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WSDOT destroys car-sized boulder in Tumwater Canyon



A massive boulder, about the size of a car, blocks a traffic lane on Highway 2 in Tumwater Canyon near Leavenworth, discovered early on Feb. 6 by a Washington State Department of Transportation crew during a routine check. The imposing rockfall prompted a controlled explosion to ensure the safety and passage of motorists in the area.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - On the morning of Feb. 6, Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) avalanche control supervisor employed a controlled explosion in Tumwater Canyon,

shattering a boulder about the size of a car. The blast reverberated through Leavenworth, shaking houses and startling residents.

The rockfall was discovered by one of WSDOT's crew during their routine morning check at approximately 4:30 a.m., near milepost 98 on Highway 2. According



COURTESY OF WSDOT

A boulder approximately the size of a car lies shattered on Highway 2 in Tumwater Canyon, near Leavenworth, following a controlled explosion by Washington State Department of Transportation's avalanche control team early on the morning of Feb. 6. The operation, aimed at clearing the road and ensuring the safety of travelers, caused a stir in the local community as the blast's reverberations were felt throughout the area.

to WSDOT, the crewmember found a rockfall in the traffic lane consisting of gravel to softball-sized rocks, with the largest boulder being about the size of a car.

"Usually crews are able to plow or scoop up the rock, but when the boulders are too large for a loader bucket, occasionally one of our specially trained crew will use a device that employs a small amount of explosive placed strategically on the rock to break it up into smaller pieces," said Lauren Loeb sack, Communications Manager of WSDOT's North Central Region, in an email to Ward Media.

According to Loeb sack, wet weather after a hard freeze can exacerbate rock fall from slopes by causing slope materials to loosen up. There are jersey barriers and netting in known problem areas,

which the crew patrols frequently. However, drivers should be alert when traveling in these areas and not attempt to drive over fallen rocks.

"Further, if you do see a rock fall, do not get out of your car to clear it, as this can create an additional safety hazard. We ask that you instead find a safe place to use your phone and call 911; that will mean [Washington State Patrol] or WSDOT staff will be dispatched to clean it up and we can better track the occurrence of rock fall. Larger mitigation projects are planned based on a formula for need so the more reports of rockfall we have, the better case we can make for mitigation projects to reduce the issue," said Loeb sack.

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Chumstick Grange passes two major feasibility assessments



COURTESY OF MATT CADE / UPPER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
UVHS is considering expanding the Greater Leavenworth Museum into the Chumstick Grange Hall, which sits at 621 Front St. in downtown Leavenworth.



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On Feb. 5, UVHS and other community members had an informal walk-through of the grange to visualize the expansion.

Greater Leavenworth Museum inches closer to expansion

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - This winter, the Greater Leavenworth Museum

has made huge strides in its mission to expand its space into the Chumstick Grange, allowing it more exhibit options and saving a critical piece of Leavenworth's history.

"This is the right thing to do for

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If it's broke, fix it Waste Loop will show you how

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Don't throw away that broken blender or those torn jeans just yet. Waste Loop might be able to help. The nonprofit is bringing back Repair Cafes starting at the end of the month. Each event will have an array of volunteer fixers who will assist in diagnosing and fixing broken items.

The first Repair Cafe will be at Leavenworth's Wenatchee River Institute from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 29. A second event is scheduled for Mar. 13 at Pinnacle Prep School in Wenatchee. Once Waste Loop's Eastside Rebuild opens in Cashmere, the nonprofit

plans to make Repair Cafes a regular occurrence at the new location.

"We are fixing actual physical objects so that they get a second life and don't end up in our landfill, and people don't have to spend money and resources to buy something new if they can just repair what they already have," said Amanda Close, Waste Loop's Education and Outreach Coordinator.

Each event will have about eight volunteer fixers. Some will have textile skills, such as mending clothing, and others will have the tinkering skills to fix appliances or electronics. Community members are encouraged to bring in

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COURTESY OF WASTE LOOP

Repair Cafes teach people how to fix their own items. Jeremy Tremblay learned how to creatively mend a hole in his pants at one of Waste Loop's previous events.

Hearing Examiner considers land use applications for two Bed and Breakfasts and Mountain Meadows sign variance

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - The City of Leavenworth held a public hearing before the Leavenworth Hearing Examiner to review three land use applications on Feb. 9. Two of the applicants were seeking conditional use permits for a bed and breakfast, and the third was a variance to construct a residential development sign.

The first applicant was Paul Stamilio, the owner of 111 Birdhouse Lane in a Multifamily Residential Zoning district. Stamilio sought a Conditional Use Permit to operate a one-bedroom Bed and Breakfast within an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). The Staff Report recommended permit approval. It was noted that all parking was required to be onsite. There were no comments made by Stamilio or the public regarding the permit.

The second applicant was W. Dean Weidner of Mountain Meadows LLC, at 1500 Autumn Strasse, formerly considered 10380 Chumstick Hwy. Weidner requested a variance to construct a residential development sign exceeding the height limitation of 6 feet. The request was justified by the property's easement requirements and the Chumstick's 35-mile-per-hour speed limit, higher than the standard 25 mph in residential zones.

"It is far back from the road and it's hard to see at that speed," said Rusty Gibbs of Gibbs Graphics, who spoke as a representative for the applicant.

Considering the unique road speed, the Staff Report found the request reasonable and consistent. Additionally, the sign met three of the four criteria, pursuant to Leavenworth Municipal Code 14.10.050: it is freestanding, the sign area does not exceed 18 square feet, and it is compliant with the Old World Bavarian Alpine theme required in commercial districts. Although, the location is in a residential zone, and therefore the theme is not required.

"We went through a lot of design considerations to come up with this, and basically we wanted to enhance the sign to make it fit in with the Bavarian theme and to work with the property," said Dick Peel of Shoreline, Washington, who assisted with the design.

The third applicant was Robert Palon, doing business as Central Haus LLC. Palon requested a Conditional Use Permit to operate a two-bedroom Bed and Breakfast within an existing single-family residence with an attached ADU at 602 Central Avenue. Two of the four bedrooms would serve as the Bed and Breakfast, and the remainder of the dwelling would be owner-occupied. The permit does not authorize the ADU for Bed and Breakfast purposes and requires all parking to be on site. A condition was added that the designated rooms could not change without authorization from the City.

Prior to the hearing, the City of Leavenworth received seven complaints from residents in the immediate vicinity of 602 Central that Palon did not live at the property, but no public comments were made during the applicant's hearing.

It was confirmed that Palon's government-issued ID and voter registration listed 602 Central Ave. as his primary residence. Central Haus

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Magic the Gathering Night

The Wenatchee Library will host Magic the Gathering Night on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m. in the Den on the lower mezzanine.

"Calling all Magic The Gathering fans," the event page states. "Every month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday our community members break out their decks and play each other. Bring a 60-Card or Commander Deck to test your mettle. Never played before? We will have beginner decks and someone to teach you. Everyone is welcome. Snacks and drinks provided."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Trivia Night

Icicle Brewing Co. will host

Trivia Night on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6-8 p.m.

"Join us at our taproom from 6-8 p.m.," the event page states. "Assemble your brain-trust in groups of maximum five, buy-in for \$1 per person, and let the games begin! The winning team takes home most of the cash, and second place gets a small cut."

For more information visit iciclebrewing.com.

Live music

Goose Ridge Winery will host live music by Leah Justine on Friday, Feb. 16 from 4-7 p.m.

"Leah Justine may be a fresh face in country music, but don't let that fool you, with her commercial fusion of 90s country and southern rock, Leah's dynamic vocals

and storytelling sensibilities deliver musicianship and a great time to audiences around the world," the event page states.

For more information visit gooseridge.com.

Dungeons and Dragons

The Leavenworth Library will host a virtual Dungeons and Dragons and Libraries on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

"Create mighty heroes, battle monsters, and solve puzzles during our monthly Dungeons and Dragons roleplaying game," the event page states. "Dive into worlds of swords and sorcery with fellow fantasy adventurers as



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you face whatever challenges the story presents."

For more information and to register visit ncwlibraries.org.

No School Public Skate

The Town Toyota Center Community Rink in Wenatchee will host a No School Public Skate on

Monday, Feb. 19, from 1-3 p.m.

"Get your skates on for fun," the event page states. "Whether you're a seasoned skater or just starting out, our rink welcomes everyone. With admission priced at just \$10, it's the perfect opportunity to bring along your whole crew."

For more information visit towntoyotacenter.com.

Embracing the future at The Leavenworth Echo

As the CEO & Publisher of Ward Media, it's my honor and responsibility to ensure that The Leavenworth Echo not only continues its legacy of trusted community journalism but also evolves to meet the modern demands of our readers. It is with great enthusiasm that I unveil the newly redesigned website for The Leavenworth Echo at leavenworthecho.com, a project that marks a significant milestone in our journey.

The redevelopment of our website was driven by a singular vision: to create a digital platform that is as accessible, engaging, and valuable to you as our print edition has been for years. Today, I am proud to say that we have achieved that goal and more with the launch of the new leavenworthecho.com.

This redesigned site embodies our commitment to enhancing your reading experience. We have simplified the subscription process, making it easier than ever to become a part of our community of readers online. For our valued subscribers, we've introduced a suite of online tools designed to give you control over your



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subscription. Whether you need to update your address, report a delivery issue, or pause your subscription while you're away, these changes are now just a click away.

Understanding the importance of community engagement, our new platform empowers you to actively participate with The Leavenworth Echo. You can submit letters to the editor, share news tips, and announce significant life events—from births and engagements to anniversaries and obituaries. Our aim is to make leavenworthecho.com a vibrant community hub where your voices and stories are heard and shared.

We are also introducing "web extras"—unique online content that complements our traditional print coverage. These features, along with the ability to place classified ads, submit calendar items, and access the E-edition of the newspaper in a more user-friendly format, are part of our commitment to providing you with a comprehensive digital experience.

The new leavenworthecho.com is just the beginning. We are also excited to announce the launch of NCW News



(www.ncw.news), a dynamic new site dedicated to bringing you news from across North Central Washington. This initiative is an extension of our dedication to keeping our community informed and connected.

The launch of The Leavenworth Echo's redesigned website and the introduction of NCW News represent a pivotal moment in our mission to deliver high-quality journalism in the digital age. As we move forward, I invite you to explore these platforms, engage with our content, and join us in celebrating this new chapter in the life of The Leavenworth Echo.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292. Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935. Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal. RSVP 509-548-6666. Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music. Cascade Medical Board, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com Peshastin Community Council meeting, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.) Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

Friday

Veteran Service Office, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information. Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

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

Tuesday

Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.) Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.) Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.) Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.) Cascade Garden Club, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.) The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.) Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m.-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com Music, call Steve, 509-548-7048. (1st and 3rd Tues.) Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates. Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-7, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon. Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St., Peshastin. Call: 509-548-7821 or peshastin@ncwlibraries.org Open Tues.,10-1:30; and 2:30-7, Wed.,10-2, and 2:30-7, Thurs., and Fri.,1-5:30 and Sat., 10 a.m- 2 p.m. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Other events

The Greater Leavenworth Museum, is open daily from 11-4, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Check their Facebook page or website at leavenworthmuseum.org for updates and information. Leavenworth Fish Hatchery, 509-548-7641. Trails and grounds are open every day to the public. Please park outside the gate. All animals must be on a leash. Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Please note that if your organization changes dates, or hours please send us your updates to reporter@leavenworthecho.com or call 509-548-5286. Otherwise we are not responsible for any misinformation.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

February 2

0:00:17 Noise, 221 8th St# B; Ducks And Drake 7:56:06 Welfare Check, 21212 Stetson Rd, Plain 10:37:57 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy Mp 5 19:08:54 911, 590 Us Hwy 2; Enzian Motor 22:18:07 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy Mp 1 23:47:57 Domestic Distur, 1016 Commercial St 23:51:27 Noise, 221 8th St# B; Ducks And Drake

Commercial St# 102 12:42:34 Harass/Threat, 7500 Icicle Rd 13:57:45 Welfare Check, 133 Mill St 14:15:54 Property, 932 Front St; Starbucks 20:09:53 Assist Agency, 1127 Front St 23:21:06 Dui, Front St & Division St

09:14:50 Suspicious, 22618 Corral St, Plain 10:07:08 Vehicle Prowl, 10135 Peshastin Mill Rd 10:40:34 Noise, 22108 Appaloosa Ln, Plain 12:10:33 Assist Agency, 321 9th St; Loge 13:48:38 Suspicious, 11709 Pear Tree Ct 16:46:39 Suicide Threat, 265 Us Hwy 2; Rudloofs Pizza 17:08:03 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 & Icicle Rd 18:14:49 Assist Public, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy 19:12:00 Assist Public, 9255 Foster Rd; Bjs Food

Old Blewett Rd, Peshastin 16:58:47 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy Mp 1 18:36:01 Theft, 7272 Deadman Hill Rd, Dryden 20:40:09 Trespass, 8894 Stage Rd, Peshastin

February 8

15:35:42 Suspicious, 300 Enchantment Park Way 15:59:38 Drugs, 3985 Old Blewett Rd, Peshastin 16:01:22 Assist Public, 22744 Lake Wenatchee Hwy 16:09:05 Harass/Threat, 185 Us Hwy 2; Fairbridge Inn 19:06:49 Parking/Abandon, 100 Ward Strasse 19:25:24 Welfare Check, 19115 Beaver Valley Rd, Plain 20:52:31 Dui, 213 9th St; Post Office 21:17:57 Welfare Check, 9760 Mountain Home Rd 21:34:57 Suspicious, 305 8th St; Blackbird Lodge 22:51:36 Harass/Threat, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway

February 3

0:44:06 Suicide Threat, 3868 Old Blewett Rd, Peshastin 0:52:32 Disturbance, 213 9th St 4:17:23 911, 545 Junction Ln # 605 8:07:18 Accident No Inj, Chumstick Hwy Mp 1 9:50:26 Theft, Xanadu Trail 10:32:26 Harass/Threat, 18636 Beaver Valley Rd; Plain 11:03:04 Noise, 1300

February 4

1:24:45 Harass/Threat, 24602 Spur St, Plain 10:38:38 Assist Public, 12285 Allen Rd, Plain 15:03:40 Accident Unk, 11300blk Eagle Ridge Rd 15:11:22 Accident Injury, Chumstick Hwy Mp 6 20:44:02 Atl/Atc, Coles Corner

February 6

06:48:41 Burglary, 13855 Us Hwy 2; Tumwater 07:10:16 Suspicious, 315 Murphy Highlands

February 7

1:58:40 Alarm, 805 Front St; Simple Treasure 10:00:45 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 & Chumstick Hwy 12:21:50 Civil, 18595 Us Hwy 2, Lake Wenatchee 13:03:43 Property, 820 Front St; Gazebo Park 13:39:01 Assist Public, 3914

Tierra Village is thriving thanks to intention, but needs more support

By MARLENE FARRELL Special to Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - Tucked into Sunitsch Canyon five miles up the Chumstick from Leavenworth, Tierra Learning Center (TLC) is a familiar name associated with the retreat center, Mountain Sprouts preschool, the garden, and, of course, Tierra Village. But how does it all fit together?

Tierra Village is, in fact, the heart of TLC, a nonprofit created specifically with the mission to "provide people with intellectual disabilities homes in a beautiful natural setting and service in a collaborative, integrated, diverse community."

The garden, the retreat center, and Mountain Sprouts, a lessee, are complementary additions to provide a diversified community interconnected with those who live in Tierra Village full-time.

Tierra Village's Coyote House, which opened in 2013, houses five residents, and they're hoping to add a sixth. Adding a new resident is a thoughtful process to ensure it is a good fit for all. Unlike homes that meet the minimum State requirements for adult family homes, the house is spacious. Each resident has their own bedroom, and there are common spaces: a living room with a foosball table, a cluster of comfy couches and walls of colorful art, a wide upper deck overlooking the woods and fields beyond, and a large kitchen.

Coyote House staff coordinate residents' unique schedules and needs and assist with daily routines, while the residents contribute to caring for their shared home, rotating chores, and cooking together.

The other critical entities that comprise Tierra Village are the TRAILS Day Program and the Tierra Employment Services. TRAILS stands for Tierra Recreation Arts Independent Life Skills, and it does all that for about 30 participants from throughout the Wenatchee Valley who come Monday through Thursday.

A snapshot of a winter's month of TRAILS offerings includes mindful movement,

sledding, cooking, movie nights, games, and lots of art. Summer yields chances for participants to even try rock climbing and whitewater rafting.

The weekly consistency of TRAILS cultivates connections and deep friendships through shared experiences. Participants travel from as far as Chelan to take part, and families are thrilled at the enriching activities that grow independence, confidence, self-expression, and community-mindedness.

Tierra Garden is utilized frequently by the TRAILS Program. During the growing season, small groups cycle through four days a week and help with seeding, cultivation, and harvesting.

"During the height of the season, the flower beds are the most popular activity in the garden," said Laura Lentz, Tierra Garden Manager. "Some participants enjoy making flower arrangements, sometimes talking excitedly about who they are going to give the flowers to, or what they will do with them. Some participants enjoy deadheading and pruning, fulfilling an important role in maintaining the health of the flowers. Other participants enjoy simply sitting around the flowers and noticing the beautiful colors and shapes and the buzzing of pollinating insects."

Lentz described the many benefits. "[Projects] empower the participants to shape and explore their own experience in the garden. Intentional times are set aside for group check-ins, to work on social skills and practice active listening, for creative thinking exercises around the actual work that needs to be done, and for community involvement, through delivering produce and starting a farmstand at Tierra that TRAILS will staff."

Next door to Coyote House lives Toni Giorgetti, an adult who needs around-the-clock care. Her father, Pat, shares the new small house and is her primary caretaker. While Giorgetti attends the TRAILS programs four days a week for



COURTESY OF NICOLE HASKEY Josh Pinneo and Mike Patterson enjoy a bike ride during a TRAILS outing.



COURTESY OF NICOLE HASKEY Curtis Nielson gathers a basketful of beets in the Tierra garden.



COURTESY OF AMY SUMMERS Toni Giorgetti enjoys her new home and looking out her bedroom window.

Supporting Tierra Village's Mission

Tierra Village, and particularly the TRAILS program, are not fully covered by the participants' Supplemental Security Income or Disability Insurance. In the past, budget shortfalls were covered by annual contributions from founder Gracie Close. In 2023, these contributions, after a final large donation of all of Sunitsch LLC—the lands and buildings—have ended, so TLC has to diversify its fundraising streams. Meeche White recently came aboard as the new TLC Executive Director. She will utilize her decades of experience in the adapted sports realm as a nonprofit leader, fundraiser, and project manager to help steer TLC into a sustainable future. That sustainability will rely on closer ties to the retreat center, with new group rentals and the

initiation of summer camps, such as one for young adults with Autism slated for this summer. Donations and grants will be needed to fund the proposed expansion of TRAILS to Fridays and the purchase of a van to shuttle TRAILS attendees from down valley. Residents of the Upper Valley are welcome to support



the unique work and haven of TLC through donations and volunteering. On July 13th, TLC will host the Leavenworth Wine Classic gala, a fundraiser and opportunity for attendees to see new buildings such as The Hive, well-named for its buzz of activity during TRAILS workshops, and the gardens in bloom.

For more information about Tierra Village and TLC, visit: www.tierravillage.org

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LEGISLATIVE Coverage

Hawkins' "Walking Start to Running Start" bill approved by Senate



COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

The Washington State Senate convenes for floor session.

The Leavenworth Echo
Ward Media

OLYMPIA - Sen. Brad Hawkins' bill to expand Running Start opportunities for high school students took a major step forward Friday. As amended, the Senate approved the bill by a unanimous vote.

Hawkins is a member of the Senate's Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee and developed the amendment proposal with Committee Chair Tina Nobles of the 28th District.

Running Start is a free tuition "dual credit" opportunity for 11th and 12th graders, allowing students to earn college credit while in high school. Students can get a head start or "running start" to college, accumulating credits during their high

school years.

Some students can even complete their AA degrees while earning high school diplomas. This opportunity saves the students money, reduces their likelihood of debt, and advances them closer to earning a four-year degree.

Hawkins introduced Senate Bill 5670 during the last session to allow 10th graders to earn limited credits online as an introduction to the Running Start program. This form of the bill was approved last session by the Senate's Early Learning & K-12 Committee and the Ways & Means Committee.

On Friday's Senate floor, senators accepted a Hawkins' amendment that changed the bill to allow students between 10th and 11th grades to earn

up to 10 college credits during their summer term.

Hawkins' Statement

I'm a big believer in the state's Running Start program as a tuition-free option for students and families. It is a great option for all, especially for students from middle-class families who sadly may not otherwise qualify for any student aid. The program provides a proven way to build credits and get students on a degree path.

Unfortunately, a full load of Running Start college coursework for high school juniors can shock the system. Allowing students to gradually begin the program during the summer months – either online or in person – could help ease them into college and help them experience success. It's

an added option.

I'm calling it a "Walking Start to Running Start," and I'm thankful the Senate approved it.

In its Senate-approved form, the bill seeks to make permanent a summer term funded temporarily in the 2023-2025 budget. With this potential expansion of Running Start, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has classified students who have completed 10th grade but have not yet started 11th grade as "Rising Juniors."

The bill now heads to the House of Representatives for further consideration, with its first stop likely in the House Education Committee. If the House approves the bill before the session ends on March 7, it will advance to the Governor for consideration.

Crowd demands hearing on citizen initiatives

By MARY MURPHY &
ASPEN ANDERSON

Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - A sea of red, white and blue covered the Capitol steps as hundreds of Washingtonians proudly waved American flags and demanded hearings on six initiatives that would roll back taxes, give parents more rights and police more authority.

The initiatives funded by the political action group Let's Go Washington all received the requisite number of signatures to be approved for consideration but have yet to receive a hearing from the Legislature. In all, 2.6 million citizens signed the petitions.

Republicans say the Constitution demands that initiatives must take precedence over other business and should have hearings now. Democrats say they are concerned about budget impacts and as long as they act on the initiatives this session, Constitutional rules are satisfied.

"The speaker [of the house's] position is that 'take precedence means they don't have to live by the deadline,'

Our position is that they go first," said Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen.

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, House Republican Leader, said Democrats aren't in a hurry to take up the initiatives. They have essentially said, "We'll think about it."

"I think it's quite an injustice that the voice of the people is not being heard and when you ask the questions of why they are not hearing us you get no response," Gina Medley, a citizen from Tacoma said.

Democrats say they are studying the budget impact of the initiatives. One rolls back the capital gains tax, another repeals the Climate Commitment Act that critics say pushes up the cost of gasoline. Both have raised millions for state programs.

"I worry about pulling us back and negating all of these incredible policy advancements that we've made," Sen. Emily Randall, D-Bremerton, said. "What the right strategies are to protect these investments I think we are still working on developing."

The other initiatives give police more leeway to start

high speed chases, underscore parental rights in schools and allow people to opt out of the WA Cares long-term health care payroll tax. The final initiative would prohibit state and local governments from creating an income tax.

At the rally Feb. 2, many said they showed up to push back on the narrative that this is one man's goal, a reference to Brian Heywood who was the main funder of Let's Go Washington.

"Nobody put a gun to my head," signature gatherer Matthew Cook said, holding up a sign that read, "people above party." "I did not receive a single penny to sign them. These are giving a voice to Washingtonians that have not been heard."

Walsh said the Legislature has three choices. It could vote the measures into law, ignore the initiatives completely, which would send them to the ballot in November, or the Legislature could draft alternative proposals. He predicts the outcome will be mixed.

"The worst-case scenario is not that bad. They could be ignored by the majority party

and then they go on the ballot in November. The polling shows they're likely to pass," Stokesbary said.

Brandi Kruse, podcast host of "unDivided," led the rally and later shared her predictions.

"For sure these will be on the ballot in November," Kruse said. "I don't anticipate a scenario where Democrats would pass these only because you're talking about some of their key policy victories."

Braden Cisk, a signature gatherer for Let's Go Washington in Kitsap County, said non-partisan voters he spoke to were in support of the measures.

"I found that these resonated the most with people who are not registered or are apathetic to politics or voting because they feel like their vote doesn't matter," Cisk said. "So, these



COURTESY OF ASPEN ANDERSON

Washingtonians from all over the state gathered on the north steps at the Capitol in Olympia, for a rally planned only a week in advance. Protesters displayed signs that read "We want hearings," and "Follow the constitution."

really caught their attention because again these look like something productive, people on all sides of the political spectrum."

Dawn Land, a mother from the 31st Legislative district, filed an initiative related to the parental rights to know, which fell short of the required number of signatures. Yet, she showed up to the rally in

full support of the initiative process.

"They are not hearing us. They never hear us. They don't listen," Land said. "The other side needs to be heard."

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Hundreds rally for rent caps and affordable housing



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Protesters gather at the top of the Capitol's North steps, among them Vancouver residents Jeremy Hopkins of SeaMar Community Health Services and Duana Johnson from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance.

By MARY MURPHY

Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - As budget negotiations begin in the state Legislature, calls for action on affordable housing and rent caps from the annual Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day are expected to ring in the ears of lawmakers.

Hundreds of unhoused individuals, members of non-profit organizations, and advocacy groups gathered late last month to urge lawmakers to do something about the high cost of housing.

Cheyonna Lewis, a single mother of three, sat on the steps of the Capitol with her youngest son in late January. Lewis was homeless previously and is currently on the brink again.

When one of her sons got in a car accident, the medical bills sent her family into a cycle of waiting instability. While her two oldest sons have been raised to adulthood, she still struggles with the fear of having to "start all over again."

"Where is everyone gonna go? Everyone can't be outside," Lewis said. "Having to spend more than 50% of your income on housing is insane."

It is estimated Washington will need 1.1 million more homes in the next 20 years, and over half need to be affordable for residents at the lowest income levels, according to the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Housing revenues set aside for COVID-19 relief in Washington are gone, and average rents have nearly doubled from \$989 a year in 2012 to \$1,866 a year in 2022. The current average rental rate is \$1,763, according to the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance.

At the forefront of the housing agenda are rent stabilization, affordable homes, and homelessness supplies.

HB 2114, sponsored by Rep. Emily Alvarado, D-Seattle, and SB 5961, sponsored by Rep. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, proposed companion bills that could limit yearly rent increase to no more than 5%.

Other protections in this bill include requiring a six-month notice before rent increases.

HB 2276, sponsored by Rep. April Berg, D-Mill Creek, and SB 6191, sponsored by Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, create new real estate transfer taxes on properties that sell for more than \$3.035 million.

The bills direct revenues to funds that invest in affordable housing projects, such as the Washington Housing Trust Fund and the Affordable Housing for All Account.

Trudeau and Alvarado also introduced SB 5988 and HB 2095, a set of bills that require companies whose gift cards went unspent to pay a portion of that revenue to the state.

The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance says this gift card plan could

generate \$255 million.

Paris Nelson, policy manager for Fourth Plan Forward in Vancouver, is the daughter of a South Korean immigrant. She comes from a low-income household and was the first in her family to get a high school diploma.

Nelson once lived in her car but now is in a position to advocate for more help for the unhoused.

"I feel the pain because I felt the pain," Nelson said. "About 25% of our community is spending two-thirds of their household income on rent alone."

Duana Johnson, a Colville Tribal member from Vancouver, a disabled veteran, and a single mother of two living off of pensions was given 51 days' notice before her last rent increase.

"By the time I pay just my rent I have 52 dollars left," Johnson said. "I can't think about anything else unless I have rental stability."

Vicki Loveland, from Boise, Wash., was one of eight grandmas who received rent raises of over 1,000 dollars in six months.

"When I describe that to people, they say that's criminal, and I will say, 'that's not against the law though,'" Loveland said.

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Washington Outdoors Report

Hobbling Off Into The Sunset

By JOHN KRUSE

Special to Ward Media

All good things must come to an end, to include this weekly column. I'll admit the last few days have been rough. I was exhibiting at the very well-attended Washington Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup last week, accompanied by my springer spaniel, Sam. Things went very well, and the four-month-old puppy became very socialized in a hurry, loving every person who wanted to come up and pet him at my booth.

On the last night of the show, I walked out of my motel room to fetch some dog treats from my parked pick-up truck. Being the clumsy oaf I am, I managed to trip on the curb and fall hard on my knee. I was immediately greeted by a wave of pain and the inability to stand on my own two feet. The hotel clerk, seeing what happened, attempted to help me up but was unable to do so.

Fifteen minutes later, two burly firemen hoisted me up and informed me I had

likely torn a tendon in my leg (leaving me unable to stand on two feet). They gave me the choice of taking an ambulance to the hospital that night or making my own way there in the morning. I chose the latter and Sam and I got a fretful night of sleep in the hotel room.

The next morning, I was helped into my pick-up truck by my friend's Bob Loomis (with Mack's Lure) and Richy Harrod (with Harrod Outdoors). Sam and I managed to drive to a hospital in Puyallup where an emergency room doctor informed me, I had ruptured my tendon below my kneecap and I would need surgery. That surgery is scheduled this week and both kind thoughts and prayers would be appreciated for a quick recovery which (best case scenario) has me in a knee brace extending from my right ankle to thigh for six weeks.

The news didn't get much better as the week progressed. One of our newspapers that has carried our column since we started in 2019 informed me that due to economic issues, they could no longer afford to pay me for my articles. Unfortunately, this became the

final nail in the coffin for my weekly syndicated column.

When I first started this column, covering the outdoors in Washington State, five publishers representing eight different newspapers were carrying my articles on a weekly or part-time basis. The idea of writing a syndicated column was that non-competing papers in Eastern and Central Washington could share the outdoors with their readers for a very affordable price, as opposed to paying an individual columnist of their own \$50 to \$100 a week. Each publisher paid somewhere between \$7.50 to \$20 a week based on their circulation, netting me around \$55 a week from newspapers along with additional money earned for one or more of the columns appearing in Northwest Fishing's Reel Life magazine.

Unfortunately, even the low price we were offering became too much for several newspapers and with this week's news we are down to two newspaper publishers paying \$22.50 a week for this weekly column. Considering it takes me around four hours a week to write the column,

proofread it and provide photo support, it just doesn't add up any more from an economic point of view where I'm working for less than \$6 an hour.

On the bright side, I'll continue to write for the Reel Life magazine and hope to begin writing again on a regular basis for Northwest Sportsman Magazine or one of their partner publications. In fact, I have an article in this month's edition that is a tribute to a wonderful man, Mike Meseberg, the co-owner of MarDon Resort who passed away in December.

I suspect I'll also get to take those four hours every week and have a little extra fun fishing, wildlife watching and once I get this knee brace off, hiking again. So as bittersweet as it is to say goodbye, I am grateful I've been able to share the outdoors with you for nearly five years and look forward to seeing you on the trail, in the field or on the water in the future.

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COURTESY OF JOHN KRUSE
John Kruse and Sam, his springer spaniel.

Whatcha Got Cookin! Chef makes gourmet meals accessible to rural communities

By TAYLOR CALDWELL

Ward Media Staff Reporter

COLES CORNER - In a land of few dining options, Chef Jenny Hoffman of Whatcha Got Cookin! is creating delicious and diverse meals for home delivery from Lake Wenatchee down to Dryden.

"I started my career about 20 years ago just making sauces and soups. For me, I feel that is where any good food comes from is the beginning steps of the process: the onions, the celery, and the carrots that get sauteed with garlic and the herbs and the seasonings, which turns into a sauce or a marinade, which is any good base for any good meal," said Hoffman.

Each Tuesday, Hoffman posts a new menu of three meal options and a soup. The meals are \$17 per person, and a quart of soup is \$15, which serves two. Hoffman accommodates food allergies, vegan, and vegetarian needs. Orders can be picked up or delivered for a five-dollar fee. Menus will often feature classics such as pot roast or meatloaf and some of Hoffman's personal favorites, such as sausage and chicken gumbo or pork vindaloo.

"I just really like creating traditional things that you would create at home, and also putting things on menus that you would love to try, but isn't something that you want to attempt at home," said Hoffman.

Hoffman accepts orders through Thursday, grocery shops in Wenatchee on Friday then makes everything from scratch over the weekend. During the summer, many ingredients are fresh from Hoffman's 16 garden beds. The meals are packaged in reusable, microwave-safe containers and delivered or picked up on Monday, with a six-day shelf life.

Prior to Whatcha Got Cookin!, Hoffman said she had spent over 10 years as the executive chef for Amazon's catering department and had started her meal deliveries in Seattle during the pandemic.

When she moved to Cole's Corner two years ago, she had her hands full with homeschooling three children. Yet, Hoffman saw a need to restart her meal service in a rural area.

"I know that there's not a lot of restaurants out here... and I still have a high passion for cooking and supporting the community," said Hoffman.

Hoffman makes about 30 to 50 meals per week for families, seniors, and those with second homes who like to freeze then reheat the meals during their visits. Each week, they get to enjoy a different meal, without having to leave their house.

Although her commute to the grocery store is now an hour, with access to about half the ingredients she could find in Seattle, Hoffman says her work here is more gratifying.

"People invite me into their homes, we have conversations, and it's just more neighborly and friendly," said Hoffman.

Her business has spread primarily by word of

mouth, through the spirit of community. While some customers discovered Whatcha Got Cookin! through the Plain Farmer's Market or recommendations from friends, others have discovered it by generosity.

"I get calls from people that want to help other people. I never got any of those in Seattle. So, when I get the phone call that somebody wants to buy somebody else a meal, or the community comes together to support somebody that's in extra need of help, or a son is calling to set their mother up for the meal program, all of those just makes it even better," said Hoffman.

Hoffman also offers catering for gatherings as few as five people and events as large as 100 people. More information about Hoffman's menus and how to order can be found at whatchagotcookin.org.

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COURTESY OF JENNY HOFFMAN / WHATCHA GOT COOKIN!
Hoffman's Mediterranean Platter is one of the many options offered on the catering side of her business.

COURTESY OF JENNY HOFFMAN / WHATCHA GOT COOKIN!
Whatcha Got Cookin! Menus change every week to include diverse options, including Char Siu Pork, roasted broccoli, sticky rice, and spicy mustard. Each meal is \$17 per person, and can be delivered for a \$5 fee.



COURTESY OF JENNY HOFFMAN / WHATCHA GOT COOKIN!
Chef Jenny Hoffman of Whatcha Got Cookin! delivers gourmet meals every Monday to residents of Plain and beyond. Each week, she offers one soup and three different meals made from scratch, such as this stuffed chicken cordon bleu with bacon cream sauce, roasted garlic greens beans, and couscous salad.

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Tierra Village

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five hours, Pat finds time to run errands or take a rest.

Giorgetti's sister, Amy Summers, who lives locally, considers Tierra Village the gold standard of care for adults with intellectual disabilities. Her sister and dad moved there last summer after her mother, Giorgetti's primary caregiver, passed away.

"I drive up every morning to get Toni ready for TRAILS," said Summers. "My sister is nonverbal and needs a lot of help. She feels safe and loved here. Other residents look out for her. They take ownership and pride in their program. Everyone here knows you and helps each other. The staff say, 'We're here for you too.' They're so supportive of the whole family."

Summers described small moments that show care for where each person is at, such as when Lentz lightly ran

lavender up Giorgetti's arms, causing her to giggle in delight.

The move has also helped Summer's dad through some of his grief. "My dad loves projects. He's always fixing things, the fence for the donkeys, a door, or a toilet."

Tierra's Employment Services, which began in 2018, helps over a dozen clients find meaningful employment in integrated work environments and receive job coaching. The work of the three job coaches can vary from check-ins on the job to helping alongside the client modeling skills.

Potential program expansion is possible now that infrastructure improvements, including road widening and paving and additional buildings, are complete. Andrew Holm, longtime TLC Director of Operations, said, "The planned development gets our infrastructure where it needs to be to serve more people here on site. Now that we've completed this round of

buildings, it's hard to imagine that we were operating before without them! We're ready to grow our programs now."

Holm's role is to plan for and manage the many challenges associated with 305 acres. "The most meaningful challenges lie in deliberations regarding how active our stewardship practices should be. This is constantly present as we work through forest management projects. Sunitsch Canyon has a long agricultural tradition, and this is something we deliberately want to continue—forwarding a land ethic with integrity, stability and beauty."

On several levels, Tierra Village can serve as a model of integration of human and natural diversity. "It gives hope to families who can feel isolated and overwhelmed by prospects for the future of their loved ones," said Summers. "If I could replicate Tierra so that everyone could experience love and support, I would."



COURTESY OF NICOLE HASKEY

Leah Park and Alex Bergland high five while working in the Tierra garden.

Waste Loop

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anything from a ripped jacket to a coffee maker or laptop, and volunteers will do their best to help fix the item.

The volunteer fixers are there to help repair items, but more importantly, they are there to teach the item owners how to do it themselves. The intent behind the event is to connect community members who otherwise might not meet and to share valuable skills that are being lost.

"We're not expecting a complete novice to be able to dismantle a laptop in one sitting, but over time, we're hoping to build up that culture of sharing these skills and knowledge," said Close.

The Repair Cafes are an element of Waste Loops's intensely local mission to

transform waste streams into resources and ensure those resources are valued through their entire lifecycle. The objective stems from the rising waste generation in Washington State.

According to the Department of Ecology's State Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan, solid waste generation grew by nearly 71 percent from 2000 to 2021 in the state, reaching a peak of 18.9 million tons generated in 2018.

The idea for a Repair Cafe was inspired by a global movement that was started fifteen years ago. In 2009, Dutch journalist Martine Postma hosted the first cafe in Amsterdam. Due to its growing success, Postma launched the Repair Café International Foundation in 2011, which helps groups start their own cafes all over the world. According to its website, the nonprofit boasts

2,500 registered Repair Cafes worldwide, with supporters in 40 countries across six continents.

Waste Loop held its first Repair Cafe in 2019, which was a huge success. However, the event, dependent on in-person interactions, lost momentum once the pandemic hit.

"Fortunately, we received a grant through the Department of Ecology that is allowing us to fund a kind of Repair Cafe 2.0, if you will, that will focus on a much wider array of objects and hopefully be able to reach a lot more members of the community," said Close.

More information about Waste Loop's Repair Cafes and other initiatives can be found at wasteloop.org. For the history of the Repair Cafe and a library of repair instructionals, visit repaircafe.org/en.

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COURTESY OF WASTE LOOP

Some repairs require more tools and experience than others. A volunteer fixer uses a sewing machine to repair a sleeping bag.

OBITUARY

Glendene Thompson



Glendene Thompson, 93, loving mother of four, and the devoted wife to her late husband, Leslie Thompson, passed away gracefully in Wenatchee on January 18, 2024.

Glendene was born in Texarkana, Texas in 1930 and grew up as part of a large, loving family that included eight brothers and sisters. Her family settled in East Wenatchee when Glendene was a teenager. She met her husband Leslie in Leavenworth and they were married in 1948. They lived initially in Leavenworth before settling permanently in Peshastin, where they raised their four children.

Glendene was the most optimistic, positive person we have known. She frequently reminded us that there is always, always something to be thankful for. She was a loving, caring mother, and human being. Her endearing qualities of unconditional love, strength of spirit, and unending generosity could be seen in her care for her family and countless others.

Glendene was passionate, almost driven, about anything she made up her mind to do. She would get up with the sun to 'greet the day in the garden' and pull weeds while it was

cool. Raising four young children in the 1950's, she made most of the clothing for her family. As a custom seamstress, she made beautifully crafted stuffed animals, Apple Blossom float gowns, cheer leading uniforms, and Leavenworth Bavarian costumes. She also made hand tied quilts that she entered in the Chelan County Fair and was awarded several blue ribbons. She loved gardening and flowers. Her passion for gardening included the use of organic techniques including composting long before it was fashionable. In her later years living in Wenatchee, Glendene referred to her flower garden as her "little patch of heaven". She was a long-time member of the Peshastin Church of Christ. She loved to read and frequently visited the Peshastin Library with her children, and in her later years, she was a frequent visitor to the Public Library in Wenatchee.

To Glendene, her belief was that life is just a stepping-stone...a pause before we make it home. She wanted to convey the following words from the poem "When Tomorrow Starts Without Me":

When tomorrow starts

without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Glendene is survived by her brother, Steven Bellamy of Riverside, California, her brother William Bellamy of West Plains, Missouri, and her sister, Linda Jo Bellamy of Fargo, North Dakota. She is also survived by her four children, Jean Postlethwaite of East Wenatchee, Peggy Thompson of East Wenatchee, Mary Darlington (and Van Darlington) of Leavenworth, and Leo Thompson (and Ruth Ann Thompson) of Kennewick. Glendene is also survived by her seven grandchildren including Brynn Fernandez, Tim Toulouse, Michael Darlington, Lucas Thompson, Allyssa Howell, Sam Thompson, and Lauryn Thompson. Glendene was blessed with seven great grandchildren.

The family will hold a celebration of life service May 18 in Leavenworth at Mary and Van Darlington's home. Arrangements Assisted by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

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Leavenworth Mosquito Control District Board member opening
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1) live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org
2) regularly attend board meetings on the 1st or 3rd Mondays throughout the mosquito control season, March through October, with possibly a few meetings outside of this timeframe. Since 2020 the meetings have been held on Zoom and typically last about an hour or less. If you are interested in joining the board please send a letter of interest to info@leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org, or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826

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WSU is hiring a full-time SNAP-Ed Program Assistant.
This position is with the WSU Extension Food \$ense Nutrition Education program in Okanogan County. Bachelor's degree in nutrition or related field or equivalent education and work experience is required. To apply, visit <https://wsu.edu/jobs/> and search position number R-10091. For questions, call Margaret Viebrock, WSU Chelan-Douglas County Director at 509-745-8531. Applications are due February 6. WSU is an EO/AA Educator and Employer.

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\$152,500
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NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Council will hold two public hearings on February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington and via Zoom (<https://cityofleavenworth.com/you-r-city-hall/calendar/>) to take public testimony on amendments to Leavenworth Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 12.28 Mountain View Cemetery Regulations and LMC Chapter 12.20 Snow and Ice Removal. The City determined that these amendments are exempt from State Environmental review pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19). Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions may be directed to Community Development Director, Lilith Vespier at City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email lvespier@cityofleavenworth.com. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 14, 2024. #7261

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Superior Court of Washington for Chelan County
In the matter of the estate of Carol Ann Sunada, Deceased.
No. 24-4-00032-04
Notice To Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
The person 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 her 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 this 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: February 7, 2024. Lisa Earhart, Personal Representative Attorney for the Personal Representative: Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991 Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111 Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 24-4-00032-04 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo on February 7, 2024, and February 21, 2024. #7227

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM G. YACINICH, Deceased.
No. 24-4-00031-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN
JAMES C. GRAY AND DEBORAH L. GRAY, husband and wife, Plaintiff,
vs.
DUANE P. STEWART AND DEBORAH A. STEWART, husband and wife; and ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.
NO. 24-2-00037-04
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: All persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN
In the Matter of the Estate of GARY DONALD MORSE Deceased.
No. 23-4-00451-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); 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: January 31, 2024 Date of Filing: December 26, 2023 Personal Representative: Tyson Morse Attorney for Personal Representatives: Byron J. Moore Address for Mailing or Service: Byron J. Moore Moore Law Firm, PLLC 9116 E Sprague Avenue, #1022 Spokane Valley, WA 99206 Attorney for Estate: /S/ Byron J. Moore Byron J. Moore, Ph.D., WSBA #43624 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 31, February 7, 14, 2024. #7203

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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:
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to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 31st day of January, 2024, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorneys of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, 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. The object of this action is to quiet title in Plaintiff to real estate in Chelan County, Washington, described as:
The East half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION / NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Name of Applicant: Melissa Mc Clendon
Property Owner: Melissa Mc Clendon
Application Number: CUP #01-2023
Date of Application: December 1, 2023
Description of Proposal and Project Permits: An application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a single-family home zoned, Mixed Commercial / Lt. Industrial and is in the High Intensity Shoreline designation. Where the District Use Chart, CMC 17.64.030 (A) (B) "Nonconforming use of land", and CMC 17.64.040 "Nonconforming structures" apply. The Applicant request that the existing SF home be allowed to do repairs to the foundation and roof that exceed the 80% of the assessed value and increase the 856 sq feet home by 600 square feet. The property is located at 411 Aplets Way, Cashmere, also identified by Chelan County Assessor's parcel # 23-19-33-330-200.
Other Permits Not Included, To the Extent Known: Building Permit, Shoreline Exemption
Statement of Public Comment Period: The 14-day comment period commences on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and lasts through Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Any interested person/party has the right to comment on the proposal, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once it is made, and may appeal the decision subject to the requirements of the CMC Title 14 Development Code Administration.
Public Hearing Date: March 19, 2024, 10:00 am, at Cashmere **City Hall City Contact Person:** For further information about this project, please contact Tammy Miller, Director of Planning & Building, at City Hall, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815, Email: Tammy@cityofcashmere.org, or by calling 782-3513. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on February 14, 2024. #7254

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Bentsen Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 24-4-00031-04 MATTHEW J. YACINICH Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: DAVID J. BENTSEN WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 7, 14, 21, 2024. #7216

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Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, Chelan County, Washington, lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of Mission Creek Road, except Parcel E depicted on Boundary Line Adjustment No. 2587, recorded July 7, 1992, under Chelan County Auditor's File No. 920707006. against the claim of the Defendants and any one of them. DATED this 25th day of January, 2024. DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff By STEVE D. SMITH WSBA #16613 Office and Post Office Address: 617 Washington Street Wenatchee, WA 98801 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 2024. #7204

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CALL FOR BIDS CITY OF LEAVENWORTH GLACIER PARKING LOT (P6) IMPROVEMENTS ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE \$2,700,000 TO \$3,000,000

guarantees thereof to construct the Glacier Parking Lot (P6) Improvements.

dual bus pullout along US Highway 2, a multi-user flush-restroom facility, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations,

for this project and any addenda issued thereto that are on file at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Leavenworth, Washington.

been provided by the City of Leavenworth, Washington. The City of Leavenworth expressly reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive minor irregularities or informalities in any Proposal.

afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Hearing Examiner

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LLC is listed as the property owner, but Palon said he was the principal and only member of the LLC.

When asked why the complaints were made, Palon said he doesn't spend much time out in the neighborhood, and his car gets parked in the garage.

"It could be for a number of reasons. The comment period encompassed the holidays, and I have two grown daughters that live out of state," said Palon.

The Hearing Examiner will issue a written decision 10 working days after the close of the hearing for each request.

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this community, because this is a community asset that if we don't do something with it now, it stands a really big chance of just being gone forever," said Matt Cade, Board President of the Upper Valley Historical Society (UVHS).

At the end of 2023, The Chumstick Grange completed two critical assessments of the property as part of a necessary feasibility study: a geotechnical and a structural survey. UVHS was able to fund part of the surveys through grant support from the Chelan Douglas Port Authority.

Although the building must go through more assessments in order to complete the feasibility study, these two surveys were essential requirements for the project to move forward sustainably and preserve the site's historical significance.

According to previous Echo reporting, the building dates

back to 1910, when it served as a train depot for the Great Northern Railway. Since the 1930s, the building has been home to the Chumstick Grange. The concept of the grange is an integral part of the nation's agricultural history, dating back to 1867. The movement was started just after the Civil War as a way to educate and connect farmers.

"The purpose of the formation of the grange was to recover as much information as possible that had been lost to the war due to farmers being killed fighting the war," said Paul Gray, a former UVHS Board Member who serves on the Chumstick Grange Executive Committee.

For over 150 years, granges have served as community hubs, legislative advocates, and educational resources for young farmers. In recent decades, however, active membership of the Chumstick Grange has been in rapid decline. Gray says there are about 50 names on the member

list, but only four or five are still actively participating.

"The Chumstick Grange is faced with an aging out problem. It's also faced with people like myself who [are] committed to so many other things...we don't have enough people to go around to start new programs," said Gray.

The arrangement with the museum is inspired by other granges, who are seeking similar solutions to the same challenge. By renting or leasing out the space, the granges are able to find financial stability while maintaining a location for its meetings and events. Although the space will not remain quite the same as it was, Gray says without it, there's only one word to describe the building's future: "bleak."

"As [members age] out, to know that it's in good hands and going to continue to be used by the community that they know and love, I think, is a good feeling," said Cade.

With the expansion, the

Leavenworth Museum would stay in its current location above the Nutcracker Museum. The Chumstick Grange Hall would be a secondary location for more exhibits and venue space.

On Feb. 5, community members and UVHS leaders walked through the Chumstick Grange to visualize the possibilities. Although nothing is set in stone, Cade discussed the possibility of rotating exhibits that could feature railroad history or rock climbing in the area. There was also discussion of adding on to the building to include the fully-restored 1939 Leavenworth fire truck or turning the adjacent outdoor space into an amphitheater. The space could also be used as a community venue, hosting interactive programs such as P'Squosa storytelling, said Cade.

"It's going to hopefully have that multiplex feature...so on weekends it's used for people that visit and can enjoy more

of the historical side of things, and then during the week we'd like to think it could be changed over so that it can be used for community functions," said Cade.

It will likely be a few years before the expansion is complete. UVHS is still in discussion about how the space will be utilized. The group also needs to raise additional funds to cover the rest of the feasibility study and necessary modifications.

To donate, visit leavenworthmuseum.org/support. Those who are interested in getting involved can email matt@leavenworthmuseum.org.

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