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## Search for Travis Decker continues after discovery of three deceased children

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CHELAN COUNTY - The search for Travis Caleb Decker, 32, of Wenatchee, entered its second week following the discovery of his three daughters -Paityn, 9, Evelyn, 8, and Olivia, 5 – found deceased near Rock Island Campground on June 2.

Authorities from local, state and federal agencies have coordinated an extensive manhunt since that time, warning the public that Decker is considered dangerous. He is wanted on three counts each of first-degree murder and first-degree kidnapping.

#### **Timeline of Events**

May 30 – Initial Report:

At approximately 9:45 p.m. on Friday, the Wenatchee Police Department received a call from Whitney Decker reporting her daughters had not been returned following a planned visitation with their father under a parenting agreement. Decker, described as homeless and possibly living out of his white 2017 GMC Sierra pickup truck, had last been seen with the girls earlier that day.









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evening and was expected to continue

into the next day. June 3 – Murder Charges Filed: Authorities announced Decker was now wanted for three counts of firstdegree murder and three counts of first-degree kidnapping. A reward of up

to \$20,000 was offered for information

mately 17 miles up Icicle Road near the Rock Island Campground. Subse-

quent searches led to the discovery of the bodies of Paityn, Evelyn, and Olivia

The East Cascade Regional SWAT

Team and federal partners including Homeland Security and U.S. Border

Patrol were immediately deployed. Crime scene processing began the same

nearby. Decker was not located.

leading to his arrest. June 4 – Search Expands:

Spokane County Air Support provided helicopters to search wilderness areas. Additional resources from Kittitas County and federal agencies joined the effort. CCSO activated its Emergency Operations Center as a unified command

Investigators revealed Decker has

Law enforcement released these images showing the varying appearances of Travis Decker in recent months. As well, asl closeup.images of his tattoos. Authorities say Decker, wanted for the murder and kidnapping of his three daughters, may alter his look and should be considered dangerous. Anyone with information is urged to contact law enforcement immediately.

May 31 – Alert Issued:

Following unsuccessful attempts to locate Decker at regional motels and through surveillance, police sought to issue an AMBER Alert Friday night. However, the case did not meet the required criteria. An Endangered

Missing Person Alert was issued the following day.

June 2, A.M. – Arrest Warrant Issued:

A warrant was issued for Decker's arrest on charges of custodial interference in the first degree. Law enforcement expanded their search across Chelan County, narrowing in on areas between Icicle Road and Chumstick Highway with assistance from the FBI. June 2, P.M. – Discovery of the Girls:

At about 3:45 p.m., a Chelan County Sheriff's deputy on patrol located Decker's unoccupied vehicle approxi-

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## Council workshop awards Lakeside Trail Project to KRCI LLC

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - The bids for the Lakeside Trail Water Street to West Woodin Avenue Project have been opened, reviewed for compliance, and submitted to the June 4 Chelan City Council workshop. And the winner is: KRCI LLC of East Wenatchee. KRCI came in with the lowest of the three bids received, \$3,779,010,below the city's estimatedconstruction cost of \$4,129,782. The other two bidders

- Selland Construction LLC
- \$4,374,479.51 • Hurst Construction Inc.
- \$5,014,747.50

After SCJ Alliance Consulting Services reviewed the bidding documents for compliance with the bid process, SCJ and city staff recommended the award to KRCI and the council so approved.

The award clears a major hurdle



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A green buffer is among trail design options.

in a process that began in April 2024 when the city public works team announced that it received the grant WSDOT funding. The state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) provided an additional \$500,000 and the city is kicked in \$252,500 to bring the total funding package to \$3,725,500.

In an SCJ team PowerPoint presentation to that April 2024 work-

See LAKESIDE TRAIL PROJECT Page B4

## Lake Chelan Food Bank, Chelan

Valley Hope hold open house Lake Chelan Mirror / Ward Media

CHELAN - Lake Chelan Food Bank (LCFB) and Chelan Valley Hope (CVH) held joint open house for the newly remodeled and expanded building for the two nonprofits on Thursday, June 5. With Rep. Mike Steele and Lake Chelan Chamber executive director counting down Richard Springer, Lake Chelan Food Bank executive director and Tamra Hively, Chelan Valley Hope executive director cut the ribbon. Helping with the ribbon cutting were Stacy Willoughby, Chelan Valley Hope board president, City of Chelan Mayor Erin McCardle, and Jim Batdorf, a volunteer with the Lake Chelan Food Bank.

Those attending were able to tour the facility and enjoyed a free barbecue, cookies and cake under in the food banks covered drive-thru lane for picking up food.

In May the food bank served 872



With Rep. Mike Steele and Lake Chelan Chamber executive director counting down (third from left), Richard Springer, Lake Chelan Food Bank executive director and Tamra Hively, Chelan Valley Hope executive director prepare to cut the ribbon at the joint open house for the newly remodeled and expanded building for the two non-profits on Thursday, June 5. Looking on are Stacy Willoughby, Chelan Valley Hope board president, City of Chelan Mayor Erin McCardle, and Jim Batdorf, a volunteer with the Lake Chelan Food Bank.

families, 1,979 individuals, made 96 food purchases. Volunteers worked home deliveries, gave away 33,222 pounds of food and made \$4,553.80 in

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## Food banks reach out to local growers for fresh products

By Mike Maltais

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - Increasing food insecurity is putting more pressure on local foods banks that are struggling to meet greater demand in the face of funding cuts, rising prices, and dwindling stocks. One approach being pursued is reaching out to local farmers and growers to access more fresh fruits and vegetables to supplement food selections.

Richard Springer, director of the newly remodeled Lake Chelan Food Bank at 417 S. Bradley Street, plans to do just that.

"Our board is giving me money every month to buy food," said Springer. "When I ask people what food they want many ask for more fresh fruits and vegetables.'

Springer said he plans to work with local producers to fill that need.

"I want to go out and start buying direct from the farmers," Springer

In neighboring Okanogan County, the Okanogan County Community Action Council (OCCAC) has a similar idea. OCCAC in partnership with Blue Sky Minds and community minds is launching a new volunteer initiative called Harvesting Hope

OCCAC estimates that a third of Okanogan County residents are facing food insecurity. To translate that into numbers, of the nearly 45,000 population, some 15,000 of those are at risk. OCCAC operates the county food bank which in turn supports nine food banks countywide.

OCCAC Executive Director Rena Shawver summed up the current challenges facing county residents.

"Okanogan County's food shortage is like the perfect storm," said Shawver."Inflation has sent food and gas prices sky high. Rent and housing prices are higher than wages. Families pay up to 60 percent of their income on housing costs, which leaves them

without money for other things." On top of that, Shawver said the country is facing a national food short-

"Weather changes and market conditions make it tough to grow food,

See FOOD BANKS Page B4

RUTH KEYS/WARD MEDIA

Lake Chelan Food Bank held an open house for their newly remodeled and expanded building on June 5. Remodeling doubled their space, enabling them to have more storage for canned goods and boxed food items.

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#### Solaksen Syrah Duo **Weekend at Cairdeas**

Cairdeas Winery will host the Solaksen Syrah Duo Weekend from June 13-15, Noon to 5 p.m., at 31 Winesap Ave. in Manson.

"Celebrate Father's Day weekend with a bold and unique tasting experience featuring two Syrahs from the same vineyard, Both wines feature original label art by Charlie & Lacey's youngest son, Francis, as part of the Artist Series. Limited-time snack boards will be available to perfectly pair with the tasting."

For more information, visit cairdeaswinery.com or call (509) 687-0555.

#### Sip & Paint at the Lake Chelan Eagles

Lake Chelan Eagles FOE 2218 will host a Sip & Paint event on June 14 from Noon to 3 p.m. at 209 E. Woodin Ave. in

"Our Sip and Paint event is

about creating lasting memories, enjoying good company, and embracing creativity. Whether you're an experienced artist or a novice, Tickets are \$40 per person and include all painting supplies plus one free glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage. Meet on the third floor Banquet Hall."

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit lakechelaneagles.com/events or call (509) 682-2021.

#### **Queertopia Drag Show**

Chelan's Historic Ruby Theatre will host the Queertopia Drag Show on June 14 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 135 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.

"Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating queer joy, liberation, and community connection under the theme 'Vision for Tomorrow, Fabulous hosts Brandi Marxxx and Sativa will lead the show, offering authentic and inspiring performances. This 18+ event costs \$50, with proceeds supporting Chelan Pride's community fundraising." For more information, visit eventeny. com/events/queertopia-19268 or email

#### **Tipsy Canyon -**Saltwater Sky

info@chelanpride.org.

Tipsy Canyon Winery is hosting the Sunset in Paradise Concert Series featuring live music by Saltwater Sky on June 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd. in Manson.

"Saltwater Sky is a rising country band from the Pacific Northwest and Wyoming, Guests can enjoy award-winning wine food from Taqueria El Tapatio while dancing under the open sky. The event is complimentary and first-come, first-served with limited parking and seating.

Venue rules include no outside alcohol and no large vehicles. Children and friendly leashed dogs are welcome.' For more information, call 509-741-5501.

THINGS TO DO

**THIS WEEK** 

#### **Steak and Whiskey Fathers Day at Siren Song**

Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery is hosting a Steak and Whisky Father's Day shore Road in Chelan.

"Dads are invited to enjoy a special ribeye dinner paired with a curated flight of three whisky cocktails, available alongside the regular menu all day. The Steak and Whisky Flight pairing is priced at \$65 per person, or \$55 for Siren Club members"

For more information, visit

#### sirensonawines.com or call Special on June 15 from Noon. 509-888-4657. to 8 p.m. at 635 South Lake-



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## A community that shows up

In this space, I often write about compassion, connection, and community - those quiet but powerful forces that bind us together, especially in times of crisis.

Over the past week, North Central Washington has shown the nation exactly what those words look like in action.

Prayers were lifted. Neighbors checked on neighbors. Strangsupport a grieving mother,



From the Publisher

**Terry** 

As the devastating news broke about the deaths of Olivia, Evelyn and Paityn Decker – three young sisters whose lives were stolen far too soon – our region responded not with silence, but with love and resolve. Vigils were held.

the darkest moment of her life. At the time of this

writing, the fundraiser for Whitney has surged past \$950,000 an extraordinary number, yes, but more importantly, a profound reflection of the people who gave.

Whether it was \$10 WARD or \$1,000, every donation carried the same quiet message: You are not alone. We grieve with you. We stand

This outpouring of generosity has become a staggering testament to the humanity that defines this place we all love. It's not just the money raised – it's the candles lit in silence, the ers opened their homes, their hands held in prayer, the kind wallets, and their hearts to words whispered or posted or sent in a card. It's the collec-

tive response of a community that knows instinctively how to show up for our neighbors when it matters most.

There are no words that can make sense of a loss so profound. But there is something undeniably powerful in witnessing the way this region has rallied - not for recognition, not for credit, but simply because it was the right thing

North Central Washington is more than a collection of towns and counties. We are a community that rises together in sorrow and in strength.

It's moments like these that remind me why our region is so special and why I believe so deeply in the mission of local journalism. We are here not just to report what happened, but to bear witness to the resilience, the goodness, and the grace that still exist in the

world - even in the face of unspeakable tragedy. To everyone who has given,

shared, mourned, or reached out with kindness in recent days: thank you. Your compassion matters. You've reminded us all that even in sorrow, there is strength. And in community, there is always hope.

We will continue to cover this story with care, clarity and respect. But for now, I simply want to say: thank you for showing the world what it means to be part of NCW.

Terry Ward is the CEO of Ward Media and the publisher of NCW News, Cashmere Valley Record, Lake Chelan Mirror, The Leavenworth Echo, Quad City Herald, and the Wenatchee Business Journal. He can be reached at terry@ward.media.

## Letter to the Editor

### Is \$1.60 too much to ask?

annual IRS dollars go to public broadcasting. It's a small amount for us, but it's huge for our KSPS PBS TV station in Spokane that has served our Inland Northwest area since 1967. It's \$1.2 million for them: 20% of their budget. And it's about to be chopped by Congress.

To add insult to that injury, Congress has already allocated this money to KSPS, programs and staffing were already in the pipeline to provide us with trusted educational children's programs, inspiring content for adults, and life-saving emergency alerts.

Now Congress wants to take that money back. It's ob-

That's how much of our scurely called the "Recissions Package" ("unmaking" agreement) and it will just slip by with no outcry, until small, rural PBS stations close and the big ones cancel programs we value and enjoy. So let's have an outcry. This

cannot happen on our watch. Call our D.C. team TODAY to stop the Recissions Package: Representative Shrier:

(425) 657-1001

Senator Cantwell: (206) 220-6400 Senator Murray:

(206) 220-6400 and Protect My Public Media: https://protectmypublicmedia.org/rsc-calls/

**Marianne Patton** 

#### **Search for Decker** Continued from page A1

military training and extensive wilderness survival skills, with a history of living off-grid for extended periods. All known associates, including family, were interviewed.

Warrants and June 5 -Surveillance:

Federal officials filed a criminal complaint and federal arrest warrant for Decker for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. According to an affidavit, Decker had searched online terms such as "how to move to Canada," "jobs Canada," and "Find a job - Canada.ca" in the days before the visitation. U.S. Marshals believe he may be attempting to flee across the Canadian border.

Multiple search warrants were also executed on digital devices and locations connected to Decker. Access to trails in the Icicle Creek area and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area remained closed. Updated surveillance images and photos were released, though no confirmed sightings were reported. June 6 - National Guard

Activated, Search Intensifies: Gov. Bob Ferguson authorized the deployment of Washington National Guard resources, including helicopters, to assist with the search. "At the request of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, we will be providing helicopter transportation for law enforcement as they search in

remote areas," Ferguson said. Chelan County Sheriff's Office confirmed over 500 public tips had been received, and more than 100 officers and agents were working the case. Detectives began narrowing the focus of the investigation based on submitted video, photos, and location-based tips. Authorities continued to urge caution and emphasized Decker should not

be approached.

June 7 – Icicle Road Reopens:

Authorities reopened Icicle River Road and surrounding recreation areas after determining there was no credible threat in that specific location. The Sheriff's Office said dozens of structures, trailheads, cabins, and remote shelters have been searched.

Citizens were asked to review home surveillance footage and report any information that could aid investigators. Officials reaffirmed the \$20,000 reward and reminded the public that Decker remains armed and dangerous.

#### **Ongoing Efforts**

Authorities continue to follow leads and conduct searches by land and air. Trailheads, cabins, and remote shelters throughout the region are being checked. Investigators are also pursuing tips of possible sightings in Chelan County and as far as McCall, Idaho, though none have been confirmed.

Decker is described as a white male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 190 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a light-colored shirt and dark shorts. Authorities emphasize that he should not be approached and may pose a significant threat.

Anyone with information is urged to call 911 or the Chelan County tip line at 509-667-6845. Tips can also be submitted at www.co.chelan.wa.us/sheriff/ forms/submit-a-tip or via the U.S. Marshals tip portal at www.usmarshals.gov/tips.

#### **Community Response**

In the days following the discovery, the community has rallied around the girls' mother, Whitney Decker.

A GoFundMe campaign surpassed \$1 million as of June 6, led by organizer Amy Edwards. "The outpouring of love, generosity, and support has been overwhelming," said family friend Mark Belton at a press conference

Whitney Decker's support-

ers have asked for continued

privacy and compassion as the investigation moves forward.

#### **Stay Updated**

Ward Media will continue to provide updates as they become available.

For the latest developments, visit www.ncw.news.



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## Community Bulletin Board

#### Local, Regional Community **News & Events**

Meetings

**Monday** 

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

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

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

#### **Tuesday**

Manson Community Council: Third Tuesday, 6 p.m., Manson Parks Department, 142 Pedi St. In person or JOIN ZOOM MEETING: Meeting ID: 865 5396 3012, Passcode: 98831: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/8 6553963012?pwd=feCLUlQkf3 Z2TgEGDFvVaCEHpFl6AB.1

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

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

#### Wednesday

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

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Chelan Valley Community Nurse program provide free, bi-weekly (Wednesday, June 11) 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://uso2web.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 chelanz.com.

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

#### Thursday

Chelan Valley Republican Women: Will be holding their June 12 meeting at Radiance Winery in Downtown Manson at 6:30 pm. Guest speakers will be Brad Wilson, Superintendent of Chelan Schools. Brad will speak on the upcoming bond issue and updates on the Chelan school district. Kim Hudgins from Mountain View Women's Health in Wenatchee speak to on local women's health issues, challenges and the services they provide free of charge. Guests and non-members are welcome. Men are always welcome. Radiance Winery will have food, wine and beverages available for individual purchase. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Chelan Valley Republican Women.

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

#### Chelan Cancer Support Group:

Will resume their meetings in September and will be held on the 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 waysto 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

minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events. To submit info call **509-682-2213** or email:ruth@ward.media

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group,

person(s). Must provide: full name, city, phone number. Items pertain-

ing to local events that are free or

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 https://chelanmuseum.

Chelan Valley Hope: Indiscriminate Support for All. At Chelan Valley Hope, we proudly serve everyone in our community. As a low-barrier service organization, we are committed to offering compassionate, judgment-free support to individuals of all backgrounds and identities. No matter your race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, citizenship status, or ability, you are welcome here. We believe that everyone deserves access to resources and opportunities - and we're here to help make that possible. Our office is a safe, inclusive space where dignity and respect come first. Whether you're facing a crisis or just need a helping hand, you will be met with kindness and care. At Chelan Valley Hope, help has no conditions - just

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

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.

## **Chelan County Sheriff Report**

**May 30** 

07:41:57 Civil, 111 ORCHARD VIEW DR, Chelan

215 W 09:34:16 Assault. WEBSTER AVE, Chelan 11:38:16 Weapons Violation, 455

WAPATO LAKE RD. Manson 14:18:07 Domestic Disturbance, 14542 VRADENBURG ST, Entiat

14:56:55 Parking/Abandon, 6703 ROARING CREEK RD, Entiat 16:28:48 Accident No Inj, 106 W

MANSON RD, Chelan 17:22:23 Civil, 152 BOETZKES AVE. Manson

18:10:52 Civil, 111 ORCHARD VIEW DR, Chelan

18:54:39 Alarm, 14440 OLIN ST, Entiat

19:19:42 Civil, 505 BOYD LOOP RD, Chelan

19:31:02 Accident Injury, US HWY 97A MP 225, Chelan

20:25:20 Lewd Conduct, 1025 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan 21:40:12 Suspicious, 10 SUN

MOUNTAIN LN, Manson 22:09:31 Traffic Offense, US HWY 97A & CAMMACK AVE, Chelan 23:06:17 Dui, SR 150 MP 11, Chelan

#### **May 31**

01:24:24 Hazard, 619 W MANSON RD, Chelan

01:44:46 Theft, 619 W MANSON RD, Chelan

02:25:40 Dui, SR 150 & BOYD RD, Chelan

09:16:10 Civil, 2405 W WOODIN AVE, Chelan 09:43:28 911, 2312 W WOODIN

AVE, Chelan 11:13:52 Traffic Offense, 700BLK

W WOODIN AVE, Chelan 12:56:15 Welfare Check, N CO-LUMBIA ST & E JOHNSON, Chelan

14:09:26 Disturbance, N CO-LUMBIA ST & E JOHNSON, Chelan

14:31:16 Accident No Inj, 168 WAPATO CT, Manson

14:36:27 Runaway, 518 E WOODIN AVE, Chelan 19:37:05 Suicide Threat, Manson

19:57:50 Hazard, APPLE ACRES RD MP 4, Chelan

20:05:55 Traffic Offense, W WOODIN AVE & S EVER-GREEN, Chelan

20:31:05 Traffic Offense, 700BLK W WOODIN AVE, Chelan 22:08:27 Noise, 2570 GREEN AVE, Manson

23:37:42 Noise, 1315 WASHING-TON ST, Manson

#### June 1

00:38:28 Warrant, S NAVARRE ST & E WOODIN, Chelan 02:20:53 Dui. US HWY 97A & S APPLE BLOSS, Chelan

08:21:44 911, 104 W WOODIN AVE, Chelan

10:34:34 Property, 117 E WAPATO AVE, Manson 11:26:54 Civil, 303 E NEBRASKA

ST, Chelan

16:19:54 Civil, 2230 W TERRACE

AVE. Chelan

CHELAN COUNT 17:16:40 Property, 485 W MANSON

RD, Chelan 17:17:00 Trespass, 910 DRY

LAKE RD, Manson

18:45:45 Traffic Offense, 12245 S LAKESHORE RD# 11, Chelan 20:55:50 Juvenile Problem, 502 W MANSON RD, Chelan

#### June 3

10:45:24 Hazard, 12974 S LAKE-SHORE RD, Chelan

13:27:53 Assist Public, 2123 CAMMACK AVE, Entait

14:40:56 Assist Public, 505 BOYD LOOP RD, Chelan 16:18:38 Runaway, 72 WAPATO

WAY# 1, Manson 19:06:41 Civil, 1388 TOTEM

POLE RD, Manson 19:22:01 Hazard, S WASHING-

TON ST & E TROW, Chelan 21:08:23 Traffic Offense, 141 SUNSET PL, Manson



#### Jessie D.R. Hawk

Jessie D.R. Hawk, 55, of Chelan, Washington, passed away on May 28, 2025. Precht Rose Chapel in Chelan, Washington is handling the arrangements for the family.

#### Terrence J. Skube

Terrence J. Skube, 69, of Pateros, Washington, passed away on June 1, 2025. Precht Rose Chapel in Chelan, Washington is handling the arrangements for the family.

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## Chelan District Athletic Director recaps spring sports season

By Mike Maltais Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - District Athletic Director Evan Reister delivered his springs sports recap to the regular monthly meeting of the Lake Chelan School District Board of Direc-

tors on May 27. "It's been an exciting spring sports season at Chelan," said Reister. "We had 358 middle and high school students participate this spring. That's 191 high school athletes and 167 middle school athletes.'

From that number emerged:

- 49 All-League nominees. Three players of the year in golf, baseball, and boys' track.
- Four coaches of the year, in baseball, softball, golf and
- Five Caribou Trail League (CTL) team championships, in baseball, softball, boys' golf, boys'tennis, and boys'track.
- Four out of six sports qualified for state.
- Every Goats spring team qualified for the new District 5 tournament.

Viewed across the entire year Chelan athletics had 476 student-athletes participate district-wide including 269 at

the high school level, and207 in middle school.

'We had only three ejections all year and zero in spring 2025," said Reister noting that number is down from last year.

Reister said Chelan sports emphasized officials' appreciation and strengthened relationships with sports officials.

"(Officials) have even mentioned it to our staff and me about how much they appreciate the work we are doing to better our relationship," Reister said.

Facility improvements are another highlight the year in sports including:

• New scoreboards installed or updated throughout the entire district.

· A Mariners Care Grant to pay for a softball wind screen plus new bases and a mound cover for baseball.

· Pirate logos have been transitioned to the Goats across Chelan athletic programs.

Reister cited other notable benchmarks like Track Senior Night, the Caribou Cup, and the WIAA Scholastic Cup.

"At Track Senior Night where we were able to hold a small home meet with our own team and honor our seniors," said Reister. "For the first time in school history we have brought the Caribou Cup home, and we are awaiting results for the WIAA Scholastic Cup, which recognizes excellence in both academics and athletics.'

The WIAA Scholastic Cupawards points for schools finishing near the top athletically and academically in their classification.Points are deducted for ejections, so maintaining strong sportsmanship is essential.

At this writing Chelan ranks 12th in the 1A state in Scholastic Cup standings.

Reister also discussed the benefits and drawbacks of the WIAA's new District 5 realignment.

On the plus side, "We now have more bids to state and better overall competition, the district tournament formats are more engaging, and facility availability has improved," said Reister.

The AD expressed some concern over increased travel requirements and "that our CTL teams are underestimated or outnumbered in the new alignment."

"Despite the challenges, we're excited about the op-



The Chelan High School varsity volleyball team set a 1A state record with their fifth consecutive state title this year.

portunities this realignment lators (AED) have increased brings for our student-athletes," Reister concluded.

The addition of four new Automated External Defibrilemergency response readinessthroughout the district. Two were purchased by the district, a third was donated, and another funded through a grant.

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## Local students honored with music scholarships

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

CHELAN - Five student musicians from the region have been awarded scholarships to support their continued musical development, the Valley Winds Community Concert Band and the Bob Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund announced this week.

The awards include the Valley Winds Concert Band Summer Youth Music Scholarship and the Bob Myers Memorial Music Scholarship, both aimed at encouraging excellence in instrumental music among young performers.

The Valley Winds Concert Band scholarships, funded through donations collected at seasonal concerts and with

support from Chinook Music of East Wenatchee, provide \$300 each to help students attend summer camps or lessons.

This year's recipients are:

sionist with the Cashmere High School Band, to attend a summer music camp

· Daniela Ochoa Bernal, Chelan High School percussionist, to support private summer music lessons

• Emily Pulsifer, Brewster

High School percussionist, to attend band camp for the Eastern Washington University Marching Band In addition, two students were selected for the Bob

Myers Memorial Music Schol-

arship, named in honor of

the late Bob Myers, a lifelong

trumpeter and supporter of

ship is funded by the Myers family and recognizes students who show dedication and excellence in instrumental per-· Adele Esmond, percusformance.

This year's recipients are:

music education. The scholar-

· Edmund Moore, a sixthgrade tuba player at Chelan Middle School, who received \$400 to support summer music

· Eli Becerril, a trumpet player at Chelan High School and member of the graduating Class of 2025, who received \$600 to support both summer camp and private instruction

"These scholarships not only recognize the musical achievements of these students but also help support their future endeavors in the arts," the announcement stated.

## **Chelan High School** earns state accreditation through AESD process

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

CHELAN - Chelan High School has earned full accreditation through the Washington State Association of **Educational Service Districts** (AESD), according to a June 5 announcement from the Lake Chelan School District. The recognition, granted by Northwest **Educational Service District 189** (NWESD), affirms the school's ongoing efforts in academic achievement, improvement, and accountability.

Accreditation through the AESD is awarded on a six-year cycle and is based on a comprehensive review of school practices, including self-study, external validation, and ongoing evaluation.

AESD framework The centers on a continuous cycle of inquiry, action, and improve-

"This honor is a testament to the hard work of our students, educators, families, and community members," Superintendent Brad Wilson said. "Chelan High School continues to exemplify the values at the heart of our district-achievement, belief in potential, and meaningful contribution to our community.'

The accreditation process emphasized collaborative selfassessment, review of school improvement goals, public accountability, and a mid-cycle review planned in year three to monitor progress.

Chelan High School Principal Jamie Pancho, who led the accreditation effort, praised the commitment of the school community.

"We are honored by this recognition," Pancho said. "It validates the tireless efforts of our teachers and staff who challenge and support students every day. It also signals to our families and community that Chelan High School is a place of excellence and growth."

The high school, which

serves part of the nearly 1,300 students enrolled in the Lake Chelan School District, has maintained a graduation rate consistently above 95 percent well above the state average - and increased its dual credit enrollment from just over 50 percent to 78 percent as of 2024,

Chelan High School is one of only nine high schools in the North Central Washington region to hold current AESD accreditation. The current accreditation will remain in effect through 2031, with a formal progress check scheduled for

district officials said.

More information is available at www.chelanschools.org.

## Cruzin into summer fun in Lake Chelan



RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA This 1938 Ahrens Fox Firetruck, was one of the 236 entrants of the 19th annual Cruzin Chelan

RUTHEDNA KEYS/WARD MEDIA

This 1954 Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop named Lemon Drop, was one of the 236 entrants of the 19th annual Cruzin Chelan Classic Car Show held on May 30-31 in Historic downtown Chelan. The car is owned by Steven Vogel of Bellingham.

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

**Burnett of Ravensdale.** 

CHELAN - From motorcycles, sports cars to fire trucks the 19th annual Cruizin Chelan Classic Car Show held May 30-31 in Historic Downtown Chelan had something for every classic vehicle lover.

Hundreds of attendees enjoyed looking at the 236 entrants registered for the event to pick their favorite, which was a 1965 Ford Mustang, owned by Randy Loren of

Hosted by the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, the event featured two days of activities for car enthusiasts

and families alike. Classic cars, trucks, mo-

torcycles, and street rods lined Woodin Avenue during the popular Show 'n' Shine, while Riverwalk Park hosted vendors, music, and a beer garden.

Classic Car Show held on May 30-31 in Historic downtown Chelan. The firetruck is owned by Cal

The event began on Friday, May 30, with registration and packet pick-up at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce. At 3 p.m., cruise participants gathered at 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino in Manson, before departing for Miller's Lake Chelan Auto Museum in Chelan. A kickoff party and registration reception took place at the museum.

On Saturday, May 31 a pancake breakfast was served at the Chelan Fire Station, with proceeds supporting the Chelan Firefighters Association's community projects.

Judging for all registered vehicles ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., including a Spectators Choice award, which allowed attendees to vote via QR codes displayed on dash plaques. The Show 'n' Shine was open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Woodin Avenue.

#### 2025 Cruzin Chelan **Car Show Winners** Best in Show: 1956 GMC

Pickup, Braden Hurt, Vancouver Spectator's Choice: 1965

Ford Mustang, Randy Loren, Chelan Miller's Choice: 1953 Ford F100, Larry Fowler, Selah

Blazer, Shane Dunlap, Orondo

**Best Truck:** 1972 Chevy K5

Best American Muscle: 2007 Ford Shelby GT 500, Bob Fulton, Chelan

Best Specialty: 1960 Mac B61, Roger Rosenbach, Snohomish **Best JDM:** 1971 Datsun 240 Z, Brandon O'Hara, Everett Best Euro: 1966 VW Beetle, Craig Gensel, Coulee City **Best Motorcycle:** 2012 Harley

David Pierce, Okanogan Pre + 1930's Stock: 1933 Ford Coupe, Virgil Redwine, Moses Lake

Davidson Soft Tail Slim,

**Pre + 1930's Modified:** 1936 Plymouth Rumbleseat Coupe, Daniel Martinez, Wenatchee **1940's Stock:** 1948 Plymouth Special Deluxe Coupe, Steve Funk, Anacortes

**1940's Modified:** 1941 Willy's Coupe, David Averill. Mans-

Chelan

Orondo

1950's Stock: 1957 Ford Thunderbird, Jerry & Becky Cline,

**1950's Modified:** 1956 GMC Pickup, Braden Hurt, Vancouver

**1960's Stock:** 1967 Chevrolet Corvette, Steve Morehead, East Wenatchee

1960's Modified: 1967 Chevrolet El Camino, David Bauer,

Chelan 1970's Stock: 1972 Chevy Cor-

vette Stingray, Jake & Sandra Stern, Manson **1970's Modified:** 1972 Chevy K5 Blazer, Shane Dunlap,

1980's Stock: 1983 Buick Riviera, Randy & Patti Strawn, Waterville 1980's Modified: 1984 Jeep

CJ7, Trace Collier, East Wenatchee

1990's Stock: 1998 Chevrolet Corvette, Rick Pepin, Wenatchee

**1990's Modified:** 1997 VW GTI VR6, Julio Juarez, Manson

2000's Stock: 2008 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible, Dean Johnson, Soap Lake 2000's Modified: 2007 Ford Shelby GT 500, Bob Fulton,

Chelan 2010's & Newer Stock: 2015McLaren 650S Spider, Kelly Moore, Ephrata 2010's & Newer Modified: 2010 Chevrolet Camaro,

Dwain Hutson, Twisp More information about the car show can be found at cruzinchelan.com.

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## Lodging Tax Advisory Committee seeks new member for \$2m/year advisory board

By Andrew Simpson

Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — Chelan County is seeking applicants for a two-year volunteer position on its Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC). This committee advises the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on how lodging tax, sometimes called the "Hotel-Motel Tax," revenue, which is generated from overnight stays in unincorporated areas, should be allocated.

LTAC is a six-member citizen board appointed by the BOCC, with two representatives from each of the three commissioner districts. Half of the members represent lodging businesses that collect these taxes (like hotels, motels or short-term rentals), while the other half represent agencies and nonprofits eligible to receive lodging tax funding. The "Hotel-Motel Tax" money generally must be used to promote tourism or acquire or operate tourism-related facilities. Chelan County's unincorporated areas generate about \$2 million a year in lodging taxes.

The current opening calls for a candidate representing a lodging-related business located within the unincorporated portion of Commissioner District 3, which covers the northeast part of the county, including a section of north Wenatchee extending northeast to Chelan



BRAD HAWKINS

District 3 Commissioner Brad Hawkins hopes to find a candidate who will work hard to promote tourism in the Wenatchee Valley.

and Manson. A district map is available online.

Commissioner Brad Hawkins of District 3 emphasizes the importance of the role, saying "LTAC serves a very important function, and by state law and county resolution, we have detailed requirements for

membership. This particular opening is for someone representing a business located in the unincorporated portion of District 3 who pays lodging taxes, so any lodging provider located outside of our cities — from Sunnyslope to Stehekin — would be eligible for consideration.'

Hawkins is currently accepting applications for this seat and will be the one to recommend a candidate to the BOCC. All applications must be emailed to CM.LTAC@ co.chelan.wa.us by 5 p.m. on June 30. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-July, with the aim of having the new member in place before LTAC's regular meeting on July 25.

The application process requires interested candidates to answer three questions regarding why they want to join, relevant past board experience, and skills and expertise applicable to the committee. The application form is also available online.

LTAC typically meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at 400Douglas St., with potential for additional special meetings. The committee's primary function is to recommend the allocation of grant funding derived from lodging taxes to the BOCC, which usually happens in the fall.

"Chelan County's tourism economy continues to be one of our most important benefits," Hawkins said. "We hope people interested in applying are fully committed to finding ways to enhance opportunities for visitors, bringing more 'heads to beds' to grow lodging tax revenues to the county."

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### Land Trust hosts noxious weed identification workshop at Saddle Rock

By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — It's the time of year again to help native plants survive an invasion of noxious and harmful weeds. As the sun gets warmer, invasive species require only a fraction as much precipitation to grow as the rest of the native plants in our area.

#### **Protect Wenatchee Foothills from Noxious** Weeds

Scentless mayweed, yellow star thistle, and jointed goatgrass are aggressive noxious weeds threatening our native shrub-steppe plant communities. To prevent their spread in the Wenatchee Foothills, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) and the Chelan County Noxious Weed Board are offering a free, hands-on Noxious Weed Identification Workshop.

#### **Workshop Details:**

• Date: Thursday, June 12. • **Time:** 5:00–7:00 p.m.

• Location: Saddle Rock Trailhead covered shelter, 1130 Circle Street, Wenatchee

Led by Adam Pfleeger and Jenna Medlar from the Noxious Weed Board, this informative workshop will focus on identifying problematic noxious weeds in our region, particularly those that flourish after wildfires. Participants will learn through hands-on experience with fresh samples and will receive a free weed identification booklet.

"Understanding how to identify and report noxious weeds is crucial for protecting our natural areas," emphasizes Ryan McGrew, CDLT's Land Manager.

This event welcomes participants of all ages. While registration is appreciated for a reminder email two days prior, it is not mandatory. Register online for the workshop at: https://www.cdlandtrust. org/outings-events/events/ noxious-weed-workshop

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Locals compare pulled weeds to images in their instruction materials from the Chelan County Noxious Weed Board.

## Pangborn Memorial Airport celebrates Festival of Flight

By Andrew Simpson

Ward Media Staff Reporter

EAST WENATCHEE — This year's annual Festival of Flight at Pangborn Memorial Airport will be held June 21, presented by the City of East Wenatchee. You can come discover the valley's rich aviation heritage while enjoying a day filled with incredible airplanes, diverse food vendors, face painting, captivating exhibitors, and engaging aviation and Japanese cultural activities.

Commemorating a historic milestone, on October 3, 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon embarked on the inaugural non-stop Trans-Pacific flight, departing from Sabishiro Beach in Misawa, Japan, aboard the airplane dubbed "Miss Veedol."

Following 41-hour

an emergency landing on the bluffs of East Wenatchee. This event forged a lasting bond between the Wenatchee Valley and Misawa, as well as the global aviation community. In celebration of this momentous flight, the Pangborn's Festival of Flight was established.

The history doesn't end there, of course. The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center has the propeller from the famous plane on display, as well as a half-eaten sandwich believed to have been aboard the aircraft during the flight. Whether or not this contributed to Pangborn Memorial Airport's International Air Transport Association code of EAT is

But the tale is full of scandal and intrigue, and is better heard in person. From nearly

journey, Miss Veedol made crashing into Mt. Rainier to nearly traveling on to Boise but for the weather, the saga Pangborn Memorial Airport, of Pangborn and Herndon's historic journey is well worth bringing the family to come learn about.

The Festival goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 21 at and is free to attend.

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Pangborn's Festival of Flight was established to celebrate the historic flight from Misawa, Japan to East Wenatchee, Washington.

### Cascadia Conservation District announces June board meeting details

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District will hold its next regular board meeting on Friday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and virtual attendance.

The in-person session will take place at the District's office, located at

1350 McKittrick St., Suite B, Wenatchee. Due to limited space, individuals planning to attend in person are asked to contact the office in advance.

Participants may also join the meeting remotely via Zoom or by phone. Additional information and access instructions will be posted on the Cascadia Conservation District website at cascadiacd. org or can be obtained by calling the District office at 509-436-1601.

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### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

## NCW Leaders develop strategic Chelan-Douglas Land Trust names new plan to address substance abuse, mental health



CHELAN COUNTY

Nick Margiotta from Connections Health Solutions leads a Sequential Intercept Model mapping workshop on May 13 at a community meeting room of Aging and Adult Care of Central Washington. More than 60 people participated.

By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY Leaders from Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties recently participated in a one-day workshop aimed at developing a regional strategic plan to address substance use and mental health issues, particularly among individuals within the criminal justice system.

The May 13 workshop, facilitated by Connections Health Solutions and utilizing Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping, helped identify problem areas and gaps in the behavioral health and justice systems. It also aimed to create opportunities for improved coordination and service delivery.

This workshop is a follow-

up to work we have been doing to foster regional collaboration and change," said Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay. "Our hope is to provide each participating community with the tools to improve services for adults with mental illness and substance use disorders who are in contact with the justice system, in an effort to standardize a continuum of

care within our region." More than 60 individuals, including agency leaders, frontline staff and those with lived experience from the behavioral health and criminal justice sectors in North Central Washington participated in this joint effort. The SIM Mapping process emphasizes cross-system collaboration to overcome barriers and develop a local action plan.

Participants created a detailed map illustrating the pathways people with behavioral health conditions take through the criminal justice system. This includes contact, arrest, incarceration, diversion and access to community-based services. Strategies from other regions were also explored, and these will be evaluated and included in a final report from Connections Health Solutions, expected later this summer. The report, detailing identified gaps and steps for the four counties, will be available on the Chelan County website.

Substance use and mental health disorders, especially opioid use disorder specifically, fentanyl addiction currently — are significantly

prevalent in justice-involved populations nationwide. Around 80 percent of those arrested test positive for drugs, and 63 percent of jail inmates have some kind of substance use disorder. With hundreds of thousands released from prisons and millions from jails annually, linking individuals to care is vital. This can break the cycle of justice involvement and reduce overdose deaths, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

For more information about the NCW regional initiative, contact Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay at Kevin.Overbay@co.chelan.

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# **Executive Director**

By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) is pleased to announce Hanne Beener as its new Executive Director, effective June 30. A respected conservation leader in North Central Washington, Beener brings extensive experience to

Having dedicated 10 years to CDLT, most recently as Trails Program Manager, Beener has been instrumental in developing numerous community trails and access projects. She also served as Policy & Planning Manager at Wenatchee non-profit TREAD, focusing on sustainable recreation, stewardship, and land use policy. More than a decade of local conservation experience positions her well for her new leadership role.

"I am delighted to be rejoining the Land Trust in this new role," said Beener. "The organization is woven into the fabric of our region, and I think its success has always been in doing work that intersects with a wide range of community values. I

am proud to join the staff and board in building on the strong foundation of conservation, restoration, and public access work that the Land Trust does so well."

Beener is recognized for her thoughtful leadership, comprehensive understanding, and successful history of collaboration across various sectors.

The Board of Directors, aided by Clover Search conducted Works, nationwide search for the position. Beener's exceptional blend of organizational knowledge, strategic insight, and unwavering dedication to CDLT's mission led to her selection.

"We are thrilled to welcome Hanne back to CDLT," said the Board in a statement. "Her integrity, experience, community-centered leadership make her the ideal person to guide the Land Trust into its next chapter."

A community welcome event will be held later this summer, with details to be announced soon.

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Hanne Beener of Leavenworth has been named as the new Executive Director for the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust.

## Snowpack deficits and rapid melt raise water supply concerns in North-Central Cascades

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Northern and Central Washington's Cascade region faces an increasingly uncertain water Water Supply Outlook Report released by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation

The report, compiled from data collected at SNOTEL and SNOLITE monitoring stations, outlook as the state heads into shows that widespread deficits summer, according to the June in snow water equivalent

(SWE) and water-year-todate (WYTD) precipitation continue to affect the northern and central portions of the state's mountain ranges. Snowpack in the region peaked below normal, and snowmelt occurred approximately two

weeks earlier than average. "Deficits in SWE and WYTD precipitation are pervasive, further increasing moisture deficits from last winter," the report states. "Snow melt-out at most stations has been two weeks earlier than normal".

This rapid spring melt, accelerated during April, led to record or near-record snowmelt rates across many locations. Even basins with near-normal peak SWE saw diminished runoff efficiency due to dry soil conditions, according to the report. The result is reduced streamflow during the critical dry-season

Streamflow forecasts for

the June through September period in parts of North Central Washington — including the Wenatchee, Methow, and Lake Chelan basins — are below the 15th percentile compared to the 1991–2020 average. This is likely to impact irrigation timing, fish habitat, and general water availability.

In the Upper Columbia Basin, May precipitation measured just 60% of median levels, contributing to an overall snowpack at 39% of median as of June 1. In the Central Columbia Basin, which includes the Wenatchee River system, snowpack was even more diminished at 23% of median. Streamflow forecasts in those areas range from 51% to 76% of normal, including 58% for Icicle Creek near Leavenworth and 64% for the Entiat River near Ardenvoir.

Reservoir conditions in the region vary. Lake Chelan storage was near normal at





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104% of the median, while Conconully Reservoir in Okanogan County was at 98% of median. However, the overall water supply outlook remains below normal for the region, and multi-year precipitation deficits persist in several basins.

The NRCS warns that adverse impacts are likely this summer in basins across the northern and central Cascades,

as well as the Yakima, Elwha, and Okanogan watersheds. The agency notes a growing risk of drought development or further drought degradation if dry conditions continue.

The full June Water Supply Outlook Report is available through the NRCS Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program at https:// ncw.social/mte9njf5.



ALLEN BUCKMAN, NRCS HYDROLOGIST

View from Calamity SNOTEL station. Water-year-to-date precipitation at the site is 94% of normal as of June 1.



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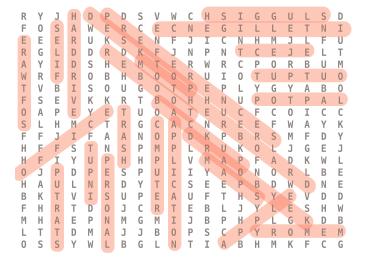
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#### **Lakeside Trail Project**

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shop, SCJ Project Manager Dan Ireland said the trail is already being used on an informal basis.

"We are going to make it more adaptable to all people, all users, and all abilities," Ireland said.

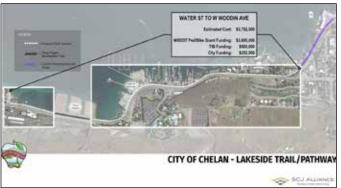
SCJ also introduced various design renderings for buffer

strips and other trail features.

The development timeline is about six months behind the original projection to award the contract in December 2024-January 2025.

At last month's city council meeting Public Works Director Jake Youngren said construction is scheduled to get underway after the July 4 weekend.

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COURTESY OF CITY OF CHELAN/SCJ ALLIANCE

The Lakeside Trail will extend along SR97A from Water Street on the west to the current pedestrian/bicycle route on West Woodin Avenue.

#### Food banks

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so food deliveries to pantries are down while the number of people relying on food pantries is up," said Shawver.

The nine Okanogan County food pantries served 10,000 residents in 2022. That figure jumped 25 percent to 13,500 in 2024. Some of the nine food pantries across Okanogan County are serving up to 300 families weekly. OCCAC provides food for the food pantries in Chesaw/ Wacounda, Conconully, Brewster, Oroville, Tonasket, Omak, Okanogan, Winthrop, and Nespelem.

Shawver said shortages,

budget cuts, and the increasing

number of residents depend-

ing on food pantries have left the central warehouse virtually empty. "This is not a brief trend," said Shawver. "These conditions will be with us for a while.

At the same time, we're seeing

new cuts to government food

assistance funding."

Last month, the federal government cancelled \$4.7 million slated for food assistance and proposed cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food stand program.

"Sunsetting or cutting funding at a time when more people are relying on food as-

#### Open house

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569 hours. Food is given away on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9-10 a.m., at 417 S. Bradley Street.

Chelan Valley Hopes new building, provides more office space and privacy for clients, which allowed the Lake Chelan Food Bank to expand in their previous shared location.

The CVH new space includes laundry services and a shower, offices and a conference room, while the LCFB now has double the space they had before for food prep, walk-in freezers and refrigeration (four times what they previously had), and more space to store food. An elevator was installed for easier access to the basement, along with two bathrooms in the lower level of the building.

The remodel plan for Chelan Valley Hope and the Lake Chelan Food Bank started over two years ago due to space constraints as demand for services and staff grew.

This transformation gives both organizations more space and resources, enabling them to provide enhanced support services to those who need them most. Funding for the project came from the City of Chelan, Chelan County, locations donations and \$2 million from the state, secured by Rep. Mike Steele.

food pantries," said Blue Sky Minds Director Maria Hines.

County and Colville Reserva-

Chelan Valley Hope staff and volunteers greeted attendees in their new reception area at the joint open house for the newly remodeled and expanded building for Chelan Valley Hope and Lake Chelan Food Bank on Thursday, June 5.

A few finishing touches remain to be completed on the roughly 6,000 square foot project, according to Moses Garcia, Chelan Valley Hope past vice-president of the Chelan Valley Hope board. Rimmer & Roeter Construction was the contractor for the project.

The remodel marks a pivotal moment for Chelan Valley Hope and the Lake Chelan Food Bank, ensuring that both organizations can continue to meet the growing needs of the community for years to come.

For more information about CVH, visit chelanvalleyhope. org. For more information about the Lake Chelan Food Bank, visit lakechelanfoodbank.org.



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Those attending the open house for the newly remodeled and expanded building for the Lake Chelan Food Bank and Chelan Valley Hope on Thursday, June 5, enjoyed a free barbecue, cookies and cake under in the food banks new covered drive-

thru lane for picking up food.

sistance puts more pressure on

Blue Sky Minds, established in 2022 "supports the growth of an equitable, sustainable, and economically thriving food system in Washington State, emphasizing the Okanogan region, including Okanogan

tion," according to its website blueskymindsnonprofit.com.

Harvesting Hope activities include:

- Grow a Row As the name implies, to encourage home gardeners or farmers to intentionally grow a row (or more) to donate to food pantries.
- The Glean Team A group of volunteers willing to drive to

a destination to harvest extra food from growers.

- · Community Gardens -Starting a neighborhood community garden and sharing community garden knowledge with others.
- · Food Drives and Donations - A list of local food pantries and hours of operation can be online at www.occac.com

under Food Assistance. Cash donations online atwww.occac com/donate. Contact community volunteers Mary Sharman at (509) 996-2899 and Emily Post at (509) 341-4710 or Stasia Hazelwood, OCCAC Food and Nutrition Manager, at (509) 422-4041.

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