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Local resources for sustainable holiday waste disposal

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the amount of household garbage in the United States can increase by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, from 4 million tons to 5 million tons. However, there are a number of local options to ensure post-holiday waste is disposed of sustainably.

Christmas trees may be composted through Winton MFG, a composting facility located near Cole's Corner,

for a \$5 fee. The proceeds will be donated to Upper Valley Connection, a recreation program for youth and adults with special needs. Trees should be free of all tinsel and decorations before dropping off. Winton is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the winter, and is located at 17400 Winton Road, Leavenworth.

Composting scraps and leftovers from holiday meals is also an option through the Winton's community composting program. Sign up for \$5 a month and receive a bucket for collecting food waste. Compost materials may be dropped off at a

number of sites throughout the valley.

Before throwing any broken string lights in the trash, consider bringing them to the Leavenworth Recycling Center through the month of January. Waste Loop, a sustainability nonprofit that manages the center, will take the broken lights to Wenatchee Valley Salvage and Recycling, where they will be shredded into component parts such as copper, glass, and plastic, and recycled separately into new products.

Wrapping paper and cardboard may also be brought to the facility for recycling. However, not all wrapping paper is recyclable, such as metallic,

shiny, and glittery papers that are typically a plastic and paper composite. If paper excludes these elements but seems questionable, crumple it into a ball and see if it holds its shape. If it does, it is likely recyclable. If it doesn't, it should be saved for future gifts, or placed in the trash. Be sure to remove ribbons and bows before recycling, which can also be saved for next year's gifts.

Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and paperboard can also be recycled at the center. Leave the New Year's champagne bottles at home however, as glass recycling is still on pause. Recycling center winter hours are

Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with Saturday hours reopening on Jan. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The recycling center is located at 216 14th Street, Leavenworth.

Still uncertain about which materials should go where? Sustainable NCW's Waste Wizard is a comprehensive guide for properly recycling, reusing, donating or disposing of waste in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Options for items in question can be searched at: sustainablencw.org/wastewizard.

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WRI to host second annual Día de los Reyes celebration

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LEAVENWORTH – Wenatchee River Institute's (WRI) second annual Día de los Reyes celebration will return on Jan. 4 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Día de los Reyes, or Three Kings Day, is a religious holiday and cultural tradition celebrated throughout Latin America that symbolizes the end of Christmas on Jan. 6. The inaugural celebration last year brought in 150 guests, with numbers expected to be between 300 and 500 people this year. The event is free to attend with no registration required.

Participants can enjoy traditional Mexican foods such as a pozole dinner and Rosca de Reyes, guided nature walks, children's activities and gifts, dance and musical performances, and presentations from cultural leaders.

"We hope participants will leave inspired to continue to get to know, care for, and celebrate the diverse social and natural aspects of our communities," the event's website stated.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. with snowshoe walks and children's activities at the WRI campus. There will be a procession to the Leavenworth Festhalle at 3:30 p.m. Activities will continue throughout the afternoon, providing opportunities for guests of all ages to engage with nature, culture, and community. Food, dance performances, and a Three Kings presentation will follow until 6 p.m. Another procession at 6:30 p.m. will lead to Kiosco, or the Front Street Gazebo, where participants will enjoy a performance by Kataleya Garcia and a Mariachi performance.

Questions about the Día de los Reyes celebration may be directed to Community Programs Educator Joshua Schaub: jschaub@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org or 509-548-0181, ext.5.

Sweet Success

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Cora-Ayla-Roe-Blue's Hogwarts themed creation.



Elias Barrett's igloo won first place in the elementary category.



Ann Peavey's gingerbread glockenspiel.



Dayle Cherepy's gingerbread house was this year's fan favorite. Over 2,600 people voted for their favorite gingerbread creation.



Karen Haire won first place in the nonprofit category and \$1,000 for Rotary of Leavenworth.



Nora Kasperski and Nolan Gatlin's first place entry in the middle school category.

Annual Christmastown Gingerbread Contest displays edible masterpieces

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Every year, the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce invites participants of all ages to enter their unique gingerbread creations into its Christmastown Gingerbread Contest at the Festhalle.

"We were thrilled with the number of entries this year and the amazing talent in our gingerbread house builders," said Jessica Stoller, Marketing and Public Relations Director for Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce.

Unable to use kits, participants come up with original, edible creations

each year, with the opportunity to show off their skills to thousands of visitors and even earn a cash prize. The chamber selected first, second and third place winners in four categories: elementary, middle, adult and nonprofit. All of the entries were put on display in the Festhalle throughout December's Christmastown festivities, where people could vote for their favorite. This year, the chamber had over 2,600 people vote.

Dayle Cherepy's ornate multistory house won first place in the adult category and was voted the fan favorite for the year. Anna Dougherty

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COURTESY OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NCW

Over \$438,000 awarded in Legacy Fund Grants in Chelan and Douglas counties

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WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW has awarded \$438,026 through its new Legacy Fund Grant program to charitable organizations in Cashmere, Chelan Valley, Wenatchee Valley, and the Upper Valley. Organizations supported through these grants address a wide variety of needs, including food security, housing, education, community enrichment, and more. These grants will help

strengthen communities and empower organizations to expand their impact across North Central Washington. Celebrations and grant award presentations were held in each community, marking the beginning of this new initiative for local philanthropy.

Local Advisory Boards (LAB), consisting of volunteers representing a broad cross-section of their communities, including long-time and newer residents of all ages and backgrounds, conducted over 60 site visits across Chelan and

Douglas Counties. As part of the grant evaluation process, LAB members provide valuable insights and recommendations to ensure grantmaking decisions align with local priorities. This new process has been well-received within participating communities, engaging residents throughout the region in local philanthropy in a meaningful way.

"I loved learning more about our community and our non-profits - some

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Winter Break Bash

The Wenatchee Valley Museum will host a Winter Break Bash on Friday, January 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join us for a day of free museum admission, crafts, games, cocoa, snacks and more as we celebrate Winter Break," the event page states.

For more information, visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

Día de los Reyes Celebration

Wenatchee River Institute will host a Día de los Reyes Celebration on Saturday, January 4 from 1-8 p.m.

"Día de los Reyes celebrates the cultural tradition found across Latin America that symbolizes the end of Christmas," the event page states. "We will enjoy traditional Mexican foods, guided nature walks at Wenatchee River Institutes campus, gifts for

children, dance and musical performances, and storytelling. We hope participants will leave inspired to continue to get to know, care for, and celebrate the diverse social and natural aspects of our communities."

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Benevolent Night: The Brave Warrior Project

München Haus will host a Benevolent Night to support The Brave Warrior Project on Tuesday, January 7 from 4-8 p.m.

"München Haus will donate 25% of all sales 4-8 p.m. to our fundraising partner, The Brave Warrior Project," the event page states. "The Brave Warrior Project eliminates barriers, promotes inclusiveness, and provides resources for individuals and their families with special needs and chronic illnesses in North Central Washington."

For more information, visit munchenhaus.com.

January Repair Cafe

Eastside Rebuild in Cashmere will host the January Repair Cafe on Wednesday, January 8 from 6-8 p.m.

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

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

Tales from the Saddle event

Wenatchee River Institute will host the Red Barn Event



Tales from the Saddle on Wednesday, January 8 from 7-8 p.m.

"With over 45 years of bicycle touring experience, Bob and Carolyn have some biking stories to share," the event page states. "They have ridden through cyclones, snowstorms, and mud wallows; with a baby, three teenagers, and with many families; on single bikes, on a tandem and on mountain bikes; as newlyweds, parents, and retirees; in campgrounds, wilderness, youth hostels and

guesthouses; with laughter and with tears."

"Join us for an evening of storytelling through photos and reflective memories highlighting how their touring has changed over the past four decades," the event page states. "They'll share a bit about gear, how to take a bike on planes, trains, boats, escalators, and elevators, and bike touring resources to know about."

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Mountains of possibility, our shared tomorrow

In these early days of 2025, as winter settles across North Central Washington, I'm struck by an overwhelming sense of possibility. From the snow-dusted orchards of the Wenatchee Valley to the wind-swept plateaus of the Columbia Basin, our communities pulse with an energy that speaks to better days ahead.



From the Publisher

TERRY WARD

The story of our region has always been one of bold dreams realized through steady determination. We see it in our children's faces at school science fairs, in our

entrepreneurs opening new businesses downtown, and in our farmers adopting innovative practices that will sustain our agricultural heritage for generations to come. Each day brings fresh examples of how our neighbors turn challenges into opportunities.

This past year showed us, yet again, the remarkable strength that defines North Central Washington. In every corner of our coverage area - from the Upper Valley to Cashmere, from Chelan, Manson, Pateros,

and Brewster to Wenatchee - people stepped forward to lift each other up, to reimagine what's possible, and to build something better together.

Our news team has the profound privilege of sharing these stories of resilience and renewal. We've documented the launch of new community initiatives, celebrated the achievements of our young people, and highlighted the countless ways our residents make this region stronger through their daily acts of kindness and creativity.

Looking ahead, I see so many reasons for optimism. Our communities are growing thoughtfully, our economic

base is diversifying, and our shared commitment to preserving what makes this region special has never been stronger. Yes, we face challenges, but that's nothing new for people who descended from pioneers and dreamers.

We begin 2025 with confidence that North Central Washington's best chapters are yet to be written. This optimism isn't born of wishful thinking - it's grounded in the character of our people and the strength of our communities. Every day, I see evidence that we're not just adapting to change; we're actively shaping it to benefit future generations.

The path forward will require the same grit and grace that have always defined our region. But as I look out over our beautiful valleys and up to our majestic mountains, I know we're ready for whatever comes next. Together, we'll continue writing the remarkable story of North Central Washington.

Terry Ward is the CEO of Ward Media and the publisher of NCW News, Cashmere Valley Record, Lake Chelan Mirror, The Leavenworth Echo, Quad City Herald, and the Wenatchee Business Journal. He can be reached at terry@ward.media.

Suspect identified in Front Street Park vandalism case

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LEAVENWORTH - The Chelan County Sheriff's Office has identified Zachary Soltis of Texas as the suspect in the December vandalism of Front Street Park, also known as Gazebo Park. The incident, which temporarily disrupted holiday sledding activities, occurred around 1:00 a.m. on December 22.

According to the sheriff's office, Soltis allegedly drove a pickup truck recklessly through the park, causing extensive damage before fleeing the area. The sheriff's office has established probable cause for Soltis's arrest on charges of Malicious Mischief in the Second Degree and Reckless Driving.

The incident was captured on camera, with members of the car interest group Street Phantoms present during the vandalism. A photographer using the Instagram handle 509.visuals_, who was part of the group, previously stated they had provided authorities with evidence and information about the driver.

The city temporarily closed the park on December 22 to

assess and repair the damage, which included deep rivets in a 90-by-50-foot section of lawn typically used as a sledding hill during winter months. Thanks to city staff efforts and recent snowfall, the park has since reopened to sledding over the holiday week.

"The Chelan County Sheriff's Office, City of Leavenworth, and Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce are working together to accurately assess the extent of damages," said Kara Raftery, City of Leavenworth Communications and Special Projects Manager.

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office is working with the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to file formal charges against Soltis.



Zachary A. Soltis

Retired judge to speak at Leavenworth Women's Exchange January luncheon

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LEAVENWORTH. - The Leavenworth Women's Exchange (LWE) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at the Icele Inn Restaurant, 505 Highway 2.

Retired Judge T. W. Small will present "The Incredible Story Behind the Writing of Stark

Justice" during the noon event.

The cost is \$28.50 per person, which includes lunch buffet, beverage, tax, and gratuity. The organization accepts payment by check made payable to LWE or exact cash amount. Reservations are required by Thursday, January 2, and can be made by contacting Claire Burlingame at 509-548-7142. Cancellations after January 2, 2025, will be charged the full lunch cost.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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Dec 20

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 13:27:24 Assist Agency 7272 Deadman Hill Rd, Dryd 6
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 13:53:03 Suspicious 939 Front St# B; A Little Lv
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 16:07:12 Burglary 3261 Hansel Ln, Peshastin, 6
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 16:24:13 Harass/Threat 263 Mine St# 108, Leavenw Lv
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 13:47:47 24c13531 Assist Public 19003 River Rd, Plain, Wa 1
 13:56:48 24c13532 911 22750 Lake Wenatchee Hwy; 1
 15:57:50 24c13535 Parking/Abandon Snow Lakes Th, Leavenworth 6
 16:30:28 24c13536 Assist Public 10788 Us Hwy 2, Peshastin, 6
 16:57:20 24c13538 911 505 Us Hwy 2; Icicle Villa Lv
 17:28:08 24c13539 Parking/Abandon Birch St & Central Ave, Le Lv
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 20:27:13 24c13547 911 22750 Lake Wenatchee Hwy; 1
 21:00:10 24c13548 Fraud/Forgery 161 W Benton St, Leavenwor Lv

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.
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.)

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.
Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.
Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or email peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues., 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

Other events

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


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

Link Transit adds four new buses to serve Waterville and Mission Ridge

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Link Transit announced plans to expand its regional transportation services with four new specially equipped buses designed to serve Waterville and Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort in North Central Washington.

The new vehicles feature advanced technology, including automatic chains, self-leveling suspension, and engine-braking systems specifically engineered for mountainous terrain. The buses display custom graphics depicting ski slope scenes for mountain routes and farming landscapes for plateau service.



Anita Louise Wisemore

Anita Louise Wisemore, 99, of Tumwater, WA (formerly of Leavenworth, WA) passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 at home.

“We are thrilled to add these new buses to the fleet, which will directly improve service and accessibility for the Waterville and SkiLink routes,” said Nick Covey, CEO of Link Transit. “This investment in our infrastructure reflects Link’s commitment to providing high-quality transit services to North Central Washington.”

The transit authority will unveil the first Waterville bus at a public ceremony scheduled for 3 p.m. January 7, at the Waterville Town Hall garage. The event will include refreshments and opportunities for community members to inspect the vehicle and learn about its features.

The SkiLink service provides fare-free transportation from Columbia Station to Mission Ridge Ski Resort, with an additional stop at Lincoln Park. The service operates on weekends and holidays during the ski season. Route 25 to Waterville connects Columbia Station to the Douglas County Courthouse, serving East Wenatchee and Orondo via Pine Canyon. The route operates daily, with extended hours Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7:12 p.m. and weekend service from 8 a.m. to 6:12 p.m.

Link Transit offers zero-fare service throughout North Central Washington seven days a week.

Mended Hearts Chapter to host CPR training at January meeting

NCW News
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EAST WENATCHEE - The Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts chapter will host its January meeting on Monday, January 6, featuring CPR training for heart patients and their caregivers from four North Central Washington counties. The meeting will be held

from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Aging & Adult Care Meeting Room in East Wenatchee and virtually via Zoom. The event is open to residents of Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant Counties.

Jonah Dobbs, a member of the Lake Chelan Health Emergency Medical Services team for 10 years, will demonstrate hands-only

CPR using training manikins and show proper automated external defibrillator (AED) usage.

The Aging & Adult Care Meeting Room is located at 270 9th St. N.E. in East Wenatchee.

Those interested in attending either in-person or virtually can register by emailing atthehelmsters@hotmail.com or calling 509-293-1603.

Mended Hearts is a national organization that serves heart disease patients and their families.

DNA expert to present modern solutions for family history research at Wenatchee Genealogical Society

NCW news
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) announced it will host a free public presentation on using DNA analysis to overcome genealogical research challenges. The hybrid event, titled “Breaking Down Brick Walls with DNA,” will take place on Monday, January 13, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Genetic genealogist Kate Penney Howard will lead the presentation, which aims to help researchers address common ancestral research

obstacles. The session will focus on using DNA analysis when traditional genealogical methods have been exhausted, particularly in cases involving unnamed ancestors, immigrants with limited documentation, or mysterious family connections.

“When traditional genealogical techniques fail to give us an answer, we can turn to DNA to find more opportunities to discover clues,” according to the event announcement.

The meeting will be held simultaneously at the FamilySearch Center in East Wenatchee and online via Zoom. In-person attendees

can participate at 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee. Those wishing to attend virtually can obtain the Zoom access information through the organization’s website at www.wags-web.org under “Latest News and Events.”

WAGS, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2021, maintains a library at 127 South Mission in the Museum Annex Building. The library is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information about the event, interested parties can contact the organization at 509-782-4046.

Gingerbread

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took second place in the adult category with a gingerbread carousel.

In the nonprofit category, Karen Haire won first place and \$1,000 for the Rotary of Leavenworth with a beautifully detailed house behind a shimmering creek. In second place, Briar Hoper won \$500 for Leavenworth Scouts Troop 28 with a scene of mountain activities, such as

ice fishing, skiing and getting a Christmas tree. Ann Peavey won third place, winning \$250 for the Greater Leavenworth Museum. Peavey’s gingerbread creation depicted the Tannenbaum building and the recently restored glockenspiel, complete with the figurines posed outside of the window.

In the elementary category, Elias Barrett won first place for an igloo themed gingerbread house with lounging penguins, a seal and a snowman. Lachie Lee won second place, and

participants Ian and Duncan won third.

For the middle school category, Nora Kasperski and Nolan Gatlin won first place with a classic style gingerbread house with a Christmas tree. Lola Minerich won second place with an underwater candyland theme, and Cora-Ayla-Roe-Blue placed third with a Hogwarts holiday quidditch match.

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Cascade High School's Mia Dreis wins national title for STEM-themed children's book

By HAZEL ESCHEN AND CAROLINE MENNA
CHS Publications Group/Ward Media

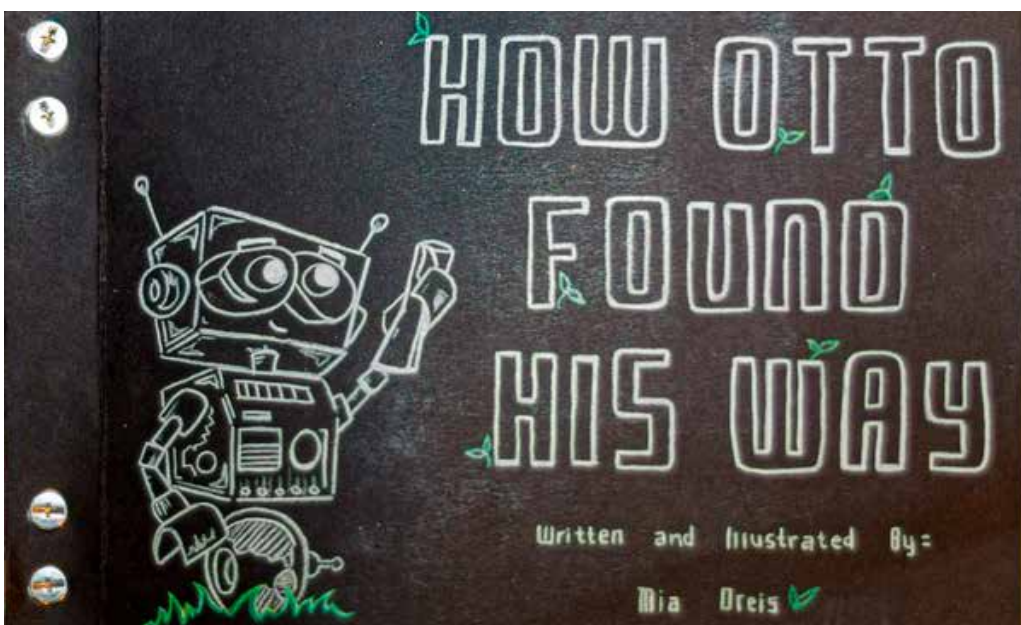
LEAVENWORTH - Cascade High School senior Mia Dreis earned national recognition this past summer when she took first place at the Technology Student Association's (TSA) 2024 National Conference for her illustrated children's story, *How Otto Found His Way*.

"When they called my name, I was completely shocked. Not for a second had I thought that winning was going to be the reality of it. I was really proud and just blown away," Dreis recalled of the moment she stood on stage during the awards ceremony.

TSA is a national non-profit organization that provides middle and high school students with opportunities to compete in various science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)-related fields, including robotics, software development, and even board game and architectural design. Students select a category to compete in and spend the school year developing a final project. For Dreis, that category was the Children's Story.

"I have learned that even though you think something that you've made or done deserves a certain level of recognition, it might not actually be true, and you really need to delve deeply into your process and take down your ego a little bit to succeed," Dreis said, reflecting on her years of competition in the category. With more than 300,000 students competing nationwide each year, the competition is fierce. Only the top three students from the state-level competition can advance to the national stage.

The prompt for the year's



How Otto Found His Way, the award-winning children's book by Cascade High School senior Mia Dreis, combines adventure and STEM concepts, featuring interactive puzzle pieces that guide young readers through a science-based problem-solving journey.

Children's Story competition called for participants to create an adventure story with a STEM focus, incorporating clues that could be pieced together at the end. Dreis rose to the challenge by skillfully incorporating science concepts while keeping the language simple and accessible for young readers and includes detachable puzzle pieces on each page that can be assembled to complete the story's puzzle. The reader follows Otto, a curious robot, who embarks on an accidental adventure in the woods, solving scientific challenges to find his way home.

"I knew that it was one of my last chances, as it would be one of my last years participating in TSA. So, I needed to try really hard, and I was excited to put forth the effort," Dreis said of her determination. "I am glad that I participated in TSA because it made me realize that there are a lot of

different types of career path possibilities in STEM fields. It's not just coding and robotics. It's a lot of other things, and people with all different types of skills can succeed."

The experience of competing at the TSA Nationals in Orlando left a lasting impression on Dreis. "Besides the competition itself, my favorite part of the TSA National Conference in Orlando was seeing all the different students from around the nation and the world come together over shared interests. There were so many perspectives and passions united under TSA."

Dreis's achievement also highlights the strength of TSA within the Cascade School District, where students consistently outperform those from larger schools and specialized programs. For students considering TSA, Dreis has this advice: "Delve deep into the many diverse

events that TSA has to offer. While robotics, coding, and highly traditional STEM events are worthwhile, TSA also supports much more underrepresented STEM pursuits such as fashion design and architectural modeling."

As for her own future pursuits, Dreis shared that she plans "to attend college in the hopes of getting an engineering degree, a design degree, or a combination of the two. My ultimate goal is to one day work for Disney as one of their 'Imagineers,' a coveted position where one contributes to the artistic side of Disney's creations."

Hazel Eschen is a senior on the staff of the Cascade High School Publications Group; Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior at Cascade High School, where she serves as Editor-in-Chief of the school's Publications Group.

CASCADE SCHEDULE

Boys Basketball			
Fri, Jan 3	7:15 PM	Cashmere	Away
Tue, Jan 7	7:15 PM	Omak	Away
Girls Basketball			
Fri, Jan 3	5:45 PM	Cashmere	Away
Tue, Jan 7	5:45 PM	Omak	Away
Boys Wrestling			
Sat, Jan 4	10:00 AM	Cascade	Home
Tue, Jan 7	6:00 PM	Omak	Away

CASCADE SCOREBOARD

Boys Basketball					
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Mia Dreis, a senior at Cascade High School, earned top honors for her STEM-themed children's book, *How Otto Found His Way* at the Technology Student Association (TSA) National Championship in Orlando, Florida, this past summer.

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Ferguson keeping Batiste as Washington State Patrol chief

By **JERRY CORNFIELD**
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste will soon be serving under his third chief executive.

Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson on Thursday announced Batiste's reappointment to lead the statewide law enforcement agency, a job Batiste has held for nearly two decades.

Also Thursday, Ferguson announced he's retaining three other members of Gov. Jay Inslee's administration: Joel Sacks as director of the Department of Labor & Industries, Allyson Brooks as director of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and Bill Kehoe as director of Washington Technology Solutions and the state's chief information officer.

"With our challenges ahead, proven and thoughtful leadership is more important than ever," Ferguson said in a statement. "I am proud that these four individuals will continue their service."

On Friday, he said he was reappointing three additional agency leaders: Drew Shirk as director for the Department of Revenue, Scott McCallum as superintendent for the Washington State School for the Blind and Shauna Bilyeu as executive director for the

Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth.

Ferguson has named leaders of more than a dozen agencies and departments ahead of his inauguration next month.

Ferguson hires

Below are Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson's choices to lead state agencies as of Dec. 20.

- Department of Children, Youth and Families — State Rep. Tana Senn, D-Mercer Island
- Department of Ecology — Casey Sixkiller
- Department of Corrections — Tim Lang
- Department of Social and Health Services — Cheryl Strange
- Department of Labor & Industries — Joel Sacks
- Department of Licensing — Marcus Glasper
- Department of Veterans Affairs — David Puente Jr.
- Department of Agriculture — Derek Sandison
- Department of Revenue — Drew Shirk
- Office of Financial Management — K.D. Chapman See
- Washington State Patrol — John Batiste
- Employment Security Department — Cami Feek
- Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation — Allyson Brooks



Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste has been reappointed by incoming Washington governor Bob Ferguson. COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs — Tim Reynon
 - Washington Military Department — Maj. Gen. Gent Welsh
 - Director of Washington Technology Solutions — Bill Kehoe
 - Washington State School for the Blind — Scott McCallum
 - Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth — Shauna Bilyeu
- Batiste could be a prominent figure in advancing Ferguson's public safety agenda, which includes securing funding to help cities and counties hire officers and increasing safety

on the state's roadways. Batiste joined the Washington State Patrol in March 1976, earning promotions through the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and deputy chief. In 2005, then-governor Christine Gregoire appointed him to be the state patrol's 21st chief. Gov. Jay Inslee kept him on when he took office in 2013 and Batiste is set to begin work for Ferguson on Jan. 15, 2025. The Washington State Patrol has 1,100 positions budgeted for commissioned officers and 1,100 for civilian employees. Of its six bureaus, field operations is the most

visible as it is responsible for traffic law enforcement, collision investigation, and motorist assistance on 17,524 miles of state and interstate highways. The state's crime lab and fire marshal are housed in the agency. And the Investigative Services Bureau includes the Firearms Background Division, a point of contact for all firearm-related background checks. Sacks has led the Department of Labor and Industries since 2013. The department oversees Washington's workplace safety laws and workers' compensation insurance program, and enforces

the state's wage and hour requirements. In a release, Sacks said he was honored to join the Ferguson administration. "I'm passionate about worker safety, and proud of what we've accomplished. As long as there are people hurt and killed on the job, we have a lot more to do," he said. *Washington State Standard* (www.washingtonstatestandard.com) is part of States Newsroom, a nonprofit news network supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity.

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Legacy Fund

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of which I was completely unaware of” said one LAB member. “Seeing the passion of those who give so much and sometimes seem to work magic with what they have to work with. Their dedication is infectious! It was good to meet with LAB members and see and hear different perspectives.”

The creation of Legacy Funds was made possible through generous donations to the Legacy Fund’s Founders Circle. Contributions of \$5,000 or more through a bequest, or direct gifts to any Legacy Fund endowment, are honored as a part of the Founders Circle. These gifts create a lasting impact by building a permanent resource for each community in NCW. The Community Foundation adds additional funds to annual grantmaking allocations from CFNCW’s Good Grows Here Fund, to ensure communities have equitable resources. Anyone can join the Founders Circle with a contribution of \$5,000 or more to their community’s endowed fund, ensuring these funds remain sustainable for future generations. Gifts can also be made to the annual grantmaking allocation, which directly benefits the community each year by supporting immediate needs and opportunities.

“The place-based Legacy Funds began with a series of generous bequests by donors who cared deeply for their hometowns and wanted them to thrive well beyond their lifetimes” said Denise Sorom, director of philanthropic and program services. “After deciding to restructure our grantmaking program around these local funds, we have seen several more donors stepping up to support this initiative in their communities. Empowering local residents with grant-making decisions makes sense not only for the nonprofits receiving the funds, but for growing awareness and support for the work of local charities throughout our region.”

Two more communities will have upcoming Legacy Fund Grant opportunities: Methow Valley Fund grant cycle is currently in progress with a deadline of January 15, 2025, and the Okanogan Valley Fund grantmaking cycle will open in February 2025. Grants in each community will continue to be awarded annually.

The Community Foundation of NCW remains committed to engaging local residents, fostering partnerships, and inspiring philanthropy to address the unique challenges and opportunities in each community.

For more information about Legacy Funds or Local Advisory Boards, visit www.cfncw.org/legacyfunds.

Legacy Fund Grant Award Recipients

Cashmere Valley Fund - \$26,500
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- Memorial Community Church (Essential Items Pantry)
- Cashmere Food Bank
- Cashmere Museum & Pioneer Village
- Christ Center (Soccer Fields and Garden Maintenance)
- Happy Letters Association
- Ridge 2 River Animal Haven

Chelan Valley Fund - \$46,158

- Chelan Valley Housing Trust
- Heritage Heights at Lake Chelan
- Lake Chelan EMS
- Lake Chelan Valley Habitat for Humanity
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- Manger Mall
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- Only7Seconds
- Tender Loving Care for Seniors
- Thrive Chelan Valley/Manson Teen Center

Upper Valley Fund - \$49,368

- Cascade Education Foundation
- Cascade Medical Foundation
- Cascade PTSA
- Friends of Peshastin Library
- Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church (Packing Friendship)
- Leavenworth Summer Theater
- Leavenworth Winter Sports Club
- Mountain Sprouts
- Plain Valley Ski Trails
- Tierra Learning Center
- Upper Valley Connection
- Upper Valley MEND
- Village Art in the Park
- Wenatchee River Institute
- Waste Loop

Wenatchee Valley Fund - \$316,000

- Cancer Care of NCW
- Chelan Douglas Child Services
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- Communities in Schools
- Garden Terrace Senior Living
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- Women’s Resource Center
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Art in the Park



Mountain Sprouts



Cascade Education Foundation



Cascade Medical Foundation



Plain Valley Ski Trails

WSU Master Gardeners offering free winter classes about garden planning

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WENATCHEE — The WSU Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener Program will offer four gardening classes at Pybus Public Market in January and February. The winter classes series titled “Productive Winter: A Garden Planning Series” will take place in the market’s Board Room, which has its own entrance on the southeast corner of the building.

All classes begin at 10 a.m., will last 45 minutes to 1 hour, and are free to the public.

Advance registration is not required but is appreciated to ensure enough printed materials are available. Web links to register for classes can be found below.

“Winter offers a chance to figure out what worked in your garden this past year and what didn’t; that information will help you shape a plan for the next growing season,” said WSU Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener Program Coordinator Marco Martinez. “The class series our program is offering will further inform your decisions and contribute

to the best possible outcomes. The information covered in these classes will prove useful whether you’re a beginning gardener or an experienced gardener.”

Here are additional class details (WSU Master Gardener instructor names in parentheses):

Saturday, Jan. 11: Sustainable garden planning basics (Diane Lee)

If your garden is not meeting your needs or you are starting a garden from scratch, you need to draw a plan of the garden

space. Garden planning will give you a clear vision of the overall design and the ability to experiment with different ideas before committing to a definitive plan.

Web link to register for this class: bit.ly/cdmgjan1class

Saturday, Jan. 25: Adaptive home landscaping for changing conditions (Al Murphy)

As we face a changing climate, the chance for wildfire increases in our region. Learn about how to be proactive in protecting your home with fire-resistant and drought-

resistant landscaping. **Web link to register for this class:** bit.ly/cdmgjan25class

Saturday, Feb. 1: Create a resilient vegetable garden plan (Mary Fran McClure)

Raised beds are popular for growing a wide range of plants. Get ideas of what works best for your situation, including best location, various types of raised beds, preferred sizes and heights, plus the importance of soil, irrigation and accessibility.

Web link to register for this class: bit.ly/cdmgfeb1class

Saturday, Feb. 8: Basics of a viable vegetable garden (Connie Mehmel)

When it comes to planting vegetables, timing is everything. All plants have a minimum and maximum soil temperature for seed germination, as well as a minimum and maximum air temperature to grow. Whether you start your vegetables from seeds or purchase plants from a nursery, learn how to keep them healthy and productive throughout the growing season.

Web link to register for this class: bit.ly/cdmgfeb8class



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No. 24-4-00479-04
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The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or his attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of First Publication: January 1, 2025.
Karl H. Hohmann, Personal Representative
Attorney for the Personal Representative:
Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991
Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111
Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 24-4-00479-04 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo on January 1, January 8, and January 15, 2025. #9160

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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

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.

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.

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:

	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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7. Postage/Copying Expenses \$40.54
TOTAL: \$10,955.00

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.

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.

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
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.

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 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.

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 ac-

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cordance with RCW 61.24.060 .
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.
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/fcc/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

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: _____

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.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. **108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104** Trustee Sale No.: **WA-24-992324-SW** Title Order No.: **8792222** Reference Number of Deed of Trust: **Instrument No. 2297972** Parcel Number(s): **21298** Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: **BETTY BOVEE, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE** Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): **PHH Mortgage Corporation** Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: **PHH Mortgage Corporation** **I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION**, the undersigned Trustee, will on **1/31/2025, 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: **LOT 1, GAVIN REPLAT OF LOT 11, BLOCK 4, WOODRING PLAT OF MISSION, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 43. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CHELAN, STATE OF WASHINGTON.** More commonly known as: **210 ELBERTA AVE, CASHMERE, WA 98815** Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated **2/19/2009**, recorded **2/24/2009**, under Instrument No. **2297972** records of CHELAN County, Washington, from **BETTY BOVEE, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE**, as grantor(s), to **Northwest Trustee SCVS**, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to **PHH Mortgage Corporation**, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number **2596945** 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: **BORROWER(S) FAILED TO MAINTAIN HAZARD INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY, AND/OR FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROOF OF INSURANCE, IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF BORROWER(S)' HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGE IV.** The total sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: the principal sum of **\$151,966.71**, together with interest as provided in the Note, Deed

of Trust, or other instrument secured from **2/19/2009** 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 **1/31/2025**. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured before this sale date (if curable) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured. For monetary defaults, payments must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or Federally chartered bank. The sale may also be terminated any time before the sale date set forth in this Paragraph if the Borrower, Grantor or holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance pays the entire principal and interest, plus costs, charges, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the Note, Deed of Trust and/or other instrument secured, and cures 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 **8/25/2024**. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. **NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS** - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are

not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. **THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.** You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until **90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than **25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. **DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW** to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. **SEEKING ASSISTANCE** Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: **1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663)** or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: **1-800-569-4287** or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcf> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: **1-800-606-4819** or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is **WA-24-992324-SW**. Note: This form has been modified to account for the breach type. Dated: **9/25/2024** **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION**, as Trustee By: **Jeff Stenman**, President 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-24-992324-SW** Sale Line: **916-939-0772** or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0224579 1/1/2025 1/22/2025 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 1, 22, 2025. #8614

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