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Leavenworth's annual Christmas Bird count: a community science tradition

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Calling all birders. It's that time of the year again for Leavenworth's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC).

This cherished tradition is part of a nationwide community science effort organized by the National Audubon Society. This year, Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) will take the lead in organizing the 2024 Leavenworth CBC.

The CBC is one of the world's oldest and longest-running community science efforts. The data collected from this initiative aids in understanding long-term bird trends, gauging the health of bird populations, and guiding conservation efforts.

The count covers an area 15 miles in diameter around town. Tucker Jonas, field educator for the WRI, said

there are 11 different routes within the Leavenworth circle. The routes are of varying difficulty and time commitment.

No skills are necessary to participate. More experienced birders will guide each route.

"We're definitely welcoming beginning birders and people who are just interested in seeing what it's all about," Jonas said.

"I really want to encourage people who maybe are a little curious, but if they are feeling nervous because they don't have any prior experience, those are some people that I'd really like to see come out and try it out," Jonas said.

A portion of the count area will be a walk from WRI along the waterfront trail. That part of the route can be a low time commitment for people who want to check it out but might not have

a whole day to commit to the effort, Jonas said.

"I think it's a really cool opportunity to be a part of a Christmas Bird Count," he said. "It's the longest-running community science project in the country, about birds, but I'm pretty sure in general, but definitely the longest running that is around birds that started in the year 1900."

"Of course, the Leavenworth one was not going at that point, but it's just a cool project that has been going on for so long," he continued. "You're actually contributing data to science that people actually use here. So I think it's a cool way to be a part of that, and it's like a good way to connect with the community and try something new if you aren't really into birds, see what that's about, and connect with fellow community members."

The CBC started in 1900 as an

alternative to the traditional Christmas hunting competitions known as a "side hunt" when people would compete to see who could kill the most birds and small game in one day.

Ornithologist Frank M. Chapman, an early Audubon officer, proposed the bird census as a new and alternative holiday tradition. At that time, conservation was in its beginning stages, and scientists were becoming concerned with declining bird populations.

The tradition has grown, and now, each year, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas brave the weather to help count birds.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, starting at 8:00 a.m. volunteers will team up to cover an area 15 miles in diameter around town. There are plenty of routes to cover and lots of space for volunteer leaders or beginning

birders alike to join in.

Birders of all persuasions, whether that be hiker, car rider, or at-home feeder watcher, are encouraged to participate in this amazing community science opportunity. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Tucker Jonas at 509-548-0181 ext. 7 or email at tjonas@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Jonas hopes to have all volunteers contact him by Dec. 15 but said he would not turn away interested people as long as they contact him by Monday, Dec. 18.

For more information, visit the WRI website at wenatcheeriverinstitute.org. For more information on the national Christmas Bird Count, visit audubon.org.

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North Central Washington reflects on a year of kindness



COURTESY OF TRACI PIERSON

Vale Elementary Students proudly display their "Kindness Counts" banner, showcasing their commitment to spreading positivity and compassion within their school community.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE - As 2023 draws to a close, a group of North Central Washington citizens will come together to celebrate the highlights of a year spent living kindly.

The group, Kindness Counts NCW, declared 2023 the year of kindness and has worked to inspire, recognize and contribute to acts of kindness in NCW and beyond throughout the year.

Kindness Counts will gather for their final meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Confluence Technology Center (285 Technology Center

Way, Wenatchee) from 2 - 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The event will feature a slideshow that reflects the projects and meetings of the year. Members will share their highlights of the year and what they have learned from the experience.

Group member Laurel Helton said it has been interesting to watch people come up with ideas for kindness and act on them. She said the members are sad to see the year-end and have enjoyed gathering for meetings and events.

Helton said there wasn't any single event that stood out as a highlight to her. It was all the small acts of kindness because often it's the small

acts of kindness that really make a difference in someone's life, she said.

"Prior to this, I was involved in several nonprofits, but for me, it really highlighted the fact that just a small act of kindness can really change someone's day, just a tiny thing," Kindness Counts member Abbie Gundersen said. "And it also made me, it reminded me, to thank people when they were kind to me and acknowledge them. When I was the recipient of kindness, you know, all throughout the year when people have done nice things to me, I thought I need to take the time to acknowledge them."

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COURTESY OF JUNE AND JOHN DARLING

In a heartwarming gesture, the City of Cashmere proclaimed a "Year of Kindness," symbolizing a united commitment to compassion within the community. The proclamation, initiated in February 2023, signifies the town's dedication to fostering kindness among its residents. Members of the "Kindness Counts" movement gathered as the proclamation was officially declared, reinforcing the town's pledge to spread goodwill throughout the year ahead.



COURTESY OF DELANEY ADRIAN / STEVENS PASS

Skiers and snowboarders enjoyed a rope-tow rail session at Stevens Pass on Saturday, Dec. 2. The mountain was unable to open fully due to lack of snow.

Stevens Pass delays opening

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

STEVENS PASS - Stevens Pass delayed its projected opening date of Dec. 1 due to lack of snow. In lieu of opening, Stevens Pass hosted a rope-tow rail jam from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The event had about six to 10 features to hit in the rope tow operated area, including rails, boxes and jibs. There were a live DJ, food and beverages sold at the T-Bar, and retail shopping at Fall Line Sports. The rail session was only open on Saturday, due to warmer temperatures and rain forecasted on Sunday.

As of Friday, Dec. 1, Stevens Pass only had snow depth of ten inches in the base area, according to Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) weather

data. By the start of the rail jam, the storm brought the base level up to about 30 inches. Snow came as low as town, with Leavenworth Winter Sports Club reporting a total of 13 inches by Saturday morning. In response to the snowfall, NWAC announced the beginning of its full-forecasting operations, even issuing avalanche warnings for the Stevens Pass area over the weekend.

Stevens Pass has not yet announced a new opening date as of Sunday, Dec. 3. NWAC's Sunday forecast predicted warmer temperatures and rain for this week. Targeting the specific amount needed to open can also be tricky, considering snow density as well as varying elevations and terrain.

"It needs to be enough to cover our terrain, which has lots of boulders and vegetation," said Amanda Bird,

Stevens Pass Communications Manager.

Hurricane Ridge Ski and Snowboard Area also pushed back its opening date of Dec. 3, and is watching the forecast. White Pass and Crystal Mountain had limited openings over the weekend. Mt. Baker is entertaining the idea of a limited opening this weekend, and Summit at Snoqualmie has yet to make any call.

On the East side, Mission Ridge kept up its tradition of opening Thanksgiving weekend for the 11th time in 12 years. The mountain opened Saturday, Nov. 25. The early opening was due in part by snowmaking efforts, as snow coverage is still relatively low for Mission Ridge. The mountain has a limited opening and is expanding its terrain as the conditions permit.

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Little One's Storytime

The Cashmere Library will host Little One's Storytime for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 10:30 - 11 a.m.

"A fun, interactive time at the Cashmere Library with action songs, fingerplays, rhyming and awesome stories by your favorite librarians," the event page states. "Following Storytime we often have a craft or bring out special toys for playtime and for families to socialize."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Pop up- button making craft

The Cashmere Library will host a pop-up button making craft time on Friday, Dec. 8 from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

"Come make a button to take home," the event page states. "Our pop-up button factory

will be running this afternoon. Make one for yourself and one to give away. Every design is unique. All supplies provided. Everyone is welcome."

The drop-in event is for middle schoolers to adults.

Holiday Bazaar

The Leavenworth Community Methodist Church will host a Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There will be holiday crafts, Christmas decorations, and baked goods for sale. In addition, there will be cookies and coffee for shoppers.

"Folks are invited to come browse the craft tables and warm up with a cup of coffee," the event page states. "All proceeds from the bazaar go to supporting local charities and non-profit organizations in our community."

Christmas benefit concert for MEND

The Leavenworth Village

Voices choir will perform on

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Snowy Owl Theater at Icele Creek Center for the Arts.

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, LVV pledges all proceeds and donations from this matinee performance with the Bavarian Brass to go to Upper Valley MEND.

MEND is a local nonprofit that seeks to "Meet Each Need with Dignity" and tends to hunger, housing and wellness needs of residents in the upper valley.

"The Leavenworth Village Voices (LVV) invites you to celebrate the wonder and magic of the holidays this December, marking 41 years of its annual "Christmas in the Mountains" concert series," the event page states.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit LeavenworthVillageVoices.org.

Ukulele lesson

The Cashmere Library Tutoring Corner will offer Ukulele Lessons on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 1 - 2 p.m.

"Learn ukulele at the library," the event page states. "Take a one-on-one or small

group introductory ukulele lesson with volunteer ukulele teacher, Tim Morrison."

The library has a limited number of loaner ukuleles available for checkout. Contact the Cashmere Library to find out if there is a ukulele available at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org or (509) 782-3314.

For more information and to register for the event visit ncwlibraries.org.

UVCares expanding mental healthcare in Upper Valley and beyond

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – UVCares is expanding its reach just in time for the holiday season. Earlier this year, it became the first nonprofit in the state to receive a license to provide chemical dependency counseling through telehealth. It also just hired five new therapists and four chemical dependency counselors to meet growing demand.

"As you see with the holidays approaching, it's such a stressful time that people are reaching out more...So being able to hire new clinicians has been really timely as well, to deal with that influx that's coming," said Lilah Poltz, UVCares Executive Assistant.

Poltz returned to 21 messages seeking assistance in the four days she was out over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Just recently, they received two separate suicide hotline referrals simultaneously, a teen and a middle-aged adult.

UVCares specializes in providing mental healthcare and substance addiction treatment in ways that overcome the typical barriers that prevent people from seeking treatment, such as accessibility and affordability. Clients pay what they can afford and are able to receive online counseling.

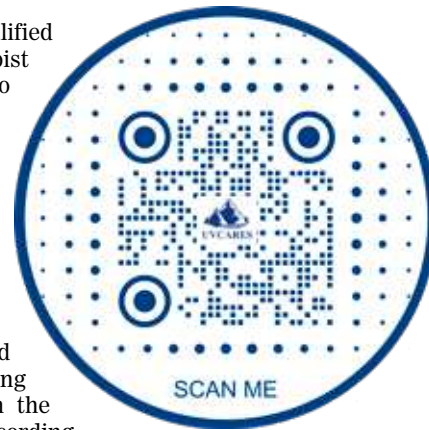
"We have a saying here that we meet people where they're at geographically and emotionally, and telehealth allows us to do that," said Becki Subido, UVCares Executive Director.

It not only grants people more privacy and convenience, but it also provides a larger pool of therapists for the nonprofit to choose from. Subido is able to carefully vet

and hire those most qualified for the job. Every therapist must be certified to do cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), but many of them also have specialties such as art therapy or drama therapy.

UVCares recently hired a therapist that specializes in elder care, which Subido and Poltz have been seeing a growing need for in the Leavenworth area. According to Subido, this specialty can address the physical adjustments of getting older, as well as the emotional and financial adjustments of retirement. They are also able to provide care to clients in the first and second stages of dementia.

With telehealth, the clients don't have to worry about transportation or mobility



COURTESY OF UVCARES

UVCares depends on grants and donations to provide low-cost mental health care and substance addiction assessment and treatment. The QR code can be scanned to make a quick and easy donation to the local nonprofit.

first nonprofit in Washington state approved to do telehealth for standard and court-ordered substance use disorder treatment as well as telehealth for gambling addiction.

"Our program is very comprehensive, and it's based on decades of knowledge of what works and what does not work," said Subido.

The plan lasts six to twelve months, with a larger focus on mental health than typical chemical dependency programs. The primary care provider, therapists and client work as a team to ensure they meet the client's goals and adjust if needed. UVCares therapists not only address any comorbidities or trauma that may have led to the addiction, but also help clients rebuild relationships with loved ones.

Those interested in seeking help through UVCares can begin the intake process by calling 509-300-1113. More about UVCares programs can be found at uvcares.org.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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November 24

- 02:47 Suspicious Circumstance, 4947 Harnden Rd.
- 11:39 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2 and Cottlets Way
- 14:31 Noise Complaint, 101 Pioneer Ave., Vale Elementary School
- 18:11 Domestic Disturbance, 917 Pioneer Ave.
- 19:46 Public Assist, 8115 Depot Rd., Dryden
- 19:59 Trespassing, 8410 Main St., Mountain Hwy. Towing, Monitor

November 25

- 11:08 Agency Assist, 700 Cottlets Way, Rusty's Drive In
- 11:44 911-hangup call, 3980 Bardin James Rd., Monitor
- 14:53 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 4900 block Nahahum Canyon Rd.
- 17:29 Welfare Check, 201 Riverside Dr.
- 20:44 Traffic Offense, Cottage Ave. and Blue Star Way

November 26

- 00:17 Domestic Disturbance, 8746 School St., Dryden
- 07:04 Agency Assist, 300 Aplets Way, Hometown Market
- 13:34 Suspicious Circumstance, Sunset Hwy. and Evergreen

- Dr.
- 16:31 Suspicious Circumstance, 213 S. Division St., Episcopal Church
- 16:54 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 0 block N. Cashmere Rd.
- 18:54 Disturbance, 130 Titchenal Way, Martin's IGA Market

November 27

- 08:32 Malicious Mischief, 329 Tigner Rd., Cashmere High School
- 10:27 Traffic Offense, 329 Tigner Rd., Cashmere High School
- 11:22 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 400 block Aplets Way

November 28

- 14:03 Suspicious Circumstance, 603 Cottlets Way, Aut-To Mocha
- 14:36 Disturbance, 600 Cottlets Way, Pioneer Village Museum
- 19:28 Juvenile Problem, 109 Cascade PL

November 29

- 00:54 Suspicious Circumstance,

- 217 Chapel St.
- 08:15 Trespassing, 121 Elberta Ave.
- 11:25 Burglary, 5441 Binder Rd.
- 12:01 Burglary, 4524 Mission Creek Rd.
- 14:23 Welfare Check, 108 Pioneer Ave.
- 16:25 Trespassing, 400 Aplets Way, Yellow Rose BBQ
- 18:00 Malicious Mischief, 201 Cottage Ave., Sugar Momma's Sweets
- 19:54 Traffic Offense, 305 Woodring St.
- 21:18 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 and Hay Canyon Rd.

November 30

- 07:06 Non-injury Accident, US Hwy. 2 MP 107, Dryden
- 10:27 Scam, 302 Fisher St.
- 12:52 Extra Patrols, Twin Ponds Ln. and Nahahum Canyon Rd.
- 14:01 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 8410 Main St., Mountain Hwy. Towing, Monitor
- 14:41 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 118 Rusty Spur Ln.
- 18:33 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 MP 112
- 19:47 Noise Complaint, 8115 Depot Rd., Dryden
- 21:04 Traffic Offense, 201 Riverside Dr., Riverside Park
- 21:44 Suspicious Circumstance, Riverfront Dr. and Kelly Rd.

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Cashmere

Cashmere Library launches winter reading program

Embrace the cozy joys of winter with the commencement of the Winter Reading Program at the Cashmere Library. Starting on Friday, December 1, and extending until January 31, 2024, this program aims to ignite the love for reading during the colder months.

Winter, oftentimes synonymous with huddling up with a good book, provides the perfect backdrop for this initiative. Whether it's fostering a family reading routine or setting personal goals, the Winter Reading Program encourages participants to immerse themselves in the world of literature.

"Winter is the time to read," expressed the library staff, encouraging individuals to sign up and embark on their reading journey. Setting goals and diving into books can often lead to surprising and delightful discoveries, sparking newfound interests and passions.

The program invites everyone to participate, inviting them to

explore the vast and captivating world of books. Embrace the season of reading by joining the Winter Reading Program at Cashmere Library and unlock the joys of literature.

Cashmere Library hosts pop-up button making craft event

Get ready for a creative afternoon as the Cashmere Library prepares to host a special pop-up button-making craft event on Friday, December 8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This engaging activity will take place in the library's spacious great room.

Unleash your artistic side and join in the fun of crafting personalized buttons to take home. The pop-up button factory promises an afternoon filled with creativity and camaraderie. Participants are encouraged to design buttons for themselves and to share with others, with each creation bearing its unique charm.

All necessary supplies will be provided, ensuring an enjoyable experience for attendees of all ages, from elementary school students to adults. Whether you're a seasoned

crafters or trying your hand at button-making for the first time, everyone is welcome to participate in this exciting event.

Don't miss this opportunity to express your creativity and make unique buttons at the Cashmere Library's pop-up crafting session.

Leavenworth

Leavenworth Library showcases Diane Priebe's nature-inspired art exhibition

The Leavenworth Library will have an art show in the Fireside Room for Diane Priebe from Dec 1-29. Diane's love of the outdoors and art began when she was young alongside her father. Over the years her art focused on her love of the outdoors. Come enjoy her journey in art of wild spaces.

Leavenworth Women's Exchange hosts festive Christmas party

The annual Christmas celebration hosted by the Leavenworth Women's Exchange promises an afternoon of festive cheer and camaraderie. Scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the picturesque Iceicle Village Resort (505 Highway 2, Leavenworth, WA), the event will kick off at 11:30 a.m.

Attendees can anticipate a delectable buffet lunch priced at \$35.00 per person, accompanied by a lively gift exchange. Each participant is encouraged to bring a small gift within a \$15.00 limit to join in the exchange.

Claire Burlingame, the point of contact for reservations and information, can be reached at 509-548-7142. Reservations should be secured by Thursday, December 7.

The event organizers extend a warm invitation to bring along friends for an afternoon filled with delicious food, social mingling, and the much-anticipated gift exchange.

It's time for the annual Christmas bird count

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Greater Leavenworth Museum celebrates city award

With the 2023 Washington Governor's Smart Communities award recipients being announced last week, the Greater Leavenworth Museum has chosen to celebrate the City of Leavenworth being a recipient of the Judges Merit Award (recognizing the community's successes in more than one of the judged categories). Nearly 60 years after Project L.L.F.E. developed the community plan to transform our failing town into a Bavarian village, residents can enjoy complimentary admission to the museum through the end of 2023 to learn about or refresh their memories of this town's unique history.

Residents of the Cascade School District will have free admission to the Greater

Leavenworth Museum (735 Front Street, above the Nutcracker Museum) daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 31, 2023.

Skiing: then, now and beyond

Join the Wenatchee River Institute, A Book for all Seasons, Greater Leavenworth Museum, and the Northwest Ski Museum for a special Red Barn event as they host Lowell Skoog, author of *Written in the Snows*, and Michael 'Bird' Shaffer, for an evening of Northwest ski culture from past to present. Copies of Lowell Skoog's book will be available for purchase at the event.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, the doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a community social with beer and wine available for purchase. The presentation will start at 7 p.m.

The event is free with a donation basket at the door. This hybrid event is offered in person or on WRI's YouTube channel.

Michael Shaffer goes by 'Bird'. Among other talents, Bird is a speed flyer and an extreme skier. He embodies the unbridled joy and freedom of powder skiing and lives by the motto of "full wingspan." Raised off the grid in the Pacific NW and seen frequently in Chamonix, France, he is truly a magnetic presence in the skiing world. Michael Bird Shaffer is the authentic soul spreading the love of flight and free skiing to all.

As a skier, climber, writer, and photographer, Lowell Skoog has been a keen observer of Northwest mountaineering since the 1970s. He is the creator of the Alpenglow Gallery and founder of the Northwest Mountaineering Journal, websites that celebrate local mountain culture, and he was a key member of the team that launched the Washington State Ski and Snowboard Museum. Skoog is the chairman of the Mountaineers History and Library committee. He lives in Seattle.

Skoog shares a definitive and visually rich history of Northwest ski culture over the past century, from stirring and colorful stories of wilderness exploration to the

evolution of gear and technique. He traces the development of skiing in Washington from the late 1800s to the present, covering the beginning of ski resorts and competitions, the importance of wild places in the Cascades and Olympic mountains, and the friluftsliv, or open-air living spirit, of backcountry skiing. Skoog addresses how larger social trends, including immigration, the Great Depression, war, economic growth, conservation, and the media have shaped skiing. In turn, Northwest skiers have affected their regions in ways that have transcended the sport, producing local legends like Milnor Roberts, Olga Bolstad, Hans Otto Giese, Bill Maxwell, and more. While weaving his own impressions and experiences into the larger history, Skoog shows that skiing is far more than mere sport or recreation.

Peshastin

Peshastin Library to host "Homemade Holidays" festivities for children

The Peshastin Library is gearing up for a festive affair with its much-anticipated "Homemade Holidays" event this December. Scheduled to run from Tuesday, December 19th to Saturday, December 23rd, the library's children's area will transform into a hub of creative activity.

During library hours, youngsters and families are invited to immerse themselves in the holiday spirit by participating in crafting activities. From decorating wooden ornaments to crafting heartfelt cards and assembling unique gifts, participants will have access to a holidaymaker space cart stocked with an array of materials.

This event promises to be a delightful opportunity for children to unleash their creativity while embracing the joy of handmade gifts and decorations.

Community Calendar

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.

Mission Creek Community Club, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).

Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464

Ukulele Circle, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.

Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times and events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)

Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)

Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).

Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).

Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)

Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)

Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu

Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.

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

Iceicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)

Cashmere Chamber of Commerce, Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)

The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

NCW Libraries

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Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
Call for more information 509-782-3230

Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)

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Overnight French Toast

Cousin Lauren and her family came out to visit Grandma and Grandpa. Her two boys, six and seven, got to sit behind the wheel of Grandpa's new utility vehicle, Kit, driving around the property to their heart's content. They had a dog of their own so our Border Collie didn't thrill them much but they sure were enamored with our eldest's, Kat's, chickens and

couldn't keep from chasing them. The chickens didn't seem to mind and the smaller sized chicks actually came closer as if hoping to get picked up in exchange for a hand out or two. Our Border Collie dog helped corner a few of the smaller chickens and the oldest son caught a buff-colored chick right away while the youngest son had a bit of trouble. The oldest

son wanted to catch a chick and hand it to his younger brother. I wouldn't let him. "No, let him catch his own chicken," I told him. The oldest son stood back and watched as the youngest son caught his own chick. The younger was so tickled, so proud, to catch a fluffy bird with his very own hands. Their mother looked on with a grin on her face and a camera in hand.

Yes, chickens are messy; yes, they can be noisy however they are marvelous creatures...

they take food scraps and turn them into eggs for breakfast, what a blessing. I think my favorite breakfast when I'm hosting family members for a holiday is an overnight French toast casserole.

For this recipe a metal cake pan is a must because it will be in the refrigerator overnight and sometimes when a cold glass pan is put in a hot oven the temperature difference will cause it to break (thermal shock).

The Recipe

Overnight French Toast

- 1 cup (two sticks) of butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- Loaf of bread
- 6 to 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 Tablespoon cinnamon
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ to 1 cup dehydrated apple pieces(optional)
- ½ to 1 cup walnuts (optional)

Melt the butter, pour into a bowl then add the brown sugar; stir

then pour half the mixture into a metal cake pan and spread it out evenly across the bottom of the metal cake pan. Place slices of bread all across the bottom of the metal cake pan on top of brown sugar and butter mixture. In a largish bowl, beat the eggs and milk together until the liquid is uniform in color. Pour half the eggs over the layer of bread in the bottom of the metal pan. In a small cup or cereal bowl mix the cinnamon and sugar together to make cinnamon-sugar. Sprinkle half

the cinnamon-sugar across the top of the bread slices already drenched with egg-milk liquid. If using dehydrated apple pieces and/or walnuts, sprinkle half of them over the bread slices. Next add a second layer of bread slices; pour the rest of the egg-milk liquid over the slices. With clean fingers, press the bread slices into the egg-milk gently to make sure all the bread slices are moist. When the slices are soaked with liquid to your satisfaction top with the rest of the cinnamon-sugar and

dehydrated apple pieces and/or walnuts. Put in the fridge overnight. Take out of the fridge half an hour before baking. If covered with plastic, take the plastic off. Put in cold oven and turn oven on to 350° or 375°. Bake for 45 minutes then test with a butter knife inserted near the center. If it comes out clean (same as for a pumpkin pie) the casserole is done. If not, continue to bake until it does. Serve with syrup and/or powdered sugar.

About the author: In 2000 Michele Priddy left the work force to become a stay-at-home mother and wife. Being a one-income family in today's society meant she had to learn to budget quickly. Food became a priority early because she wanted the children to have the best nutrition she could offer them even on a budget. She taught cooking classes at various churches in her community on "How to stretch the food dollar with simple ingredients". Michelle has put her kitchen strategies, stories and recipes in booklets, her church newsletter and in her hometown newspaper, The Goldendale Sentinel. We hope you will enjoy her strategies, stories, and recipes.

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Fri, Dec 8 7:15 PM	vs	La Salle High School	Home
Tue, Dec 12 7:15 PM	vs	Quincy High School	Quincy High School
Tue, Dec 19 7:15 PM	vs	Chelan High School	Home
Thu, Dec 21 7:15 PM	vs	Cascade High School	Home
Tue, Jan 2 7:15 PM	vs	Omak High School	Home
Mon, Jan 8 7:30 PM	vs	Chelan High School	Toyota Center
Wed, Jan 10 7:15 PM	vs	Quincy High School	Home
Fri, Jan 12 7:15 PM	vs	Cascade High School	Leavenworth High School
Sat, Jan 13 5:00 PM	vs	Wapato High School	Home
Tue, Jan 16 7:15 PM	vs	Cle-Elum High School	Home
Thu, Jan 18 7:15 PM	vs	Omak High School	Home
Thu, Jan 25 7:15 PM	vs	Quincy High School	Quincy High School
Fri, Jan 26 7:30 PM	vs	Okanogan High School	Okanogan High School
Tue, Jan 30 7:15 PM	vs	Cascade High School	Home
Thu, Feb 1 7:15 PM	vs	Chelan High School	Chelan High School

Cashmere Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule

Fri, Dec 8 5:45 PM	vs	La Salle High School	Home
Tue, Dec 12 5:45 PM	vs	Quincy High School	Quincy High School
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Cashmere Boys Basketball Roster JV

2	Ethan Theiss	10	5'8"	G
3	Tom McDevitt	10	5'11"	G
4	Isaac Zavala	10	5'6"	G
11	Talan Davis	11	6'2"	F
15	Levi Strutzel	10	5'9"	G
20	Colby Diaz	11	5'9"	G
21	Keenan Knoll	10	6'2"	F
22	Paxton Lopez	10	5'8"	G
23	Tobie Larson	10	6'2"	F
25	Cole Norman	11	5'7"	G
33	Brody Larson	11	6'0"	F
34	Caiden Hoffman	11	6'5"	F

Cashmere Boys Basketball Roster Varsity

Boys Basketball Coach: Levi Heyen

1	Logan Spies	10	6'1"	F
2	Landon Baker	12	5'11"	G
3	Kaden Miller	12	5'11"	G
4	Trae Smith	12	5'11"	G
5	Caed Wilkinson	12	6'2"	F
11	Easton Erdmann	12	6'3"	F
12	Rylan Hatmaker	10	5'10"	G
15	Dalan Smart	12	6'2"	F
21	Rylan Nelson	11	6'3"	G
33	Brody Larson	11	6'0"	F

Cashmere Girls Basketball Roster JV

1	Ella Kenoyer	G	10	5'7"
2	KaeLee Cox	G	9	5'3"
4	Reylin Boyd	G	10	5'4"
5	Macie Zimmerman	G	10	5'5"
11	Addison Talley	P	9	5'11"
14	Taylor Kunz	G	9	5'9"
15	Aliza Cloakey	G	9	5'4"
21	Rylee Snodgrass	P	10	5'8"
23	Cali Diaz	G	9	5'9"
33	Ada Missal	P	9	5'10"
40	Gwen Ledesma	G	9	5'8"


Cashmere Girls Basketball Roster Varsity

Girls Basketball Coach: Pat Loftus

1	Ella Kenoyer	G	10	5'7"
3	Brianna Talley	G	12	5'8"
4	Reylin Boyd	G	10	5'4"
5	Macie Zimmerman	G	10	5'5"
10	Allie McKenna	G	11	5'6"
11	Addison Talley	P	9	5'11"
13	Dina Schoengarth	G	11	5'7"
14	Taylor Kunz	G	9	5'9"
21	Rylee Snodgrass	P	10	5'8"
22	Ellie Bessonette	G	11	5'9"
23	Cali Diaz	G	9	5'9"
24	Katie Piepel	P	12	5'10"
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Dec. 2:	Cashmere vs. Sultan - Game Canceled
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Nov. 28:	Cashmere 60, Warden 52; Win
Dec. 1:	Cashmere 49, Tonasket 51; Loss
Dec. 2:	Cashmere vs. Sultan - Game Canceled

Sports Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 8:	Cashmere vs. La Salle, Home at 5:45 p.m.
Dec. 12:	Cashmere vs. Quincy, Away at 5:45 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 8:	Cashmere vs. La Salle, Home at 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 12:	Cashmere vs. Quincy, Away at 7:15 p.m.
GIRLS WRESTLING	
Dec. 14:	Cashmere vs. Ephrata, Away at 5 p.m.
BOYS WRESTLING	
Dec. 9:	Cashmere vs. Connell, Away at 10 a.m.
Dec. 13:	Cashmere vs. Cascade, Away at 6 p.m.
Dec. 13:	Cashmere vs. Quincy, Away at 7 p.m.

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Washington Outdoors Report

OUTDOORS ROUNDUP

By JOHN KRUSE
Special to Ward Media

METHOW WILDLIFE AREA AND WENATCHEE FOOTHILLS CLOSURE

A good portion of the Methow Wildlife Area will be closed to public access from December 15 through March 31. This area is an important habitat for a large herd of mule deer and covers nearly 35,000 acres. The wildlife area is divided into seven units and five of them (Texas Creek, Golden Doe, Big Buck, Methow and Rendezvous) will be closed.

Brandon Taylor, the Washington State Wildlife Area Manager, explains "Human disturbance in winter range can result in deer unnecessarily expending vital energy reserves, which can directly affect survival and reproduction." The Methow Trail system, a popular cross-country skiing venue, will not be impacted by this closure.

This same rationale explains the annual winter closure of the Wenatchee Foothills trail system west of Wenatchee. According to Chelan County PUD, which operates the Home Water Wildlife Preserve in the Sage Hills, the Sage Hills and Horse Lake Reserve trails will be closed from December 1st until early April. Mule deer migrate into this area beginning in December with their numbers peaking in March.

Some trails in the Wenatchee area will remain open. This includes the trail to Saddle Rock, the Castlerock trail, the Jacobson Preserve and of course, the Apple Capitol Loop trail.

RCO GRANTS AWARDED TO PARKS

Washington State's Recreation and Conservation Office announced it is giving out 4.7 million dollars in grants for 53 projects in 28 counties. The funds are being used to address maintenance

backlogs in local parks. In our reading area, the following grants are being awarded:

CHELAN COUNTY

The Chelan Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to seal cracks, repair some areas, recoat, and stripe parking lots in three of Chelan's most significant parks: Don Morse Park, the adjacent Lakeshore Marina (together comprising Chelan's public waterfront), and Lake Chelan Golf Course.

The Manson Parks and Recreation District will receive a grant for \$100,000 to repair the gravel parking lot in Singleton Park, a ten-acre, day-use park that primarily offers sports courts and fields.

KLICKITAT COUNTY

A \$43,000 grant is going to the Klickitat County Public Works Department. They will use this grant to buy materials and repair deteriorating structures in Trout Lake Park. The county will repair the roof on the gazebo; replace some siding, weatherize, and paint the restroom; patch potholes in the park's main driveway and resurface some parking stalls; repair and paint the wood picnic tables; and replace worn cedar boards on the play structure. The work will extend the life of the facilities.

STEVENS COUNTY

\$100,000 has been awarded to the City of Chewelah which will use this grant to restore the main entrance to Everett Jenne Park, which experiences high traffic because of its location off U.S. Route 395. The park has an outdoor amphitheater that seats three hundred people, recreational vehicle facilities, and a famers' market. The park hosts festivals and other gatherings that draw fifty thousand visitors a year.

Next to the highway is a concrete plaza entrance that was cracked and replaced with

gravel that now is uneven, unstable, and overgrown with weeds, and does not provide the desired barrier-free access. The city will remove the gravel and other barriers, pour concrete to create an entrance, replace the benches with accessible furnishings, and replace garbage cans. The city also will add chips to the playground and a retaining system to keep them in place.

Stevens County will receive a \$100,000 grant to fix up Hunters Park. Hunters Park, which is in a low-income community, gets little use because of a lack of restrooms and seating areas. The county will replace the restroom roof and toilet and fix a leaky pipe and the wood deck damaged by the leak. The county also will upgrade the electrical outlets, which are not to code and unable to hold a power load, install signs, trim trees around the building to allow access to walkways, replace park benches and picnic tables, fertilize and reseed a large grassy field, repair a hole in the kiosk building, and replace rotted fencing.

BRIAN VARRELMAN PASSES

Brian Varrelman, a long-time guide and outfitter, died at the age of 71 on November 10. Brian was a rancher and outfitter who owned the Whistlin' Pine Ranch and Sawtooth Outfitters at Alta Lake near Pateros. I had the opportunity to meet Brian 15 years ago when I was just starting out as the host of Northwestern Outdoors Radio and writing a guide book called "Great Places Washington".

Brian was the past president of the Washington Outfitter and Guides Association and as the owner of Sawtooth Outfitters took clients on multi-day hunting trips for deer, bear, bighorn sheep and mountain goats in the Sawtooth and Pasayten Wilderness Areas in the late summer and early fall.

In the spring and summer,

he operated the ranch which boasted a number of campsites and several rustic cabins that fronted Alta Lake. Many campers went there for the trout fishing but the wildlife watching in the area is good too. Brian invited me up to the ranch one summer day back in 2008 to join him and a couple of clients for a four-hour horseback ride. The ride was amazing with some epic views but the thing I remember most was when the lead horse stirred up a ground nest of hornets and the rest of us had to gallop through the swarm of angry bees as fast as we could to avoid getting stung too much!

It's definitely a ride I'll never forget and Brian was a true cowboy and outdoorsman I'll never forget either. RIP.

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Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Ballet Moves

Can you match each kid to their ballet position? Can you stand in these poses, too?

First Position



Second Position



Third Position



Fourth Position



Fifth Position



Standards Links: Physical Education: Demonstrate a sense of balance and endurance.

THE NUTCRACKER

It started as a story called "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." A little more than 100 years ago, this beloved tale was made into a ballet called "The Nutcracker." It has become one of the most popular ballets.



A Special Gift for Clara

Herr Drosselmeyer brings a special gift for Clara—a nutcracker in the shape of a soldier. Her brother, Fritz, wants the nutcracker, grabs it and breaks it.

Help Herr Drosselmeyer fix the nutcracker.
Draw the nutcracker's missing arm and leg, then color them.

ACT 1

In a small village, guests are arriving for a Christmas Eve party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum and their children, Clara and Fritz.

Clara's godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, brings toys for all the children.



Help Clara find these toys.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand story elements: plot, conflict, resolution and structure.

The Midnight Battle

That night, an excited Clara cannot sleep. She sneaks downstairs to be with her new nutcracker doll. As the clock strikes midnight, strange things begin to happen ...

The Christmas tree grows to an enormous size and a great battle begins between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker, who comes to life to lead an army of toy soldiers.

Clara uses her to kill the Mouse King and save the Nutcracker's life.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow the sequence of events in a story.



Find at least 10 differences between the two pictures.

Standards Link: Recognize similarities and differences; visual discrimination.

CODE: A= E= H= O= S=

Extra! Extra!

Holiday Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- 5 holiday pictures
- 5 holiday words
- 3 five-digit numbers
- something sweet
- 1 gift for a special person

Standards Link: Classify objects according to common attributes.

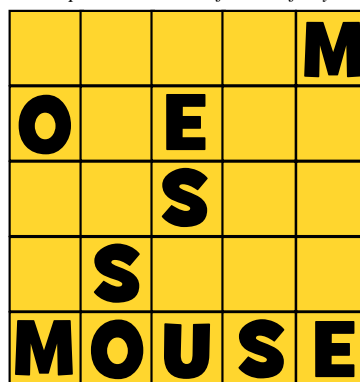
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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word MOUSE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



ACT II

The Nutcracker takes Clara on a fantastic journey, which ends at the Sugar Plum Fairy's palace in the Land of Sweets.



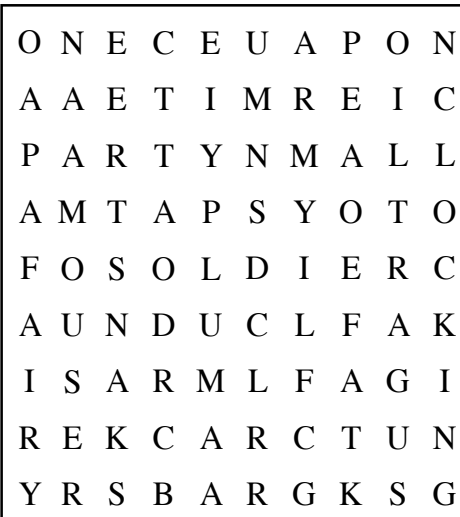
Can you find the sweets that match?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination.

Double Double Word Search

- NUTCRACKER
- MOUSE
- BALLET
- TOYS
- SOLDIER
- CLARA
- PLUM
- SUGAR
- FAIRY
- CLOCK
- TREE
- PARTY
- KING
- ARMY
- GRABS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



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



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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY
In re the Estate of **JEFFERY DUKE WARRINGTON Deceased.**
NO. 23-4-00060-09
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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 nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: December 6, 2023
Personal Representative: Amanda Warrington
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kyle D. Flick
Address for Mailing or Service: 222 South Mission Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Douglas County Superior Court, Cause No. 23-4-0000060-09 DATED this 30th day of November 2023.
LAW OFFICE OF KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.
By KYLE D. FLICK, WSBA #14963
Attorney for Estate
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Public Notices

City of Leavenworth Request for 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Docket) Proposals

The City of Leavenworth is entering into the annual Comprehensive Plan (20-year visioning document) amendment cycle and is requesting community input for ideas, suggestions and proposals regarding amendments, including changes to Land Use Designation Map. Amendments will be finalized and addressed in the 2024 Planning Commission Docket. For an amendment to be considered for sponsorship by the City Council, submittal is due by December 29, 2023. Additionally, individuals may request privately sponsored amendments when submitted by January 31, 2024. Suggested amendments, applications and/or questions may be sent to Community Development, phone (509) 548-5275, e-mail at lvespier@cityofleavenworth.com, or mail City of Leavenworth, P.O. Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on November 8, December 6, 2023. #6586

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In re the Estate of **ROBERT STEVEN MOYER Deceased.**
NO. 23-4-00403-04
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Personal Representative: Shirley Trotter
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kyle D. Flick
Address for Mailing or Service: 222 South Mission Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 23-4-00403-04 DATED this 30th day of November 2023.
LAW OFFICE OF KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.
By KYLE D. FLICK, WSBA #14963
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SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CHELAN
NUMERICA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiffs,
v.
JUSTIN T. STUFFLEBEAM individually and any marital community of JUSTIN T. STUFFLEBEAM and JANE DOE STUFFLEBEAM, husband and wife, Defendants.
NO. 23-2-00597-04
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

The State of Washington to the said Justin T. Stufflebeam and Jane Doe Stufflebeam: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 6th day of December, 2023, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Numerica Credit Union, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys' for plaintiff Numerica Credit Union, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is an action to recover on a Complaint for Monies Due and for defendants failure to pay. Dated this 14th day of November, 2023.
PHILLABAUM, LEDLIN, MATTHEWS & SHELTON, PLLC
/s/ Benjamin D. Phillabaum
By: BENJAMIN D. PHILLABAUM, WSBA# 48089 1235 N. Post, Ste 100, Spokane, WA 99201
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 TS No.: WA-22-897633-BF APN No.: 231913625010 Title Order No.: 220009862-WA-MSW AMENDED Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24.130(4) Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2223928 Parcel Number(s): 231913625010 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: BRENDAN BERGREN AND CASSANDRA BERGREN, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-NC4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC4 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC As the federal bankruptcy stay has been lifted, this an amended notice as to the Notice of Trustee's Sale recorded under CHELAN County Auditor Instrument Number . I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 12/15/2023 , at 9:00 AM AT the Main Entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CHELAN, State of Washington, THE WEST 130 FEET IN WIDTH OF LOT 1, IROQUOIS FARMS, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 16, LYING NORTHERLY OF THE WENATCHEE RECLAMATION DISTRICT CANAL RIGHT OF WAY. More commonly known as: 2599 EASY ST, MONITOR, WA 98801 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/29/2006, recorded 3/31/2006, under Instrument No. 2223928 records of CHELAN County, Washington , from BRENDAN BERGREN AND CASSANDRA BERGREN, HUSBAND AND WIFE , as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE , as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION , as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-NC4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC4 , the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2356278 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arr ears: \$66,610.53 . IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$303,099.31 , together with interest as provided in the Note from 11/1/2020 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 12/15/2023 . The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 12/4/2023 (11 days before the sale date), subject to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 12/4/2023 (11 days before the sale), subject to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashier s or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 12/4/2023 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower (s) and Grantor (s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 2/28/2022 . VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. Additional Information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan, in which case this letter is intended to exercise the Note holders right's against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-22-897633-BF. . Dated: 10/25/2023 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Tianah Schrock, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-22-897633-BF Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0189079 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on November 15, December 6, 2023. #6601

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CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1322

On the 27 day of November, 2023 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1322. A summary of the content provides as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on

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Kindness

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"It's, you know, been a catalyst to bring people together in that one goal to spread kindness and uplift people," Gundersen said.

"I have genuinely become friends with people I've met through this, and our friendships have formed beyond just going to kindness counts meetings together," Gundersen said. "It's been a blessing in my life to meet so many wonderful people."

"Kindness counts has been this kind of a vehicle for people who maybe already were doing things to promote kindness, but it gave them just a big year to think of things to do it within," Helton said.

After this, members will go forth into their communities and continue to spread and encourage kindness.

"We're not done," Sharratt said. "It's not like we're not going to do kindness anymore. We are simply going to spread that energy out to other groups right now."

In the early days of 2023, Gene Sharratt gathered a small group of individuals he had worked with on past projects to share an idea.

"Well, this last early January of this year, I got a group together with the idea that I was seeing too much divisiveness in our community, in our state, and our nation," he said. "And it was around separating us rather than uniting us."

"And so I thought, why don't we see if we can't make 2023 the year of kindness in our community by turning down the noise on our differences and turning up the volume on what we have in common," he said. "And so I thought to myself, what is it that we have in common, regardless of our demographics, or political persuasion, religion, whatever it might be? And what we have in common are the attributes of kindness, thoughtfulness, and civility. Those are the attributes of a strong community and a healthy community."

The group responded enthusiastically to Sharratt's idea. To launch the initiative they got several communities in the region to make a proclamation of a year of kindness on National Random Acts of Kindness Day in February.

The towns that made formal proclamations include Cashmere, East Wenatchee, Lake Chelan, Moses Lake and

Wenatchee.

The group set a goal to reach 2,023 acts of kindness this year but exceeded that goal by early spring.

"Our theme really was that we're only as strong as we are united and only as weak as we are divided," Sharratt said. "So let's turn down the volume on differences. Let's turn up the volume on what we have in common. And let's unite around those common values: kindness, thoughtfulness, and civility."

"We developed a Facebook page and a website then so that people could submit acts of kindness, and then we would post them on our Facebook page," Sharratt said. "And that has been overwhelming. What started as a group of about five to 10 people in January has grown to over 175 people."

Kindness Counts member and Cashmere resident June Darling said she was amazed that their message of kindness seemed to resonate deeply with so many people.

"For some of us, we so need resilience, and a big part of that resilience is building community and understanding and trusting each other," Darling said. "And when we trust each other, it's like, oh, okay, people are doing these kind things, I don't have to be wary and worried, and I know we're in this together."

"I think that one of the bigger pieces is how do we bring community together," Darling said. "We need to be, you know, building thoughtful

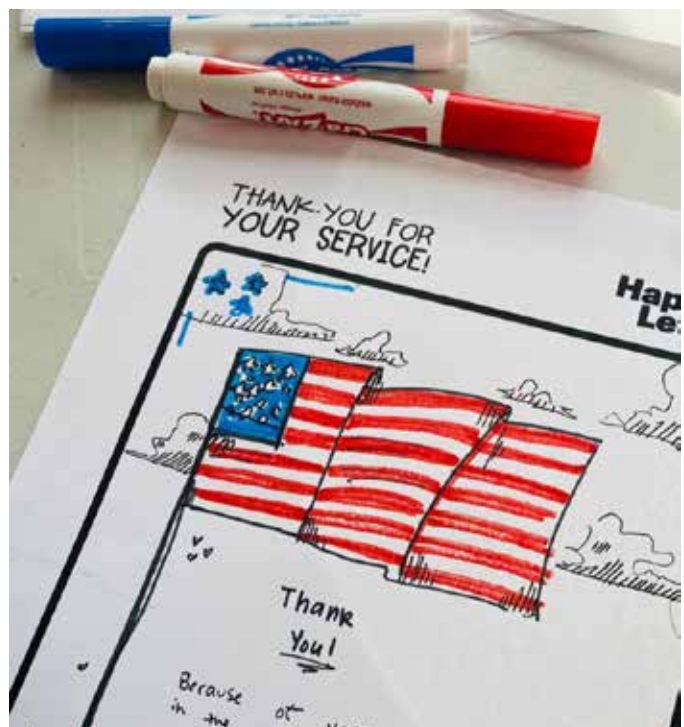
ways of keeping each other in mind and small. And I don't have to do big things, just little things that can make a difference. Sometimes we get so self-absorbed that actually that leads to our anxiety and depression and loneliness and the very thing that can be the antidote to that is just doing something small that's kind and makes a difference."

The group did not just benefit those who received the kindness but also those who worked to encourage and highlight kindness.

"I didn't really know how many good organizations that are in our community, you know, nonprofits trying to help other people," Gundersen said. "I was involved in a few but my eyes were really opened to the fact that this community is really a great place to live. And that there are genuine people who are genuinely doing good things."

"I'm always delighted, more than surprised, that people just respond so readily, and so generously up and down the valley, to anything that you're working on," Helton said. "There are always people that want to get behind it and make it be successful, and that's not true in every community. I've lived all over the United States and I think it's really just a great community spirit here. People really do care about the place we live in and they care about the community."

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COURTESY OF TRACI PIERSON
A picture of a Happy Letter, a local nonprofit that collaborates with Kindness Counts, fostering community unity and positivity in North Central Washington.

Marlin Handbell Ringers present holiday concerts



COURTESY OF ALEX WEIRICH

The Marlin Handbell Ringers of Leavenworth will perform three concerts in December to celebrate the holiday season.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The Leavenworth Marlin Handbell Ringers will perform three festive concerts across North Central Washington this holiday season.

Directed by Joyce Phipps, the group combines the charm of English handbells with beloved Christmas melodies.

"It's a unique experience if they haven't experienced the English handbells that we're actually fortunate in this area to be able to have, and if they have experienced the handbells, then they don't really need to be told why it's just a magical experience and when it's combined with the Christmas music, it just really is special," Phipps said.

Featuring 11 ringers and 108 English handbells, the concerts will showcase a mix of traditional favorites like the "Ukrainian Bell Carol," "Silent Night," "Up on the Housetop,"

and "I Saw Three Ships," alongside modern hits such as Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Wizards in Winter."

The first concert is at George Community Hall in George on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door and free for ages 12 and under.

The handbell ringers will perform a benefit concert at Grace City Church in Wenatchee at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. The concert will raise funds for a charity chosen by the church. Grace City Church will match the proceeds from the concert. This marks the third season the groups collaborated to support local charities.

Tickets for the Dec. 10 performance are available by donation at brushfire.com/gracecitychurch.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m., the Marlin Handbell Ringers and special guest musicians will perform at the Iceicle Creek Center for the Arts, Snowy Owl Theater. Tickets

are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased at marlinhandbellringers.com.

The Marlin Handbell Ringers is a non-profit community music group that has captivated Leavenworth audiences for over 40 years. The group formed in 1979 to help promote the "Bavarian Village."

The group is named after a local candy maker, Archie Marlin, who made and sold caramel apples to pay for the group's first set of bells.

The handbell ringers regularly perform in December and May in various locations around North Central Washington.

"It's all local volunteer members, and we do this as a gift to the community because of our love of music," Phipps said.

For more information visit marlinhandbellringers.com.

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VALE Students OF THE Month



NOVEMBER TRAIT OF GRATITUDE

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- First:** Benny Giles, Aaron Mora-Martinez, Axel Acevedo, Romulus Murphy, Caroline Kuntz, Emery Webber, Tate Weymeyer, Xitlatly Sandoval-Romero, Bodhi Arciga, Jimena Marquez-Lopez, Floyd Hocking, Shirlye Carrillo
- Second:** Alisyn Lund, Leo Cortez, Griffin Binger, Jaylen Davis,

- Oliver Lanuza, Eliana Dunagan, Natalie Darlington, Elise Ulrich, Brier Maney, Merick Vivar, Scout Cruickshank, Piper Andrus, Alizza Smart
- Third:** Mayte Luna, Zackry Isoldi, Leah Infante, Finn Chalmers, Prairie Brosi, Donovan Black, Jude Clennon, Kali Miller, Payton Lindblom, Addy Jones, Vladamir Jimenez
- Fourth:** Max Pulido, Kiran Leaf, Jack Henderson, Hayden Baird, Lincoln Gann, Dylan Lopez-Mantilla, Violet Takacs, Noah Opel, Mason Hensley, Cristian Moreno, Halle Nylund, Elliot Gann

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