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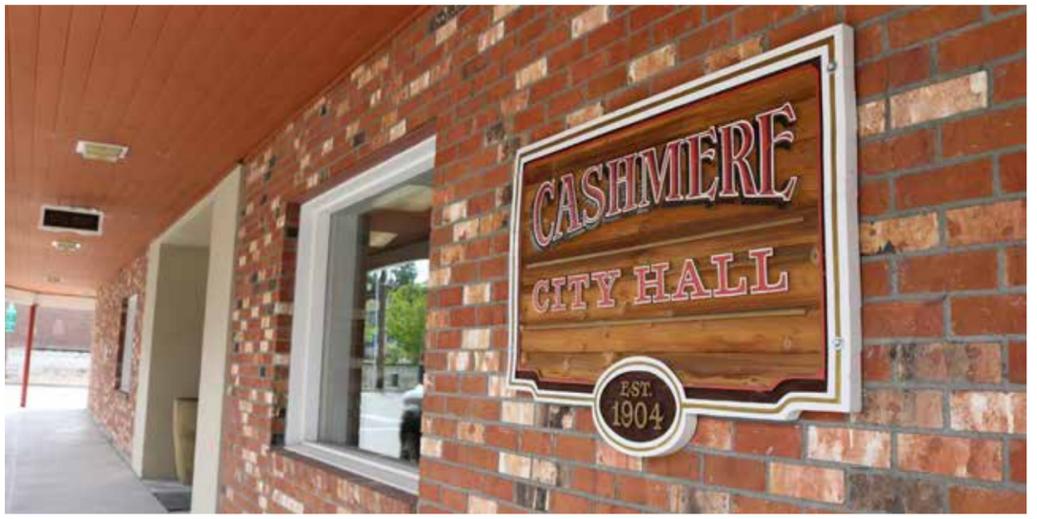
Planning Commission seeks public input for Comprehensive Plan revision

By Kirk Beckendorf
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE - The City of Cashmere is seeking public input on its Comprehensive Work Plan, with comments due by early January, officials announced at a Planning Commission meeting on December 2. The meeting focused heavily on initiating a major two-year revision of the city's Comprehensive Plan. Christina Wollman, Planning Consultant with Pertee, Inc., identified the lack of a clear vision in the current plan as a key deficiency. "A lack of a vision is missing from the current Plan," Wollman said during the meeting. She outlined strategies to gather community input, including focus groups, listening sessions, surveys, workshops and open houses, with public engagement

efforts set to begin in January.

Director of Operations Steve Croci emphasized the need for broader community participation, calling for new members to join both the Planning Commission and a newly formed Climate Planning committee. The Commission also scheduled a Public Hearing for January 6 to discuss proposed updates to municipal codes affecting flood plain areas. Wollman explained that many updates aim to clarify existing code and align with state and federal requirements, particularly regarding recreational vehicles in flood plains. Under the proposed revisions, RVs would be limited to 180-day parking periods in flood plain areas, a restriction that Wollman said matches federal regulations and supports quick evacuation during potential flooding events.



Chelan PUD names three new senior leaders to management team

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County Public Utility District has announced three new senior management appointments, naming leaders for operations, energy resources, and financial oversight. Dan Koch has been appointed as the utility's first-ever Chief Operating Officer, joining the organization earlier this month. Koch, who previously served as Vice President of Energy Delivery at Puget Sound Energy, brings more than 30 years of experience in engineering, project management, and utility operations. His prior roles at PSE included Director of Electric Operations and Director of Engineering & Project Delivery. Koch holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington. "As COO, I look forward to enhancing that vision by bringing utility operations and direct operations support under the same roof," Koch said. "Our ultimate goal will be to continue finding innovative solutions in delivering the services to our customer-owners."

role in implementing the utility's strategy for surplus wholesale energy sales. As Director of Energy Operations, Planning and Trading, she led day-ahead trades and real-time trading while fostering collaboration between Energy Resources, Generation, Transmission, Operations, and Asset Management departments. Jaspers has been actively involved with the Wenatchee Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers and holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Montana State University. She has also completed the Executive Utility Management Certificate Program from Willamette University. Sridhar "Sri" Krishnan assumed the role of Chief Financial and Risk Officer in August, succeeding the retired Kelly Boyd. Krishnan joins Chelan PUD after serving as Deputy Director of Finance and Administration at the City of



Kirkland. His 25 years of experience spans both public and private sectors, including work in state, county, and city governments. A 30-year Pacific Northwest resident, Krishnan currently serves as president of the Washington Public Treasurers Association and is the past president of the Puget Sound Finance Officers Association. He holds an MBA in Finance and International Management from Willamette University and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design from Western Michigan University. General Manager Kirk Hudson expressed confidence in the new leadership team. "I'm confident that we have the right leaders in place to face the exponentially increasing volume and velocity of change in the utility industry today," Hudson said. "The common thread we all share is a dedication to public service."

Where to find a Christmas tree this year

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY - With the holiday season underway, families in the Wenatchee Valley have several options for sourcing their Christmas trees, ranging from locally operated tree sales supporting community causes to permits for cutting trees in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. For a convenient option with a good cause, Wenatchee's Best Christmas Trees offers a selection of noble, Fraser, Douglas, Nordmann, and grand firs, in addition to spruce. Prices range from \$40 to \$200, depending on size and type of tree. The trees are sourced from Lynden and Elma and are cut the day before pick up each week. A portion of the proceeds supports local students in need. Brad Wagner, who operates the tree sales, says the funds are typically donated as gift cards for essential items, redeemable at places like Albertsons, American Shoe Shop, and Stan's Merry Mart. They are distributed to family liaison officers in East Wenatchee and Wenatchee schools, who then provide them to families requiring assistance. Each year, Wenatchee's Best Christmas Trees raises between four to six thousand dollars. In East Wenatchee, Annie's Fun Farm sells noble, grand, and Nordmann fir trees, along with wreaths, garland, and tree supplies. Prices range from \$65 to \$175, depending on type and size. The farm is located on the corner of Grant Road and South Mary Avenue and is open at 11 a.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tree sales end at 6 p.m., according to the farm's Facebook page. Tree buyers can stay for the Nelson Family Lights show, which takes place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Annie's Fun Farm each night. In Cashmere, Shelton's Tree Farm has seven acres of various spruce and fir trees for selection. Guests may choose to walk the farm to select their tree or call up to 24 hours in advance to pick up a ready-to-go tree, according to their website. Trees are \$120 for any kind, any size. On-site cutters can assist with cutting and transporting the tree to a vehicle, or guests may opt to cut the tree themselves with available handsaws. The farm provides twine for securing the tree for transport. The tree farm is open on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 15. Those looking to cut their own tree will need to acquire a \$5 Christmas tree permit to remove a tree from the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Permits can be purchased online at recreation.gov, from Ranger District

offices, and various businesses. Free permits are available to all Fourth Graders with an Every Kid Outdoors Pass or voucher. Each permit is for one tree, and two permits may be issued per family. The Forest Service recommends high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles for winter forest road travel, traction devices, a shovel, warm clothing, blankets, flashlight, first aid kit, saw, tarp, and rope for securing the tree. The Forest Service has issued guidelines for where and how to cut trees within the National Forest. Trees cannot be removed within Wilderness Areas, fire closure areas, in active timber sale areas, or privately owned and state managed land within the National Forest boundary. Additionally, trees may not be removed from tree plantations, campgrounds, administrative sites, areas specifically posted, or within 150 feet of any stream, lake, pond, or wetland area. Trees with a maximum height of 15 feet may be cut or dug up and removed. Cut trees should be cut with no more than a 6-inch stump remaining. Holes must be filled after digging up and removing a tree. After cutting or removing the tree, peel and attach the Christmas tree permit sticker by wrapping it around the tree trunk between limbs, where it is visible in transit. For permits, maps, and guidelines, visit recreation.gov/tree-permits/okawen.

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Night skiing returns early to Mission Ridge

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WENATCHEE — Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort will launch its night skiing season earlier than usual, offering evening operations on December 20 and 21. The expanded hours will run from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on both nights, marking an early start to the 2024-25 winter season's night skiing program at the resort. The resort features a 2,250-foot vertical drop for night skiing, making it the second-longest vertical night skiing operation in North America. During evening sessions, the resort will operate six lifts: Chair 1, Chair 2 running until 8:30 p.m., Chair 4, the Ottobahn Carpet, Pika Peak Rope Tow, and 100LAPS Rope Tow. Regular night skiing operations will commence December 26, continuing Wednesday through Saturday nights until the end of February. The resort has also scheduled special night

skiing sessions for December 30-31, January 19, and February 16. Mission Ridge's night skiing program accommodates various pass types, including Premier Passes, Core Value Passes, and

Twilight Passes. Midweek Pass holders can access the slopes on December 20. Individual night skiing tickets, equipment rentals, and lessons are available for purchase at missionridge.com.



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Friends of the Cashmere Library meeting

The Friends of the Cashmere Library will meet on Friday, December 13 from 2-3 p.m. "Are you interested in joining the Cashmere Friends of the Library? Join one of our monthly meetings for more information on operations, duties, and responsibilities of Friends of the Library members, as well as weigh in on upcoming events and programming for the library," the event page states. "We welcome new members to our Friends of the Cashmere Library Group."

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

Needle Felted Ornaments

The Peshastin Library will host a Needle Felted Ornaments class on Saturday, December 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Discover the cozy art of needle felting! Learn how to

transform wool roving into a holiday ornament. Use a cookie cutter template, or design your own.

All materials provided. All experience levels welcome!

Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

The Numerica Performing Arts Center will host Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker on Thursday, December 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.

"This community production features the Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra, performers throughout the Valley, and the Fabulous Feet Academy of Ballet," the event page states. "Set to Tchaikovsky's magical score, the ballet comes to life with stunning set designs and period costumes."

"The Nutcracker will transport audiences of all ages into a winter wonderland that has become a holiday tradition

not to be missed," the event page states. "Often sold out, we recommend purchasing tickets well in advance."

For more information, visit numericapac.org.

Holiday Tea at the Wells House

The Wells House will host a holiday tea on Saturday, December 14 from 1-3 p.m.

"You are cordially invited to the 9th annual Holiday Tea at the historic Wells House," the event page states. "Guests will enjoy aromatic teas from local tea shop, Inner Grove Tea, taste sweet and savory bites from Cafe Columbia, and listen to live musical performances by Wenatchee High School vocal quartets the Hytones and FourTune Hunters."

For more information and tickets, visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

Christmas in the Mountains

The Leavenworth Village Voices Choir will perform their "Christmas in the Mountains" concert on Sunday, December 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Icicle Creek Center for the Arts, Snowy Owl Theater.

"We are proud to offer three unique concert performances this season, celebrating "Christmas in the Mountains and Around the World." There is truly something for everyone," the event page states. "We hope you will spend the holidays with us."

For more information, visit leavenworthvillagevoices.org.

State Patrol to enforce no-parking zones along Stevens Pass

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STEVENS PASS — Washington State Patrol officials announced that parking restrictions along Stevens Pass will be strictly enforced during the winter season, with vehicles subject to towing in designated no-parking zones.

The restrictions apply to both sides of State Route 2 between mileposts 58.50 and 66.44, covering a crucial stretch of the mountain pass. The no-parking regulation is in effect from November 1 to April 1,

coinciding with the peak winter recreation season.

"When the parking lots at Stevens Pass Ski Area fill up, drivers have resorted to parking along the highway," said Trooper Jeremy Weber of the Washington State Patrol. Weber noted that this includes recreational users "improperly parking in "Tow Away Zones."

State officials emphasized that roadside parking poses multiple safety hazards, interfering with essential winter operations including snow removal and avalanche control. The practice also

creates dangerous conditions for highway maintenance personnel, skiers, and other highway users.

To address the issue, authorities have installed "Tow Away Zones" signs

along the affected corridor to promote compliance among motorists. Law enforcement officials will be conducting active enforcement in these designated areas.

Visitors planning to access

Stevens Pass Resort are advised to verify parking availability and current restrictions through the resort's official website at <https://ncw.social/7x87vwxw> before traveling to the area.

Camp Fire NCW offers early bird discount for summer 2025

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WENATCHEE — Camp Fire USA's North Central Washington Council announced early registration discounts for its 2025 summer camp program at Camp Zanika Lache.

Parents who register their children by January 31 and pay in full will save \$50 off regular summer camp fees.

The camp, located on Lake Wenatchee, offers summer programs for youth entering first through twelfth grades.

Regular camp fees will increase after the January deadline. Interested families can get more information by calling Camp Fire NCW at (509) 663-1609 or 1-800-548-8884. Program details and registration are also available on the organization's website at www.campfirencw.org.

Cascadia Conservation District sets hybrid board meeting for December 20

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WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District announced its upcoming Regular Board meeting will be held in a hybrid format, offering both in-person and remote attendance options on December 20.

The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the district's Wenatchee office, located at 1350 McKittrick St., Suite B. Due to space constraints, officials are requiring advance registration for in-person

attendance.

Interested parties can participate remotely via telephone or Zoom videoconferencing. The district will post detailed connection instructions on its website, cascadiacd.org.

For additional information or to register for in-person attendance, contact the District office at 509-436-1601.

The Cascadia Conservation District serves Chelan County and surrounding areas, focusing on natural resource conservation and management initiatives.

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Costs remain high for WA affordable housing projects

By LAUREL DEMKOVICH
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Many affordable housing projects in Washington are funded in part by the state's Housing Trust Fund.

A new report from the Department of Commerce looked at the cost of building more than 1,200 new affordable units with money from the fund last year. It shows project costs dipped but remained up overall statewide.

Many affordable housing developers layer multiple types of funding to get projects built, including the Housing Trust Fund and the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. About 81% of projects included in the report had both these types of funding.

The new report included projects that submitted final development cost data to Commerce between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Other multifamily housing projects not covered in the report received Housing Trust Fund dollars during this time but had not submitted cost certification documents.

Here are three takeaways from the report.

Costs are down, but still high compared to earlier years.

The median cost per unit for multifamily housing that received Housing Trust Fund support in 2023 was \$301,744.

That's down from 2022 when the median was \$316,097.

From 2019 to 2021, the cost per unit was well below \$300,000 but rising. In 2019, it was \$207,496, and in 2021, it was \$262,331.

These costs include everything a developer paid for land, infrastructure and any financial reserves.

The most expensive units are in King County where the median cost per unit was \$356,813, and the least expensive units are in rural areas where the median cost is \$221,784.

Meanwhile, the median cost per square foot was \$494 last year - that's up \$102 from the previous year. Projects in King County also had the most expensive costs per square foot, with a median of \$551. That's compared to \$452 in other urban areas and \$299 in rural areas.

Fewer projects submitted cost data in 2023 than previous years.

According to the data, the Housing Trust Fund helped build 21 multifamily projects across the state in 2023.

That's a drop from 32 the year before and way down from 2019 when there were 51.

King County had the most projects with five. It also had some of the largest projects with most having close to 100 units.

There were more projects

in urban areas than rural areas with nine built in urban counties like Snohomish and Spokane compared to seven in rural counties like Yakima and Whitman.

Projects yielded less housing.

The number of housing units in multifamily projects was down compared to past years. In 2019, multifamily projects covered in the report had a median of 114 units. Last year, the median was 56. In 2022 it was 99.

Rural projects had the least units, with only 46 per project. That's compared to about 65 units in urban areas.

The size of the projects varied significantly. A project in King County in the Bitter Lake neighborhood had the most units with 100, but many projects had fewer than 30 units, including the smallest one, in Kennewick, with 16 units.

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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 Westcott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce, Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location, 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

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 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's Report



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

Nov 29

21:20:43 Dui, Us Hwy 2 & Hay Canyon Rd.
 22:26:11 Vehicle Prowl, 300 Woodring St, Cashmere

Nov 30

9:13:54 Theft, 5900blk Pine Flats Loop Rd
 10:09:43 Trespass, 3420 Fairview Canyon Rd, C
 13:21:37 Disturbance, 5300 Wohlers Rd, Cashmere,
 15:47:50 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Aplets Way, Cas

Dec 1

2:06:28 Domestic Distur, 36 Tibbets View Ln, Cashme
 22:09:55 Assist Public, 5351 Binder Rd, Cashmere,

Dec 2

2:06:28 Domestic Distur, 36 Tibbets View Ln, Cashme
 8:40:24 911, 307 Mission Ave; Liberty O
 9:36:36 Assist Public, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa
 9:58:25 Harass/Threat, 4286 Mission Creek Rd, Cas
 11:32:59 Assist Public, 5300 Wohlers Rd, Cashmere,
 15:34:44 Trespass, 300 Sunset Hwy; Crunch Pak Ca

Dec 3

10:46:01 Parking/Abandon, 305 Elberta Ave, Cashmere,
 13:04:23 Assist Agency, 8591 N Dryden Rd, Dryden,
 16:29:28 Assist Agency, 5351 Binder Rd, Cashmere,
 22:18:32 Drugs, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa

Dec 4

10:18:23 Accident No Inj, Pioneer Ave & Evergreen Dr
 13:43:42 At/Atc, 817 Pioneer Ave; Cashmere
 14:29:32 Suspicious, 115 Elberta Ave, Cashmere,
 15:15:58 Assist Public, 101 Mission View Pl, Cashm
 15:49:33 Noise, 207 S Division St
 20:49:37 Domestic Distur, 306 Elberta Ave, Cashmere, Ca
 22:26:19 Disturbance, 20 Elk View Ln, Dryden, Wa 5

Dec 5

0:36:42 Warrant, Riverfront Dr & Kelly Rd,
 13:13:10 Suspicious, 300blk Sunset Hwy, Cashmere Ca
 14:04:58 Accident No Inj, 329 Tigner Rd; Cashmere Hi Ca
 17:01:14 Accident No Inj, Goodwin Rd & Sunset Hwy, C
 7:27:21 Parking/Abandon, N Dryden Rd & Williams Can 5
 8:03:06 Traffic Offense, S Division St & School Ln, Ca

Scammers claiming to be from a state agency are targeting WA businesses

By LAUREL DEMKOVICH
 Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Businesses and nonprofit organizations should watch out for fraudulent letters that claim to be asking for money on behalf of the Washington Office of the Secretary of State. Since early November, the attorney general's office has received at least 40 complaints about the letters, which ask businesses for payment and fines "well beyond" what the state requires for business filings. There have also been several reports of telephone scams targeting Latino businesses and threatening jail time if payment isn't made.

The secretary of state's office and the attorney general's office are warning businesses to report any letters they think are fraudulent.

"Washington businesses are a foundational aspect of our state and critical to our economy's health," Secretary of State Hobbs said in a statement. "Business owners deserve to feel protected and equipped with information to deny malicious attempts on their franchise."

The letters look official. They

include the Washington state seal and ask that payments be sent to "State of Washington Business Entities." They are addressed to businesses directly and include their Unified Business Identifier number. Many of them focused on initial registration, business verification, annual filings and claims of delinquency, according to the secretary of state. But, the attorney general's office said, there are some clues the letter is a scam. One letter shared with the department listed a Sacramento address on its letterhead. A QR code on the letter also went

to a website ending in .org, as opposed to .gov.

"Scammers can be sophisticated, but don't be fooled," Attorney General Bob Ferguson said in a statement. "Be on the lookout for signs of a scam."

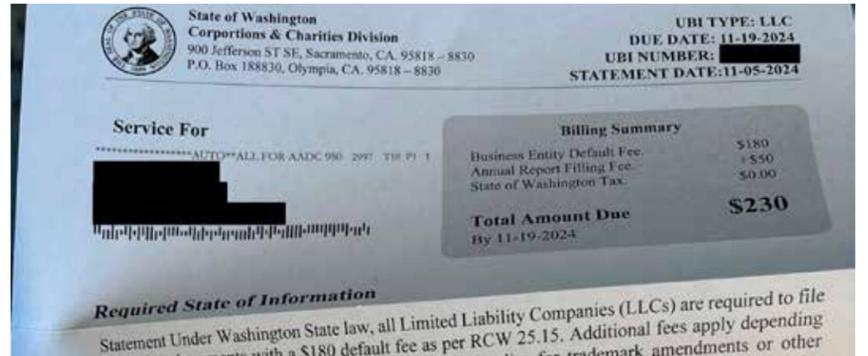
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The secretary of state has resources for businesses to catch misleading notices and solicitations. The agency also has information on what to do if a business receives a notice from their office.

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A fraudulent letter sent to a business owner.

Chelan PUD unveils 50-Year Strategic Vision, seeks public input on future plans

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County Public Utility District unveiled its comprehensive 50-year strategic vision last week, introducing a new mission statement and long-term objectives for the public power utility.

The strategic plan, dubbed "Imagine 2075," outlines nine major goals for the utility's future and introduces a new

mission statement: "Provide essential services to empower the community." The plan also establishes a new vision statement focusing on creating "bold, enduring value for future generations."

The PUD is actively seeking public input on the proposed plan, which has been in development for nearly a year. Residents can provide feedback via email at customeroutreach@chelanpud.org or through

a survey available on the utility's website.

The utility's board of commissioners will review public comments during their December 16 meeting.

During the same board meeting, commissioners addressed several other matters, including reviewing forecasts indicating increasing electrical demand throughout Chelan County. In response to projected growth, the board is evaluating the potential

purchase of property in South Wenatchee for a new substation.

The commissioners also took action on the utility's financial planning, approving the 2025 operating and capital budget, which was initially presented on November 18.

The complete strategic vision document is available for public review on the utility's website at chelanpud.org/imagine2075.

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Cashmere High School honors top student-athletes at Fall Sports Awards Ceremony

By JEFF CARLSON
Cashmere Bulldogs

CASHMERE - On Thursday night, Cashmere High School held its 2024 Fall Sports Awards ceremony, honoring the dedication, leadership, and hard work of their student-athletes. The event celebrated the achievements of the school's fall sports programs and spotlighted the athletes who had demonstrated exceptional leadership and inspiration throughout the season.

Each year, two prestigious awards are presented to athletes in each sport—the Captain Award, recognizing the player who demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, and the Inspirational Award, given to the athlete who motivated and inspired their teammates to strive for greatness.

Here are the 2024 Fall Sports Award recipients:

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jance Novak Sophomore Cashmere Boys Wrestling

Novak had an impressive start to the 2024-2025 season on Saturday, claiming the 175 lb. title at the Deer Park Invitational. After a challenging freshman season that saw him sidelined by an arm injury, Novak's determination and resilience have paid off, as he enters this winter season fully healthy and more driven than ever. Novak was unstoppable at the tournament, finishing with a perfect 4-0 record. The highlight of his performance came with three dominant pins, showcasing his power and technique. His hard work and focus were evident as he surged to the championship, leaving no doubt about his potential for the rest of the



season. Coach Wheeler: "Jance has shown that through a major setback, we must look forward and come back better, stronger, and faster. He exemplifies the power of mental strength, tenacity, and what it means to never give up. I am really proud of him."

Tori Black Sophomore Cashmere Girls Wrestling

Black made a powerful statement to kick off the 24-2025 wrestling season with an undefeated performance at the Lady Cat Classic at Eastmont. Black dominated the competition, winning all five of her matches, including three impressive pins. The highlight of her tournament came in the title match, where she secured a pin to capture the 125 lb. championship. Coach James: "Tori spent the summer competing in tournaments and attending wrestling camps, all in pursuit of her goal to become a better wrestler. Her hard work clearly paid off on Saturday, as she entered this season with confidence and determination. One of the most memorable moments of the tournament on Saturday came when she defeated an opponent she had faced multiple times in the past



but had never beaten. Tori's victory demonstrated how far she has come and how much she continues to grow in the sport. She has an incredible work ethic and always brings a positive attitude. She's excited to challenge herself against wrestlers who may be more experienced or have more wins. She thrives on the opportunity to compete and improve."

Bulldogs Open Season with Back-to-Back wins: Cashmere defeats Omak 71-61



By JEFF CARLSON
Cashmere Bulldogs

WENATCHEE - The Cashmere Bulldogs picked up their second consecutive victory to open the 2024-25 basketball season, defeating the Omak Pioneers 71-61 on Saturday afternoon at the Native American Classic, held on the campus of Wenatchee Valley College.

Cashmere came out firing on all cylinders offensively, showing no signs of early-season rust despite the challenges they faced. The Bulldogs were especially hot from beyond the arc in the first half, knocking down a total of eight three-pointers, with junior Tom McDevitt leading the way. McDevitt was a perfect 5-for-5 from deep in the first half and finished the

SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA
The Cashmere High School boys basketball team overcame a pesky Omak squad to improve to 2-0 in the year, beating the Pioneers 71-61 in Wenatchee on Dec. 7. This week the regular season starts for the Bulldogs with a tough assignment, a Dec. 10 game at Zillah, the defending 1A state champion.

game shooting 6-for-8 from three-point range, finishing with a team-high 23 points to pace Cashmere's offense.

In addition to McDevitt's perimeter shooting, junior Tobie Larson was dominant in the paint, showcasing his scoring ability with a career-high 19 points, along with five rebounds, and five assists. Junior point guard Rylan Hatmaker was another key contributor, recording eight assists and pulling down three rebounds while running the offense effectively.

The Bulldogs entered halftime with a commanding 43-26 lead, thanks to their efficient shooting and balanced offensive attack. Despite a strong push from Omak in the

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Inspirational:	Rylan Reiber

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Boys Wrestling		
Sat, Dec 14	10:00 AM, Cashmere	Away
Girls Wrestling		
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Leavenworth adjusts traffic restrictions for Village of Lights Festival

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Leavenworth has made adjustments to its traffic restrictions for the Village of Lights festival to improve traffic flow and ensure public safety. The traffic restrictions were put in place this year to ensure clear routes for emergency vehicles during Village of Lights: Christmastown festival. The plan was put together by a collaboration of the City of Leavenworth, Chelan County

Fire District #3, Chelan County Public Works, Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Chelan County Emergency Management, Cascade Medical, Washington State Patrol, Washington State Department of Transportation, and the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce.

During the first weekend of the festival, a "no left-turn" restriction from North Road onto Chumstick Highway led to traffic congestion, business disruptions, and unsafe U-turns as drivers attempted to return to downtown Leavenworth.

"Each agency shared its feedback and perspective on the efficacy of the joint public safety measures implemented over the past weekend. After the individual agency debriefs, the group collectively discussed potential improvements and/or proposed changes to the temporary parking restrictions and traffic revisions," said City of Leavenworth Communications Manager, Kara Raftery.

In response to these concerns, the traffic control plan has been adjusted. The "no left-

turn" restriction from North Road onto Chumstick Highway will be removed, and instead, flaggers will control traffic at the intersection on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Additional signage will be placed along Main Street in downtown Peshastin, and North Road and County Shop Road will be changed to local access only on Saturdays. Flaggers will also direct traffic from Fir Street onto Chumstick Highway, and Cedar Street from Burke Ave to Fir Street will be closed on Saturdays. Parking restrictions

remain the same on Pine Street from Fir Street to Ski Hill Drive, Ski Hill Drive from Evans Street to Pine Street, Evans Street from Ski Hill Drive to US-2, and Commercial Street from Division Street to 14th Street. No parking on either side of the listed streets is permitted Friday through Sunday.

Additionally, Ninth Street and the turn lanes from US-2 onto Ninth Street, both east and westbound, will be closed Friday through Sunday.

The agencies involved in the planning process plan to make

adjustments accordingly.

"We do hear their concerns and complaints, and they're not falling on deaf ears. We're going to try to do everything we can to improve public safety while not creating more hazards and issues for people...We're still looking for alternatives and looking for ways to make this plan better, but we needed to take action in the interest of public safety," said Deputy Fire Chief Mike Smith.

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Wenatchee Valley Humane Society's new director focuses on staffing, community engagement



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BJ Andersen joins Wenatchee Valley Humane Society with 20 years of experience.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Valley Humane Society appointed BJ Andersen as its new executive director on Nov. 4, following the departure of James Pumphrey in June.

Andersen first began her career in animal welfare 20 years ago, when she applied for a Kennel Manager position at the Willamette Humane Society.

"I thought I was coming in to work with dogs, and what I really learned was that I was coming in to work with people...Every pet we serve has people attached to it. In some way, there are people in that pet's story. And I really love helping people, particularly when it comes to how they connect with animals and the natural world," said Andersen.

In 2014, she became the Executive Director for

Willamette Humane Society. In 2022, Andersen negotiated a merger with Oregon Humane Society in order to expand animal welfare resources in the Willamette Valley. After the merger was complete, Andersen served as the Senior Philanthropic Advisor to the president and CEO. Later, she assumed the role as Director of Volunteer Engagement, generating and implementing training and management systems for over 1,300 volunteers.

Andersen said she had long admired Wenatchee Valley Humane Society's former executive director Dawn Davies's work to build the clinic, pursue progressive programming and meet the community's needs.

"When the Wenatchee Valley opening came across my awareness, it just felt like a right fit for me. This shelter is similar in size and programming to what we

created at Willamette Humane Society...I think that my experience here will really benefit the organization, the community," said Andersen.

In her new role at the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society, Andersen plans to apply her experience leading the similarly sized Willamette Humane Society, as well as her knowledge gained from the merger, such as scaling up a program, implementing good change management, and collaborating with the community to move through significant changes.

"[Wenatchee Valley Humane Society] has definitely been through a lot of leadership changes in the last three or so years, and that's hard on an organization...I think one of the things that's really important in new leadership, in change management, is making sure that I am hearing from all the different voices, but I'm hearing from all the different perspectives, that everyone has a voice at the table, and that we communicate really clearly when we're making changes," said Andersen.

Andersen's highest priority for the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society is fully staffing the organization's clinic services.

"I'm definitely looking to recruit licensed vet techs for our program. Once we have that team fully staffed, I think we're going to be able to offer a lot more services to the community, and I know that there's an incredible demand for those services," said Andersen.

In the future, Andersen said she also hopes to expand animal care and control officers in ways that are engaging with human and social services, as well as build partnerships with communities and organizations within and neighboring the humane society's jurisdiction. For now,

she plans to find ways to best support staff and engage with the community.

"I'm finding the community really cares about this organization, and they really

want the humane society to thrive and be successful. So I'm open to hearing what that means to people in the community, and helping them to understand where we're at

and where we are on this path. So it's going to be an ongoing conversation," said Andersen.

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State Parks seeks applications for Winter Recreation Advisory committees

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OLYMPIA — The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking applications from winter sports enthusiasts for the agency's snowmobile and non-motorized advisory committees. Five positions are available statewide to snowmobilers, and two are available statewide to individuals involved in non-motorized winter sports.

Both committees are made up of individuals representing snowmobilers and non-motorized winter sports participants. The Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Association

of Counties each have one representative who serves on both committees. The committees meet separately and in person at least two weekends each year. Members may serve up to two three-year terms.

The Winter Recreation Advisory Committee is seeking a non-motorized winter sports candidate from Area 5, which represents Kittitas, Yakima, Benton and Klickitat counties. The committee also seeks an at-large candidate to represent snowmobilers.

The Snowmobile Advisory Committee seeks candidates from Area 2, which represents Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas and Grant counties; Area 3, which represents Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln and Spokane counties; and

Area 4, which represents Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz, Skamania, Clark, Mason, Pacific and Grays Harbor counties. The committee also seeks two at-large candidates to represent non-motorized winter sports enthusiasts.

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Wenatchee, WA 98801
CASCADE WEST, INC.
By: /s/ Steven T. Moore, President
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Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
On the 26th day of November, 2024, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinances. A summary of the contents provides as follows:
Ordinance 1701: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, authorizing the condemnation, appropriation, taking and damaging of land and other property rights necessary for ingress and egress together with all rights appurtenant thereto, including access where applicable, for purposes of repairing, replacing, updating and revising the City's existing sewer line. This Ordinance directs the City attorney, or designee, to prosecute the appropriate legal proceedings, together with the authority to enter into settlements, stipulations or other agreements; and acknowledges a portion of the real property affected is located within the City limits of the City of Leavenworth, in Chelan Co., WA authorizing payment thereof from the City's general fund, utility fund or from such grants or other monies that the City may have available or attain for the acquisition; and establishing an effective date.
Ordinance 1702: An Ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, Washington, amending LMC Chapter 5.21 Transient Business, prohibiting peddling activities within the City.
Ordinance 1703: An Ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, Washington, adopting Unit Lot Subdivision regulations in LMC Title 17 Subdivisions. A full copy of these ordinances is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on December 11, 2024. #9012

Public Notices

CITY OF CASHMERE DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROJECT NAME: City of Cashmere Flood Damage Prevention Regulations Update
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Cashmere is proposing to repeal CMC Chapter 15.36 Flood Damage Prevention and update CMC Chapter 18.10E Critical Areas Code – Frequently Flooded Areas.
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE: As the Lead Agency, the City of Cashmere has determined that significant environmental impacts are unlikely to occur as a result from the proposed non-project action. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Therefore, as permitted under WAC 197-11-340(2), the City of Cashmere is issuing a Determination of Non-significance. The City will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. If you wish to comment on this SEPA determination, comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 25, 2024.
REVIEW: All documents are available at for review at Cashmere City Hall, 101 Woodring Ave., Cashmere, WA 98815.
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING: The Cashmere Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in person at City Hall or virtually on Zoom. To attend via Zoom, go to: <https://zoom.us> and enter meeting ID: 882 719 9871 and passcode: 788276. For audio only, call: 1-253-215-8782
COMMENT DEADLINE: Comments on the proposed code updates will be accepted until the Planning Commission closes the public hearing on January 6, 2025. You may submit comments on the proposed code updates using the following methods:
• Written comments maybe submitted by emailing Steve Croci at steve@cityofcashmere.org or by mailing to Cashmere City Hall at 101 Woodring Street Cashmere, WA 98815.
• In-person comments may be provided during the public hearing at Cashmere City Hall.
• Virtual comments may be provided during the public hearing by attending the meeting through Zoom.
CONTACT PERSON: For more information contact Steve Croci at 509-782-3513 or by email at the address above.
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City of Leavenworth Request for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Docket) Proposals
The City of Leavenworth is entering into the annual Comprehensive Plan (20-year visioning document) amendment cycle and is requesting community input for ideas, suggestions and proposals regarding amendments, including changes to the Land Use Designation Map. Amendments will be finalized and addressed in the 2025 Planning Commission Docket. For an amendment to be considered for sponsorship by the City Council, submittal is due by December 31, 2024. Additionally, individuals may request privately sponsored amendments when submitted by January 31, 2025. Suggested amendments, applications and/or questions may be sent to Community Development, phone (509) 548-5275, e-mail at mboles@cityofleavenworth.com, or mail City of Leavenworth, P.O. Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2024 #8786

Public Notices

LEAVENWORTH CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 700 US Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington and via zoom (www.cityofleavenworth.com/calendar), beginning at 5:30 PM to discuss utility rate increases for 2025. The public is invited to attend this meeting.
Andrea Fischer, City Clerk
City of Leavenworth
700 US Highway 2/PO Box 287
Leavenworth, WA 98826
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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of ORLENE GENELLE ERICKSON, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-00452-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 11, 2024
By /s/ Stein Erickson
STEIN ERICKSON, Administrator
Address: 225 19th Street NE, Unit 8
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
Dated: November 21, 2024
Attorneys for Administrator: GATENS GREEN WEIDENBACH, PLLC
By /s/ Lindsey J. Weidenbach
LINDSEY J. WEIDENBACH, WSBA No. 43523
305 Aplets Way
Cashmere, WA 98815
CHELAN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE Chelan County Superior Court
350 Orondo Avenue, Suite 501
Wenatchee, WA 98801-2885
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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of BONNIE CATHERINE BERGUM, Deceased.
NO. 24-4-00446-04
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'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. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 11, 2024
By: /s/Neil Wehmeyer
NEIL WEHMEYER, Personal Representative
Address: 16750 16th Avenue NW
Shoreline, WA 98177
Dated: November 6, 2024
Attorneys for Personal Representative: GATENS GREEN WEIDENBACH, PLLC
By /s/Lindsey J. Weidenbach
LINDSEY J. WEIDENBACH, WSBA No. 43523
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<p>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Grantor: Eric M. Smith & Jennifer A. Smith Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Colville Tribal Credit Corporation Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: David D. Shaw, P.C. dba Shaw Law Group Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Colville Tribal Credit Corporation (or N/A) Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: AFN 2375705 Parcel Number: 21 20 03 -220 080</p>																			
<p>I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on the 10th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Chelan County Superior Court Courthouse, 401 Washington St., Wenatchee WA 98801, in the City of Wenatchee, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Chelan, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 1, SHORT PLAT #586-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK SP-15 OF SHORT PLATS. PAGE 105, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 855 Renn Ln., Wenatchee, WA 98801. Abbreviated legal description Lot 1, Short Plat #586-A, Chelan County, WA The Real Property tax identification number is 21 20 03 -220 080, which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated January 18, 2013 recorded in Chelan County, at the Recording Division of the Chelan County Auditor's Office on the 24th day of January 2013, under Recorder's No. AFN 2375705 from Eric M. Smith and Jennifer A. Smith, as Grantor, to Central Washington Title Service, Inc as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Colville Tribal Credit, as Beneficiary, and subject to a Resignation and Appointment of Successor Trustee recorded under Auditor's File No. 2486487 on October 18, 2018 naming David D. Shaw P.C. dba Shaw Law Group as Successor Trustee.</p>																			
<p>II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust 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.</p>																			
<p>III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failing to make payment of principal and interest due and owing on the 18th of each month from November 18, 2023 through September 2024, and for failing to pay required taxes on the secured property, and for failing to pay collateral insurance on the secured property, and for failing to pay Colville Tribal Credit's fees and costs associated with collection and protection of its collateral as set forth below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Amount due as of October 1, 2024</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Delinquent payments from November 18, 2023, in the amount of \$476.99/month (less partial payment of \$105.34)</td> <td>\$5,142.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Recording & title fees</td> <td>\$772.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Service & posting of Notice of Sale</td> <td>\$113.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Property taxes</td> <td>\$2,989.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Trustees' or Attorneys' Fees</td> <td>\$1,350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Collateral insurance</td> <td>\$547.06</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							Amount due as of October 1, 2024	1. Delinquent payments from November 18, 2023, in the amount of \$476.99/month (less partial payment of \$105.34)	\$5,142.55	2. Recording & title fees	\$772.34	3. Service & posting of Notice of Sale	\$113.50	4. Property taxes	\$2,989.01	5. Trustees' or Attorneys' Fees	\$1,350.00	6. Collateral insurance	\$547.06
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<p>IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: \$10,955.00 together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.</p>																			
<p>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. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on the 10th day of January, 2025. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III must be cured by the 31st day of December, 2024 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before the 31st day of December, 2024 (11 days before the sale date), if the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after the 31st day of December, 2024 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, 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.</p>																			
<p>VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: Eric M. Smith and Jennifer A. Smith 855 Renn Lane Wenatchee, WA 98801</p>																			
<p>by both first-class and certified mail on the 12th day of August 2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above or otherwise personally serviced on the Grantor on August 17, 2024, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.</p>																			
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<p>IX. Anyone having any objection to the 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.</p>																			
<p>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.</p>																			
<p>THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on this notice to pursue mediation. 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.</p>																			
<p>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 Web site: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc • The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Toll-free: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear Dated: October 1, 2024</p>																			
<p>David D. Shaw, as Trustee SHAW LAW GROUP C/O Carl J. Marquardt 1126 34th Avenue, Suite 311 Seattle, WA 98122-5139 Tel. 206-388-4498 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT State of Oregon)) ss. County of Multnomah) I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that David D. Shaw is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument, on oath stated that he was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the president of David D. Shaw P.C., dba Shaw Law Group, to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument. Dated: _____</p>																			
<p>NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Oregon, residing at _____ My commission expires _____ This is an attempt to collect a debt and information obtained will be used for that purpose. Published in The Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on December 11, 2024 and January 1, 2025. #8712</p>																			

Fees that pay for WA homelessness programs running short

By LAUREL DEMKOVICH
 Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - State funds that pay for homelessness services in Washington are running low, and the Legislature may need to find extra money to avoid program cuts.

The Department of Commerce anticipates a nearly \$403 million shortfall in fee revenue that goes toward programs like emergency shelter grants, temporary rent assistance and support for homeless youth. This money is from document recording fees people pay when they file real estate deeds and other paperwork with county auditors.

The department is asking the Legislature to set aside general funds to maintain current levels of service, to address inflation and to help local governments who have seen declines in their own homelessness funding.

"We have a really significant deficit of funding for homelessness," said Michele Thomas, director of policy and advocacy at the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. "It's a really dire time."

But getting new funding approved could be difficult as lawmakers are looking at a possible \$12 billion deficit with the state's overall operating budget during the next four years. Gov. Jay Inslee, who is releasing a budget proposal in the coming weeks, has encouraged state agencies to come up with cost-saving measures.

Fewer real estate sales, less revenue

Washington auditors charge a recording fee on most documents that residents file

with them – most notably, real estate records like deeds and mortgages. As of last year, that fee was \$303.50 for most documents.

As the Federal Reserve increased interest rates between 2022 and 2023, home sales slowed significantly. This slump left state and local governments with less document recording fee revenue than planned, according to the Department of Commerce.

The department says it needs about \$908 million through 2027 for services funded through the document recording fee, but only about \$505 million is projected to come in. Their \$403 million request also accounts for an 11% bump to address inflation over the next two years.

Without additional funding, the state will have to cut capacity to critical services, Rep. Nicole Macri, D-Seattle, said. She emphasized that this request is not for any expansion of services.

Most of the fee collections go toward the state's Home Security Fund, which pays for grants to build temporary housing, local efforts to relocate people from roadside encampments, and programs to help homeless young people.

About \$302 million of Commerce's request would go toward backfilling this fund.

The next largest destination for recording fee revenue is the Affordable Housing for All account, which gives funding to organizations that operate housing with low rents. About \$88 million is needed to keep that fund whole.

The smallest portion of the money goes toward a program that provides reimbursements

to landlords dealing with property damage or losses so they can keep their units on the market. About \$12 million would fill the hole in this area and allow the department to pay about 3,000 claims to landlords through 2027.

Commerce's request also includes funding that would go directly to local governments to help them backfill a portion of their recording fees that go toward homelessness services.

"Very, very challenging" Macri said she will prioritize not cutting any existing services that help those who are homeless, though she acknowledged that alone could be difficult.

"The next step, of course, would be to expand services where we can," Macri said. "But the prospects for that look very, very challenging."

Thomas said current funding is short of needs when it comes to addressing homelessness.

"Providers across the state are constantly turning people away because there's not enough resources," she said.

With such a large budget deficit, some lawmakers may propose new taxes to expand homelessness services and housing programs.

In the housing arena, a bill that came up in this year's session would have added a tax to the sale of real estate

over about \$3 million. Revenue would have provided a steady funding stream to pay for affordable housing.

That bill, which never made it out of the state House of Representatives, will likely be back in the 2025 session.

But whether Democrats, who hold majorities in both chambers, will be able to muster the support for new taxes is uncertain. Republicans will surely put up a fight.

After a Nov. 20 revenue forecast, Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, one of his caucus's leading voices on budget and tax policy, criticized state spending growth over the last two decades.

"How do I go tell them they need to give more money out of their pocket to prop up a state budget that has grown as rapidly as this one has," he said.

Inslee's budget proposal will be the starting point for lawmakers' conversations surrounding the next two-year budget. It is expected in early December.

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Gov. Jay Inslee released his 2024 budget proposals surrounding housing and homelessness programs at the site of a former encampment in Seattle last December.

Jubilee Global Gifts finds new owners, continues mission of community support

NW News
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LEAVENWORTH — Upper Valley MEND announced the sale of Jubilee Global Gifts, a fair trade retail establishment, to local business owners Kirstie Miethe and Hans Mulders, continuing the store's role in supporting community initiatives. The store, established in the late 1990s

by John and Mary Schramm, has helped fund MEND's community programs since 2011, when the founders donated it to the nonprofit organization. These programs include the Community Cupboard food pantry, Upper Valley Free Clinic, Affordable Housing, and Financial Assistance programs.

The sale represents a full-circle moment for Miethe, who previously served as the store's

manager in 2020 and 2021 and has received assistance from MEND's programs. "MEND helped us, and now I get to help MEND. I managed Jubilee, and now I get to return as its owner," Miethe said. "I intend to continue to support MEND for many years."

Co-owner Hans Mulders, who operates the Obertal Inn with his wife Andrea, pointed to community

support as a key factor in his investment decision. "We forget sometimes that without community, we have nothing," Mulders said, reflecting on his own experience receiving support when purchasing the Obertal Inn. "That allowed me to succeed. I want to pay that forward."

MEND Executive Director Kaylin Bettinger supported the ownership transition.

"When we first considered selling Jubilee, it felt like we were closing a chapter. But talking with Kirstie and Hans showed us that this isn't an ending—it's a continuation of everything the store has always represented: community, connection, and supporting those who need it most," Bettinger said.

The store will maintain its downtown Leavenworth

location and retain much of its current staff under the new ownership. The business will continue offering fair trade products sourced from global artisan communities.

Upper Valley MEND, based in Leavenworth, operates as a nonprofit organization focused on providing equitable access to food, housing, wellness, and economic security services in the Upper Valley area.

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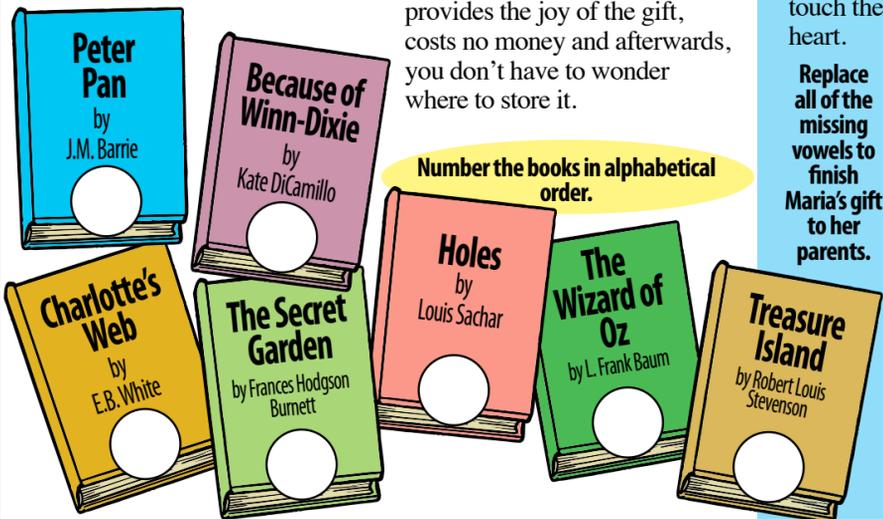
The spirit of the holidays is about giving, not spending money. Although at times, this becomes hard to remember.

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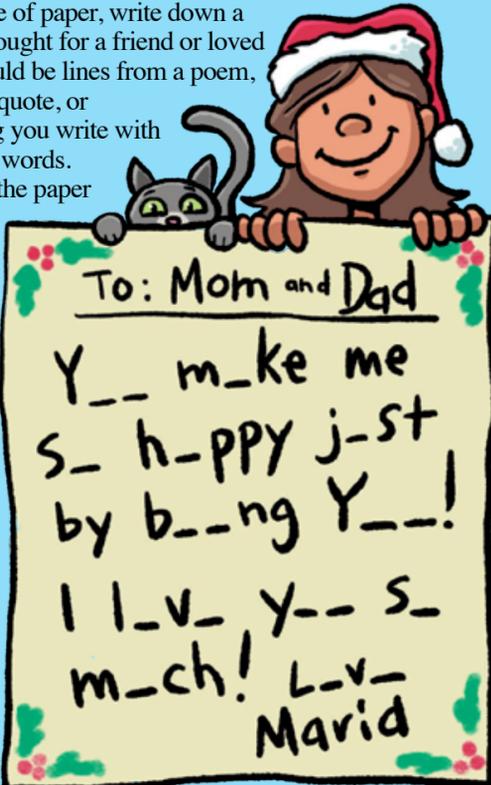
It's the Thought That Counts

It truly is the loving thought behind a gift that makes it special. And, thoughts are free!

On a piece of paper, write down a special thought for a friend or loved one. It could be lines from a poem, a famous quote, or something you write with your own words.

Decorate the paper to offer a gift that will touch the heart.

Replace all of the missing vowels to finish Maria's gift to her parents.



Standards Link: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

The Gift of Time

Create a coupon book of chores and actions you can take to be helpful. Could you take out the trash? Wash the dishes? Sweep the floor? Make a list of helpful things you could do for someone in your family.



Give a Pet ... Rock!

Find a sweet, rounded rock outside. Clean it off. Paint it and give it as a gift. Write a little story about the rock. Maybe give it a name. Make a list of instructions on how to care for it.

Find the two identical rocks.

Give the Gift of Helping Out

Step up and offer to help someone. Can you help someone carrying a lot of stuff? Can you help pick up after a game? Can you pick up some trash on the playground? Can you help an older neighbor with yard work or running an errand for them?

These little actions can make a big difference in someone's day!

What is fairness?

Look through the newspaper for words and images that describe someone in your family. Cut out the words and images. Make a collage to give them as a gift.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to create artwork.

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Give the Gift of a Smile!

Is there someone at school who is looking sad. Give them a smile and a hello! Draw the face that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Recognize patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTIONS
- BOOK
- CARE
- CHORES
- CLEAN
- COSTS
- FREE
- GAME
- GIFT
- HELP
- LIST
- POEM
- ROCK
- STORY
- THOUGHT

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S T S O C K I W O K
 N W V S E R O H C G
 O C K T B T H O M I
 I Z A O P H R E B F
 T G M R O O B N L T
 C X A Y E U B A I P
 A Q L M M G E E S J
 T F R E E H E L T H
 S O J P S T Y C B T

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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **COLLAGE**

The noun **collage** means a type of artwork in which different materials are pasted onto a surface to make a picture.

I was happy that grandma hung the **collage** I made on a wall in her house.

Try to use the word **collage** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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