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Chelan County Fair seeks applicants for next rodeo queen

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

Calling all cowgirls, the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo is seeking applicants for the 2024-2025 Rodeo Queen.

"The rewards for competing in the Chelan County Rodeo Queen Pageant are substantial," Chelan County Fair representatives said in a social media post. "Each participant has the opportunity to garner one of the richest experiences of her life and, at the same time, create a solid foundation for her future endeavors. Lifelong friendships are made, and many doors are opened to participants."

"It's a great experience to have, and it helps you grow as a person," Queen Coordinator Kristen Mattson said.

To be considered, applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 23, reside in or attend school in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, or Grant counties, have riding and horsemanship skills, and

have knowledge of Chelan County, rodeo, and the western lifestyle.

Applications can be found on the Chelan County Fair website at chelancountyfair.com. The application deadline is Oct. 1 by 3 p.m.

Applicants must attend a two-hour, mandatory orientation at 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 at the Tillicum Riders Club House, which is adjacent to the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere.

Applicants will compete in the Oct. 13 pageant at the Tillicum Riders Club House in Cashmere.

Prospective queens will compete in several segments, including personal interviews, horsemanship skills, modeling presentations, speech delivery, and impromptu questions.

A panel of judges will evaluate contestants in these categories.

Mattson said the judges are looking for someone who is proud to represent the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo.

The 2024-2025 queen will be

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COURTESY OF SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY
Current Queen Austyn Robinson is the first-ever Chelan County Fair Rodeo Queen.



COURTESY OF SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY
Austyn Robinson is the first-ever Chelan County Fair Rodeo Queen for 2023-2024. The Chelan County Fair is now seeking applications for the next Rodeo Queen.



COURTESY OF SWOBODA PHOTOGRAPHY
Robinson worked with other rodeo queens to represent the sport and Chelan County throughout the region.

Chamber event blends fundraising with community recognition



MATTHEW OCKINGA/WARD MEDIA
Serving up cozy comfort foods downtown, Tess Watkins and her Almond Blossom Nuts and Eatery claim the title of Business of the Year.



WILL NILLES/WARD MEDIA
Citizen of the Year, Lisa Lawless, smiles as she prepares to take part in the library's Salmon Release Parade and Fun Fair.

By **WILL NILLES**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE — The Cashmere Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the region's transition into fall with its annual Autumn Auction and Recognition Dinner this Saturday, honoring local businesses, organizations, and community members.

The Sept. 28 event at the Chelan County Expo Center, starting at 5:30 p.m., combines community fundraising with recognition of local achievements.

"Every community in the valley does an auction to raise money," said Jackie Rector, Chamber of Commerce Office Manager. "What I think makes ours a little bit different and a little bit special is we're honoring people in the community."

The Chamber will present awards in three categories: Business, Organization, and Citizen of the Year.

Almond Blossom Nuts and Eatery, a recently established downtown restaurant, clinched the 2024 Business of the Year title. Known for its cozy atmosphere, the eatery serves wholesome, handmade dishes including soups, chowders, and sandwiches.

Owner Tess Watkins expressed both gratitude and resilience. "I feel like so many people have

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Scare-Crazy returns: Cashmere's spooky scarecrow contest



TERRY WARD/WARD MEDIA
Last year's scarecrows instilled the town with a bit of spooky and creative fun in the buildup to Halloween.

By **WILL NILLES**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE— As leaves begin to fall and October makes its annual arrival to North Central Washington, Cashmere residents and businesses are gearing up for a festive and fun local tradition, the Chamber of Commerce's (COC) Scare-Crazy scarecrow competition.

Cashmere Scare-Crazy, now in its 11th year of celebrations, aims to showcase the local area's storefronts and residences with a bit of friendly rivalry and crazy creativity. It invites anyone to register, craft, and display

their own scarecrows throughout October.

With any Cashmere resident or business allowed to register, the COC makes a map of all participants and their scarecrow locations. Once Scare-Crazy is underway, locals can visit scarecrows around town and vote on their favorites.

With themes ranging from traditional scarecrow to King Kong, Scare-Crazy participants are eager to show off their creative and wild ideas each year, hoping to claim a victory and bragging rights for the rest of

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Local volunteers prep for Pioneer Village Fest with annual clean-up day

By **WILL NILLES**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE—Every year, history comes to life in the heart of Washington as the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village delivers its annual Village Fest. Visitors learn about the lives of early local settlers as preparations ramp up for the annual event, and locals gather for a day of maintenance, cleaning, and community service.

Since its inception, the Cashmere Pioneer Village has embodied the spirit of community connection, a center of unity and local dedication. As Museum and Pioneer Village Director, Nicky Clennon, explains, the museum building itself was originally constructed by hundreds of

passionate local volunteers.

"When the museum was first founded in 1957," Clennon shared, "600 volunteers from town came together and physically built the building and donated the funds to put the museum together. And the Pioneer Village was put together that way as well. A lot of Boy Scouts projects and community members came, and one by one, the cabins were added." In crafting the Pioneer Village, locals once again unified, undertaking the tiresome task of moving historical log cabins from around the region to Cashmere.

"[The cabins] were brought in from about a 40-mile radius to Cashmere, and they're mostly from the late 1800s," Director Clennon revealed. "And the way they brought them here was they would take a picture of the cabin and

they would tag each log. Some of the cabins, you can still see the tag on them. And then, they would disassemble the cabins and bring all the materials here and reassemble them, kind of like Lincoln Logs. So, a lot of work went into just creating the village. And then year after year, the upkeep and maintenance is continuous."

Decades later, the Pioneer Village remains a center of focus for the community. Twice per year, the Cashmere Museum gathers local volunteers for a village cleanup, prepping for its October 5 Pioneer Village Fest. In cleaning the village, a major focal point is the upkeep of its centuries-old log cabin structure, which often requires extra maintenance in preparation for winter.

"Some of the challenges we've had

so far are roofing," Clennon said, explaining the community's help in keeping the village in good condition. "Some of the roofs have gone bad and we've had a volunteer, John, who replaced the roof of the Mission last year. And then we had a GoFundMe campaign this spring to raise funds to buy cedar shakes for three of the other roofs that need replacing."

Like local Colleen Malmassari, who headed the GoFundMe campaign, many volunteers have a personal connection to the Pioneer Village. Malmassari and her family have 'adopted' the village general store, which was originally her great-great-grandfather's homestead cabin. Now, she and her family help to keep their piece of history alive.

Though other families and groups

have adopted sentimental cabins to help maintain on Clean-up Day, the Pioneer Village invites anyone with an interest to come down and help out around the premises. Whether fascinated by local history, connected to the Village's cozy cabins or simply hoping to lend a hand within the community, the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village Clean-up makes for the perfect Saturday afternoon.

The Fall Village Clean-up is scheduled for September 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 600 Cotlets Way.

If interested in volunteering, adopting a cabin, or finding more information about the Fall Village Clean-up, visit cashmeremuseum.org.

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Leavenworth used book sale

The Friends of the Leavenworth Library will host their annual Used Book Sale on Friday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The sale is located at the corner of 8th and Commercial St. in downtown Leavenworth and will run until Sunday, October 6, at noon.

"Books are sold "by donation" to fund vital local projects supporting our library and promoting literacy," the event page states.

Hours for the book sale are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

Autumn Leaf Festival

Leavenworth's longest-running festival, the Autumn Leaf Festival, will return

September 27-29. "Highlights include food booths, music in the park, the kid's parade, and the Grand Parade with the 2024 Royal Lady," the event page states.

The Grand Parade will be at noon on Saturday, September 28. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit wastalfa.org.

Fall Village Clean-up

The Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village will host their annual Fall Village Clean-up on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"As we get ready for our season finale, the Pioneer Village Fest on October 5, we gather to spruce up the village," the event page states. "This day brings together the fleet of volunteers who help us keep the village in tip-top shape. We share the cleaning tasks and do a checkup on all

of the nuts and bolts in the village."

To volunteer, contact the museum at (509)782-3230 or info@cashmeremuseum.org. Cabin sponsorships are available. For more information, visit cashmeremuseum.org.

Cashmere Chamber Banquet

The Cashmere Chamber will host the Annual Auction and Recognition Dinner on Saturday, September 28, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Chelan County Expo Center.

"Join us as we honor those that make an impact in our community: Business, Citizen, and Organization of the Year," the event page states. "Enjoy an evening of fun for a good cause.

The dinner is not only a

chance for the community to come together but also a "fundraiser." Bid during our silent and live auction with profits supporting Cashmere promotion and annual community events."

For more information, visit cashmerechamber.org.

October Repair Cafe

Waste Loop will host the October Repair Cafe on

Wednesday, October 2, from 6-8 p.m. at Eastside Rebuild in Cashmere.

"Repair Cafes are a community space which brings together skilled volunteer fixers and items that need repair," the event page states. "These events foster community, reduce waste, and build up the circular economy in NCW."

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

Letters to the Editor

A Fresh Choice for Chelan County Commissioner

In today's politically uncertain climate, the decisions you make about who represents you in local government have never been more critical. Many people may not fully understand the role of a county commissioner or the significant influence we hold.

Having served as your county commissioner for the past four years, I am confident that Flint Hartwig is the right choice for Chelan County Commissioner. I'd like to take a moment to share just a few of his impressive endorsements: Chris Willoughby and Brandt Cappell, primary candidates for Chelan County Commissioner, District 3; Selland Construction; Shiloh Burgess; longtime past PUD Commissioner Ann Congdon; the Goodfellow Brothers; Building North Central Washington; and myself. While I could simply urge you to trust us and vote for Flint, it's essential that you take the time to meet him and make your own decision.

Don't just vote for a familiar name. We do not need another career politician. Vote for common sense, for someone who truly represents the people. Flint is a local businessman who understands the perspective of those he serves. He won't

Opposes Capital Gains Tax Repeal

As a concerned resident of our community, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Initiative 2109, which seeks to repeal the capital gains excise tax in Washington State. My wife and I fall within the demographic that this bill would ostensibly benefit, yet we firmly believe that its passage would inflict significant harm on our community and the vital services we rely on.

The capital gains tax is designed to ensure that those who benefit most from our economy contribute fairly to the funding of essential and widely necessary public services, such as education, road maintenance, healthcare, etc. Repealing this tax would result in a loss of approximately \$900 million annually—funds that directly support our schools, early learning programs, and public services that many families depend on. The education of our children is one of THE most important

- The capital gains tax is a 7% tax on profits over \$250,000 from the sale of stocks or bonds.
- Proceeds from retirement accounts, real estate, farm and timber land and small businesses are exempt.
- Less than 1% of Washingtonians paid the tax. By design, most of us will never pay this tax.
- Revenue from the tax was

be beholden to Olympia or special interests. Flint is the kind of person who'd give you the shirt off his back. A man that can engage respectfully in a debate, even if you disagree. He's a straight shooter, hoping to earn your vote with his down-to-earth, no-nonsense approach.

If you've already made up your mind but haven't yet met Flint, he's worth a conversation. You can text or call him directly at 509-264-8204. Prefer to meet him in person? Join us at one of his upcoming meet-and-greet events, hosted by some of our community's wonderful businesses:

- September 30 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.: Blue Spirits at 1310 Hwy 2 in Leavenworth
- October 8 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.: WineGirl Wines at 222 E Wapato Way in Manson
- October 10 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.: Columbia Valley Brewing at 538 Riverside Drive in Wenatchee

There will be delicious food and drinks available for purchase, so come by, say hello, and see for yourself why Flint is the best choice for Chelan County Commissioner.

Your voice and your vote matter. The future of Chelan County is in your hands.

Tiffany Gering

Chelan County Commissioner, District 3

almost \$900 million in its first year.

The first \$500 million in revenue goes into the Education Legacy Trust Account to fund early learning, childcare, and education. Any revenue over that goes into the School Construction Account.

Moreover, recent polls indicate overwhelming support for taxing the wealthy, with nearly 70% of Washington residents in favor of such measures. This demonstrates a clear recognition that a fair tax system is essential for funding the services that benefit all of us.

As residents who have benefited from our state's economic growth, we understand the importance of contributing to the common good. Eliminating this tax would not only jeopardize crucial funding but would also set a dangerous precedent that could lead to further cuts in vital services. It is essential that we maintain a balanced approach to taxation that supports our community rather than undermines it.

We urge our fellow residents to consider the long-term implications of Initiative 2109. Let's prioritize the well-being of our community and ensure that we continue to invest in the services that promote growth and prosperity for all.

Sincerely,
Hans Mulders
Leavenworth

WSU Extension opens applications for 2025 Master Gardener training

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Washington State University Extension Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener Program is accepting applications for its 2025 basic training course, beginning in January.

The program combines online learning modules through Washington State University with weekly in-person classes. The curriculum covers botany, plant identification, soil science,

entomology, lawns and herbaceous landscape plants, plant health care, integrated pest management, and plant diagnosis.

Classes run every Friday from January 17 to April 18, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Douglas County Transportation & Land Services building in East Wenatchee.

The training costs \$185, with an application deadline of October 15. Participants who complete the course and fulfill internship requirements receive certified WSU Master

Gardener status. The volunteer group promotes environmentally responsible gardening practices and healthy living through gardening.

Interested individuals can find information and application forms at www.bit.ly/trainingMG. For details, contact Marco Martinez, coordinator for the WSU Master Gardener program for Chelan and Douglas counties, at marco.martinez@wsu.edu or (509) 667-6540.

Community Foundation awards record \$1.2 Million in scholarships to North Central Washington students

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Community Foundation of North Central Washington has awarded over \$1.2 million in scholarships to students across the region, marking a record year for the number of recipients.

The foundation distributed \$1,282,982 to 277 students pursuing higher education, according to a statement released Friday. The scholarships come from more than 150 funds established by local individuals, families, and businesses.

"Without our volunteers, the significant impact we make on students' lives simply wouldn't be possible," said Julie Mott, Scholarship Specialist at the Community Foundation. "It's

inspiring to see what can be accomplished when we come together as a community: funding future doctors, musicians, engineers, writers—the list goes on."

The foundation uses an online application system that matches students to scholarships based on donor-defined criteria, which may include academic performance, community service, or overcoming personal obstacles. Over 300 volunteers participated in reviewing applications and selecting recipients this year.

The next application cycle

opens on January 1, with deadlines of March 1 and June 1. Students are encouraged to begin the process early, as it requires completing the FAFSA and obtaining letters of recommendation.

Established in 1986, the Community Foundation of North Central Washington manages \$130 million in assets through over 600 individual funds. It has awarded more than \$55 million in grants and scholarships to date.

To learn more, visit www.cfncw.org/scholarships.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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Sept 13

- 8:21:07 Welfare Check, 5257 N Cashmere Rd
- 11:11:40 Trespass, Pioneer Ave Bridge
- 11:31:08 Traffic Offense, 500blk Pioneer Ave
- 12:22:48 Trespass, 703 Pioneer Ave
- 13:46:24 Harass/Threat, 103 Aplets Way
- 17:14:24 Suspicious, 213 S Division St: United
- 19:23:40 911.247 Independence Way
- 20:40:21 Domestic Disturbance, 6306 Kimber Rd
- 20:46:24 Domestic Disturbance, 109 S Douglas St

Sept 16

- 7:37:16 Suspicious, 200 Titchenal Way
- 8:52:03 Accident No Inj, 199 Sunset Hwy: Crunch Pak
- 13:17:58 Welfare Check, 1905 Mission Creek Rd
- 14:36:14 Scam, 1165 Willems Rd
- 15:20:38 Assist Agency, 6319 Hay Canyon Rd
- 15:48:42 Parking/Abandon, 200blk E Parkhill St
- 16:03:51 Disturbance, 6319 Hay Canyon Rd
- 17:09:13 Trespass, Emission St & Riverfront
- 20:10:14 At/Atc, Pioneer Ave & Mission Creek
- 22:07:47 Welfare Check, 5700blk Vale Rd: Area

Sept 14

- 8:55:59 Assist Public, 4841 Mission Creek Rd
- 10:08:37 Accident No Inj, 8620 Dryden Frontage Rd
- 10:16:04 Harass/Threat, 161 Corrigan Rd
- 10:36:33 Suspicious, 328 Sullivan St
- 12:09:20 Harass/Threat, 315 Sullivan St
- 14:17:32 Welfare Check, Alice Ave & School St, Dryden
- 17:59:18 Property, 207 Riverside Dr
- 18:49:57 Traffic Offense, Cottlets Way & Us Hwy 2

Sept 18

- 12:35:04 Suspicious, 6240 Sunset Hwy
- 13:46:06 Suspicious, Pine Flats Loop Rd & Stine
- 16:25:08 Parking/Abandon, 300blk Pioneer Ave
- 16:36:39 Harass/Threat, 130 Titchenal Way: Martins
- 16:37:58 Assist Agency, 107 Evergreen Dr# 208
- 16:53:44 Assist Public, 1905 Mission Creek Rd

Sept 19

- 8:43:33 Assist Public, 318 Peshastin St
- 12:15:58 Parking/Abandon, 105 Mission Creek Rd: Field
- 15:17:58 Suspicious, 318 Peshastin St

Sept 15

- 5:38:44 Domestic Disturbance, 5415 Binder Rd
- 6:03:10 Domestic Disturbance, 216 Elberta Ave

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 & 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

- Icicle & 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.lpid@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

- Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314**
- You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).**
- Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2.**
- Closed Sun.** 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
- Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village**
- Call for more information 509-782-3230
- Chelan County Historical Society Board meets**, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
- Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.**

Chelan County Sheriff warns of auto glass scam

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Chelan County Sheriff's Office is warning North Central Washington residents about a scam targeting consumers seeking auto glass replacement services on Facebook Marketplace.

Sheriff Morrison reports that Safelite AutoGlass alerted the Chelan County Sheriff's Office about fraudulent activity involving individuals posing as Safelite technicians. These

scammers are apparently attempting to lure customers with offers of discounted glass replacement services.

The Sheriff's Office explained that victims are contacted through Facebook Marketplace and instructed to schedule appointments and make payments via a third-party app. When the supposed technician arrives, the cost of the services is significantly higher than advertised, leaving customers in a difficult position since they have already paid.

In the past week alone,

Safelite has identified five such incidents, with two more occurring this week. The company is working closely with law enforcement agencies in Chelan and Douglas County to address the issue.

To protect residents from falling victim to such scams, the Sheriff's Office recommends several precautions:

1. Verify contact information by contacting the company directly through their official website or customer service number to schedule appointments or make

- payments.
2. Be wary of unusual payment requests, as businesses do not typically ask for payments via third-party apps.
3. Check employee credentials to ensure that the person providing services is properly identified and affiliated with the intended company.

Authorities urge residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

Chelan, Douglas counties seek proposals for Opioid Settlement Fund projects

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Chelan and Douglas counties, along with the cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, are seeking proposals for projects aimed at combating substance use disorder, with a particular focus on opioid and fentanyl abuse and addiction.

The funding for these projects comes from the national opioid class action settlements. The four governments have issued a call for projects that may be eligible for funding, with a deadline for proposal

submissions of October 11 at 4 p.m.

Potential grantees are required to demonstrate how the funds will be utilized and the expected impact on local communities. Proposals must include a detailed project description, an explanation of how the funds will address opioid and fentanyl abuse, information on the project's duration, and a breakdown of proposed expenses.

The region's funding allocation is substantial, with Chelan County set to receive \$2.9 million, Douglas County \$1.5 million, and the

cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee receiving \$1.1 million and \$320,644, respectively.

These local governments, along with Grant County, Moses Lake, and Okanogan County, have formed the North Central Washington Opioid Abatement Council. The council has partnered with Carelon Behavioral Health of Boston, Massachusetts, to manage the distribution and reporting of the opioid settlement funds.

The initiative is part of a larger statewide effort, with Washington set to receive

\$371.8 million from five companies that produced or sold opioids. The funds will be distributed over the next five years, with annual calls for projects expected during this period.

Proposals should be emailed to Jill FitzSimmons of the Chelan County Commissioners Office at Jillm.FitzSimmons@co.chelan.wa.us. After the submission deadline, all proposals will be reviewed, and finalists may be required to prepare a presentation for the board of the city or county impacted by the proposed project.

Rodeo queen

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presented with a variety of awards, sponsored items, and royalty accessories to be worn during the year of her reign. She will participate in a year of community events, public speaking, parades, luncheons, and rodeos while serving as a goodwill ambassador for the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo.

The new Rodeo Queen will be only the second queen to represent the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo. Austyn Robinson is the first-ever Chelan County Rodeo Queen and has represented the

county for the last year.

Mattson said Robinson did an amazing job and should be proud of her accomplishments.

The first year of the program was a success and Robinson was well received by everyone she encountered, Mattson said.

"Everyone was extremely welcoming to having a rodeo queen," she said. "During this fair, we had an autograph session, and the kids absolutely loved it."

The new Queen will serve alongside the Chelan County Fair Ambassador.

For more information, contact Queen Coordinator Kristen Mattson at

kristenmattson7@yahoo.com or at (509) 630-5369.

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Current Chelan County Fair Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson represented the fair and the sport of Rodeo in the community and beyond. The Chelan County Fair is now seeking applications for the next Rodeo Queen.

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BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Special teams spark Cashmere's 59-12 demolition of College Place

Cashmere Valley Record
Ward Media

COLLEGE PLACE - The Cashmere Bulldogs continued their dominant start to the season, crushing the host College Place Hawks 59-12 in a South Central Athletic Conference (SCAC) matchup on Friday night. The road victory improved Cashmere's record to an unblemished 3-0, cementing their status as a formidable force in the league.

The Bulldogs wasted no time asserting their dominance on foreign turf, with junior Isaac Zavala electrifying the crowd by returning the opening kickoff 78 yards for a touchdown. This explosive start set the tone for what would be a long night for the home team.

Cashmere's junior quarterback Rylan Hatmaker showcased his arm talent throughout the game, finishing with an impressive 15 completions on 18 attempts for 253 yards and four touchdowns. His primary target, Logan Spies, had a standout performance, hauling in eight passes for 172 yards and three touchdowns.

The Bulldogs' passing attack was complemented by a solid ground game, with the team rushing for 88 yards. Sophomore Grey Jacobson led the charge, carrying the ball three times for 34 yards.

Cashmere's defense also made its presence felt on the road, with senior linebacker Brody Larson leading the team with seven tackles. The secondary came up big as well, with Tom McDevitt snagging

his fourth interception of the season and junior linebacker Joseph Acton adding a key interception in the red zone that he returned across midfield, setting up another Bulldog score.

Special teams continued to be a highlight for Cashmere throughout the game. In addition to Zavala's game-opening kickoff return, senior Colby Diaz returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, effectively sealing the game. Freshman place kicker Edgar Reyna had a perfect night, successfully converting all eight point-after attempts and adding a 31-yard field goal to the Bulldogs' tally.

The host Hawks managed to find the end zone twice, once in the first quarter and again in the fourth, but their efforts were overshadowed by Cashmere's relentless offensive onslaught.

As the final whistle blew in College Place, the scoreboard reflected the Bulldogs' dominance: Cashmere 59, College Place 12. This road victory solidifies Cashmere's position as a team to watch in the SCAC, with their balanced attack on offense, defense, and special teams proving too much for their opponents to handle, even away from home.

The Bulldogs will look to maintain their momentum next week as they travel to Mattawa to face the 2-1 Wahluke Warriors in another SCAC showdown. With their potent offense and steadfast defense, Cashmere will aim to extend their winning streak and improve to 4-0 on the season.

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GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Bulldogs dominate Connell 6-1

By **JEFF CARLSON**
Cashmere Bulldogs Athletics

CONNELL - The Cashmere Bulldogs girls' soccer team continued their impressive run in the SCAC with a commanding 6-1 victory over the host Connell Eagles on Thursday night. The win not only improved the Bulldogs' conference record to 4-0 but also solidified their position at the top of the standings as the only undefeated team in league play.

The Bulldogs wasted no time establishing dominance, jumping out to a quick 2-0 lead. Junior Alyssa Soria was the star of the first half, scoring both goals. She opened the scoring in the 19th minute, converting a close-range shot after receiving a precise pass from freshman Peyton Irelan. Soria then showcased her long-range prowess, netting her second in the 38th minute with a blast to the right corner from 20 yards out.

Cashmere's momentum

CASHMERE SPORTS SCHEDULES

Cross Country Boys & Girls		
Sat, Sep 28	12:45 PM	Cashmere @ Leavenworth Invitational Away
Football		
Fri, Sept. 27	7:00 PM	Wahluke, Away
Soccer - Girls		
Thu, Sep 26	6:00 PM	Cashmere vs. Kiona Benton City, Home
Volleyball - Girls		
Thu, Sep 26	6:30 PM	Cashmere vs. Kiona Benton City Home
Sat, Sep 28	8:00 AM	Cashmere vs. Quincy Invitational Away
Mon, Sep 30	6:30 PM	Cashmere vs. Chelan Home

CASHMERE SCOREBOARD

Football		
Fri, Sept. 20	Cashmere 59, College Place 12	Win
Soccer - Girls		
Thu, Sep 19	Cashmere 6, Connell 1	Win
Sat, Sep 21	Cashmere 17, Wapato 0	Win
Volleyball - Girls		
Thu, Sept. 19	Cashmere 3, Connell 0	Win
Sat, Sept. 21	Cashmere 3, Wapato 0	Win

Scare-Crazy

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the year. Cashmere COC Office Manager Jackie Rector, preparing for her first Fall in Cashmere, was pleasantly surprised by the local excitement for Scare-Crazy.

"I do have to say, there's a lot of enthusiasm for this amongst the community, as much as Founders Day," Rector shared. "It seems like people and the businesses really get into it. Like Cashmere Valley Bank, who were trying to register at the end of August. And a week ago, they were already buying scarecrow stuff."

For the top voted participants in the competition, the Chamber collects baskets

full of donated items and merchandise from Cashmere businesses, amassing a cornucopia of local treats for winners to claim.

Categories for scarecrow judging are set to include Best Ensemble, Best Business Theme, Most Creative, and Grand Champion.

Registration for Scare-Crazy scarecrow locations ends September 30, and voting/touring is set to begin October 14 and run until Halloween, October 31, during daylight hours.

To learn more or to register for the competition, reach out to info@cashmerechamber.org or (509)782-7404.

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GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

CHS Volleyball remains undefeated

By **JEFF CARLSON**
Cashmere Bulldogs Athletics

CONNELL - The Cashmere Bulldogs showcased their dominance on Thursday night, sweeping the Connell Eagles in a decisive 3-0 victory in their SCAC road contest. The Bulldogs clinched the match with scores of 25-10, 25-19, and 25-14, improving their season record to an impressive 4-0. With this victory, they stand all alone in first place and remain the only undefeated team in the conference.

Sophomore Mandy Barba was a defensive standout, recording 14 digs and achieving a team-high serve-receive rating of 2.4 (max rating is 3.0). Her solid play in the back row helped neutralize the Eagle's offensive attack.

Leading the offensive charge for Cashmere was sophomore outside hitter Macie Smart

who racked up a team-high 16 kills. Smart showcased her powerful offensive presence at the net. Her serving was equally impressive, going 20-for-22 with five aces. With a 2.3 serve-receive rating, Smart's contributions were pivotal in maintaining pressure throughout the match.

Sophomore setter Cali Diaz delivered another outstanding performance, distributing 31 assists while contributing four kills and three blocks. Diaz's ability to orchestrate the Bulldogs' offense continues to be a key factor to the team's success this season.

Teagan Kerns also made her mark, going a perfect 21-for-21 on serves with five aces and eight kills. The contributions didn't stop there; fellow sophomores Faith Courtney and Taylor Kunz each added five kills to the tally for the Bulldogs.

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carried into the second half, where they quickly extended their lead to 3-0. Freshman Makelah Gatens skillfully maneuvered through the Connell defense, scoring from short distance in the 52nd minute, assisted by junior defender Quinn Pace.

In the 65th minute, the Bulldogs were awarded a penalty kick, which sophomore Gwen Ledesma confidently converted to push the score to 4-0. Just three minutes later, sophomore Sydney McIver added to the tally with an unassisted goal.

The final goal of the match

came from senior captain Kora Traynor, who launched a powerful 30-foot shot into the net, sealing the Bulldogs' 6th goal. Connell managed to get on the board in the 60th minute, converting their own penalty kick for a momentary glimmer of hope, but it was too little too late.

The Bulldogs outshot the Eagles 35-4, demonstrating their offensive efficiency and defensive strength. Coach Tronson noted, "while the team started off a bit slow, they quickly found their rhythm and controlled the pace of the match."

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CROSS COUNTRY

By **JEFF CARLSON**
Cashmere Bulldogs Athletics

26th Place: Vansee Wheeler - 27:35 (New 5k PR)

The team's depth was on full display, with six runners finishing in the top 26.

Boys Team Holds Steady

The Cashmere boys' team finished in 4th place overall with a score of 110, competing against a field of 61 runners and eight complete teams. Although they faced tough competition, the boys demonstrated resilience and skill on the challenging course.

Top Performers:

5th Place: Rylan Reiber - 18:24

11th Place: Emmett Brown - 19:05 (New 5k PR)

27th Place: Jack Brown - 20:13

30th Place: Jance Novak - 20:19

37th Place: Henry Mott - 20:56 (New 5k PR)

39th Place: Liam Hill - 21:08 (New 5k PR)

42nd Place: Cody Albright - 21:10

Despite not placing in the top three, the boys' team showed considerable promise, with multiple athletes achieving personal bests, notably Emmett Brown, Henry Mott, and Liam Hill.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Maggie Butcher Freshman Cashmere Girls Cross-Country

Butcher has had an outstanding start to her freshman season in cross-country this fall. She has been the top finisher for the Cashmere girls in all three races this season. On Tuesday, Sept. 17 she helped her team finish in first place at the Okanogan Invite when she ran a 23:41 5K which was good enough for a 4th place finish. On Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Wenatchee Invite, she placed 41st overall and set another personal record when she clocked a 22:44 on the 5K course at Walla Walla Point Park.

Coach Kenoyer: "Maggie had a very good week of cross country! On Tuesday, she finished 4th at the Okanogan Invitational with the time of 23:41. On Saturday, Maggie competed well and cut nearly one minute off of her Okanogan race time finishing

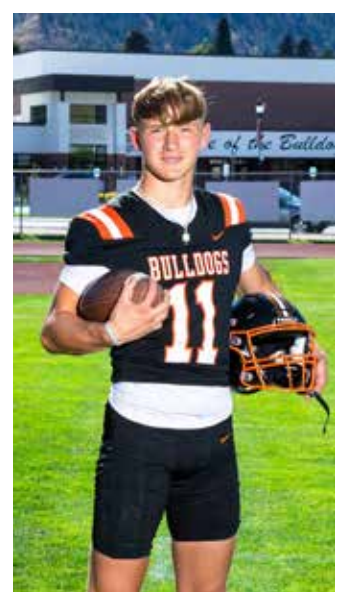


the Wenatchee race in 22:44.0. She was the 5th fastest freshman girl in the entire Wenatchee meet. Maggie is currently the 6th fastest girl in our league, and she hasn't missed a practice and is getting better and better."

Logan Spies Junior Cashmere Boys Football

Spies (WR/DB) had a game to remember on Friday, Sept. 20 in the Bulldog's 59-12 road victory over College Place. He finished the night with eight receptions for 172 yards, and he scored three touchdowns. He leads the Bulldogs in receptions and touchdowns this season and has been a big part of Cashmere's 3-0 start to the 2024 season.

Coach Bremer: "Logan is easily the most dedicated student-athlete that I have ever had the privilege to coach. He is a tireless worker and is typically the last one to leave the field every day. Due to his consistent, constant work ethic, Logan has developed into one of the best WRs in the state and those skills were fully showcased on Friday night at College Place. Beyond his phenomenal play on the



field, Logan serves as a team captain due to his incredible servant leadership mindset."

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NCW Libraries to host virtual talk on Latina struggles in U.S.

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — NCW Libraries will host a virtual presentation on September 26 at 6 p.m. exploring the challenges faced by Latinas in the United States. The program, titled “The Firsts: Latina Struggles in the United States,” features Maria Chávez, a professor of political science at Pacific Lutheran University. Chávez will discuss the unique hurdles many Latinas encounter in their personal and professional lives.

The talk will focus on the experiences of Latinas who are often first-generation college students navigating higher education while balancing traditional Latino values and family responsibilities. Chávez will draw from interviews with Latinas across various professions and her own experiences to highlight these challenges. The virtual event is part of the Humanities Washington Program. Interested participants can register on the NCW Libraries website at www.ncwlibraries.org to receive the Zoom link.

Chávez specializes in American government, public policy, and Latino Politics. As a first-generation college graduate herself, her work centers on the progress of and barriers to Latinos in the U.S. She has been twice awarded the American Political Science Association’s Best Book in Latino Politics for her works “Everyday Injustice” and “Latino Professionals in America.” Following the virtual presentation, Chávez will deliver in-person talks at three NCW Libraries communities in October:

- October 16 at Wenatchee Valley College, in partnership with Wenatchee Public Library
 - October 17 at Leavenworth Public Library
 - October 18 at Moses Lake Public Library
- All in-person events are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. For more information, interested parties can visit the NCW Libraries website at www.ncwlibraries.org or the Humanities Washington information page at www.humanities.org/speaker/maria-chavez-2.



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Rocky Reach Discovery Center honored for Dahlia Garden excellence

COURTESY OF CHELAN PUD
The Rocky Reach dahlia bed, planted by Tony DeRooy, was the first public dahlia garden in North Central Washington. Rocky Reach Discovery Center and its grounds crew were honored with a Commemorative Medal by American Dahlia Society.



COURTESY OF CHELAN PUD
Chelan PUD dedicated a bench at Rocky Reach Park to Tony DeRooy, pictured, in 2004 for his outstanding work creating beautiful and innovative public spaces.

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Rocky Reach Discovery Center and its grounds crew have been awarded a Commemorative Medal by the American Dahlia Society for their contributions to Dahlia

cultivation and promotion. The award recognizes the center’s 37-acre garden complex, which includes a dedicated Dahlia garden originally planted by Tony DeRooy, a local horticulturist. “Rocky Reach has really increased the visibility of dahlias beyond what could

have been,” said Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook, past-president and trustee of the North Central Washington Dahlia Society. Holmes-Cook is the daughter of Tony DeRooy, who was instrumental in establishing the gardens at Rocky Reach. The dahlia garden at

Rocky Reach holds historical significance as the first public Dahlia garden in North Central Washington. It continues to play a vital role in the local horticultural community, with volunteers from the local Dahlia society maintaining the tubers annually. Parks Foreman Todd Shales

leads an eight-person crew responsible for managing the extensive grounds. The team cultivates between 30,000 to 50,000 plants annually in three greenhouses owned by the Chelan County Public Utility District. The American Dahlia Society also presented a President’s

Award in memory of Tony DeRooy, acknowledging his contributions to Dahlia cultivation in the region. Rocky Reach Discovery Center’s recognition highlights the ongoing importance of public gardens in promoting horticultural education and community engagement.



COURTESY OF RUSTY FINCH
Voted organization of the Year, Cashmere FFA and its many passionate members pose at the Chelan Expo Center before showing off their agricultural knowledge at the Chelan County Fair.

Chamber event
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discovered that we’re actually here, so I’m looking forward to that added growth,” Watkins said. “We struggled a bit, of course, because we started during Covid. You know, supply chain, employee issues, just all kinds of struggles, but we fortunately made it through.” The restaurant’s Clam Chowder Thursdays have become a local hit. Rector recommends early arrival, as they often sell out. Cashmere FFA, headed by local advisor Rusty Finch, earned the Organization of the Year award. The group consistently represents

Cashmere in livestock showings and dedicated agricultural work nationally. Eight Cashmere FFA students will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis next month. The Milk Quality Team, comprising Brianna Castro, Sophie Hilla, Aztlan Oropeza, and Anna Flick, will be assessed on their understanding of milk production, processing, and marketing with a 40-question written exam while also solving milk production data problems and identifying cheese samples. The Environmental Natural Resources team, consisting of Tony Bumgarner, Ivette Alvarado, Eliana Thomas, and Jesse Hall, will take a

50-question environmental science test, analyze waste management scenarios, and navigate GPS strategies. Lisa Lawless, a local librarian, was named the 2024 Citizen of the Year for organizing community events and programs through the local library. Lawless has played a crucial role in linking Cashmere together through reading, DIY projects, and a shared love for the local ecosystem. One of Lawless’ standout contributions is organizing several salmon release parades during annual Founders’ Days celebrations. The 2024 event was one of the most successful years. “She was the head of the Family Fun Fair for Founders’

Day,” Rector said. “And so she’s been an integral part of the community for quite some time.” The Salmon Release Parade and Fun Fair event allows local children to release salmon fry into the Wenatchee River while learning about the region’s ecosystem. The Autumn Auction will feature live music from Pacific Northwest group, The Nate Weakly Band, and catering by Wenatchee business, Stones Gastropub. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at 509-782-74014 or info@cashmerechamber.org. Will Nilles: (509) 731-3211 or will@ward.media

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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 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: September 18, 2024
Personal Representative: Joanne Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative: Nicholas Yedinak
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DATED this 15 day of August, 2024.
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Judith Moser
Personal Representative
Attorney for the Personal Representative: DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP
By Matthew A. Widmyer, WSBA No. 54878
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of **VERNON DAVID BRUNNER, Deceased.**
NO. 24-4-00336-04
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 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; 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.
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By /s/Dolores M. Brunner DOLORES M. BRUNNER, Personal Representative
Address: 5830 Tigner Road Cashmere, WA 98815
Dated: 8-28-2024
Attorneys for Personal Representative: GATENS GREEN WEIDENBACH, PLLC
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. **108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104** Trustee Sale No.: **WA-24-988205-BB** Title Order No.: **240189723-WA-MSW** Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. **2261103** Parcel Number(s): **31393, 241829140050** Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: **PAUL KRAUS, AS HIS SEPERATE ESTATE** Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): **ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC** Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on **10/25/2024, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo St, Wenatchee, WA** 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**, to-wit: **A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 18, E.W.M., CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE SOUTH 00°48'50" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION FOR 1697.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87°53'04" WEST 1032.48 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 87°47'31" WEST 113.03 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 35°23'20" EAST 107.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50°02'35" EAST 121.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33°37'24" EAST 203.34 FEET; THENCE NORTH 81°35'03" EAST 112.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36°23'51" EAST 210.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°36'09" WEST 166.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67°00'15" WEST 75.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 56°44'59" WEST 58.56 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 97 AS MEASURED 130.00 FEET FROM THE CENTERLINE; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 42°22'00" WEST 262.55 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF PESHASTIN CREEK; THENCE ALONG SAID CREEK CENTERLINE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING COURSES SOUTH 20°14'58" WEST 107.39 FEET; SOUTH 34°00'35" WEST 163.49 FEET; SOUTH 42°01'00" WEST 246.98 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CREEK CENTERLINE SOUTH 87°47'31" EAST 219.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THAT PORTION THEREOF AWARDED TO AVERY POSTELWAIT, III AND COURTNEY POSTELWAIT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, THROUGH ADVERSE POSSESSION CASE NO. 15-2-00817-4 AND JUDGEMENT RECORDED JANUARY 14, 2016 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 2431172. More commonly known as: **7325 KRAUS RD, FKA 7381 KRAUS RD, PESHASTIN, WA 98847** Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated **7/19/2007**, recorded **7/19/2007**, under **Instrument No. 2261103** records of **CHELAN** County, Washington, from**

PAUL KRAUS, AS HIS SEPERATE ESTATE, as grantor(s), to **LANDAMERICA TRANSNATION**, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of **AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC.**, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to **ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC**, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number **2565321 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 arrears: **\$7,753.52**. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of **\$91,936.20**, together with interest as provided in the Note from **9/1/2023** on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and 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 **10/25/2024**. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by **10/14/2024** (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before **10/14/2024** (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or 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 cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the **10/14/2024** (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 **5/7/2024**. 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. **THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.** You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until **90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than **25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. **DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW** to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. **SEEKING ASSISTANCE** Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: **Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663)** or **Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm** The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: **1-800-569-4287** or **National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD** or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcf> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: **1-800-606-4819** or **Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear** 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 noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is **WA-24-988205-BB**. Dated: **6/11/2024** QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: **Tianah Schrock**, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104** For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: **WA-24-988205-BB** Sale Line: **916-939-0772** or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0202874 9/25/2024 10/16/2024 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on September 25, 2024 and October 16, 2024. #7987

Fall Home & Garden

Maximize outdoor spaces this holiday season

The holiday season comes at a time when the weather can be anywhere from cool to frigid. But even if the weather outside is somewhat frightful, holiday entertaining in outdoor spaces can still be delightful. Making the most of outdoor spaces during the holidays and the rest of the winter can enable guests to spread out, which should make things more comfortable for them. With that goal in mind, the following are some tips for putting outdoor areas to good use when hosting loved ones this holiday season.

Decorate first. An easy way to make outdoor entertaining spaces more welcoming is to coordinate the decor with the

interior of the home. Greenery wrapped with lights around railings and fencing can create the perfect ambiance. Candles, wreaths and small, decorated Christmas trees can finish the effect.

Consider a fire or heating element. Unless you live in a temperate climate, you'll need some way to keep guests warm. Center the outdoor entertaining space around a fire pit, outdoor fireplace or an outdoor heater. Make sure to illuminate the outdoor area so that guests can find their way around with ease.

Host an early gathering. The sun sets early in fall and winter, so it may not only get colder, but also darker at a

time when guests typically arrive. Think about moving up the start time of your holiday event if you'll be having an outdoor area, so guests can see one another and stay a little warmer.

Use the grill. Keep foods warm by using the grill or an outdoor griddle; otherwise, set up the food buffet-style inside so guests can make their plates and gravitate where they feel comfortable.

Provide blankets or fleeces. In addition to warming elements around your entertaining space, stock a large basket with cozy throws, blankets or fleece jackets that guests can use to warm up. Hats and scarves also may be appreciated.

Invest in waterproof furniture. Upgrade your exterior seating with plush outdoor couches and lounges that are decked out in weather-resistant fabrics. Make them more comfortable with throw pillows that coordinate with a holiday entertaining theme.

Set up two drink stations. Set up beverages both inside and outside the home so guests can easily refill their drinks wherever they are relaxing. Think about having some warm drinks outside, such as mulled cider or hot chocolate, so guests can be warmed from the inside as well.

Use a wireless speaker. A Bluetooth-enabled wireless speaker placed outside allows



guests to listen to holiday tunes while they are enjoying themselves.

Using well-equipped outdoor areas for entertaining can expand the possibilities and guest list for holiday gatherings.

Did You know?

Electrical fires are more common than one might think. The Electrical Safety Foundation says home electrical fires account for an estimated 51,000 fires each year, nearly 500 deaths, and more than 1,400 injuries. Certain conditions can lead to electrical home fires. The National Fire Protection Association indicates home fires can result from overloading electrical outlets and inadequate distribution of lighting equipment. When this occurs, these fires most often originate in a bedroom. Another common cause of electrical home fires is faulty wiring and related equipment malfunction. Homeowners need to be aware of potential electrical issues and remedy them quickly to avoid home fires. Ensuring electrical systems are up to code and addressing issues with the help of a qualified electrician can reduce the risk of electrical fires.

Signs a roof must be repaired or replaced

The exterior components of a home, such as the siding and the roof, help to protect its occupants from the elements. While many roofing materials can last for decades, at some point in time homeowners will likely have to repair or replace the roof on their home.

Roof wear and tear may not always be so evident, particularly because most homeowners do not make it a point to get on their roofs very often. The first sign of roof damage typically is a leak that is noticeable from the indoors. It may include a browned spot on the ceiling or even pooling water in the attic. A leak from storm damage or something minor like a water intrusion through

a nail hole or from a lost shingle typically can be repaired easily enough. However, additional indicators may necessitate a complete roof overhaul. Here are some signs a roof needs repairs or replacement.

Sagging roof: If the roof is sagging, it could be due to excess loads, such as water-damaged shingles or even weakened roof structure. A professional will need to restore the integrity of the roof.

Cracking and buckling: Shingles will likely have to be replaced if there is cracking or if shingles are buckling and warping.

Exposed nails: Exposed nails may rust and contribute to a leaky roof, says Family



Handyman. How long the nails were exposed could indicate if the roof can be repaired or if everything should be redone.

Lost granules: Asphalt roofing shingles have small granules on the surface. Over time these granules will slowly degrade and fall off. If there

are many granules in gutters or if one can see that portions of the shingles are bare, it is likely time for a new roof.

Visible light: Homeowners who can see light streams coming into the home need roof repair. This is indicative of holes, cracks or spaces in the roof.

Growth on the roof: Mold and mildew on the roof is a sign that the roof needs to be repaired or replaced. Such growths contribute to rot that jeopardizes the integrity of the roof.

A durable roof protects a home from the elements. Various symptoms signal that it is time to repair or replace a roof.

Tips to help houseplants thrive over the winter

Winter can be harsh. Frigid temperatures and fewer hours of daylight can take a toll, and many people prefer to stay warm inside as much as possible during winter. Indoor air also can take a toll, leading to dry skin and increasing individuals' exposure to viruses such as those that cause the common cold. Warm and dry indoor air also can affect houseplants, which underscores how important it is to change your indoor plant care routine in winter.

Outdoor plants might not bloom or thrive once winter arrives, but houseplants can make it through the season with a few simple strategies.

Cut back on watering, if necessary. The relationship between sunlight and water in regard to houseplants is simple: the more light plants get, the more water they need. Because there's less daylight in winter,

houseplants may not need to be watered as frequently as they will during other times of year. But that could depend on where the plant is located in the house. If it's near a window with substantial sunlight exposure, then it might need as much water as it requires during other times of the year. Soil conditions may provide clues as to how frequently houseplants need to be watered in winter. Touch the soil before watering. If it's wet or feels damp, the plant does not require watering.

Mobilize your houseplants. Some houseplants may be too large and heavy to move. However, smaller plants may benefit from being more mobile. When moving houseplants, move them to a spot where they can get ample sunlight during the day, especially if they're typically located in areas of your home that do not

get much exposure to sunlight in the winter.

Keep plants away from vents. Anyone who lives in a region where winter temperatures get very cold knows that conditions sometimes require bumping up the temperature on the thermostat. That can make a home more comfortable for humans but less comfortable for houseplants. It's always best to keep houseplants away from heating vents so they won't dry out and potentially die. If the thermostat needs to be adjusted to warm up the house, confirm all plants are away from vents to ensure they don't dry out and potentially die.

Check for uninvited guests. Summer might be the season most synonymous with pests, but houseplants are not invulnerable to uninvited pest guests in winter. The pest control experts at Terminix' dispute the popular notion that spiders

flock to home interiors in fall to avoid the coming winter cold. However, the experts at Better Homes & Gardens note that spider mites are common winter pests because they like warm and dry conditions. BHG urges individuals to inspect the tops and undersides of houseplant leaves and stems for signs of pest infestation. Treat small

infestations with an alcohol-soaked cotton ball, which can be used to wipe pests off the plants. Large infestations may require the use of insecticidal soap.

Winter is harsh on humans and can be hard on houseplants as well. Some simple strategies can help houseplants get through the season unscathed.

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Tips to make guest rooms more welcoming

Millions of celebrants welcome family and friends into their homes as overnight guests each holiday season. Hosting loved ones during the holiday season is a selfless act that enables families to create the kind of lasting memories that make December such a special time of year.

As hosts prepare their homes for loved ones this holiday season, they can consider these tips to make guests' rooms as welcoming as possible for friends and family.

Check the bedding and replace it, if necessary. It's easy to overlook the comfort of bedding in a guest room, particularly since hosts may never sleep in their guest rooms. When furnishing a guest room, it's not unheard of to repurpose an existing mattress from an owner's suite or another room and use it for guest room bedding. Though that's acceptable, it's necessary to periodically inspect a guest room mattress



to make sure it's still comfortable and supportive. If not, replace the mattress. A mattress topper, a new comforter, and a new set of

soft sheets also can make guest room bedding more comfortable.

Clear out the clutter. Guest rooms can easily become

depositories for old furniture and other items, which can create a cluttered and less-than-welcoming atmosphere in a space. Give each guest

room a thorough once-over before guests arrive, removing pieces that might be creating a claustrophobic vibe. Keep in mind that guests will bring luggage, so a less cluttered space with ample room for their bags can make it easier to settle in.

Take a cue from hotels. Hotels ensure guests have ample creature comforts at their fingertips. Holiday hosts can do the same when welcoming loved ones into their homes. Provide ample bed and bath linens, ensure the room has ample lighting so guests can read at bedtime, and get dressed in plenty of light in the morning. A foldable luggage rack is another nice touch that can keep guests from having to dig through their suitcases on the floor.

Add an armchair where possible. A spacious guest room allows hosts to provide some extra creature comforts. If the room allows, place a

comfortable armchair and side table in the space so guests can read a book or catch up on the news on a tablet or smartphone. A comfortable, quiet, and secluded place to sit provides guests a respite from the hustle and bustle of a home filled with holiday guests.

Install window coverings, if necessary. A feeling of privacy is another important creature comfort guests will appreciate. Replace existing window treatments if they do not provide adequate privacy or if they do not keep the elements out in the morning. For example, a room that is sun-soaked by early morning each day may make it hard for guests to get sufficient sleep. Some blackout curtains or a new set of blinds allow guests to determine the amount of natural light that will greet them each morning.

Some simple tips can help holiday hosts turn their guest rooms into welcoming spaces for their loved ones.

4 things to know about kitchen renovations

Kitchens are often described as the most popular room in a home, and that's not mere conjecture. A 2022 survey from House Digest asked participants to identify the room they consider most important in their homes, and roughly 41 percent chose the kitchen.

Residents tend to congregate in kitchens in the morning and then again in the evening when meals are prepared and, in homes without formal dining rooms, eaten. With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder that the 2022 U.S. Houzz & Home Study: Renovation Trends found kitchens to be the most popular interior room to upgrade. With so many people interested in kitchen renovations, the following are four things homeowners

should know about these popular improvement projects.

- 1. Expect to spend some money.** Most home improvement projects require a significant financial investment, but kitchen renovations are among the more expensive undertakings. The overall cost of a project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including homeowners' preferences, but HomeAdvisor estimated the average kitchen remodel in 2023 cost between \$14,611 and \$41,432. Homeowners considering an upscale kitchen remodel may receive six-figure estimates for such projects.
- 2. Expect a good return on investment.** If sticker shock settles in when receiving an initial kitchen



remodel estimate, perhaps it can help homeowners to know that such a project may provide a strong return on investment (ROI). According to Remodeling magazine's 2024 Cost vs. Value Report, a minor

kitchen remodel provides a 96 percent ROI. A major kitchen remodel mid-range (49 percent) and a major kitchen remodel upscale (38 percent) did not provide as notable a ROI.

3. Expect the project to take some time. Kitchens are large rooms with a lot of components, so renovating these spaces can take some time. Estimates vary depending on the size of the room, the scale of the remodel, and the materials chosen, but Angi reports a kitchen remodel for most homes takes six weeks to four months. That's a sizable window, and it reflects the likelihood that unforeseen issues like supply chain interruptions or the discovery of mold will arise at some point during the renovation. Though it's impossible to determine precisely how long a project will take before it begins, homeowners renovating their kitchens may want to plan for the project to take two months if not longer.

4. Expect to use your kitchen during the renovation. If the timeline of a renovation is scary, homeowners should know they will likely be able to use their kitchen even after the project begins. Though the room might not remain a popular gathering space once the work starts, Angi notes kitchens are typically out of commission for around six weeks during a renovation. That still requires some pre-planning in relation to meals, but it also suggests homeowners won't be without a kitchen for months on end. Kitchen renovations are popular projects. Homeowners who know what to expect before such projects commence can make it through a renovation more smoothly.

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