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The City of Cle Elum is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Judge Paul P. Pangrazi Memorial Service Award.

Judge Paul Pangrazi was born, raised, and educated in Upper Kittitas County. After service in World War II, he returned to Cle Elum to raise his family and begin a lifelong commitment to public service and support of the Upper County Community. Paul began formally giving back to his community in 1952 when he became a member of the Cle Elum City Council. He was appointed police judge by Mayor Mike Rossetti in 1957. He went on to serve as Justice of the Peace, Municipal Court Judge, and District Court Judge. His elective judicial service spanned 38 years until his retirement in 1996. This award is established to recognize and thank other community-minded citizens, who aspire as Paul did, to make the Upper County a quality place to live.

The Cle Elum Mayor and Council will provide one award per year in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Award recipient must have accumulated a record of distinguished service that benefits the citizens of Cle Elum. The type of service should not be limited but should be exemplary in nature.
2. A wide range of nominees and service should be considered. The desire is not to limit the Award to a specific area or profession. Examples to be considered are:

A. volunteers who contribute for the betterment of the City of Cle Elum

B. law enforcement

C. civic leaders

D. education professionals

E. health professionals

F. religious leaders

G. city employees

H. business leaders

3. Nominations will be accepted from **Thursday August 21st, 2025, until Thursday September 25th, 2025**, and shall be in letter format with the name of the nominee and the name of the person doing the nomination. The letters of nomination shall be no more than 500 words. Only nominees who have been nominated by another individual will be considered. At the end of the nomination process the city leaders will identify the Award winner. The Award recipient will be announced on **October 28th, 2025**, Council Meeting and a plaque and a cash award of \$1,000 will be presented to the recipient at the City Council Meeting. A larger plaque will be on permanent display at City Hall, with the recipient's name added each year by the city.