

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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Section I. Issues

The station identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **New Microsoft Data Center Coming to Malaga – Jobs, Economic Development.** The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority is moving forward with the purchase of 23 acres on Malaga Alcoa Highway, with the purpose of selling it to Microsoft. Microsoft plans to build a three data center campus with an assessed value of \$500 million
- B. **Wenatchee Schools New Superintendent – Education** The school board went through the arduous process of selectin a of a new superintendent. There were dozens of applicants. The process was narrowed down to three finalists, who all visited the district. The chosen candidate already worked in the district, and is a now an interim director who will start work on July
- C. **MegaKittrick" Project - Wenatchee City Infrastructure Upgrades** The city of Wenatchee bundled several projects into one which has a total cost of \$6 million. When finished, one roadway will connect to Confluence Parkway. The Confluence Parkway itself is a \$177 million project to connect North Wenatchee with a new bridge over the Wenatchee River.
- D. **Confluence Parkway Project – Wenatchee Infrastructure Upgrades** The Confluence Parkway project includes a 2.5-mile bypass on the north end of Wenatchee, along with a new vehicle bridge that connects US 2 and US 97 over the Wenatchee River. The bypass would be located between Hawley Street and SR 97A, alongside the Apple Capital Loop Recreation Trail. Funding was close to finalized from state and federal sources as of the end of March.
- E. **Confluence Health – Issues and policies surrounding the only major hospital in the Region** Confluence Health is updating their employment vaccination policy, going into effect on March 1. Confluence Health is now going to allow unvaccinated staff to work on hospital grounds, after meeting certain requirements. A lawsuit claiming the employee requirement for COVID-19 shots at Confluence Health to be unconstitutional is officially dead.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date Aired	Time aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
1/3/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	New Microsoft Data Center Coming to Malaga – Jobs, Economic Development The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority is moving forward with the purchase of 23 acres on Malaga Alcoa Highway, with the purpose of selling it to Microsoft.

				<p>It's one of at least three pieces of land the port is buying to re-sell to the tech giant for its planned cloud storage data center.</p> <p>Port CEO Jim Kuntz indicated the property could be used for future expansion of the Microsoft plant during the port's Tuesday meeting.</p>
1/16/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>The Chelan Douglas Port Authority is moving forward with more infrastructure upgrades in preparation for the major Microsoft data center complex coming to Malaga.</p> <p>The Port board has approved staff to solicit bids for the Malaga Waterline Extension project.</p> <p>Stacie de Mestre with the Port says design work for the project has been finalized.</p>
2/6/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>The Chelan Douglas Port Authority is working on a project to provide water service to the large data center Microsoft is building in Malaga.</p> <p>The Malaga Waterline Extension Project includes almost \$5.3 million for Phase 1 of its development.</p> <p>Port CEO Jim Kuntz says the process is moving along smoothly so far.</p>
2/21/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>Chelan PUD is in the process of building an \$86 million substation that'll supply power to the Microsoft data center campus planned for Malaga.</p> <p>Microsoft and the PUD entered into an interconnection agreement for the PUD to supply the infrastructure needed for the campus.</p> <p>It's now in the process of bringing together all the physical pieces needed for the project, which often takes months to more than a year to acquire</p> <p>PUD Project Manager Casey Hall says they have 13 contracts in place to gather all the required materials.</p>
3/8/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>When Microsoft begins operations of its new data center in Malaga, the tech company will become Chelan County's largest taxpayer.</p> <p>That announcement was made last night at Mission View Elementary where members of the community along with city and county leaders gathered for Microsoft's open house for</p>

				<p>a preview of what the data center project will entail.</p> <p>Groundbreaking on the first of three buildings in the 5300 block of Malaga-Alcoa Highway is expected to get underway this fall if all goes well with the permitting process.</p>
1/12/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>Wenatchee Schools New Superintendent - Education</p> <p>The application deadline for the superintendent's position at the Wenatchee School District (WSD) is fast approaching. Prospective candidates have until January 12 to submit their application for consideration. WSD spokesperson, Diana Haglund, says the field of prospects is decent-sized at the moment, but more are expected to emerge in the coming week.</p>
2/13/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>The Wenatchee School District (WSD) has announced the names of its three finalists for superintendent. WSD spokesperson, Diana Haglund, says its taken some time to get to this point in the hiring process. Haglund says the trio of finalists were all selected based in part on feedback that the district received through community surveys.</p>
3/2/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>A 24-year veteran of Wenatchee Public Schools is the choice of the School Board to lead the district. The board announced Wednesday evening that Dr. Kory Kalahar will be offered a contract to be interim Superintendent for a period of two-years. Wenatchee School Board member Laura Jaecks says it took then hours to agree on a choice in a meeting originally scheduled for only 45 minutes.</p>
1/17/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>"MegaKittrick" project -Wenatchee City Infrastructure Upgrades</p> <p>A Rock Island contractor has the green light to begin construction on the so-called "MegaKittrick" project along Wenatchee Avenue. At its Thursday night meeting, the Wenatchee City Council approved \$6.38 million for lowest bidder J&K Earthworks to begin construction on the project within the vicinity of McKittrick, North Wenatchee Avenue, and North Columbia Street.</p>

				Mayor Frank Kuntz took time to recognize one of the project's key players.
2/13/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	The City of Wenatchee is banking on March 7th to break ground on the so-called "MegaKittrick" project on North Wenatchee Avenue. Ryan Harmon, Project Engineer with the Public Works Department, went before the city council for authorization to work with engineering consultant, KPG Psomas. The council approved the request. The consultant will be in charge of certain jobs such as inspections.
2/27/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	With the kickoff of the so-called "MegaKittrick" project approaching, the City of Wenatchee says you won't have to worry about traffic disruptions or slowdowns for a while. Project engineer Jake Lewing says you'll start to see work happening on North Wenatchee Avenue in late June.
3/7/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	Expect to see road construction crews and heavy machinery at work along North Wenatchee Avenue over the next several months. The "Megakittrick" project officially got underway Tuesday (3/7) with a groundbreaking ceremony near the intersection of McKittrick and North Wenatchee Avenue. When completed, McKittrick Street will extend to the east and connect with future Confluence Parkway.
1/15/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	Confluence Parkway Project – Wenatchee Infrastructure Upgrades Wenatchee city council held a public hearing for their \$108-million Confluence Parkway project, with many residents voicing concerns about the highway's potential environmental impacts. The City of Wenatchee was recently given the go-ahead to spend \$83 million out of the federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant and start design work with technical advising firm Jacobs Solutions.
3/7/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	Chelan PUD commissioners are considering a land exchange with the City of Wenatchee along the Confluence Parkway project. The PUD would trade a five-acre long, narrow patch of land along the western edges of Horan Natural Area and Confluence State Park, which

				<p>it owns, in exchange for roughly equivalent property from the City.</p> <p>The utility's license to operate the Rock Island Dam is tied to its management of certain environmental and recreational areas and is overseen by the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC). Those areas include Horan Natural Area and Confluence State Park.</p>
3/24/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>The City of Wenatchee is nearing its goal of building a bridge and bypass near the Apple Capital Loop Trail and Confluence State Park, otherwise known as the Confluence Parkway project.</p> <p>The city council approved an agreement with the Chelan Public Utilities District (PUD) to swap a narrow patch of land along the state park and the Horan Natural Area in exchange for city property that's roughly the same size. At last night's council meeting, Mayor Frank Kuntz said he's happy with how the PUD and the city came together to get this deal done.</p>
3/29/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>Wenatchee's Confluence Parkway Project is expected to receive millions from the state following today's (03/29) Senate release of its proposed transportation budget.</p> <p>The governor, the House and now the Senate all include a plan to fund a bridge over the Wenatchee River along with other improvements to ease traffic congestion. East Wenatchee Senator Brad Hawkins helped secure state funding.</p>
1/29/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>Confluence Health – Issues and policies surrounding the only major hospital in the Region Two Confluence Health nurses, who are union officers at their hospital, describe some of the systemic issues they have been facing as a new Omicron sub-variant reaches hospitals nationwide.</p> <p>When Sara Morgan Bergeholtz began working for Central Washington hospital five years ago, she saw Confluence Health as the “gold standard” in nurse-to-patient ratios. Nurse to patient ratios depend on the acuity, or the level of care needed, of their patients. Depending on which unit a nurse was assigned to, each nurse would only be allowed a certain maximum number of patients per day.</p>

2/25/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>Confluence Health is updating their employment vaccination policy, going into effect on March 1.</p> <p>Confluence Health is now going to allow unvaccinated staff to work on hospital grounds, after meeting certain requirements.</p> <p>Employees are still required to have all of their vaccinations, including the full COVID-19 series, unless they have an approved medical and/or religious exemption, which would prompt an accommodation.</p>
3/22/23	Between 6-9am	Three segments – One minute each	Morning News Report	<p>A lawsuit claiming the employee requirement for COVID-19 shots at Confluence Health to be unconstitutional is officially dead.</p> <p>Douglas County Superior Court Judge Brian Huber shot down the lawsuit for a third time this week.</p> <p>In April of last year, a total of 92 Confluence former and current employees filed a class action suit against their employer over wrongful termination for not taking the COVID-19 vaccine.</p>