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CHS teachers lose home in fire, community gathers to support



COURTESY OF ALEX ROSENFIELD

Rosenfield and Lubetski are both Cascade High School teachers who lost their home and belongings in a structure fire.



COURTESY OF ALEX ROSENFIELD

Cascade alum Juan Castro Cervantes helps put out the remaining fire on his former teachers' home.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—When teachers Alex Rosenfield and Anthony Lubetski arrived at Cascade High School (CHS) for work on Sept. 9, they had no idea that by first period, their home would be on fire. “I noticed that two people that don’t normally call me during work hours called within one minute of each other, and then both of them texted me at the same time, and I normally don’t check texts, but all of this was happening so quickly that

I just glanced at it and it was like, ‘Your house is on fire. It’s running up the hill,’” said Lubetski. Lubetski, a substitute teacher, and Rosenfield, a sixth-year CHS English teacher, have been in the area since 2016. They had been living in a 200-square-foot home up Nahahum Canyon with their two dogs while they built a secondary tiny home next to it. Their dream was to one day be able to have Rosenfield’s mother move from Wisconsin and into one of the homes to be closer as she got older. “Anthony and I both have chronic

illnesses, so we’ve spent a lot of our life just trying to be healthy and trying to survive. So this felt like we were really close to kind of just living our life the way we wanted to, and being done working really hard for just like, a brief moment,” said Rosenfield. Lubetski and Rosenfield rushed home shortly after 9 a.m. after hearing of the fire, which would eventually be identified as the Wynnie Fire. “There are so many things to be grateful for throughout this experience, and one of them is that

everything happened so quickly...It could have been so much worse if it wasn’t a super quick response,” said Rosenfield. When they arrived, their home was still burning, but the swift response between their neighbors and the fire departments ensured that their dogs were safe, and the fire didn’t endanger any more structures or lives. They helped dig fire lines for about a half hour, but there wasn’t much else they could do. As they watched their house burn,

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Community examines tourism during second visioning session

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The community shared the pros and cons of tourism and identified sustainable versus unsustainable practices during the second session of the city’s community visioning series on Sept. 16, focusing on “sustainable tourism.” “The decision to save the Miracle Town of Leavenworth through Project L.I.F.E. and the Bavarian theme has resulted in the Leavenworth that we have today: a highly attractive destination that welcomes an estimated three million visitors every year. Whether we like it or not, the City of Leavenworth, the city budget, is dependent on this tourism economy,” said City Administrator Matthew Selby. The city operates with three different funds: the general fund, the street fund, and the enterprise fund. The enterprise fund, which includes water, sewer, parking, stormwater, and garbage enterprise funds, operates on user fees, and each fee is designated to its particular fund. For instance, water rates pay for water treatment plant and distribution, and the parking fees pay for the Glacier Lot improvements, said Selby. Aside from the enterprise fund, the city operates through tax revenue such as property tax, utility tax, sales tax, and lodging tax. Property tax revenue funds about 13 percent of the city’s annual operating budget. This year, the city anticipates almost \$727,000 in property tax revenue. The city also brings in about \$750,000 in utility tax revenue. “The bulk of the revenue that comes to the city is from sales tax, and that’s why I say that we are so dependent on this city’s tourism economy,” said Selby. The city receives 1.15 percent of the 8.6 percent sales tax rate. For every \$100 spent within city limits, the city receives \$1.15, which is split between public safety (ten cents), the general fund (47 cents), and public streets (58 cents). In 2023, the city received \$2.75 million in sales tax revenue. Yet, the city’s largest source of revenue is the hotel-motel tax, or lodging tax, which is a 5 percent tax rate. The lodging tax is expected to generate about \$4.5 million in revenue this year, said Selby. However, according to RCW 67.28.1816, the use of lodging tax dollars is restricted to tourism related expenses, such as the Festhalle, Bigbelly trash bins, and the Front Street restroom expansion project. The city is also able to apply lodging tax dollars to 25 percent of the Howard Hopkins Memorial Pool’s budget, because a pre-pandemic survey identified about 25 percent of the pool users were from 50 miles outside of the city. To open group discussion during the meeting, attendees were asked, “Why are you here? What drew you here? Why did you stay?” The most common answers were access to the outdoors, family, a sense of community, and a small town feel with access to basic services, arts and entertainment and business opportunities. Next, residents were asked to consider the pros and cons of living in a town that strongly relies on tourism. Wide access to arts and entertainment, better parks, a pool, and hospital, successful nonprofits, walkability, variety of dining and shops, a secure tax base, business opportunities were some of the pros listed. For cons, common answers were parking, overcrowding, lack of affordable housing, traffic, high prices in shops and restaurants, stress on public works and natural resources, fire safety, and noise, light and litter

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ICCA sunsets 30-year festival, embraces year-round classical vision



COURTESY OF ICICLE CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Icicle Creek Center for the Arts hosted Prairie Winds this month. This ensemble advocates for chamber music by presenting in local schools like Eastmont Junior High School (pictured), conducting community performances, and taking the stage for masterwork concerts, as it did at the Snowy Owl Theater on September 14.

By **CAROLINE MENNA**
Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH – “Change is never easy, but is sometimes needed,” explained Icicle Creek Center for the Arts (ICCA) Executive Director Phil Lacey as he discussed ICCA’s decision to sunset its Chamber Music Festival, after a 30-year run, in favor of more financially sustainable, year-round chamber music programming. Lacey, who began his tenure in 2022, was hired by a financially strapped ICCA facing an existential crisis, as it stated in its press release at the time, because not only is he “a well-known member of the regional arts community and a demonstrated proponent of artistic excellence and societal awareness,” but also “has a history of helping arts organizations attain long-term financial stability.” In an email letter to ICCA donors and local chamber music enthusiasts elucidating its rationale to end the annual, three-week festival, ICCA

stated that “the financial support required to operate programs of this magnitude has far outpaced ticket sales and tuition . . . [and in the unanimous judgment of the ICCA Board and management] is no longer sustainable.” The letter continued: “As stewards of the organization, it is our collective responsibility to safeguard the future of Icicle Creek . . . which requires ongoing reevaluation of our approach to programming to ensure that we can deliver impactful programs to the students and audiences of North Central Washington.” Lacey acknowledged that “we have heard from a small number of folks who have been involved with the Chamber Music Festival in the past voicing their disappointment or frustration with our decision. I hope that they will take some time to look into the financial reasons and vision behind it and then be excited and supportive of the other chamber

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Chelan County hosts public meeting on grizzly bear reintroduction in North Cascades

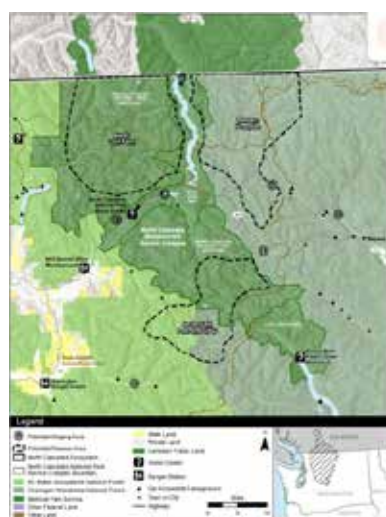
By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—Chelan County Commissioner Shon Smith hosted a public meeting on Sept. 19 in Leavenworth to discuss the reintroduction of grizzly bears to the North Cascades. The meeting featured experts on grizzly bear recovery and conflict prevention. National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced the decision to actively restore a population of grizzly bears in the North Cascades ecosystem (NCE) on Apr. 25 of this year.

Grizzly bears were a key part of the NCE for thousands of years, keeping other wildlife populations in balance and distributing native plant seeds within and across elevations, according to NPS. They are also culturally significant to some Tribes and First Nations. Grizzly populations declined primarily due to humans killing them, with the last confirmed grizzly sighting in NCE in 1996. Agencies plan to establish an initial population of 25 bears in NCE by translocating between three to seven grizzly bears per year for a period of five to 10 years. NCE is

about 9,800 square miles in size, larger than the size of New Jersey. “That initial population of 25 bears could be expected to reach about 200 within a century, 60 to 100 years. And those bears would come from areas with what we call similar food economies, areas with similar food sources for grizzly bears that we might find in the North Cascades,” said Andrew LaValle, FWS Public Affairs Officer. Selected grizzly bears would be between two and five years of age, have not yet reproduced, have no

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A map of the release areas for grizzly bears. There is no set time for when translocation of the bears will begin.

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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.

Lavender Fall Festival

Wenatchee Valley Lavender Farms will host the Lavender Fall Festival on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are very community minded and are proud to share our lavender knowledge and farm products with you over this fun weekend," the event page states.

Saturday will be a day full

of lavender themed classes, farm tours and a vendor show. Entry into the event is free with a free kids' activity tent and family yard games. Parking is \$10 a car but entry to the event is free.

For more information, visit downbytheriverlavender.com.

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 wasteoop.org.

Astronomy Along the River

The Wenatchee River Institute will host Astronomy Along the River on Thursday, October 3, from 8 to 10 p.m.

"Join Park Ranger Paul Tomas and local Wenatchee Valley Astronomy Club members on a family friendly journey through space," the event page states. "Using a variety of telescopes, we'll gaze up into the Milky Way and learn about some of the best night sky objects to view."

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.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

Royal Rosarians to honor Autumn Leaf Festival President, Royal Lady in Leavenworth ceremony

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LEAVENWORTH — The Royal Rosarians, Portland's official greeters and goodwill ambassadors, will conduct a Rose Planting Ceremony in Leavenworth to honor two prominent figures.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. in front of City Hall, located at 700 US

Hwy 2. The ceremony will pay tribute to Autumn Leaf Festival President Jessie Swider and Royal Lady Linda Bradshaw.

The Royal Rosarians, an all-volunteer and non-profit civic organization, have served as the Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland, Oregon since 1912. Their activities include welcoming visiting dignitaries from around the

world, hosting out-of-town visitors, marching in regional parades, and performing ceremonial rose plantings.

This Rose Planting Ceremony in Leavenworth continues the Royal Rosarians' tradition of fostering goodwill beyond Portland's borders, highlighting their role in recognizing community leaders and strengthening inter-city relationships in the Pacific Northwest.

'The Springs' co-owner featured at upcoming LWE monthly gathering

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LEAVENWORTH - The Leavenworth Women's Exchange (LWE) has announced its upcoming monthly luncheon meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th, at 12:00 pm. The event will take place at the Icicle Inn Restaurant, located at 505 Highway 2 in

Leavenworth.

The luncheon is priced at \$28.50 per person, which includes a buffet lunch, beverage, tax, and gratuity. This month's featured speaker is Vincent LaBelle, who will discuss "The Springs," a new hydrotherapy spa situated behind Safeway. LaBelle co-owns the establishment with Marco Scheuer.

Reservations for the event

must be made by Thursday, October 3, through Claire Burlingame at 509-548-7142. The LWE specifies that only checks made out to LWE or exact cash payments will be accepted.

Due to the catered nature of the event, the organization has implemented a strict cancellation policy. Any cancellations made after October 3 will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

Chelan County Sheriff warns of auto glass scam

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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.

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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.
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.
Senior Center, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal

Thursday

Leavenworth Lions Club, Meetings are 1st Thurs. at 6:30pm and 3rd Thurs. at 9 am at Kristalls Restaurant. For more info contact president Tony Maffey at (509)470-6743.
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.)
Parkinson's Support Group Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873
 Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us.

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.
Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/
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
Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

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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., 11-6, Thurs., 10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.
Peshastin Public Library. Open on Tues. 2 - 6, Wed 2 - 6, Thurs. 10 - 6, Fri. 10 - 6, Sat. 10 - 2, 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.
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AA Meetings:
 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946
 Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth Alanon meetings: 509-548-7939
 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379
 Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin
 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.
Alanon Meetings, Call 509-548-7939
Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509-596-1510.

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Sept 13

7:28:58 Welfare Check, 18130 W Dardanells Rd, Lake Wenatchee
 7:32:48 Harass/Threat, 3564 Hansel Ln, Peshastin
 9:32:30 Civil, 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd
 9:37:14 Suicide Threat, 11119 Chumstick Hwy
 10:30:50 Welfare Check, Cedar St & Burke Ave
 13:48:38 Civil, 22002 Stirrup Rd, Plain
 13:53:43 Suspicious, Tumwater Mountain
 14:35:45 Accident Unk, Stuart Lake Colchuck Th
 14:47:49 Accident No Inj, 200blk W Commercial St
 15:28:04 Scam, 11130 Meadow Dr, Lake Wenatchee
 18:03:13 Harass/Threat Us Hwy 97 Mp 177; Blewett
 18:44:28 Trespass, 116 River Bend Dr, Safeway
 18:59:29 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 97 Mp 167, Peshastin
 19:45:54 Atl/Atc, Stuart Lake Colchuck Th
 20:51:37 Atl/Atc, Stuart Lake Colchuck Th
 21:38:57 Disturbance, 116 River Bend Dr, Unit B

7:59:27 Atl/Atc, 894 Us Hwy 2; Area
 9:10:08 Traffic Offense, Beaver Valley Rd Mp 13, Plain
 10:18:33 Traffic Offense, 585 Us Hwy 2; Icicle Quick
 14:20:11 Welfare Check, 116 River Bend Dr, Safeway
 18:46:33 Welfare Check, Us Hwy 2 & Alpanse Strass
 19:25:48 Welfare Check, 100 Ward Strasse # A221
 19:38:17 Atl/Atc, Snow Lakes Trailhead
 19:57:41 Atl/Atc, 100 Ward Strasse # A324

Sept 15

0:21:34 Animal Problem, 13688 Chumstick Hwy; Area
 5:46:18 Animal Problem, 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd
 9:13:04 Atl/Atc, Snow Lakes Trailhead
 11:41:03 Harass/Threat, River Rd & Beaver Valley
 12:27:42 Accident Injury, Us Hwy 97 & Ruby Rd, Peshastin
 13:02:05 Suspicious, 301 Ward Strasse; Hampton Inn
 13:24:41 Welfare Check, Icicle Rd & Cemetery Rd, L 6
 15:01:04 Animal Problem, 22305 Shetland Rd, Plain
 15:45:18 Domestic Distur, 321 9th St; Loge
 17:01:30 Atl/Atc, Castle Rock, Leavenworth, 3fs
 20:55:47 Extra Patrol, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin

Sept 14

0:09:56 Trespass, 301 Ward Strasse; Hampton Inn

Hwy 2, Peshastin

Sept 16

3:50:34 Weapons Violation, 12747 Ranger Rd
 6:53:29 Domestic Disturbance, 10797 US Hwy 2, Peshastin
 9:58:21 Weapons Violation, 10747 Chumstick Hwy
 11:44:41 Accident No Inj, Snow Lakes Th
 15:28:11 Assist Public, 8300 Lynn St, Peshastin
 18:21:00 Theft, 3955 Camas Creek Rd, Peshastin
 20:02:36 Extra Patrol, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
 21:22:05 911, 10851 Chumstick Hwy,
 21:17:37 911, 190 Us Hwy 2; Der Ritterho
 8:48:38 Welfare Check, Icicle Rd & Bayne Rd
 9:43:20 Hazard, Beaver Valley Rd Mp 18
 10:41:58 Assist Public, 11689 Sunitsch Canyon Rd
 12:35:02 Alarm, 10190 Chumstick Hwy
 14:18:09 Accident No Inj, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway
 16:55:35 Extra Patrol, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin
 19:13:37 Trespass, 10402 Chumstick Hwy
 20:16:51 Atl/Atc, Snow Lakes Th, Leavenworth

Sept 19

4:42:19 Animal Problem, 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd
 8:07:56 Trespass, 11645 North Rd; Amtrak Ici
 8:49:26 Suspicious, 185 Us Hwy 2; Fairbridge Inn
 10:12:59 Suspicious, 9099 Anderson Canyon Rd, Peshastin
 11:06:06 Domestic Disturbance, 8300 Lynn St, Peshastin
 11:46:13 Harass/Threat, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway
 12:10:04 Suspicious, 9761 Mountain Home Rd
 12:11:32 Suspicious, Us Hwy 2 Mp 79, Lake Wenatchee
 13:05:18 Assist Agency, 161 Niles Creek Ln, Peshastin
 13:22:41 Vehicle Prowl, 9017 North Rd# 1/2, Peshastin
 15:06:05 Property, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway
 15:12:44 Accident No Inj, 10190 Chumstick Hwy
 15:21:17 Accident No Inj, 301 Ward Strasse
 15:30:17 Fraud/Forgery, 9986 Lee St, Peshastin
 16:05:13 Assist Public, Chumstick Hwy & North Rd
 16:17:19 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & 9th St; Wb
 18:32:51 Assist Public, Scholze St & W Commercial
 18:40:45 Extra Patrol, 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin

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Soccer - Girls			
Thu, Sep 26	6:00 PM	Quincy	Home
Sat, Sep 28	11:00 AM	Tonasket	Home
Tue, Oct 1	4:30 PM	Pateros	Away
Volleyball - Girls			
Thu, Sep 26	6:30 PM	Brewster	Home
Sat, Sep 28	8:00 AM	Quincy Invitational	Away
Tue, Oct 1	6:30 PM	Chelan	Away

SCOREBOARD

Football		
Fri, Sept. 20	Cascade 36, Naches Valley 14	Win
Soccer - Girls		
Thu, Sept. 19	Cascade 15, Oroville 0	Win
Volleyball		
Thu, Sept. 19	Cascade 0, Omak 3	Loss

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Cascade crushes Oroville 14-0 in commanding performance



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Jasmine Castro runs past two Oroville players during last Sept. 19's game against the Hornets. Cascade cruised to a 14-0 victory.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Savanna Rowles battles with an Oroville player during the Cascade Kodiaks' victory over the Hornets. Cascade took an 8-0 halftime lead and turned it into a 14-0 win.



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Breigh Ragsdale takes the ball away from an Oroville player during the Kodiaks' win over the Hornets, 14-0. Ragsdale was a constant headache for the back line of Oroville and for its embattled goalkeeper.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Kodiaks kick double digit goals against Bridgeport

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

past the sophomore goalie's defense.

BRIDGEPORT – It was a combination field day and scoring fest for the Cascade varsity girls soccer team on the road against the Bridgeport on Sept. 17. The Kodiaks were coming off a close 3-2 loss to Toppenish three days earlier take on the Fillies who defeated the Lady Raiders at Lake Roosevelt, 5-2, on Sept. 12.

Head coach Jamie Lamb tallied up her team's assists and goals:

Teyva Dillon (Sr.)	4 goals, 2 assists
Wren Knight (So.)	3 goals
Breigh Ragsdale (Jr.)	2 goals
Maizy Groff (Jr.)	1 goal, 2 assists
Amaya Blue (So.)	1 goal
Adi Castaneda (Jr.)	1 goal, 1 assist
Cardigan Adams (Fr.)	1 goal
Mia Dreis (Sr.)	1 assist

Until the Bridgeport game, Cascade's largest win margin was an 11-0 shutout at Liberty Bell. By the time the clock ran down against the Fillies, Cascade had a new benchmark to meet, a 13-1 margin that included a pair of players who scored hat tricks.

Cascade is 3-2 overall and the 1-0 leaders in the 1A Caribou Trail League with wins over district rival Omak, 6-3, Liberty Bell, 11-1, and Bridgeport. They were scheduled to host Oroville on Sept. 19, and travel to Quincy, Sept. 26, before hosting Tonasket on Sept. 28.

The offensive pressure of the Kodiak forwards kept Bridgeport goalkeeper Elissa Rachwitz busy blocking or deflecting many shot attempts, but a baker's dozen slipped

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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Sophomore forward Wren Knight, 13, plays keep-away from Bridgeport's Elisa Garcia.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Kodiaks sophomore Zoie Burpee, 12, sends a shot wide of the Bridgeport goal.

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Omak sweeps Cascade in three sets despite Kodiaks' spirited effort



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
The Cascade High School cheerleaders pump up the crowd at the match between the hosting Kodiaks and the visiting Omak Pioneers. Omak won in three sets.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Kayle Lewis celebrates with Harper Robbins, having scored a point during the Cascade Kodiaks league matchup at home against Omak. Omak prevailed in three sets against Cascade.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
McKenzie Sheppard goes up for the kill against Omak last Sept. 19. Cascade had trouble not falling behind early against the Pioneers but the Kodiaks still fought hard before yielding in three sets.

Kodiak harriers keep up the tempo on Whidbey Island



CAROLINE MENNA/WARD MEDIA
Ben Jerome leading the pack at the start of the varsity race at the SW Carl Westling 45th XC Invitational in Langley, WA. The Kodiak boys team grabbed fifth place.

By **CAROLINE MENNA**
Ward Media Intern

and Kolston Breaux (25th) led the boys to fifth.

LANGLEY, WA – Cascade High seniors and freshmen have been leading the charge for the school's surging cross-country team this year, and that trend continued Saturday on Whidbey Island at the 32-team SW Carl Westling 45th XC Invitational.

The South Whidbey meet, a 5k race over grass, gravel, and hilly forested trails brings together many of Washington's leading Division 1A teams to serve as State Championship preview of sorts, and both the girls and boys squads came out looking like contenders.

Seniors Caroline Menna (3rd overall), Grace McDevitt (4th), and Alice Farell (7th) paced the girls' team to a second-place finish at the race, while senior Ben Jerome (12th) and freshmen Lane Bedard (23rd)

The lady Kodiaks were rounded out at the varsity level by seniors Napiqua Gibbs and Harber Baker, junior Gwen Pehowski, and freshman Piper Copson; their male counterparts by senior Cruz Martinez, junior Miles Porter,



CAROLINE MENNA/WARD MEDIA
The lady Kodiaks varsity team takes to the podium on Whidbey Island with their second-place trophy.

and freshmen Ryder Fiano and Cooper Krejci.

more information on the team and its results, visit <https://cascadecrosscountry.weebly.com>.

The Kodiak runners next lace up their spikes on Saturday, September 28, on Ski Hill at the challenging Leavenworth Invite. All are welcome at the free, fan-friendly race, at which the varsity and JV girls have a noon start; varsity boys at 12:45; and JV boys at 1:15. For

Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior (Class of 2025) at Cascade High School. She serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Cascade High School Publications Group.

Kodiaks overpower Naches Valley 36-14



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Julian Feeney takes down a Naches Valley player during Friday Night's contest between Kodiaks and Rangers. The Kodiaks took advantage of a porous Ranger defensive line to earn the W, by a score of 36-14.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
In the heat of battle, the Kodiaks, including Frank Rosario (58) and Ethan Flansburg (77) stood up to the challenge, and bested the Naches Valley Rangers 36-14. The Kodiaks are now 1-1, awaiting their Homecoming game Sept. 27 against Manson.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
Julian Feeney runs past the coverage of a Naches Valley Ranger while Jackson Feeney (32) watches. Cascade overcame a tough Naches squad to win Friday night, 36-14.

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Chelan County Fair seeks applicants for next rodeo queen



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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.

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 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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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.



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

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In the Matter of the Estate of: JAMES ELTON FLETCHER, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-00313-04
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 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
Address for Mailing of Service: 435 Orondo Avenue P.O. Box 1667 Wenatchee, WA 98807-1667
DATED this 15 day of August, 2024.
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Personal Representative
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON KING COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of H. EINAR THOR A/K/A HENRY EINAR THOR, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-06215-4 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified 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 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 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 notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
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Dated: 8-28-2024
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A. 21 14 16 12
Clue: Sound a cat makes
B. 6 22 19 19
Clue: Cat's vibration
C. 12 26 23 2 11 14 19 2
Clue: Sensory hairs
D. 6 16 22 7 5 14
Clue: Jump on suddenly
Answers: A. meow B. purr C. whiskers D. pounce

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<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on September 25, 2024 and October 16, 2024. #7987</p>		

NCW NEWS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

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 Latinas 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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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.

Rocky Reach Discovery Center honored for Dahlia Garden excellence

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 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.



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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.

Legislative candidates to discuss STEM Education at Wenatchee forum

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE - Legislative candidates from three Washington state districts are set to participate in a forum focused on the future of STEM education and career-connected learning for youth. The event, organized by the Apple STEM Network in collaboration with North Central Educational Service District (NCESD) and NCW Tech Alliance, will take place on Monday, October 7, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the NCESD office in Wenatchee. The forum will feature candidates from Districts 7, 12, and 13, providing an opportunity for the public to hear their perspectives on these critical

educational issues. Senator Shelly Short is scheduled to offer insights on STEM education and career-connected learning before the candidate panels begin at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Faimous Harrison, President of Wenatchee Valley College, will moderate the District 7 panel, which includes candidates Andrew Engell, Hunter Abell, Rocky Dean, and Soo Ing-Moody. The District 13 panel, moderated by Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy, President of Big Bend Community College, will feature Representative Alex Ybarra and Representative Tom Dent. Dr. Tracey Edou, Superintendent of Cascade School District, will lead the District 12 panel with candidates Brian Burnett,

Daniel Scott, Heather Koellen, Representative Keith Goehner, and Representative Mike Steele. The event is free and open to employers, educators, parents, and community members. Attendees can participate in person, with registration required, or virtually via a Zoom webinar link. The organizers aim to accommodate a wide audience, recognizing the significance of these educational topics for the community. Before the candidate panels, attendees will be introduced to the Apple STEM Network and current policies related to STEM education and career-connected learning. This background information is

intended to provide context for the discussions that follow.

Event Schedule:

- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.: Welcome and Introduction to Apple STEM Network and Policy Overview
- 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.: Insights from Senator Short on STEM Education and Career Connected Learning
- 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.: District 7 Candidates Panel, moderated by Dr. Famous Harrison, President of Wenatchee Valley College
- 5:45 - 6:10 p.m.: District 13 Candidates Panel, moderated by Dr. Sara Thompson Tweedy, President of Big Bend

Community College

- 6:10 - 7:00 p.m.: District 12 Candidates Panel, moderated by Dr. Tracey Edou, Superintendent of Cascade School District
- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.: Networking Session

The Apple STEM Network, part of a statewide effort supported by Washington STEM, represents a diverse region with significant potential for STEM industry growth in agriculture, energy, and innovation. The organization works in partnership with the North Central Educational Service District and NCW Tech Alliance to promote STEM education and opportunities in North Central Washington. For those interested in

attending or learning more about the candidates, detailed information and registration links are available on the NCESD website at <https://www.ncesd.org/event/legislative-forum-2024>. The virtual attendance option via Zoom will be accessible on the NCESD website on October 6, the day before the event. This forum comes at a time when STEM education and career-connected learning are increasingly recognized as crucial components of preparing students for the evolving job market. The event offers a platform for candidates to share their visions and for the community to engage in discussions about the future of education in their districts.

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.



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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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 and 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.



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.

Questions to ask your renovation contractor

Individuals looking to renovate their homes typically reach out to several professionals for estimates before choosing a contractor. Once that decision has been made, it's customary to sign a contract to ensure all parties are protected during and after the work.

A renovation contract outlines the details of a remodeling job. The construction company or the general contractor will create this legal document, which will list the steps of

the job and how issues will be resolved should problems arise. Before signing a contract, however, homeowners should engage in a conversation with the contractor and ask key questions.

How long have you been in business? Verify the information that the contractor and/or company provides by doing a search with the Better Business Bureau and perusing online reviews to confirm the company is dependable.

Are you independently

owned? Some companies are independently owned businesses while others are franchises. Franchised businesses may have to follow a strict set of rules, while independent contractors may have more leeway in terms of policies.

What is your licence number? Obtain the licensure information as well as the contractor's insurance details. A contractor's general liability insurance protects your home and property in the event of an

accident.

Are you familiar with local building codes? Check to see if the contractor has worked in the area before, and if he or she is familiar with the permit process. Make sure a contract documents who will be securing the permits.

How will the project be supervised? Some contractors sub-contract out the work and may only stop by to check on progress. Understand how often those drop-ins will take place, and how to get in touch

with the person in charge should a problem arise.

Is there a warranty? Certain contractors will stand behind their work for a period of time, even coming to make repairs if there are any issues. Check to see if a warranty policy is in place.

What is the policy for home protection and clean-up? You'll want to ensure the rest of your home doesn't become damaged or soiled due to the construction. Have the contractor spell out plans for mitigating mess during demolition, and whether the construction company will be responsible for removing the

debris.

What is the final price? One of the more important questions to ask is if the price stated on the contract will be the final price, or should incidentals be expected if issues are unearthed during construction? Some contractors may need to tack on charges for extra materials, and that can stretch homeowners' budgets.

It's important to touch base with the contractor and ask key questions about the project, which will be reflected on the contract both parties eventually sign.

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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.



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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.

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a firefighter spraying it down was hit by a falling piece of metal. When they went to check on him, they discovered it was Juan Castro Cervantes, a former student of theirs.

"We had both told him, like, 'We're so proud of you for doing [the fire cadet] program. If our house was on fire, you would be the one we would want there,' and then he literally was the person spraying the

hose onto our house. It was kind of surreal. It really was comforting to have someone we knew there, and someone we trusted, and I was proud of him, of course, as my student. There was a lot of emotions all at once," said Rosenfield.

The couple lost their home and tractor, which was a vital tool for both building and snow removal, but their building project remained mostly unscathed, due to the efforts of their friends.

"There is a building site right between the house that burned

and the house that we were building. I think a lot of those building materials between the two houses had ignited, and our friends and neighbors who got there immediately, like, went through the burning materials with their bodies and pushed them away from the house to try and save the build, which is just, I mean, unconscionable," said Rosenfield.

After the fire was contained at just over 10 acres, Rosenfield and Lubetski were flooded with an overwhelming amount of support. Friends offered

places to stay and care items, Tumwater Drilling provided after-hours support to get their well working, and the NCW Quilt Guild even made them two quilts, one for Rosenfield's mom, and one for Rosenfield and Lubetski. When Rosenfield returned to work the next day, she was embraced by students and coworkers offering support.

"At Cascade High School, and in the district at large, we like to say that if a student is going through a hard time or needs something that we like to wrap around them. And so, I knew that that was an ability that our community has, and I think makes us really unique... but to then be the person that was being wrapped around and being supported was powerful and meaningful in

a totally different way than supporting others... We've done a lot of humble crying," said Rosenfield.

"We'll replace our stuff in time, and we'll get to look back on all of the ways people helped us and supported us... It's kind of amazing to walk away from such a devastating situation with your heart being so full," said Lubetski.

Those looking to support Rosenfield and Lubetski can donate to: gofund.me/2153a666.

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COURTESY OF ALEX ROSENFIELD
Alex Rosenfield and Anthony Lubetski hold up a quilt gifted to them by NCW Quilt Guild after the fire.



Grizzly bear

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history of human conflict, and would likely come from Northern Continental Divide, Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, or interior British Columbia.

The bears would be released in areas that are largely roadless, adequately distanced from visitor use, and have a suitable helicopter landing site within the Stephen Mather, Pasayten, and Glacier Peak Wilderness Areas.

During the meeting, bear-conflict expert Trina Jo Bradley spoke of her many grizzly encounters living on a ranch in the Northern Continental Divide ecosystem. She recommended utilizing electric fencing, range riding, carcass management, and livestock guardian dogs for those with ranches and farms. However, Bradley predicted sanitation and attraction containment, such as securing home garbage bins and camping food, would be the most applicable tool to the Leavenworth area.

She also recommended having awareness in yards and on trails, keeping a gun or bear spray on hand, having dogs on leashes, and making sure kids stay in sight and know the rules.

"Living with grizzly bears is a challenge, but it can be done with the right tools in place. Keep in mind that not all grizzly bears are bad. Some of them live their entire lives without getting into any trouble. Some of them live their entire lives without even being seen by a human. But the most important part is to have the right management practices in place for when those conflicts do occur....The 10(j) rule will help immensely with that," said Bradley.

The 10(j) rule allows FWS or another agency to relocate a grizzly to prevent conflict or habituation, and allows FWS to authorize an individual to kill a grizzly if livestock depredation has been confirmed or if the bear is determined to be a demonstrable ongoing threat. Any individual may also injure or kill a grizzly bear in the act of attacking livestock or working dogs on private land under certain conditions.

"Grizzly bears do move, so you know that we may put them north, just south of the Canadian border, it is possible they, over the years, migrate down, or even within a summer. So that's part of why the agency [put] together this 10(j) rule. They wanted it to be absolutely a kitchen sink, the maximum amount of flexibility

in terms of managing these bears," said LaValle to Ward Media.

The Leavenworth and Plain area are outside of the southern boundary of the Glacier Peak Wilderness recovery zone area. According to LaValle, it will be hard to predict where the bears will travel after relocating, but the chances of someone seeing one in the next few years to decades is predictably low. However, residents expressed concerns that bears would easily find their way through drainages such as the White River and Chiwawa River.

"They're going to come right down the drainage of the White River in the Little Wenatchee and find trash and dead fish. It is a terrible idea to introduce these things," said Shugart Flats resident Chris Gendreau. "I do not want a grizzly bear walking in my backyard. I've seen them...I don't want them near me."

Commissioners Tiffany Gering and Kevin Overbay hosted similar meetings in Chelan and Wenatchee prior to Leavenworth. More information about the recovery plan can be found at www.nps.gov/noca/grizzly.htm.

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and classical offerings we will present in the future."

The announcement, of ICCA's pivot from the summer Festival to year-round accessible, classical music and educational outreach, praised the Festival's "esteemed artistic director," Oksana Ejo-kina, and stated that it "hope[d] to welcome her . . . back to our campus regularly throughout the upcoming years . . . and will always be grateful for the passion and effort she brought to Icicle Creek."

In addition to announcing the hosting of regular classical and chamber music performances, the announcement also stated that ICCA "[o]ver the next two years . . . will launch a training program for musicians of all ages, including camps and classes in the summer and lessons and performance opportunities throughout the school year."

It went on to declare that "this region is bursting with passionate musicians, and

we are thrilled to continue Harriet's (ICCA founder Harriet Bullitt) vision, fully activating the Icicle Creek campus year-round to cultivate a love for great music. Far from an ending, this decision . . . marks the beginning of a new chapter for chamber music and education at Icicle Creek."

ICCA was founded in 1995 as the Icicle Creek Music Center and, according to a history outlined on its website, "hosted its first Chamber Music Festival [that same year] in the Chapel Theater, a renovated church on the property of the Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort, a mountain retreat and conference facility that Bullitt had been developing since 1991."

In 2001, the development of an adjacent, dedicated campus for ICCA began with the construction of Canyon Wren Recital Hall and an archipelago of practice huts for soloists and ensembles throughout the wooded grounds. "In 2013, Bullitt undertook a new project, opening the \$7 million Snowy Owl Theater, built in

the shape of a barn but with amenities and technology suited to hosting world-class performances. With the theater came an expansion of the Center's programs to include new styles of music, theater and, eventually, a film program. It also came with a new name as the organization was re-christened the Icicle Creek Center for the Arts to reflect its broader range of education and performance offerings."

For information on upcoming programs at ICCA, including a holiday season, candlelit "chamber reduction" of Handel's Messiah "featuring nationally renowned soloists and an exciting new arrangement for chamber orchestra," and the Rastrelli Cello Quartet, a St. Petersburg-based ensemble, visit: <https://icicle.org/icicle-events>.

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Visioning session

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pollution.

Lastly, attendees were tasked to answer, "What does a sustainable tourism model mean to you? What would an unsustainable model look like? How do we create a model that sustains a healthy community?" Residents said they wanted

to see slower growth with more balance between economic drivers while supporting the community. Common suggestions were limits on vacation rentals and vacant properties, enforcement on trail and river quotas and stewardship, expanded public transportation services, a parking garage, bike paths, increased promotion of

composting and recycling usage, and limits on light and noise pollution.

During the discussion, Troy Campbell, Executive Director of the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, brought up the Chamber's sustainable management plan as an example, which includes funding it forward, or ensuring a fundraising mechanism during

events for nonprofits, visitor flow management, destination development, climate resiliency, and communications and monitoring.

"For instance, in the Seattle area, we don't really deliver, 'Come visit Leavenworth' anymore, we deliver 'Give a Schnitzel!' messaging, which [means] if you come here, be a better steward of our trails and

our river," said Campbell.

The Sept. 16 session was part of a four-part Community Visioning series intended to help shape the direction of Leavenworth over the next five to 20 years. Three of the sessions examine housing a community, sustainable tourism, and accountable stewardship. Community members can also complete a

survey: surveyMonkey.com/r/LeavenworthVisioning

The final session will consolidate the collective input of the three sessions to define the city's path forward on Oct. 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fire Station 31, 228 Chumstick Highway.

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