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## Leavenworth's Winter Karneval begins

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LEAVENWORTH - With the holiday season coming to a close, Leavenworth will continue its celebrations with Winter Karneval throughout the month of January.

The festivities honor a German celebration that dates back to the thirteenth century, and is commonly referred to as 'Fasching' in Bavaria. The Front Street Park Gazebo will host fire dancers over the weekend of Jan. 11 and 12, with performances at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Artisan carvers will be staged throughout town to create sculptures in real time during the live ice carvings event taking place during Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, Jan. 18 and 19. The weekend will close with the annual fireworks show over downtown on Sunday evening.

Additionally, Sample Seattle, which organizes evenings featuring Seattle entertainers, will host its first event in Leavenworth from Jan. 17 to 19. The variety show will have three evenings of different music formats and will be hosted by the magician "the American Mystifier." Friday evening will have country and Southern rock and blues, followed by old school soul and 70's and 80's funk

on Saturday evening. The weekend will close Sunday evening with Latin jazz, then Be Bop to fusion jazz. The festivities will culminate with a Fasching Pub Crawl from Friday to Sunday, beginning on Jan. 24. Fasching is a German tradition that is akin to Mardi Gras. The pub crawl will have carnival masks, giveaways, and specialty eats and drinks at participating locations.

# Snow Place Like Home

TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA  
Greg and Judy Harris pose next to their nine-foot-tall goose made of snow.



## Empty Bowls Festival returns to fund Community Cupboard

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LEAVENWORTH - The Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival, a fundraiser supporting Leavenworth's Community Cupboard Food Bank, has announced its 2025 schedule of events running January 31 through March 27.

The festival generates over \$15,000 annually, providing more than 50 percent of the food bank's operating budget. These funds support food boxes for over 1,000 local households each year and fund an art grant program for artists working with Cascade School District students.

The event series begins with Glazing Days, scheduled for January 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and continuing February 1-3 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Community members can paint bowls, which will be fired and available for pickup at the March Community Soup Supper. Volunteers will provide guidance, and local artists will decorate bowls for the March online auction.

An Artist Reception is set for March 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Icicle Ridge Winery, featuring

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## Family's 9-Foot goose nests in Leavenworth

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

LEAVENWORTH - A nine-foot tall goose made of snow has temporarily made its home in Leavenworth for as long as weather permits.

The impressive snow creature sits off of Suncrest Drive, and can be seen from North Road. Building one each year is part of Greg and Judy Harris's annual family tradition.

"We definitely get slow cars. We'll see people driving down North Road and then they kind of like, slow down and stop, or they'll come up here... The propane guy delivered propane this morning...and he says, 'I gotta ask, how'd you build that thing?' Oh yeah, people are certainly curious," said Greg.

It started with a simple snowman six years ago while the Harrises were building their house. When they settled into their home the next year, they tried a moose - inspired by their cat named 'Moose.' The four-legged animal was structurally impressive, but nowhere near the size of the creations they would create in the years following.

Greg, an engineer, took the building process to the next level,



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Greg Harris, an engineer, usually spends hours each year planning the structure of the family's annual snow creature.

designing and creating frames that could support the weight of a towering yeti, or a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Each year, Greg will typically spend hours looking up 3D models of his idea, figuring out the scale, then

building a frame that will support the surprisingly heavy weight of melting and refreezing snow as it withstands temperature fluctuations.

"He likes the building process and figuring it out. He and my son, who

also is an engineer, go down in the barn and come up with what the frame is going to be, or what the frame needs to be in order to be [supportive]," said Judy.

The day after Christmas, Greg and Judy, plus their two kids' families, spend a few hours building the snow creature together, then pose with it for next year's holiday card. In addition to the yeti and T-Rex, they've also built a nutcracker to go along with a Leavenworth theme, as well as a giant beaver, which suffered quickly from an abnormally warm winter. In the height of 'The Mandalorian' popularity, the Harrises built a Baby Yoda with three hot dogs for fingers.

"The next day, we got up and the fingers were missing and the sticks of the fingers were laying on the ground...[Our neighbor's dog] ate the fingers," said Judy.

With the exception of the nutcracker, the couple tends to stick to a 'snow creature' theme when choosing each year's creation. The Harrises are both birders by hobby, making the goose a fitting next choice. While it may resemble

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## Chelan County Sheriff adds 24/7 supervisor coverage to patrol shifts

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WENATCHEE — The Chelan County Sheriff's Office announced comprehensive operational changes to enhance supervision and accountability across all patrol shifts beginning in 2025.

Sheriff Mike Morrison revealed that patrol supervisors, including both Sergeants and Corporals, will be scheduled alongside deputies during every patrol shift, establishing round-the-clock supervisory presence throughout the county.

The initiative addresses previous gaps in supervisory coverage and aligns with law enforcement best practices, according to the department's announcement on December 31, 2024.

"Supervisors play a critical role in overseeing investigations, managing critical incidents, evaluating employee performance, and ensuring accountability," Morrison stated in the release. "They are responsible for making real-time decisions during incidents, ensuring deputies comply with legal and procedural standards, and providing coaching and mentorship."

As part of the transparency measures, patrol supervisor vehicles will be clearly marked with "SUPERVISOR" signage and display their assigned insignia in multiple locations, making them easily identifiable to the public.

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**Foggy Fridays live music**

Stevens Pass will host live music by the Chumililies on Friday, January 10, from 4-6 p.m. as part of their Foggy Fridays concert series.

"Join us at Stevens Pass in the Foggy Goggle for Foggy Fridays, where we have these amazing musicians scheduled," the event page states.

For more information, visit [stevenspass.com](http://stevenspass.com).

**Fire Dancers**

Fire Dancers will perform for the Leavenworth Winter Karneval on Saturday, January 11, from 5-8 p.m. at the Gazebo in Front Street Park.

"For Winter Karneval the Leavenworth Chamber

of Commerce presents Fire Dancers with Cirque Cadia," the event page states.

For more information, visit [leavenworth.org](http://leavenworth.org).

**Grand Kyiv Ballet: Swan Lake**

Numerica Performing Arts Center will host the Grand Kyiv Ballet: Swan Lake on Tuesday, January 14, from 7-9 p.m.

"Swan Lake is a ballet masterpiece that tells the story of a prince who falls in love with a beautiful swan princess under a spell," the event page states. "The ballet is renowned for its stunning choreography, intricate set design, and Tchaikovsky's captivating music."

For more information, visit [numericapac.org](http://numericapac.org).

**Naturalist Trivia**

The Wenatchee River Institute will host Naturalist Trivia on Tuesday, January 14, from 7-9 p.m. at Bushel and Bee Taproom in Leavenworth.

"It's time to test your nature knowledge with a fun evening of Naturalist Trivia with WRI," the event page states. "Bring your friends to form a team of up to six people and compete against the WRI Staff team for a chance to win prizes and, of course, bragging rights over other nature nerds in the valley."

For more information, visit [wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](http://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org).

**Kids with Books**

The Leavenworth Library will host a Kids with Books event on Wednesday, January 15, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

"Are you a 3rd through 6th grade kid? Got a book that you're currently reading? Come to the library, grab a snack and a pillow, and get reading," the event page states.

For more information, visit [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).



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## Hundreds gather for Día de los Reyes celebration



This year, WRI expanded the event to three different locations: WRI campus, the Festhalle, and Front Street Gazebo. They served over 600 meals during the event.



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The three kings, Carlos Sarabia Jr., Alex Schmidt, and Carlos Sarabia Sr. stand in front of a large crowd before the musical performance.



Giving gifts to children is Dia de los Reyes tradition. Sarabia's Landscaping donated 200 gifts for the celebration. Romeo Figueroa sits on his new bike alongside his dad, Efrain.



Rotary Club of Leavenworth volunteers Karen Haire and Elisabeth Saunders pass out Rosca de Reyes, a sweet bread traditionally served on the holiday.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The second annual Día de los Reyes celebration drew in hundreds of attendees for a day filled with food, music, community, and cultural traditions.

Last year, the Wenatchee River Institute (WRI), with help from community partners, hosted its inaugural Día de los Reyes celebration with about 150 attendees. The event was created to diversify community engagement and encourage inclusion of the

Latinx community.

This year, WRI leaned into the community event, expanding its offerings and locations. The Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce donated the use of the Festhalle, LG Driving School and Danzas Multiculturales assisted with performances, and the Rotary Club of Leavenworth provided volunteers.

Camp Camrec and Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center provided meal support, which consisted of pozole, a traditional Mexican stew, rosca de reyes, a sweet bread, and ponche, or punch.

"It's really rewarding to see

so many people, both locals and folks from down valley, and folks that we know and folks that we don't know, all here enjoying the event together," said WRI Executive Director Canuche Terranella.

The event drew in an estimated 170 people for the afternoon activities, such as snow play and face painting at the WRI campus. The event carried over to the Festhalle for food, dance performances, gift giving, and presentations. The centralized location drew an even larger crowd, with over 600 meals served.

"I saw so many faces I

recognized from Wenatchee, from everywhere. It really made me happy...That's made me feel like I still have my people, you know, there's still a lot of people that follow that tradition we got from Mexico," said Carlos Sarabia of Sarabia Landscaping.

Sarabia's Landscaping donated 200 gifts and 500 bags of candy for children as part of the holiday's gift giving tradition.

"It's a pleasure for us, for my family, to provide something to the kids around the town...We like to see the kids' faces when they get their gifts – big smiles,

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## Chelan County Commissioners to take public input on short-term rental code changes

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WENATCHEE - Chelan County will hold a public hearing on proposed modifications to the county's short-term rental regulations, as officials continue to refine rules governing vacation rentals in the region.

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has scheduled the public hearing for Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee. The meeting will offer both in-person and virtual attendance options through Zoom, with connection details available on the Commissioners' webpage at [www.co.chelan.wa.us/board-of-commissioners](http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/board-of-commissioners).

The proposed amendments follow a review initiated by the BOCC earlier this year, targeting sections of the code that have generated questions from county staff and residents since its initial adoption in July 2021. The existing code established operating standards for the county's short-term rental industry.

A previous public hearing held by the Planning Commission on Nov. 13 drew 75 online participants and 40 in-person

attendees. The commission has since submitted its recommendations on the proposed changes to the BOCC, which are now available for public review online.

Members of the public wishing to voice their opinions at the upcoming hearing will be allocated three minutes each for comments. Written submissions are being accepted by the Community Development department at [CD.Comment@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:CD.Comment@co.chelan.wa.us) prior to the meeting.

Following the public comment period, commissioners may proceed with deliberations and take immediate action on the proposed updates. Alternatively, they retain the option to close the public comment period and continue deliberations at a subsequent meeting.

The proposed modifications and current short-term rental code can be accessed through the county's official website, along with additional meeting information and documentation.

This hearing represents the latest step in the county's efforts to regulate its short-term rental industry, which has grown to become a key part of the local housing market.

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## Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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### Dec 27

Cascade  
2:52:02 Dui, 817 Commercial St.  
Cascade  
6:30:47 Parking/Abandon, 11674 River Bend Dr, Leave 6  
10:52:18 Property, 116 River Bend Dr, Safeway Lv  
11:45:05 Property, 309 8th St, Posthotel Leav Lv  
11:58:24 Property, 1250 Us Hwy 2, Mcdonalds L Lv  
12:05:19 911, 9425 Saunders Rd, Peshasti 6  
15:30:00 911, 22976 Lake Wenatchee Hwy, 3fs  
15:32:48 Accident No Inj, Us Hwy 2 & E Leavenworth R  
17:09:12 Assist Public, 300 Enchantment Park Way,  
17:31:57 Accident No Inj, 12th St & Front St, Leaven  
18:13:30 Weapons Violati, 935 Front St, Icicle Brew!  
19:11:53 Suicide Threat, 9636 Marson Dr, Leavenworth

### Dec 29

119:38 Domestic Distur, 590 Us Hwy 2, Enzian Motor  
9:49:37 Hazard, 3247 Allen Ln, Peshastin,  
12:05:25 Vehicle Theft, 10183 County Shop Rd, Leav  
12:08:50 Accident No Inj, 21161

### Dec 28

2:52:02 Dui, 817 Commercial St;

Beaver Valley Rd; Ar  
12:19:59 Welfare Check, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway  
12:43:35 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway  
15:10:03 Burglary, 236 Scholze St, Leavenworth  
15:44:27 Trespass, 10701 Ski Hill Dr, Leavenw  
16:05:51 Parking/Abandon, 429 Evans St; First Baptist  
18:40:29 911, 8885 Stage Rd, Peshastin,  
20:28:37 Welfare Check, 310 Division St, Leavenwor  
22:41:24 Assist Public, 920 Us Hwy 2 Unit A; Subwa  
23:43:42 Suspicious, 2201 Salal Dr, Lake Wenatc

### Dec 30

119:38 Domestic Distur, 590 Us Hwy 2; Enzian Motor Lv  
9:04:12 Suspicious, 1016 Commercial St; Leaven Lv  
9:11:02 Assist Public, 4800 Us Hwy 97, Peshastin, 6  
9:59:03 Civil, 21309 Stetson Rd, Plain, W 1  
17:19:51 Parking/Abandon, 8697 Alice Ave, Dryden, Wa  
20:58:50 Domestic Distur, 6342 Campbell Rd, Peshasti  
21:28:58 Trespass, 116 River Bend Dr, Safeway

### Dec 31

7:09:57 Accident No Inj, 100blk Whitman St, Leavenw Lv  
7:37:34 Property, 935 Front St; Icicle Brew Lv  
7:54:58 Civil, 11687 Sunitsch Canyon Rd, 6  
9:48:19 Civil, 6342 Campbell Rd, Peshasti 6  
12:36:27 Suspicious, 500 Pine St; Alpine Lakes Lv  
14:26:49 Traffic Offense, North Rd & Fox Rd, Leavenw 6  
17:21:30 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr, Safeway Lv  
18:40:53 Suspicious, 900blk Front St, Leavenwor Lv  
19:59:35 Suspicious, 3300 Us Hwy 97 # 58, Peshastin 6  
20:02:09 Property, 1001 Front St; Leavenworth Lv  
22:52:47 Domestic Disturbance, 817 Commercial St; Cascade Lv  
23:04:07 Traffic Offense, 2410 Salal Dr, Lake Wenatc 1

### Jan 1

0:15:12 911, 22976 Lake Wenatchee Hwy;  
1:30:17 Trespass, 6702 Johnson Rd, Dryden, W  
2:53:19 Civil, 22616 Corral St, Plain, Wa  
9:48:45 Property, 690 Us Hwy 2; Linderhof Mo  
10:39:04 Malicious Misch, 15361 Us Hwy 2; 59er Diner  
10:57:14 Accident No Inj, 6900blk Icicle Rd, Leavenw  
11:07:41 Theft, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway  
12:06:47 Disturbance, 217 8th St# B; Renaissance  
13:42:15 Disturbance, 939 Front St# B; A Little  
17:09:10 Fraud/Forgery, 23240 Lake Wenatchee Hwy,  
17:32:54 Suspicious, 617 Us Hwy 2; Area Gustavs  
20:12:26 Suspicious, 980 Us Hwy 2; Cashmere Val

### Jan 2

3:15:49 911, 22976 Lake Wenatchee Hwy;  
6:37:16 Trespass, 11645 North Rd, Amtrak Ici  
8:16:47 Parking/Abandon, 9840 School St, Peshastin,  
8:20:03 Parking/Abandon, 3412 Ingalls Ln, Peshastin  
8:31:47 Scam, 12891 Chumstick Hwy, Leaven  
10:00:31 Alarm, 708 Us Hwy 2; Wafd, Leaven  
11:06:58 Assist Public, 12413 Chumstick Hwy, Leaven  
11:08:13 Trespass, 920 Us Hwy 2; Village Merc  
13:31:11 Accident No Inj, 300 Enchantment Park Way;  
13:46:28 911, 590 Us Hwy 2; Enzian Motor  
14:10:20 Welfare Check, 18983 River Rd, Plain, Wa  
17:14:35 Theft, 3893 Old Blewett Rd, Peshastin  
18:55:52 Alarm, 215 14th St; Eastside Cycl  
19:46:41 Theft, 800blk Front St; The Edit!  
20:47:10 Harass/Threat, 238 Park Ave, Leavenworth

# Cascade Medical Foundation names new chairman, board members for 2025



Dana Wilson



Rich Adamson

retired insurance executive with a residence near Lake Wenatchee, and Karen Nodolf, a retired nurse and medical educator living near Eagle Creek. Both will begin three-year terms in January.

Three longtime board members are departing: Kathy and Ted Montgomery, who served six years organizing Benevolent Nights and wine donations, and Ann MacPherson, who served five years as volunteer coordinator and at-large executive committee member.

The foundation's current fundraising initiative focuses on an \$80,000 "Clinic Bundle" to enhance Cascade Medical's Family Practice Clinic. The bundle includes medical equipment such as a bladder scanner and point-of-care ultrasound. In 2024, the foundation funded several major purchases, including a hematology analyzer, a vehicle for the Mobile Integrated Health program, and eight automated external defibrillators.

Since its establishment in 1992, the Cascade Medical Foundation has contributed \$2 million worth of medical equipment and programming to Cascade Medical, including a mobile health clinic, 3D mammography equipment, and ambulance safety gear.

The board currently has 18 members, with capacity for up to 21 members under its bylaws. Members may serve two consecutive three-year terms before taking a mandatory one-year hiatus.



Wade Nash



Strode Weaver

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LEAVENWORTH — Rich Adamson will lead the Cascade Medical Foundation as chairman of its executive committee in 2025, part of leadership changes at the nonprofit healthcare organization.

Adamson, who has served as a board member since 2021 and previously chaired the Cascade Golf Classic committee, will oversee the foundation's efforts to support healthcare initiatives in the Leavenworth area. The foundation's largest annual fundraising event,

the Cascade Golf Classic, is scheduled for June 16 at Kahler Mountain Resort.

The executive committee appointments include Wade Nash returning as vice chair, with both Nash and Adamson elected to two-year terms. Strode Weaver will continue as treasurer, Dana Wilson as secretary, and Bob Adamson as an at-large member, each serving one-year terms. Kathi Nash has been elected to fill the second at-large board member position.

The foundation also welcomed two new board members: Rex Lund, a

## 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  
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## Link Transit expands routes, adds early morning and weekend service

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WENATCHEE — Link Transit launched expanded public transportation services across North Central Washington on January 6, adding earlier departure times and enhanced weekend coverage to 11 routes throughout the region.

The transit authority implemented schedule changes focused on early morning commuter service and increased weekend connectivity between major regional hubs, marking one of the largest schedule adjustments in recent years for the system serving the greater Wenatchee Valley and surrounding communities.

New weekday additions included early morning departures on several routes, with Route 2 East Wenatchee to Walmart beginning service at 6 a.m. and Route 18 adding a pre-dawn departure at 4:59 a.m. from Olds Station to Wenatchee Valley College.

The Route 22 corridor between Wenatchee and Leavenworth adjusted departure times throughout the day, with four trips shifting by five to ten minutes to optimize service delivery. The transit authority also eliminated on-call service in Peshastin, replacing it with regular scheduled stops on all Route 22 trips.

Weekend service grew on intercity routes. The Wenatchee-Chelan Route 21

added three additional round trips on both Saturday and Sunday. Route 22's weekend service increased to 45-minute frequency between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Route 28 between Wenatchee and Cashmere introduced Sunday service for the first time, offering five daily departures from Columbia Station.

Route 32, serving Leavenworth's local area, adjusted to 30-minute intervals between buses, while Route 25 to Waterville underwent schedule restructuring with new morning service times.

Link Transit made new schedule books available to passengers prior to the changes, with digital schedules updating automatically on the morning of the service change.

## Conservation District sets hybrid January board meeting in Wenatchee

NCW News Ward Media

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 Friday, January 17.

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

Interested parties can participate remotely through either telephone or Zoom videoconferencing platforms. The district has indicated that detailed connection instructions will be made

available through their official website at cascadiacd.org.

Those seeking additional

information or wanting to secure a spot for in-person attendance are directed to contact the District office at 509-436-1601.

### Los Reyes

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"They love it," said Sarabia. The evening celebration was followed by a procession from the Festhalle to Kiosco, or Front Street Gazebo, led by los tres reyes, or three kings. The evening closed with a performance by nine-year-old ranchera singer Katalaya

Garcia with mariachi.

In addition to in-kind donations and volunteers, the event was also made possible by grants from the Williams International Fund, Woods Family Music and Arts grants, and the City of Leavenworth Fund.

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

## Cascade High School artists featured in Leavenworth Library exhibition

NCW News Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - The Leavenworth Library will showcase artwork from Cascade High School's Advanced Artists class from January 7-24, in the Fireside Room.

The exhibition features drawings, paintings,

digital art, sculpture, and photography from five student artists: Chris Rosemann, Ivan Castro Cervantes, Olaf Saugen, Aliya Coronado, and Panthra Gardineer.

Visitors are encouraged to share their thoughts in the exhibition's guest book. For information about viewing hours, contact the Leavenworth Library.

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# Tax debate hangs heavy over approaching Washington legislative session

By LAUREL DEMKOVICH AND JERRY CORNFIELD  
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Washington Democrats are preparing for a legislative session where new taxes will be a major focus to solve a multi-billion dollar state budget hole.

House Speaker Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma, and Senate Majority Leader Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle, told the Standard last week that they haven't settled on which tax legislation might be prioritized, but many ideas revolve around taxing wealthy people and companies.

The leaders say they want to "scrub" the budget for savings first. But they face a gap of around \$12 billion or more between the state's expected income and expenses over the next four years. This means new revenue will likely be necessary to maintain and expand Democrats' priority programs in areas like education, housing and mental health care.

"We are trying to be as transparent as possible about the fact that this is not likely a budget shortfall that can be solved with cuts alone," Pedersen said. "We are trying to get ideas out on the table soon, so we can have a discussion about them and try to figure out collectively what's the best path forward for the state."

Republicans see the budget situation differently. Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, and

House Minority Leader Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, want to focus on trimming instead of adding new revenue.

"This is a spending problem. We are not in a recession. There's no decrease in revenue," Braun said. And he sharply disagreed with Jinkins' past assertion that the defeat in November of a ballot initiative to repeal the state's capital gains tax "is a mandate to go do new taxes."

"I don't think so," he said.

**Tax proposals**

Democrats are already discussing a plethora of tax options as the Jan. 13 start date for the session nears.

Those include a "wealth tax." Outgoing Gov. Jay Inslee's proposed budget calls for a 1% tax on an individual's wealth above \$100 million. This would cover an array of assets, including cash, bonds and stocks. Inslee estimated the tax could apply to about 3,400 people and bring in about \$10.3 billion over the next four years.

Washington's current two-year operating budget is just shy of \$70 billion, Inslee's plan is around \$79.5 billion. These totals do not include transportation programs or construction projects dealt with in separate budgets.

Inslee also proposed some increases in the business and occupation tax which would temporarily impose a surcharge for some bigger businesses through the end of 2026 and then raise the tax for all businesses beginning in

2027. Those aren't the only ideas on the table for Democrats, who hold wide majorities in both chambers of the Legislature.

An email that Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, mistakenly sent to Republican lawmakers in late December outlined other possibilities for increasing revenue.

Those included a levy on companies with large payrolls and high-paid employees, modeled on Seattle's JumpStart tax. There's also an excise tax on gun and ammunition sales, a lift of the 1% cap on annual property tax increases, and a sales tax on self-storage unit rentals.

Frame is vice chair of finance on the Senate Ways and Means Committee, which handles tax policy. Pedersen emphasized that the ideas shared in the email were put forward by Frame for discussion and are not policies that necessarily have broad support among Senate Democrats.

Jinkins said it's "way too early" to know which proposals may be the most viable or necessary this session.

"It's very hard this far out, before we've scrubbed the budget, to even say what amount of revenue we think will be necessary," Jinkins said.

Jinkins also acknowledged that tax legislation often ends up challenged in court.

"I prefer something that is pretty quick litigation, that we know we can move fairly quickly because we need the money now," she added.

Any new tax idea will get pushback from Republicans and even some Democrats could balk.

Stokesbary said Democrats have failed to exercise "any level of self-control over the past five years" with the state budget and new taxes aren't going to fix that. The state's two-year operating budget has climbed from around \$52.4 billion in 2019. Stokesbary said the budget is filled with "good ideas" that need to be prioritized so the state can live within its means.

"At one point you have to say 'no,'" Stokesbary said.

**Rent cap bill likely to reemerge**

As Democratic leaders grapple with the budget shortfall, they will also be trying to balance new ideas and familiar priorities.

Expanding the supply and affordability of housing in Washington is near the top of this list.

That will likely include a proposal from last year that would have capped yearly rent increases at 7% for existing residential tenants. The push for this "rent stabilization" plan failed twice in the Senate. This year, both caucus leaders recognize many of their members would like to see it revived.

Pedersen said voters have elected a Senate that is prepared and interested in passing some form of rent stabilization. But he added the key to getting that proposal through will be passing other

bill to increase housing supply and improve affordability.

Making "as much investment as we can in public schools," maintaining access to child care and improving access to mental health services are among the other leading issues for Democrats this year, Pedersen said.

Republicans plan to focus on cost of living, public safety and education.

"Food, gas, housing, child care, health care, are all increasingly unaffordable. Nothing about the election changed that so far," Braun said.

Regarding law enforcement, they expressed hope for a bipartisan push to boost hiring of officers across the state because Washington has the nation's lowest number of officers per capita. Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson made this a pillar of his campaign platform.

Education is also a priority for Republicans. "We've got a ton of work to do. We still haven't recovered from the [pandemic-era] learning loss. Our kids are performing well below standards and we're not catching up," Braun said.

**Preparing for Trump**

One source of tension between Democrats and Republicans in Olympia could be how the state responds to the next Trump presidency.

Ferguson has already said he's prepared for showdowns with the incoming Trump administration over issues like immigration, abortion access and LGBTQ rights.

Both Jinkins and Pedersen are also bracing for clashes.

"We'll be paying a lot more attention to what's coming down from the federal level and trying to anticipate those things when we can and maybe react to stop bad things from happening in Washington," Jinkins said.

Republicans argue that Democrats should stick to state-level issues in the next session rather than straying into federal matters.

"We understand that we might have different priorities, different methods of achieving goals," Stokesbary said. "We'll be less disappointed if [Democrats] spend their time on Washington problems. We'll be really frustrated if they insist on solving the nation's problems when that's not what they were elected to solve."

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# Washington's Legislature, by the numbers

By **LAUREL DEMKOVICH**  
*Washington State Standard*

OLYMPIA - On Monday, 147 state representatives and senators will descend on the Capitol for 105 days of lawmaking.

Hundreds of others — lobbyists, support staff, press and members of the public — will also filter beneath the dome over the next four months.

Legislators will have to solve a \$10 billion to \$12 billion dollar budget problem and will likely pass hundreds of bills.

Here's a look at some key numbers to know as you follow along:

**98 representatives and 49 Senators**

The state Legislature has two chambers, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The House is the larger of the two with 98 members — two for each district in the state. The Senate is smaller with only one representative per district.

Democrats control both chambers and grew their majorities in this year's elections. In 2025, there will be 30 Democrats and 19 Republicans in the Senate and 59 Democrats and 39 Republicans in the House.

**31 new people — and counting**

The Legislature saw high turnover this year following retirements and lawmakers moving to different elected



The Senate chambers at the Washington state Capitol.

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positions.

There will be 31 people in new seats. That includes eight former representatives heading to the Senate. There's also a handful of lawmakers returning after time off. And some are representing new districts following court-ordered changes to district boundaries.

The rest are newcomers. Three more replacements are still on the way.

Sen. Patty Kuderer will leave her post in January to become the next state insurance commissioner. Her vacancy will mean at least one new member in the Senate — likely a current House

member. The resulting House vacancy would mean another new member in that chamber.

Meanwhile, Rep. Tana Semn will also leave next month to lead the Department of Children, Youth and Families. Her vacancy will need to be filled too.

**35 committees**

Between the House and the Senate, there are about 35 standing committees where bills start their long journey to becoming law.

They cover topics like economic development, higher education, housing, long-term care and tribal affairs.

Standing committees meet

regularly throughout the session to hold public hearings on proposed legislation, amend bills and vote to move them on through the process. It's where much of the bill-writing process happens.

Most committees have less than a dozen members, but the finance committees are much larger. The House Appropriations Committee, for example, had 31 members last session, and the Senate Ways and Means Committee had 21 members.

There are also joint committees that include members from both chambers and meet periodically throughout the year to discuss

specific topics, like veterans' and military affairs, water supply during droughts, and energy supply.

**7 important cutoff dates**

To keep things moving during the session, lawmakers set deadlines for when they must pass legislation.

The first cutoff comes on Feb. 21 when bills must pass through a policy committee in their house of origin or they are likely dead for the year. The next one comes a week later when the fiscal committee cutoff arrives. All leading up to "house of origin" cutoff on March 12.

Then the process repeats with three more deadlines before "sine die" on April 27 — the final scheduled cutoff for anything to pass this session.

**274 pre-filed bills and counting**

In the month or so before a legislative session starts, lawmakers can pre-file bills. Doing so doesn't automatically mean the legislation will get a hearing, and it doesn't make it any more likely to become a law. But it does give committee chairs ideas for what they might want to bring forward once the Legislature convenes.

When lawmakers gavel in, hundreds more bills are likely to be introduced. Some could pass quickly, others could take all session to move along, and many may never be considered. As of Dec. 30, at least 274 bills had been pre-filed.

**747 reams of paper**

During the 2021 legislative session, when lawmakers worked from home during the COVID pandemic, they used significantly less paper than they normally do.

Christine Rolfes, lead Democratic budget writer at the time, told lawmakers on the final day of that session that not having to print the 1,100-page budget saved 747 reams of paper — or about 37 trees.

Although the pandemic brought some permanent changes to the Legislature, like remote testimony, it didn't change lawmakers' reliance on printed products.

Assuming the Legislature prints their budget like they do most years, it'll require hundreds of reams of paper. And that doesn't include all of the sheets used for agendas, bills, notetaking and more.

**2,520 hours**

That's how many hours are in the 105 days that lawmakers will have to debate bills in 2025 — assuming that a special session doesn't add more time.

Hopefully, they won't work too many nights or weekends, but they are known for pulling long and late hours, especially as the session nears its end.

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The department emphasized that supervisors will manage critical documentation and oversee resources while maintaining service standards across the communities they serve.

"The Sheriff's Office is committed to professionalism, accountability, and public safety," the release stated, adding that these changes represent "a key step in strengthening public confidence and ensuring law enforcement operations meet the highest standards."



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The Chelan County Sheriff's Office announced comprehensive changes to enhance supervision across all patrol shifts starting in 2025, including clearly marked supervisor vehicles and round-the-clock supervisory coverage throughout the county.

## Community Foundation now accepting applications for scholarships

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WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW is now accepting scholarship applications for students who plan to attend community college, university, or trade school in Fall 2025.

Over 160 scholarships are available to high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students, each with unique criteria and award amounts. Most scholarships seek to support students who have served their community, show growth and potential, and demonstrate financial need.

"Our scholarships have been

established by people in our region who care about helping local students achieve their education and career dreams" said Julie Mott, scholarship program specialist. "Each was created with a certain student in mind, so there is really something for everyone. We encourage anyone who plans on going to college or trade school this fall to apply."

The application process is completed online. A universal application allows students to apply once and qualify for multiple scholarship opportunities. The application deadline for general scholarships is March 1. The deadline for nursing/allied health/trade

school scholarships is June 1. If students plan to apply for the latter, it is recommended they apply for general scholarships as well and meet the March 1 deadline.

Students will need to complete the FAFSA before applying, as well as obtaining letters of recommendation from teachers and/or mentors, and school transcripts, so proper planning is highly recommended.

Last year, over \$1.2M in scholarships was awarded to students across North Central Washington. To learn more and apply, visit [www.cfncw.org/scholarships](http://www.cfncw.org/scholarships).

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### Empty Bowls

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wine, appetizers, and music. Attendees can preview the auction pieces and meet participating artists.

The 29th annual online auction runs March 16-26 on [www.uvemptybowls.org](http://www.uvemptybowls.org). Bowls and platters created by local artists and potters will be available for bidding, with immediate purchase options.

The festival concludes

with the Community Soup Supper at the Leavenworth Festhalle on March 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event includes community members collecting their finished bowls and sharing a meal prepared with food donated by local restaurants, bakeries, and grocery stores.

For additional information about the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival, visit [www.uvemptybowls.org](http://www.uvemptybowls.org).



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Artist bowls on display at the 2023 Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival Artist Reception, featuring decorated ceramics by local artists. Similar artworks will be available during the 2025 festival's online auction March 16-26, with proceeds benefiting the Community Cupboard Food Bank.



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The Harris family spends the day after Christmas each year building the snow creature. The photo always ends up on the next year's holiday card.

### 9-Foot goose

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a snow goose, to them, it's a Hawaiian goose, also known as a nēnē (nay-nay).

"Judy's 'grandma name' is Nene. She chose the name Nene. She's Nene to our grandson, so that was really the inspiration," said Greg.

The goose will last as long as weather permits. This time of year, Greg typically watches the weather carefully, rebuilding the creature where he can.

"I try to keep them up because, you know, like you have a hot, warm spell, and then everything melts, and they start showing their bones and stuff. And then when it gets cold again...I go out and redo it. But at some point, it's not worth it. I just let it go," said Greg.



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The yeti was the family's first "giant" creation, complete with an internal frame for support.

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**Arianna B.**  
age 9

**Third Place**  
**John A.**  
age 8

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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  
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Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111  
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**A. 12 9 10 12 23**  
*Clue: Vessel*

**B. 18 19 10 8**  
*Clue: Opposite of fast*

**C. 18 3 20 20 16 9**  
*Clue: Liquid kept below boil*

**D. 1 16 15 17 16 9 3 21 16**  
*Clue: Soften fibers*

Answers: A. crock B. slow C. simmer D. tenderize

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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-24-995688-BB** Title Order No.: **CTT24000778** Reference Number of Deed of Trust: **Instrument No. 2083177** Parcel Number(s): **222010930592** Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: **DAVID A. GALLARDO AND OPAL M. GALLARDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE** Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): **MIDFIRST BANK** Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: **MidFirst Bank I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION**, the undersigned Trustee, will on **2/7/2025, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801** 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 15, BLOCK 14, WENATCHEE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 42, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.** More commonly known as: **924 METHOW ST, WENATCHEE, WA 98801-3466** Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated **10/24/2000**, recorded **11/1/2000**, under Instrument No. **2083177** records of **CHELAN** County, Washington, from **DAVID A. GALLARDO AND OPAL M. GALLARDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as grantor(s), to **T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, WASHINGTON**, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of **WESTERN SUNRISE AKA CROSSLAND MORTGAGE CORP.**, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to **MIDFIRST BANK**, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number **2342930 II.** No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. **III.** The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: **\$11,855.20.** **IV.** The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of **\$40,222.01**, together with interest as provided in the Note from **1/1/2024** 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

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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 **2/7/2025.** The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by **1/27/2025** (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before **1/27/2025** (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the **1/27/2025** (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. **VI.** A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of **8/16/2024.** **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

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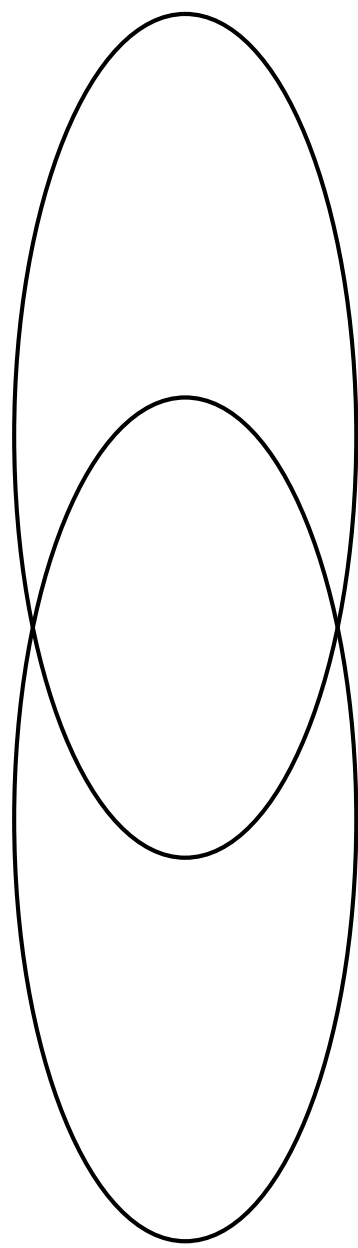
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Work with a partner at home to complete the following diagram.

1. Look at the list of traits. In the upper part of the top oval, write all of your traits.
2. Write your partner's traits on the lower part of the bottom oval.
3. In the area where the two ovals connect, write the traits you BOTH have.

- DIMPLES
- NO DIMPLES
- CAN ROLL TONGUE
- CAN'T ROLL TONGUE
- RIGHT HANDED
- LEFT HANDED
- DARK HAIR
- LIGHT HAIR
- CURLY HAIR
- STRAIGHT HAIR
- FRECKLES
- NO FRECKLES



A2 The Spottville Bugle

## Fortune Shines on Freckled Faces

SPOTTVILLE, USA – The Spottville school board passed a new rule last night giving Spottville children with freckles more privileges than children without freckles.



Student Myron Fleming feels the new rule is "long overdue."

Freckled children will always sit at the front of the classroom and be first in line. They will get to use new pencils and the finest white paper. Children without freckles will have to sit at the back of the room or on the floor. Grocery bags will be used as paper for their assignments.

Many non-freckled children find the Freckle Rule unfair. "This rule stinks!" cried Alison Smythe, age 11. "I can't help it that I don't have freckles. Why can't I eat in the same cafeteria as my friends with freckles?"

Many children with freckles also disagree with the new Freckle Rule. "I plan to fight against this dumb idea," said Dottie Darling, a student at Spottville Elementary School. "Dr. Martin Luther King's message is that discrimination is always wrong, and this new rule is discrimination."

"Disgruntled nonsense," said school board president Spotz McDotter. "The rule is fair to the people that really matter most – people with freckles."

## Could this be true?

What if this news story were true? Are the schools in Spottville treating all children equally?

## Dottie Darling Disagrees

Dottie and lots of kids from her school are speaking out against the Freckle Rule. Use the code to see what their signs say.

for

Spots or not, we all have a lot in common. Can you find at least 5 ways that each of my classmates and I are the same?

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL!

CODE

A	B	C	D	E	F	I	K	L
M	O	Q	R	S	T	U	Y	

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

This story may seem a bit silly. Sadly, there is some truth to it. For many years, groups of people in the United States were treated differently just because of the way they looked.

## Dr. King's Dream of Equality

Dr. Martin Luther King knew what it was like to be discriminated against. He had been called names and told he could not do all of the things other people could do. It wasn't because of freckles that Dr. King had these problems. It was because his skin was black.

In the 1950s and 60s, many Americans, Black and white, spoke out and even fought against unfair laws that discriminated against Black people. Dr. King was one of the leaders of this struggle called the Civil Rights Movement.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

Did Dottie and her friends get rid of the Freckle Rule? To find out, color the spaces with two dots RED and the squares with one dot BLUE.

Standards Link: Follow simple directions.

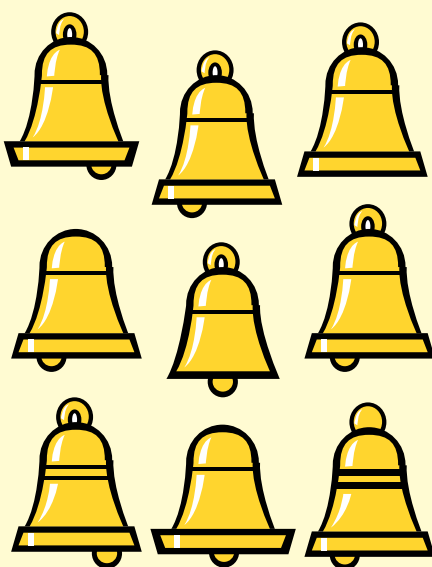
## Extra! Extra!

### Spirit of Freedom

Look through the newspaper for pictures and stories that show the freedoms Americans enjoy. Cut these out and make a poster called: "The Spirit of Freedom—The Spirit of America!"

Standards Link: History: Students understand the rights of citizenship.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler



### Let Freedom Ring

After years of struggle, the Civil Rights Act made discrimination against the law. However, Dr. King knew it would take more than a law to change people's hearts and minds. He continued to teach people that discrimination was unfair.

Each year on his birthday, Americans remember this man who believed the dream of equality and freedom should ring true for all.

Find the two bells that are exactly the same.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Follow written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- EQUALITY
- FORTUNE
- SIGNS
- FREEDOM
- MARTIN
- LUTHER
- KING
- DREAM
- TEACH
- STRUGGLE
- SPOTS
- SKIN
- RULE
- SAME
- LAW

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

N	A	L	F	G	W	A	Y	Y	R
I	S	A	F	R	N	S	T	U	N
K	K	Q	O	D	E	I	L	U	I
S	E	S	R	L	L	E	K	S	T
S	I	E	T	A	U	H	D	P	R
A	A	G	U	W	T	C	T	O	A
M	I	Q	N	O	H	A	N	T	M
E	E	S	E	S	E	E	H	S	K
E	L	G	G	U	R	T	S	Q	O

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: **VOLUNTEER**

The verb to volunteer means to work or help someone for no pay.

The fourth grade students volunteer to read to the kindergarten students.

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

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