CASCADES — Sixth graders from Icicle River Middle School (IRMS) left their classrooms behind and headed deep into the forest during the last week in May for three days of learning, laughter, and personal growth at Cascade School District's (CSD) annual Sixth Grade Camp, a beloved tradition held at the picturesque Tall Timber Ranch nestled between the White and Napeequa Rivers about an hour north of Leavenworth.

Surrounded by towering trees, soaring peaks and rushing waters, the camp immerses students in the natural beauty of the North Cascades while teaching life lessons that go far beyond textbooks.

For many students, it was

their first time away from home for multiple nights, and for all, it was a week filled with growth, connection, and plenty of fun—thanks in large part to the IRMS sixth grade teaching team, including Mandi Muscutt, a Language Arts and Social Studies teacher and the longtime camp coordinator.

Muscutt has played a central role in organizing the multi-day experience for the past decade. From coordinating schedules to guiding camp traditions, she ensures that students leave with more than just mosquito bites—they leave with lifelong memories.

“This camp is a rite of passage,” Muscutt said. “Tall Timber Ranch provides the perfect environment for kids to challenge themselves, connect with their classmates, and learn in a whole new way.”

Students participated in

a wide range of activities: environmental science lessons, ziplining, fishing, mountain biking, climbing, and the ever-popular capture the flag. Evenings were spent around the campfire, performing skits, and making s'mores.

“Capture the flag” has become a legendary tradition at camp—fondly remembered by former campers and eagerly embraced by new ones.

“My favorite activity was capture the flag,” said sixth grader Huckson Werdell, adding, “I was surprised by how good the food was, and the counselors were amazing!”

Cora Roe, another sixth grader, had high praise for the accommodations. “The cabins were really nice,” she said. Her advice to current fifth graders when they come to Tall Timber

Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.
Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.
Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.
Senior Center, Lunch, Noon, \$8 per meal. Call 509-548-6666 by Tuesday noon to make a reservation.

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.
Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)
Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Parkinson's Support Group Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873
Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.
Senior exercise taught by Rehab staff FREE Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-12 at the LDS Church, 10170 Titus Rd.

Friday

Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.
Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

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

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org
LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.)
Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 p.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)
Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.).
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)
Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)
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Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org
Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.
Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or email peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues., 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

Bavaria trip

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May festivities. Intentionally timed with the region's spring celebrations, the visitors witnessed different communities celebrate Maifest across the region, as well as attending Austria's spring celebration, Gauder Fest. "For us, it's about finding new inspiration, making our events more authentic, because although [Leavenworth] had a very inauthentic beginning, we do everything we can to make

sure that we're representative of culture in the best light and in the most authentic light," said Campbell. In addition to the festivities, visitors took notes on business marketing and products, the elements of design and architecture, and how the towns managed their own tourists. For the City of Leavenworth, city staff observed different approaches to pedestrian plazas, curbsless plaza entries, stormwater management, street furniture, streateries, landscape and planter design,

Sheriff

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12:58:35 Domestic Distur, 24602 Spur St, Plain
16:06:34 Accident No Inj, 980 Us Hwy 2, Cashmere
17:04:22 Traffic Offense, Fish Hatchery Rd & Icicle, Cashmere
17:08:04 g11, 7921 Roller Coaster Rd, Peshastin
19:02:28 AtL/Atc, Snow Lakes Th, Leavenworth

May 27

10:04:43 Alarm, 18595 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
10:59:32 Assist Agency, Second Creek Bridge, Leavenworth
14:38:56 Property, 100 Ward Strasse, Leavenworth
14:57:59 Animal Problem, 116 Boyal Ln, Leavenworth
15:46:15 Accident Unk, White River Rd Mp 1, Leavenworth
16:14:25 Suspicious, 10755 Titus Rd, Leavenworth
19:32:31 Vehicle Prowl, 990 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
19:34:31 Abuse, 100 Ward Strasse # C242, Leavenworth

May 28

05:28:52 Alarm, 3003 Us Hwy 97, Leavenworth
07:31:28 Parking/Abandon, 1532 Alpeensee Strasse, Leavenworth
07:46:01 Welfare Check, 7622 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth
09:12:12 Extra Patrol, 400blk Ski Hill Dr, Leavenworth
09:27:57 Assist Public, 17458 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
09:46:15 Accident No Inj, 10190 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth
14:01:00 Accident No Inj, 302 Ski Hill Dr, Leavenworth
15:34:58 Fraud/Forgery, 980 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
15:53:29 Suspicious, 1001 Front St# A, Leavenworth
21:30:06 Harass/Threat, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
22:27:07 Noise, Jefferies St & School St, Leavenworth

May 29

04:33:49 Harass/Threat, 3914 Old Blewett Rd, Peshastin
11:36:58 Trespass, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
12:37:43 Theft, 12320 W Emig Dr, Leavenworth
13:16:20 Trespass, 4730 Us Hwy 97, Peshastin
14:32:54 Assist Agency, 700 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
14:54:29 Malicious Misch, 238 Park Ave, Leavenworth
16:41:52 Alarm19760 Sr 207, Leavenworth
20:26:46 Assist Public, 219 9th St, Leavenworth
22:15:42 Extra Patrol, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
23:55:58 Suspicious, 309 8th St, Leavenworth



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All smiles: Icicle River Middle School sixth grade girls in the Tall Timber Ranch dining hall during Cascade School District's Sixth Grade Camp in the last week of May.

Camp

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next year? "Try everything—even if you might be a little scared, it will be a great time." The experience is also a reunion of sorts for past campers. Paige Runions, a senior at Cascade High School, returned as a volunteer counselor for the second year in a row. Running her own cabin of eight girls, Runions reflected that "it was a lot of fun and brought back memories of when I was in sixth grade—especially my favorite activity, capture the flag." "I actually went to sixth grade camp myself as a Cascade student," Muscutt noted. "And, I'm grateful to and

for Tall Timber, which is run by members of our community. It's a nice collaboration and close enough that we can bring high school counselors, some parents, and get help from organizations like Fish & Wildlife and the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance." But Muscutt also voiced concern about the future. "We're a little nervous about next year," she said. "Everything has become so much more expensive since COVID, and we've been funding sixth grade camp with a Washington Outdoor Education grant—but those funds have been cut and are unavailable to us next year. Before that grant, kids had to pay, and we scrambled

to fundraise. Some kids just couldn't afford to go. Now, without the grant and rising costs, I hope we can find a way to continue." Despite the uncertainty, this year's campers returned to IRMS full of excitement, inside jokes, memories, and stories they will tell for years. Thanks to the partnership between IRMS, CSD, and Tall Timber Ranch, Sixth Grade Camp is a treasured tradition—and a powerful educational milestone.

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

Public tour

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Forest Service Road 6306 near Meadow Creek, where forest health restoration treatment is being completed, which includes commercial and non-commercial thinning, prescribed fire, and road construction and decommissioning. The work is a part of the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project, a coordinated effort that aims to restore forest health and resiliency through improving forest structure, wildlife habitat and watershed, returning fire to the landscape, and reducing community wildfire risk. The project spans 76,000 acres of land throughout the Plain and Lake Wenatchee areas.

The public heard from The Nature Conservancy Forest Program Manager Lloyd McGee and Jim Passage of Lake Wenatchee Fire Adapted Communities, and the U.S. Forest Service about the project's origins, progress, and long-term vision at the stop. "What you see here is the start of what they're doing on the forest in this 76,000 acres...This is the first major project, and over time, between partnerships between the North Central Forest Collaborative and the Forest Service, we're going to see more of this. It's going to reduce the risk of fire in our community," said Passage. After the tour, the group visited the Chiwawa River Pines Community Fuel Break to learn about community

wildfire protection work from Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, Chelan County, and Cascadia Conservation District. Attendees also learned about opportunities to take action as private landowners from Cascadia Conservation District Forestry Program Manager Patrick Haggerty. Cascadia Conservation District offers a number of different programs such as forest health assistance, a home hardening incentive, fuels reduction assistance, home assessments, and chipping. Some of these programs are through partnerships with Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue and Chelan County Fire District #3.

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COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber-led trip attended Gauder Fest, a traditional spring festival in Austria.

trip served its purpose as a typical chamber-led trip, bringing another level of camaraderie to community

representatives and officials. "Whether you're Bavarian themed or not, if a chamber wants to take this on, I highly

recommend it," said Campbell. Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media



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Ponderosa Community Club brings neighborhood together with Memorial Day Weekend festivities



COURTESY OF KATHY HUBER / PONDEROSA COMMUNITY CLUB
Rosanne McRoberts and Kimberly Gunhus pose with a crocodile brought by the Reptile Man.



COURTESY OF KATHY HUBER / PONDEROSA COMMUNITY CLUB
The Reptile Man entertains both children and adults alike with snake, turtles and alligators.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PLAIN – Ponderosa Community Club celebrated Memorial Day Weekend with an all ages event on May 25.

The club is a community in Plain made up of just over 500 lots, including full-time and part-time residents. The event was held at the club’s community center for members of the Ponderosa neighborhood, as well as members of the broader Plain community.

“It brings the community together, [by] getting to know your neighbor. It’s just fellowship,” said Kathy Huber, Ponderosa Community Club Social Chair.

The event featured free activities for children, four vendors, and live music by local musician Chris Ward. The Reptile Man was a kid-favorite, showcasing snakes, turtles, and alligators. The free photo booth provided the opportunity to take a snapshot with one of the reptiles as a keepsake. The event also had a free tattoo booth with temporary tattoos of bugs and reptiles.

In addition to a weekend-long yard sale, the community event also had vendor booths for local businesses and artists, selling items such as resin art, yard art, candles from Glacier Peak Candle Co., plants, and sewn items.

The Memorial Day Weekend event was just one of three major holiday events held at the community center throughout the year, said Huber. The club’s next event is planned for the Fourth of July weekend, followed by another event over Labor Day weekend. On July 5, the club will hold a parade with Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue leading the cavalcade of small floats, motorcycles, and bikers.

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Okanogan–Wenatchee National Forest selected for 2025 Spotlight for conservation efforts

By **ANDREW SIMPSON**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest has been selected by the Leave No Trace organization for a 2025 Spotlight in order to highlight conservation opportunities in the area. The Leave No Trace initiative recognizes the challenge of preserving public lands, and that various communities are actively responding through collaborative efforts. These initiatives involve multi-day, on-site education programs and practical stewardship projects in partnership with local volunteer groups, to ensure continued access to these natural spaces.

From June 5–7, the Leave No Trace organization is partnering with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Washington Trails Association, and other local groups in Central Washington to promote public land conservation through Leave No Trace education and a joint stewardship project.

The Okanogan–Wenatchee

National Forest was chosen as one of 18 locations nationwide to host this initiative after being nominated by local land agencies and community groups. The range of sites chosen reflects the unique challenges for these areas across the country, and the education provided by Leave No Trace at each site is specific to the needs of the area.

“The Spotlight program is an amazing way to highlight the power of a community and the steps they can take to protect the outdoor areas they love,” said a written statement from Dana Watts, the Executive Director of Leave No Trace. “This program puts conservation into action and the 3-day Spotlight led by Leave No Trace staff, focuses on workshops, Leave No Trace education, and community engagement to ensure that every Spotlight host is left with the tools necessary to continue to protect and conserve the areas around them.”

For information or to sign up for events, you can visit the Leave No Trace event page. The following activities are



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The headquarters of the Okanogan–Wenatchee National Forest in Wenatchee also houses the local office of the U.S. Forest Service, a partner in the Leave No Trace initiative.

free and open to the public:

Friday, June 6 – Leave No Trace Pop-up Education & Cleanup, 12:00-3:00 p.m., Lake Cle Elum-Speelyi Beach Cle Elum Ranger District

Participate in a family-friendly outdoor education event with the Leave No Trace Organization, Washington Trails Association, US

Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and local partners. Learn how to protect Speelyi Beach, Okanogan–Wenatchee National Forest, and other outdoor areas through interactive games. Volunteers can also help with a beach cleanup; bring work gloves if interested. Remember to bring water,

snacks, a hat, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

Friday, June 6 – Leave No Trace Trivia & Social Hour, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Riverfront Rock Gym, Wenatchee

Join in for a family-friendly Leave No Trace interactive game night to test your knowledge and learn how

to protect the Okanogan–Wenatchee National Forest and other outdoor areas. This fun stewardship trivia night offers a chance to win prizes, mingle, and learn from Leave No Trace staff and local partners. They will also have information available at the event.

Saturday, June 7 – Volunteer Stewardship Workday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Liberty Campground, Cle Elum.

Volunteer with the Leave No Trace Organization, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Washington Trails Association, and other partners to support public lands. Participate in a rewarding project that includes litter cleanup, fence repair, painting, and other restoration tasks. Learn about Leave No Trace principles and stewardship education while celebrating the 2025 National Trails Day.

You can learn more about the Leave No Trace organization at their website, LNT.org.

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Link Transit promotes use of public transportation during Ride Transit Month

NCW News
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WENATCHEE — Local cities have joined a statewide initiative to promote the use of public transportation, officially proclaiming June as Ride Transit Month. The designation recognizes the value of transit in connecting communities and reducing traffic congestion across Washington.

To mark the month, Link Transit has announced a series of community-oriented events aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in public transit. Among the planned activities are “Transit Bingo” and “Kids Day,” both designed to engage riders of all ages and encourage greater use of the transit system. Additional event details are available at www.linktransit.com/rtm.

The Cities of Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Cashmere, Chelan, Waterville, and Leavenworth have all passed official proclamations in support of Ride Transit Month.

Ride Transit Month



LOGAN FINLEY/WARD MEDIA
A Link Transit bus travels through downtown Wenatchee near Mela Coffee Roasting Co. during the lead-up to Ride Transit Month in June. Local cities have joined the statewide effort to promote public transportation and its benefits.

is coordinated by the Transportation Choices Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting accessible, equitable, and sustainable transportation across Washington state.

According to the coalition, the campaign emphasizes how public transit can provide better access to essential services such as jobs, education, and healthcare, while also offering environmental

benefits through reduced vehicle emissions and traffic congestion.

The month-long initiative also aims to inform residents that even occasional use of public transit can lead to meaningful cost savings for individuals and families.

For more information about Ride Transit Month and scheduled activities, visit Link Transit's official website

Confluence Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group announce local grant fund partnership

By **ANDREW SIMPSON**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — On Sunday, June 1, the Community Health Partnership Fund began accepting applications for grants to assist local community health-related causes and organizations.

The fund is a project of Confluence Health in partnership with the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group (WVMG), and its aim is to award up to half a million dollars every year in grants that go toward serving the community.

This fund has been around for some time, but there are some changes this year, in name and in process and eligibility. The popularity of the program means that applications have tripled over just the past two years, which organizers believe shows strong local support for not just the program but the impact that it has on our area.

Suzanne Carté-Cocroft,

chief philanthropy officer for Confluence Health who oversees the Confluence Health Foundation, explained the name change this year, as Confluence has also begun managing the fund directly starting at the beginning of May. “As a part of our effort to focus on funding community health initiatives in our region, we’ve transitioned the name of the program from the ‘Community Partnership Fund’ to the ‘Community Health Partnership Fund’ to better reflect our selection process and focus,” she said.

“As we work to support health initiatives for the local community, the Confluence Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Community Health Partnership Fund has two key focus areas: health and wellness and the social

determinants of health,” continued Carté-Cocroft. “The ‘health and wellness’ focus provides funding for projects that directly support comprehensive health and wellness access and activities. The ‘social determinants of health’ focus, however, looks at initiatives addressing such areas as food and housing security, early education, economic stability, and social support systems. While like our criteria in the past, this transition to two key focus areas

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Suzanne Carté-Cocroft of Wenatchee is chief philanthropy officer for Confluence Health and oversees the Confluence Health Foundation.



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Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival returns June 20–22 in Cashmere

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – The Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival will return to the Chelan County Expo Center in Cashmere June 20–22, bringing nationally recognized bluegrass artists and a weekend full of music, workshops, and community gathering.

Now in its 22nd year, the annual festival continues to grow, drawing performers and fans from across the country. The campground will open at noon on Monday, June 16, with spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. Camping costs \$25 per night.

Wristbands are \$30 for a day pass and \$45 for a multi-day pass, June 16-22. Wristbands grant access to all performances, workshops, and campground jam sessions, a hallmark of the event, according to festival executive director Marie Vecchio.

“Probably about 90% of those folks (camping) are all musicians,” Vecchio said. “Every night and every day, they play music at their camp and it’s like one family. Everyone hasn’t seen each other all year and they converge on their campspot and they all just start playing music, tossing songs around. They’re jamming. They’re having a great time playing bluegrass.”

The festivities begin Thursday, June 19, with a Hawaiian-themed meet-and-greet at 5 p.m. for campers.

Main stage shows begin Friday at 4 p.m. in the pavilion, an indoor venue that offers protection from the weather. Food and merchandise vendors will open Friday and remain throughout the weekend.



Last year's Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival headline band, Appalachian Roadshow, performs on the main stage.



Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival campers jam in the evening at the campground.

Saturday kicks off with workshops for both youth and adults. Taylor’s Camp, a popular bluegrass workshop for kids, starts in the morning, followed by adult instrument workshops at 11 a.m. led by main stage performers. Instruction includes fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo, vocals, bass, and songwriting.

Saturday afternoon features performances on the outdoor stage from Taylor’s Camp participants, followed by sets from The Campground Boys and The Welter Brothers. Main stage performances will resume around 4 p.m.

This year’s festival lineup includes Missy Raines and Allegheny, The Slocan

Ramblers, John Reischman and Friends, Downriver Collective, and The Bluegrass Regulators.

Missy Raines is a GRAMMY®-nominated bassist, a singer, songwriter, and bandleader. She has performed on the Grand Ole Opry with her band Allegheny. Several members of Allegheny have personal ties to the Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival, having grown up performing at the event.

The Slocan Ramblers, a top Canadian bluegrass band, are known for their bold, energetic sound and standout live performances. Featured on the Grand Ole Opry and winners of the 2020 IBMA Momentum



Taylor's Camp Kids perform on the Main Stage at the festival.



Festivalgoers fill the pavilion at the Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival during a main stage performance, enjoying live music in the covered venue protected from the summer heat.



Taylor's Camp singers sing their hearts out at the festival.

an award-winning modern bluegrass band from Nashville, blending traditional bluegrass, folk, and country with Americana, rock, and pop influences.

The Bluegrass Regulators, formed in 2009 in Portland, Oregon, are a youth-founded band featuring siblings Luke and Jake Dewhirst and Molly and Josh Adkins. Banjo prodigy Luke won the 2009 RockyGrass banjo competition at age 17. The group released a self-titled album in 2010 and showcased at IBMA in 2011.

“We’re going to welcome our Bluegrass Regulators back now these kids, which I still call kids, because when they were kids, they would be running

around our festival, taking part in Taylor’s camp,” she said. “And then they became instructors at Taylor’s camp. And then they have grown up, and it’s just been wonderful watching these kids grow up.”

The festival will conclude with a Sunday morning gospel show featuring The Slocan Ramblers and the Downriver Collective.

Founded in 2003, the Wenatchee River Bluegrass Festival has built a reputation as a family-friendly, music-filled gathering that celebrates the tradition and evolution of bluegrass.

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverbluegrass.com.

“Railcar Stage” goes live at Pybus in June with ribbon cutting, free concert

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The front view of the Railcar Stage at Pybus Public Market is empty for now, but on June 7, will be the scene of the grand opening.



By **ANDREW SIMPSON**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — If you’ve been down to Pybus any time recently, you’ve seen folks hard at work on a stage out in the parking lot in front of the Public Market. It’s very nearly ready to go, and the Pybus Foundation is holding a grand opening on the first Saturday in June.

Sponsored by Pepsi and beginning at 3 p.m., the officially-named Railcar Stage

at Pybus Public Market will be literally front and center for a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by a free concert by Wenatchee group Just-US Band.

You can enjoy live music and free refreshments with the community as Pybus celebrates the grand opening and looks forward to many performances throughout the summer and beyond.

“The Railcar Stage is more than just a new performance

space,” said a representative from the Pybus Foundation. “It’s a symbol of our commitment to creating a vibrant hub where the Wenatchee Valley community can come together for entertainment, culture, and connection.”

The 2-hour all-ages event is free and open to the public, and marks what may feel like a whole new venue for performances at Pybus. The Market has long held concerts indoors in the center of the



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Fishing, rock climbing and skiing scenes adorn the Worthen-facing side of the Railcar Stage at Pybus Public Market.

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will allow us to better make selections directly supporting the vision and goals for this grant program.”

The expansion to include “social determinants” of common healthcare outcomes is a relatively recent addition to the field of research and grants. Although the COVID pandemic is largely responsible for linking social determinants of health (SDOH) to mainstream applications of theory, it goes back in fact to the early 19th century during the industrial revolution, when the world saw massive increases in disease and poverty — both of which could be traced directly to social conditions at the time.

The partnership between Confluence Health and WVMG could serve as a stalwart against social decay leading to worse health outcomes in North Central Washington, with the right applicants.

In order to be eligible for a grant, those applicants must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Chelan, Douglas,

Grant, or Okanogan counties. All organizations are limited to one grant proposal during each yearly cycle, and religious or faith-based organizations, even if their request is for non-religious purposes, are ineligible even if they are registered as a 501(c)(3).

Applicants will have two full months to apply, beginning June 1 and ending July 31, and can do so on the partnership’s website at this link. Questions about this aspect of the process can be directed to the Confluence Health Foundation, by email at foundation@confluencehealth.org or by calling (509) 436-6275.

Additionally, Carté-Cocroft will be hosting an informational webinar on Wednesday, June 11 from 1–2 p.m. It will be an overview of the process and the purpose of the grant program, and will serve as a question and answer period for those still needing assistance. You can register for the webinar in advance at this link in order to secure a spot.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN

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The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced .The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non probate assets. Date of First Publication: May 28, 2025 Personal Representative: James Dean McKinney Address for Mailing or Service: 10570 Fox Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: 25-4-00131-04 Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on May 28, June and 11, 2025. #10027

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of LISA RENEE STEENSMA Deceased. No. 25-4-00194-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator and attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent and probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 4th, 2025 ADMINISTRATOR: Randall Steensma ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR: Kera Dexter ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Kera Dexter 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 25-4-00194-04 Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Kera Dexter, WSBA No. 58486 Attorney for Administrator Published in The Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record June 4, 11, 18 2025 #10066

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CITY OF LEAVENWORTH REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR WASTEWATER FACILITY AND GENERAL SEWER PLAN

The City of Leavenworth (City) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified engineering consultants to provide professional services in performing and completing the combined Wastewater Facility and General Sewer Plan in accordance with WAC 173-240 and RCW 90.48. This plan will serve as a tool in addressing condition, capacity, operation, and treatment issues in its sewer utility systems and will maximize the effectiveness of future improvements ensuring that the critical improvements are addressed first and that long-term water quality and public health benefits are obtained. Required experience includes previous experience in the preparation of wastewater treatment plant facility and general sewer plans, in accordance with Washinton State Department of Ecology, City, County, and State requirements. The complete Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document can be found on the City of Leavenworth's request for bids/proposals webpage https://cityofleavenworth.com/documents/category/requests-for-bids-proposals. It is the sole responsibility of the Consultant to obtain any RFQ updates or addenda from the City's website. Submissions shall be sent electronically to Kit Kocha, Interim CIP Manager, at kkocha@cityofleavenworth.com by 12:00:00 PM on Wednesday, June 18 2025. Late or incorrectly submitted submissions will be automatically disqualified from consideration. Any qualifications received after the specified date and time will automatically be rejected and will not receive any further consideration by the City. The City of Leavenworth in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Kit Kocha, Interim CIP Manager, at kkocha@cityofleavenworth.com or by calling (509) 548-5275. The City of Leavenworth, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat.252,42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all consultants that will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this request for qualifications, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit proposal in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Published in The Leavenworth Echo May 28, June 6 2025 #9984

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Leavenworth City Council will hold a public hearing on the annexation of one property located at NNA W Benton St. Assessor and Tax Parcel Number 241711130320. The hearing will be on June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington and via Zoom (https://cityofleavenworth.com/your-city-hall/calendar/). Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions may be directed to Community Development Director, Maggie Boles at City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email mboles@cityofleavenworth.com. Published online at www.leavenworthecho.com/cashmerevalleyrecord.com May 29-June 3, 2025 and in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on June 4, 2025. #10071

Public Notices

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING NOTICE IS HERABY GIVEN

that the Leavenworth City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 US Highway 2, Leavenworth. The public is invited to attend said hearing and make comment. Andrea Fischer City Clerk CITY OF LEAVENWORTH Published online at www.leavenworthecho.com/cashmerevalleyrecord.com May 29-June 3, 2025 and in The Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record on June 4, 2025. #10070

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH

On the 13th day of May, 2025, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows: Ordinance 1711: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending LMC Chapter 2.24 Code of Ethics. A full copy of this ordinance is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Record and The Cashmere Valley Record June 4 2025 #10072

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH

On the 27th day of May 2025, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following resolution. A summary of the contents provides as follows: Resolution 15-2025: A resolution of the City of Leavenworth, WA, amending rates and fees. A full copy of the resolution is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record June 4 2025 #10073



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acted only on the resolution.

“This is where I feel bad that I didn’t reach out and say, ‘Hey, we’ve got a resolution here on top of your levy certification, which is it that the district is actually trying to levy for?’” said Wuolle, noting that the county was not required to reach out.

In an email regarding forms for the tax year 2025, which was shared at the meeting, Wuolle had instructed districts with recently passed ballot measures to “include the information when returning your resolution and levy certification. Your ballot measure will replace your resolution the first year.” Steiner had interpreted the language to include both documents.

“It says right on her letter... ‘Your ballot measure will replace your resolution.’ It doesn’t say, ‘Don’t submit your resolution,’” said Steiner.

To correct the error, the

remaining amount will have to be collected in equal amounts over the next three years, so as not to exceed the maximum tax rate allowed, according to RCW 84.52.085. Wuolle estimated the rate with the correction would be around 17 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for taxpayers the next two years, then 16 cents the third year.

“Is it going to be a massive impact to people? Probably not...We could just be talking about \$20 more next year. What the taxpayers don’t know is that they didn’t see the increase this year like they were supposed to,” said Steiner.

Steiner told the city council that the PRSA would likely be OK without the immediate funds by prioritizing projects and utilizing its reserve. However, it would likely see the need in a few months.

Chelan County Assessor Wes Cornelius suggested that the council request a loan from the Chelan County Board of Commissioners to make them

“whole” until the taxes were recovered. While council members wanted the county to take responsibility, some agreed that approaching the county may take more time and cause unnecessary tension. However, the conversation was left open.

“It seems to me the only reason to go to the county and ask for the funds is for some sense of accountability or fairness. But really, it’s more tedious with less control over the outcome, and we’re going to be waiting,” said City Councilmember Mike Bedard.

To secure funding in the meantime, the Leavenworth City Council approved a three-year interfund loan from the General Fund to the Pool Fund, allowing the PRSA to access interest-free funds as needed. According to Steiner, the General Fund has \$1.4 million in reserve.

Unrelated to the assessor, the Leavenworth City Council also approved changes to the PRSA interlocal agreement between the city and county,

which requires a “Chumstick community” representative on the governing board. The change was recommended by the PRSA, reasoning that there is no longer Chumstick Community Council and the vacant position has been difficult to fill. The proposition changes the Chumstick Highway position to an “at-large type,” opening it to anyone living within the service area and outside of city limits, while still remaining open to a Chumstick Highway representative.

The board currently consists of one county commissioner, two Leavenworth City Council members, and a representative each from the Peshastin Community Council, Cascade School District Board, and a Chumstick Highway resident. The changes will be presented for approval to the Peshastin Community Council, CSD Board, and Chelan County Commissioners.

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Royal Lady Sandy Houston speaks to the audience.

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building dates back to 1910, when it served as a train depot for the Great Northern Railway. Since the 1930s, the building has been home to the Chumstick Grange.

“Our current idea...Is to get a long term lease for this building, so that we can bring this community asset back to what it was and more,” said Voos. “Our mission is to preserve and promote the history of the Upper Valley. That means keeping

buildings around that have historical and community significance.”

UVHS plans to revive the space as a place for community gathering, fit for events too small for the Leavenworth Festhalle or Snowy Owl Theater, said Voos. Additionally, the downstairs space would be utilized as an additional space for the museum’s collections, making them more accessible to the community.

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