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CSD seeks voter support for replacement levies



CSD Superintendent Tracey Edou speaks to Leavenworth City Council about district accomplishments before discussing the upcoming levies.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Voters will see two proposed replacement levies from Cascade School District on their Feb. 11 ballots.

The two proposed levies will replace current levies that are set to expire in Dec. 2025. The proposed levies are not new taxes, but a continuation of the existing levies voters approved in 2021. Because the state provides funding for basic education and not the full cost of operating a school district, levies bridge the gap. Currently, revenue from the levies provide 20 percent of the district's budget in the 2024-2025 school year.

Proposition 1 will present a replacement of the EP&O levy, which funds all athletics and extra-curriculars, unfunded staff positions

which include some librarian, nurse, and custodian positions, and unexpected or district-specific expenses, such as snow removal. It also provides special education support, which is only partially funded by the state and federal government, to fill the gaps in funding and support the individual

needs of students.

"It's local communities that allow those opportunities for students. So, when voters approve [EP & O] levies, what they are saying is that, 'Hey, we're going to give our kids the opportunity to play basketball,

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A sign of support for the levies sits along Chumstick Highway.

Tierra Learning Center opens new groomed Nordic Track



Cross-country skiers glide along the newly opened 1.6-kilometer Nordic track at Tierra Learning Center in Leavenworth, where both skate and traditional Nordic skiing are available on the groomed trail system constructed on the center's hay fields.

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LEAVENWORTH — Tierra Learning Center has expanded its winter recreational offerings with the opening of a new Nordic ski track, providing both skate skiing and traditional Nordic skiing opportunities on its property in Sunitsch Canyon.

The 1.6-kilometer groomed loop, constructed on the center's hay fields, will be maintained five days per week throughout the winter season. The facility has begun selling season passes at \$100 through its website.

To introduce the community to the new amenity, Tierra Learning Center will host an open house on



A young skier navigates through a training course marked with colorful cones on the groomed Nordic track at Tierra Learning Center, demonstrating the facility's commitment to serving people of all abilities in their recreational programs.

February 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., offering free skiing sessions along with complimentary hot dogs and hot cocoa while supplies last.

The Nordic track represents the latest addition to Tierra's comprehensive programs, which focus on serving individuals with developmental disabilities through residential care, employment services, and recreational activities.

Located in Leavenworth's Sunitsch Canyon, the learning center's facilities include Coyote House, an adult family home, and the Trails Day Program, which provides respite care, life skills education, and recreational activities. The organization emphasizes independent living

and community integration for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The center maintains a mission of creating an integrated community where people of all abilities live as equal citizens with full respect for their human rights, freedom and dignity. In addition to its programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, Tierra supports environmental stewardship through conservation practices and operates an organic farm.

For more information about the Nordic track or season passes, interested parties can visit www.TierraLearningCenter.org under the What's Happening/Winter Ski Trails section.

Leavenworth unveils 2025-2026 budget focused on infrastructure and community needs



COURTESY OF CITY OF LEAVENWORTH

Infrastructure and housing are top priorities in Leavenworth's new budget.

By Caroline Menna
Ward Media Intern

Key Highlights:

- Focus on Infrastructure:** Millions are allocated to essential infrastructure projects, including:
 - \$12 million for water infrastructure improvements;
 - \$4.8 million for wastewater system upgrades;
 - \$6.5 million for street and parking improvements, including initial design for a multi-level parking garage; and
 - Continued work on the USDA-funded Wastewater Mainline

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City considers PUD site for public works, MEND could benefit



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Together, Chelan County PUD and the City of Leavenworth will evaluate the feasibility of putting the city's public works campus on a portion of the PUD's 13 acres of land, which surround its Leavenworth offices.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Leavenworth City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Chelan County Public Utility District (PUD) on Jan. 14 to explore the feasibility of relocating the city's public works campus to an undeveloped portion of PUD owned land. The potential move would provide

Upper Valley MEND the opportunity to finally purchase the parcel on which the Community Cupboard is located, and expand its offerings.

"We just want to see if it's feasible for us to relocate public works across the street, see if we can save taxpayers some dollars, and still build out a new public works campus," said City Administrator

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Residents, officials weigh in on proposed short-term rental code revisions



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Sean Lynn of Love Leavenworth Vacation Rentals provides comment to Chelan County Commissioners.

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Yoga, Coffee, and Breakfast

La Javelina Cafe will host Yoga, Coffee, and Breakfast on Saturday, January 25, from 8-9 a.m.

"Join us for a 45-minute all-levels yoga class, followed by food and drinks from La Javelina, including espresso, smoothies, tacos, and more," the event page states. "Nourish your body and mind with movement and delicious offerings."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit lajavelina.com.

Sip and Paint Night

Stein will host a Sip and Paint Night on Wednesday, January 29, from 6-8 p.m. "Come enjoy a delightful

beverage at Stein downtown while immersing yourself in the creative process of making some unique art," the event page states.

For more information, visit steinleavenworth.com.

Saturday Salmon Series

Rocky Reach Discovery Center will host a Saturday Salmon Series on Saturday, January 25, from 10-11 a.m.

"Dive into the fascinating world of salmon with this interactive and engaging family program, perfect for all ages—from preschoolers to senior adults," the event page states. "Explore 'Kids Versus Fish: Comparative Anatomy' to discover how kids and fish are alike and different, learn how salmon use their fins in

"Fun with Fins", and create a unique keepsake by coloring your own wooden fish to take home."

For more information, visit chelanpud.org.

Kids Indoor Open Play

Leavenworth Festhalle will host a Kids Indoor Open Play time on Tuesday, January 28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

"Looking for a family-friendly activity? For just \$2 per child, enjoy fun, indoor play at the Leavenworth Festhalle," the event page states.

For more information, visit leavenworthfesthalle.com.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

IRISH SOCIAL Dancing AT THE MUSEUM

Irish Social Dancing at the Museum

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center will host an Irish Social Dancing class on Tuesday, January 28, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. "The An Daire Academy of Irish Dance is hosting a beginner-friendly class for adults," the event page

states. "Prospective dancers will be tapping to the rhythms of Ireland alongside seasoned dancers. Guests are recommended to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers/walking shoes."

For more information and to register, visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

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Goehner named ranking republican on Senate Housing Committee

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OLYMPIA — State Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, has been selected as the ranking Republican member on the Senate Housing Committee as he begins his first term in 2025, following three terms in the State House of Representatives.

Goehner, who served as a Chelan County Commissioner for 16 years, will focus on addressing Washington's housing crisis through regulatory reform. "The state has been facing a housing crisis for a long time and it needs to be addressed," Goehner said. "I expect to focus on the regulatory environment, the permitting process, and environmental issues. We need to create more housing

opportunities for all income levels."

In addition to his role on the Housing Committee, Goehner will serve as the assistant ranking Republican on the Transportation Committee, where he plans to prioritize efficiency and rural access improvements. He identified Highways 2 and 522 as critical infrastructure concerns for his district.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be on the transportation committee as the Assistant Ranking Republican so I can be part of negotiations and have input on the final decisions in the transportation budget," Goehner said.

The former state representative will also serve on the Local Government Committee, drawing from his extensive experience in

county government. "Because of my background in local government, I'm excited to be on the committee," Goehner said. "I'm very conscious and concerned of the challenges that small governments face and will continue to be mindful of the State's expectations for the municipalities in our district and ensuring adequate funding for those services."

Goehner represents the 12th Legislative District, which spans both sides of the Cascade Mountains and includes diverse communities such as Monroe, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Leavenworth, Chelan, Cashmere, and Wenatchee.

The 2025 Legislative Session commenced on Jan. 13, marking the beginning of Goehner's first term in the Senate.



Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden

COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE SENATE

Burnett takes oath, receives committee assignments

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OLYMPIA — State Rep. Brian Burnett, R-Wenatchee, was sworn in Monday, Jan. 13, during the opening ceremonies of the 2025 Legislature, officially beginning his term representing Washington's 12th Legislative District.

"With family and friends in attendance at the Capitol, taking the oath was humbling. Knowing the 12th District has confidence in me to be their voice in Olympia is a great feeling. This is a privilege I take very seriously," Burnett said.

The freshman legislator has been appointed to four committees, including

positions that leverage his extensive law enforcement career. Burnett will serve on the Community Safety Committee and Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee.

"With 25 years in law enforcement, I know firsthand what needs to be done to ensure safer streets and protect our communities," said Burnett, who previously served as Chelan County Sheriff for 12 years. "I am working on legislation to help address the drug crisis and help with law enforcement recruitment and retention."

His appointment comes as Washington faces significant law enforcement staffing challenges. The state currently ranks last among all states

and the District of Columbia in police officers per thousand residents.

Legislative leadership has also named Burnett as assistant ranking Republican on the Early Learning and Human Services Committee, where he will help oversee policies affecting children and families. The committee's jurisdiction includes early learning, child care, youth development, child welfare

services, children's mental health, at-risk and homeless youth, juvenile justice, and economic assistance programs.

"I have been very involved with at-risk youth, including a summer camp and mentor program for abused or neglected foster children ages 6 to 12. I experienced firsthand the challenges they may face due to unwarranted stressors in their lives. My background will provide valuable insight

into some of the issues that come before this committee," Burnett said.

Additionally, Burnett will serve on the House Appropriations Committee, which oversees the state operating budget, pension policy, and compensation matters.

The 2025 legislative session is scheduled to run 105 days, concluding April 27.



COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE REPUBLICANS
State Rep. Brian Burnett, R-Wenatchee, sits at his desk on the House floor during the opening day of Washington's 2025 legislative session in Olympia. The former Chelan County Sheriff was sworn in Monday and appointed to four committees, including roles focusing on public safety and human services.

Community Engagement Night

TUESDAY, FEB 4 | 4 - 7 PM | FESTHALLE

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
IWSC 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

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 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.
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Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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Jan 10

12:04:11 25c00314 Court Order
 Vio, 10835 Eagle Creek Rd, Leav
 12:54:04 25c00316 Scam, 9641 North Rd, Peshastin,
 15:28:46 25c00321 Civil, 12089 Chumstick Hwy, Leav
 16:07:02 25c00323 Welfare Check, 228 Chumstick Hwy, Cc3 Sta

22:13:35 Disturbance, 8734 School St, Dryden, Wa 6
 22:17:49 Fireworks, 10001 School St, Peshastin 6

Jan 13

10:52:28 Malicious Misch, Chumstick Hwy & Freund Can
 15:21:34 Traffic Offense, Chumstick Hwy Mp 2, Leaven
 16:17:13 Sex Offense, 27875 White River Rd# Din
 16:43:45 Disturbance, 1329 Us Hwy 2; X From Dans

Jan 14

7:26:28 Domestic Distur, 110 Central Ave, Leavenwor Lv
 9:30:09 Property, 940 Us Hwy 2 # B; Leavenwo Lv
 12:58:50 Fraud/Forgery, 10895 Titus Rd, Leavenwort 6
 21:29:15 Assist Agency, 16079 River Rd, Plain, Wa 1

Jan 15

0:23:02 Burglary, 548 Old Mill Ln, Lake Wena
 11:00:40 Assist Public, 110 Central Ave, Leavenwor
 11:19:38 Parking/Abandon, 8000blk Dempsey Rd,

Vandals shoot Chumstick Highway signs, causing \$10,000 in damages

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Chelan County Public Works is seeking answers to vandalism incurred on Chumstick Highway road signs. The radar-activated flashing warning signs located at the train trestle near Freund Canyon were shot multiple times over the weekend of

Jan. 11 and 12, according to a Chelan County Public Works Facebook post. The signs are radar-activated and in place for motorists' safety. The vandalism caused approximately \$10,000 in damages.

Any information regarding suspicious activity around the train trestle near Freund Canyon should be submitted to the Sheriff's tip line on the county website.



COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

The radar-activated signs warn drivers of a tight turn under the train trestle.

Reykdal says Washington risks lawsuit if school funding isn't hiked



RYAN BERRY/WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD

Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal is sworn in on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia, Wash. Reykdal was first elected to the job in 2016.

By JERRY CORNFIELD
 Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal warned Thursday that Washington is not living up to its constitutional obligation to cover the cost of basic education and faces the "very serious possibility" of landing back in front of the state Supreme Court to explain why.

Seven years ago, in the landmark case known as McCleary, justices ruled the state had complied with the court's order to ensure ample funding for basic education. But the state's been backsliding since, Reykdal said, and no longer provides enough money to local school districts to keep pace with rising costs.

"The court didn't say you're done. Our fiscal situation is

getting perilous in a lot of places," he said, adding "it is a very serious possibility" the state could be hauled into court again for not meeting its school funding obligations.

Jared Kink, president of the Everett Education Association, a unit of the Washington Education Association, agreed a courtroom reckoning looms if the Legislature and governor don't step up.

"The McCleary decision on funding wasn't a static number. The Legislature has not adapted to the increasing costs that educators are experiencing in schools," he said.

Reykdal made his comments Thursday as he provided a status check on Washington's 1.1 million-student public school system that he's overseen since 2017.

He spoke about trends in student enrollment and academic achievement but he devoted a large portion of his 45-minute talk to the need to tackle major cost-drivers districts face: special

education, transportation, and materials, supplies and operating costs, also known as MSOC.

Reykdal estimated it would take \$2 billion in the next budget to collectively cover the gap between what the state now provides districts for each of those areas and the actual amount they spend.

About half is for special education and would enable lifting a cap on state funding for special education programs and covering these services for those up to age 22. Reykdal also wants to track increases in enrollment of students in need of special services.

Close to \$140 million is needed to provide reliable transportation to and from school for all students, including those with special needs, those who are homeless, and those in foster care.

Materials, supplies and operating costs are up due to spiking prices, including insurance premiums, natural gas rates and utility charges.

But pumping more money

toward schools is a big ask for lawmakers and Gov. Bob Ferguson who will be focused on filling a large budget hole.

"I understand people talk about 'this is a tough year.' Every year is a tough year," Reykdal said. "We do not want to find ourselves back in court."

The challenge, he continued, is to make sure Democrats and Republicans consider long-term goals in education investment not just the "crisis of the moment in their budget."

In the current two-year operating budget, Washington is spending roughly \$30.6 billion of the general fund — the cache of state tax dollars used to fund day-to-day operations — on public schools, he said. That works out to roughly 43%, down from the high-water mark of over 50% in 2019, the year after McCleary was resolved.

"Setting a goal like 50% again, gives us something measurable to shoot for, and I think it's tangible," Reykdal said.

Ferguson has called the 43% level "unacceptable" and vowed to boost the percentage in the next budget. He has not said how. And he has been silent on what increases he might support for special education, MSOC and transportation.

He has endorsed spending \$240 million to provide free breakfast and lunch for students. Ferguson also endorsed former governor Jay Inslee's proposal to save \$250 million by not paying bonuses to teachers earning National Board certification.

Also Thursday, Reykdal called on lawmakers to allow local school districts to raise greater amounts of money from voter-approved local levies, also known as enrichment levies.

The cap on how much districts could seek from voters was cut nearly in half following the McCleary decision. Lawmakers reasoned that if the state provides more funding, districts should not be able to collect as much from local taxpayers.

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Boys Wrestling				
Sat, Jan 25	10:00 AM	Qunicy	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Cascade	Home	
Girls Basketball				
Thu, Jan 23	5:45 PM	Chelan	Home	
Sat, Jan 25	6:00 PM	Entiat	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Bridgeport	Away	
Boys Basketball				
Thu, Jan 23	7:15 PM	Chelan	Home	
Sat, Jan 25	7:30 PM	Entiat	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	7:30 PM	Bridgeport	Away	

CASCADE SCOREBOARD

Girls Basketball					
Thu, Jan 16	Cascade	37	Moses Lake	47	Loss
Boys Basketball					
Thu, Jan 16	Cascade	38	Moses Lake	83	Loss

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sydney Melody Girls Basketball

Freshman point guard Sydney Melody delivered a standout performance against defending state champion Nooksack Valley High School. Despite the loss, Sydney showed tremendous poise and playmaking ability, scoring 14 points while making a huge defensive impact with 9 steals. Her ability to step into the starting point guard role as a freshman demonstrates both her skill and maturity on the court. Sydney's dynamic two-way



performance against elite competition highlights her promising development as a cornerstone player for our program.

Washington Nordic Cup: A youth ski racing series for fun and community

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PLAIN - Plain Valley Ski Trails is set to host the Washington Nordic Cup, a cross-country ski race series designed to bring youth together for fun, affordable, and low-stress ski racing opportunities. Open to skiers ages 6 to 19, the Nordic Cup emphasizes inclusivity and celebrates the joy of skiing in local communities. A Lollipop Race to follow is open to all ages.

The next event will be held on January 26 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Plain Valley Ski Trails, and it promises something for everyone, from beginners to seasoned racers.

Race Options Include:

- 1k, 2k, and 5k races for youth participants
 - A Lollipop Race for all ages (0-99), welcoming the entire family
- The Nordic Cup aims to inspire young skiers while fostering a vibrant and supportive ski community. "All skill levels are

welcome," said Christie Wilder, Executive Director of Plain Valley Ski Trails, "whether it's your first time racing or you've discovered a love for racing. The focus of this race series is introducing racing in a welcoming, fun environment and connecting with ski communities across the state."

"The venue in Plain is very special because spectators can watch the skiers race the entire distance thanks to the valley's beautiful wide open terrain," says Jeff Layton, Head Devo Coach of Plain Valley Nordic Team. "It's a wonderful opportunity for kids to try nordic ski racing in a supportive setting."

There is no cost to enter the Washington Nordic Cup following the mission of Plain Valley Ski Trails' to continue to remove barriers for children being able to participate in cross country skiing!

All proceed for Plain Valley Ski Trails' education programs and the Plain Valley Nordic Team, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, are raised through PVST Trail Passes, clinics and fundraising efforts.

Road team takes eighth straight game in series, Wild claw back with third-period markers

By Austin Draude
Wenatchee Wild

WENATCHEE - After two Wenatchee Wild goals 56 seconds apart in the third period, the Wild forced the Tri-City Americans to put up a stingy defensive effort down the stretch to escape town with two points Sunday evening. Goals from Reid Andresen and Shaun Rios put the Wild in the thick of their U.S. Division battle at Town Toyota Center, but the Americans only allowed four shots on goal in the third period to survive with a 3-2 victory. The win was the eighth straight for a road team in the head-to-head series, after the home team took the win in the first six games between the clubs last year.

Tri-City needed three chances at the net to earn its first goal of the night, with Cruz Pavao putting away a rebound at the 4:32 mark to give the Ams a 1-0 advantage. They doubled the lead at 10:13 when Jake Sloan wristed a shot from the left-wing circle to the back post, just seconds after sweeping away a puck that had settled behind Lukas Matecha at the Americans' end, only inches above the goal line.

Four minutes into the third, the Americans pushed the lead to three goals when Savin Virk batted in a second chance out of mid-air in front of the net, but that was as far as Tri-City was able to stretch its advantage. At 5:15, five seconds into a hooking penalty to Nick Anisimovicz, Andresen slung a wrist shot from the



Wenatchee Wild forward Shaun Rios (left) lets out a roar after scoring in the third period of Wenatchee's 3-2 Western Hockey League loss to the Tri-City Americans on Sunday.

blue line down the slot and past Matecha to trim the lead to 3-1. Just 56 seconds later, Rios tipped in a shot from Luka Shcherbina to get the Ams' lead down to 3-2. Wenatchee got four minutes of power play time in the third, and a minute of 6-on-5 time in the Americans' zone, but was never able to tie the game again.

Brendan Gee took a no-decision in the start for the Wild, making three saves on Tri-City's first five shots. Alex Garrett was tagged for a hard-luck loss, making 18 saves on 19

chances. Shcherbina extended his point streak to five straight appearances with the assist, and Wenatchee finished 1-for-4 on the power play, but fell to 16-22-3-1 with the loss.

Tri-City came up empty on its only power play of the night, but got 23 saves from Matecha for his 17th win of the season. The Americans climbed to 22-16-3-1 with the win, one point back of Vancouver for sixth in the Western Conference standings.

A four-game homestand, and a stretch of seven games out

of eight on home ice, continues on Friday for Superheroes & Princesses Night against the Everett Silvertips. The opening puck drop at Town Toyota Center is slated for 7 p.m. Tickets for that game and all regular-season home games are on sale now by phone at 509-888-7825, or by visiting the team office at Town Toyota Center. Updated news and information on Wild hockey are always available through the team's website and on the team's social media platforms on Facebook, X, Instagram and YouTube.

Senate bill targets homelessness in extended foster care program



Mockingbird Advocates commemorate sharing their testimonies in support of SB5082 in Olympia on Jan.13.

By Mary Feusner
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - More than 100 young people in Washington became homeless last year as they transitioned out of the state's foster care program. Some legislators say state and federal restrictions are standing in the way of the resources they need to keep their housing.

"Stable housing is critical," said State Sen. Wilson, D-Auburn. "These are our children. These are state-raised children. We would not

put our own children into a space where they don't have a place to live."

Senate Bill 5082 creates a new housing assistance program for youth enrolled in Extended Foster Care.

"It is a bill that should have been introduced back when the EFC program started in 2007," said Esmirna James-Secret, an intern at Families of Color Seattle.

Extended Foster Care is for young adults who were dependents of Washington State until their 18th birthday. The voluntary program assists

them for up to three years as they transition out of foster care and into adulthood.

To help in that transition, SB5082 allows youths participating in EFC to receive housing vouchers to cover living expenses. They become eligible if they are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. The housing voucher would be available for up to 36 months but not beyond their 21st birthday.

Wilson said housing vouchers can currently be applied for through the Foster Youth to Independence

program. However, youth are forced to exit foster care to be eligible for the housing voucher, leaving behind EFC programs and support systems.

"It is things like this that can give hope to people who feel like they have nothing to live for," said Lexx Senner, advocate with the Mockingbird Society.

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Ferguson vows to reform government



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The Governor's ball inside the Legislative Building, with the parking lot by the capitol steps transformed into an extension of the ball.



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Gov. Bob Ferguson is sworn into the office Jan 15, in Olympia. With him were his twins, Jack and Katie, and his wife, Colleen Ferguson.

Executive orders defend reproductive rights, tighten policies

By **JUAN JOCOM**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Gov. Bob Ferguson was sworn in and legislative members, state employees and the public celebrated the event with an inaugural ball.

Dressed in black tie attire, inaugural ball attendees swarmed on the steps of the Legislative Building Jan. 15 and filled the rotunda inside, where Squaxin Island tribal members performed ceremonial songs.

The first day in office wasn't all pomp and ceremony, however. Shortly after being sworn in, the new governor signed three executive orders. The first directed the Department of Health to convene with healthcare providers and

reproductive health experts to identify strategies to protect reproductive health in Washington.

"My administration will work with President Trump where we can," Ferguson said. "We will stand up to him when we must, and that most certainly includes protecting Washingtonians' reproductive freedom."

Ferguson also signed two other executive orders: one directing state housing agencies to streamline their processes, and another requiring all state agencies to cut down on processing times for permits and licenses. If they fail to deliver on their promised timelines, the order requires them to provide the service for free.

At his swearing in, Ferguson also outlined previously shared goals, such as a \$100 million over the next two years to put more police officers on the street. He added that any budget

he signs must include this funding. He also emphasized improving affordability for Washingtonians, fixing the ferry system, enhancing K-12 education and creating more housing.

As for the looming budget crisis, he said he would not sign a budget with unrealistic revenue growth projections and would veto bills that defer major spending obligations more than four years after their adoption.

"I'm not here to defend the government," Ferguson said. "I'm here to reform it."

Rep. April Berg, D-Mill Creek, said she's confident in Ferguson's ability and knowledge of state government.

"What he talked about [during the speech], how he talked about it, and really the specifics that he went into — a lot of times you don't hear that in a traditional inaugural speech," Berg said.

After the inauguration, Sen.

John Braun, R-Centralia, said he was pleasantly surprised by Ferguson's speech, saying that Ferguson shares a lot of the values that the Republican Party deems important.

"We're going to hold him accountable to his promises to the people in Washington. I expect him to deliver," Braun said.

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, compared former Gov. Jay Inslee's inauguration speech to Ferguson's, commending his "honesty" in addressing issues important to the Republican Party and expressing support for Ferguson's efforts in areas of agreement.

"It's the first time we've had a governor, since I've been here, that seems to live on this planet," Stokesbary said.

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Republican leaders address the press shortly after Ferguson's speech, on Jan 15., in Olympia. They are (at left) Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, and Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia.



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The Squaxin Island tribe performs ceremonial songs in the middle of the Legislative Building, while guests watched by the stairs right before Gov. Bob Ferguson's speech.

CSD

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or wrestle, or be on the debate team, or be in a play,' or all the different things that are not what the state would consider basic education, but that a lot of us value," said CSD Superintendent Tracey Edou.

Proposition 2 will present a replacement of the capital levy, which would fund technology upgrades, facility improvement at Icicle River Middle School, a restroom renovation at the Peshastin-Dryden sports complex, and district-wide security features.

The proposed combined rate of the two levies is estimated

to remain the same as the current \$1.14 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. However, the combined rate will be redistributed between the two levies in order to better support district needs without increasing the overall tax rate, which voters approved in 2021.

For instance, the current combined rate amounts to 99 cents for the EP&O levy, and 15 cents for the capital levy. The redistribution would lower the EP&O amount to 76 cents in the first year, and raise the capital amount to 38 cents in the first year.

The difference between the two levies lies in how they're tied to student enrollment. The EP&O levy

is based on the number of students, so if enrollment declines, the district collects less, even if the approved levy amount is unchanged. Contrarily, the capital levy is not tied to enrollment, allowing the district to adjust funding to support facilities and infrastructure needs, regardless of the student population. This redistribution would ensure that the overall levy rate remained stable at \$1.14 while meeting the district's needs.

Ballots will be mailed out on Jan. 21, with the special election taking place on Feb. 11. Edou feels "cautiously optimistic" that the community will support the replacement

levies, and is more confident than the 2021 vote.

"I think the general feedback is more positive this time. I think during our hybrid year, there were a lot of people who didn't like hybrid school and didn't like masking and things like that...It was our most difficult school year," said Edou.

If by chance the levy fails to pass in February, the district will try again in the months thereafter. However, a second vote runs the risk of failing right before a staffing deadline.

"Then you end up having to do a lot of very quick turnaround layoffs, which nobody likes. It's very damaging to the school district

and to the community," said Edou.

The last time the community faced a double levy failure was in the 1990s, which, former CSD teacher and Cascade Education Foundation President Karen Turner remembers, put the district in a dire situation.

"Somebody said, 'I don't care what you're doing outside the classroom, you have to cancel it.' So that meant band, choir, anything that was going to be performed outside the regular classroom curriculum — all sports, high school and middle school, and it was devastating," said Turner, who had to cancel the seventh grade field trip to Central Washington University.

A group of parents and other invested individuals had to come together to narrow the funding gap, both fundraising and contributing their own personal funds. Still, coaches had to volunteer without compensation to maintain some of the sports programs.

"These funds, whether it's part of the state budget or anything extra, weren't paying for anybody to do anything that was superficial or frivolous, and I think that was the lesson everybody learned. This supports kids, and the kids in our district are our responsibility," said Turner.

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Matthew Selby during the meeting.

The city's current public works site is located along 14th Street on the edge of downtown Leavenworth. A space needs assessment in 2023 determined a need for the city to acquire property to expand its public works campus and add capacity to the existing wastewater treatment plant in order to meet future demand.

To meet those needs, the city purchased the former Cascade Quick Lube & Car Wash in summer of 2024, located near the current public works site. However, given its zoning and proximity to downtown, Selby told the City Council it could potentially save money if they were to surplus the car wash and public works properties and relocate to the PUD site instead.

"What we staff and the mayor do believe, though, is that the value of [the PUD] land is going to be less than the value of the land that we currently own... The city was approached by a hotel developer in 2024 looking for 2.5 acres, which is exactly what we have... So we know that there is a higher and better use [for it] than the public works campus," said Selby. Under the MOU, the city and district will collaborate to review and assess the feasibility and mutual benefit associated with the potential lease or sale of the land over the next six to 18 months. The MOU does not obligate either party to go through with the sale or lease of the land.

If the city and district deem the relocation feasible, the site could serve as a central location for not only the PUD and public works, but also has the potential to incorporate a municipal campus and a satellite office for the Chelan County Sheriff. Located just in front of the PUD site, the Chelan County Fire District #3 station would also be in proximity.

"So, it provides kind of a home, a municipal campus, if you would, of the public agencies," said Mayor Carl Florea.

The transition would also present an opportunity for Upper Valley MEND to secure the current location for its food pantry, the Community Cupboard, which has leased a portion of the public works campus from the city for 35 years. The MOU includes a provision for MEND to have the first right to purchase it if the city were to go through with its relocation and surplus the property.

Over the years, the Cupboard continually signed one-year leases in anticipation of having to relocate when the public works campus eventually expands. The only exception has been its current five-year lease, which was a stipulation for a recent roof replacement. Additionally, the community's needs have rapidly outgrown the pantry's capacity in recent years.

"More than 1,300 households visited the Community Cupboard for food last year. That is a record for us... The food pantry right now has really stretched thin. We've been looking around at all of our options for the Cupboard's location and where we are right now is really the best possible outcome for our clients and the community," said MEND Executive Director Kaylin Bettinger.

According to Bettinger, the ability to purchase the property would not only provide stability for the pantry, but allow the nonprofit to expand and centralize its offerings. MEND envisions using the city's parcel, which includes the pantry and the land surrounding it, to expand the Cupboard and co-locate its other services in a modern, accessible facility, with the exception of the health clinic, which would remain at the hospital.

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Budget

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improvement project.

Mayor Carl Florea told the Echo that "infrastructure of all kinds is always one of the most pressing issues for any small city. And we're at a point that if we don't make significant investments [in infrastructure], it's just going to get more costly. We can defer those expenses only for so long before they come back to bite us. Another thing to keep in mind is our roads, which need to be repaired and replaced. Before we can do that, the sewer and water lines must be done, which is part of the plan."

- Housing Affordability:** The budget acknowledges the critical need for affordable housing and commits to exploring land use planning practices and potential financial commitments to address this issue.

"The big thing we can do with regulation is to allow small lots and more density, which will help but doesn't solve the problem because of the high cost, desirability, and fact that almost forty percent of our housing units are second homes," explained Florea.

"The only way I know of to make housing affordable for our own workforce is to have funding streams. However, so far, we have only used a minimal amount - a couple of hundred thousand dollars - to put toward the issue because we have so many other demands on the general fund, which funds just about everything in the city other than utilities. So, I have been working with our state legislators to allow us to tax our tourists a little more - two percent, which could raise \$2 million - and set it aside for housing. To sustain tourism, we need to have a workforce that can find housing to live here."

- Tourism Support:** Recognizing tourism as the economic lifeblood of the community, the budget

allocates funds to enhance the visitor experience and support local businesses. This includes:

- \$2.7 million for Front Street restroom expansion and downtown improvements;
- Continued investment in the Leavenworth Area Promotions Committee (LAP); and
- Maintaining a reserve fund for tourism-related emergencies.

"The downtown and a strong economy is a blessing to Leavenworth," explained Florea. "Yet, we need to remember that the whole purpose of having a strong downtown is for the sake of the residents and community, not to compete or take away from them and it."

"Downtown exists to serve the residents and make us a real community. Tourism in Leavenworth was created to save a dying town and prevent the loss of a community. Now, however, we are threatened by our success. Between eighty and ninety percent of our workforce has to commute. We must find a balance."

- Personnel Changes:** The budget includes funding for several new positions in administration, parking, and public works to meet the growing demands for city services.

"If you are a healthy city, you're going to be growing," averred Florea. "But it has to be methodical and sustainable. When I came on in 2020, our public works had fewer people working for it than when I was on the [City] Council back in 2006 and 2007. So, we grew as a city but shrunk our public works."

"We added positions and equipment after I took office, which helped with the morale of overworked staff. And now, as we continue to grow, we need to continue to add staff. The bottom line is that we're here to serve the community and want our residents to have a good experience when they have to interact with the city -

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- Financial Stability:** The City maintains a strong financial policy, ensuring reserves are in place to address unforeseen challenges like wildfires that can impact tourism revenue.

Florea explained that "we're well aware that when you depend on tourism dollars then there are going to be cycles - times of ups and downs. So, we maintain a healthy reserve to ride out those cycles."

To learn more about the budget, visit the City of Leavenworth's website or access the full budget book: <https://city-leavenworth-wa-budget-book.cleargov.com/19062/introduction/transmittal-letter>.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Office warns of Venmo payment scam targeting residents

NW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Chelan County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about an ongoing financial scam targeting local citizens through the mobile payment platform Venmo.

According to law enforcement officials, an unknown entity is attempting to fraudulently collect money by impersonating CCSO Detective Nelson and Chief Moody. The scammers are

telling victims they have missed court dates, have outstanding warrants, or suspended licenses that can be resolved by sending payments through Venmo.

"THIS IS FRAUD," the sheriff's office emphasized in their announcement. "At no time do members of the Chelan County Sheriff's Department collect money from the public for court related matters."

The warning comes as digital payment scams

Residents, officials weigh in on proposed short-term rental code revisions

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY – The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) took public comment on proposed changes to Chelan County’s short-term rental (STR) code on Jan. 14.

“By having these opportunities for people to come and talk to us, I think it helps show us our blind spots and gives us an opportunity to see things or realize some nuances of the STR industry that we may not be aware of,” said County Commissioner Shon Smith, who represents District 2.

In its most recent recommendations, the Planning Commission voted to keep adopted language in the purpose statement that stated short-term rentals have “a detrimental impact” to the housing market, as well as maintain the percentage caps on the number of STRs allowed

in a given area.

For Tier I rentals, which require an owner on-site, the Planning Commission rejected a provision to allow for a manager or operator in the owner’s place. The Planning Commission agreed with the BOCC’s proposal to make parking requirements consistent with county parking code.

Many of these recommendations were a result of the comments made during the Planning Commission’s Nov. 13 public hearing that were echoed at the BOCC hearing on Jan. 14.

“Don’t increase the caps. Don’t increase the occupancy limits, and honor what the Planning Commission recommended as far as upholding the owner requirements for Tier I,” said Leavenworth resident Barbara Rossing during the BOCC hearing.

However, the Planning Commission recommended a study group for further deliberation on the proposed amendment

that children under two years of age be exempt from occupancy limits.

During the hearing, many STR owners requested this amendment in order to match booking platform guidelines. Because booking platforms allow families to book without counting children under two, owners said they have had to cancel bookings after realizing the discrepancy.

“Chelan County is creating a reputation that Chelan County does not welcome or want children or families, time and time again,” said Carissa Reid of Reid Property Management.

At the end of the public comment period, Chelan County Fire Marshal Chris Pedersen gave testimony, arguing that children under two should be counted under occupancy levels in order to reflect standard fire code, which counts every person regardless of age, for safety reasons. Additionally, Pedersen stated that STR’s should not be allowed to perform self-

inspections for fire and life safety.

“This is also a commercial building...It’s no different than a bed and breakfast. We do inspections on those, we do inspections on hotels. We don’t allow those owners to do self inspections. So why

should a short-term rental be different?” said Pedersen.

One resident of Stehekin expressed the need to include Stehekin in the STR code, to which Commissioner Smith said that updates to writing the Stehekin Community Plan, which was postponed due to

the Pioneer Fire, would be coming soon.

The BOCC will review the public comments and items at hand before tentatively coming to a decision on Jan. 28.

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continue to evolve across the country, with criminals increasingly exploiting mobile payment platforms to target unsuspecting citizens.

The sheriff’s office reaffirmed

their commitment to public safety in their statement, noting that “Chelan County Deputies continue to work to provide, ‘A community where safety, justice and security are ensured for all through unwavering commitment to service.’”

Residents who encounter

these fraudulent payment requests are urged not to send money and to report any such attempts to the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office.

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On the 14th day of January, 2025, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows:
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF JOINT CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Cashmere's City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The meeting is to prioritize tasks and discuss the direction of planning in Cashmere for 2025. To Join the Meeting Go To: <https://zoom.us> Meeting ID: 882 719 9871 Passcode: 788276 Audio Only: PH# 1-(253)-215-8782 Kay Jones City Clerk-Treasurer CITY OF CASHMERE Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 22, 2025. #9265

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CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 222 CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
The Cashmere School District invites bids for the purchase of an Anatomage Table for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) department at Cashmere High School. Bids must be returned to the Cashmere School District #222, 210 S. Division, Cashmere WA 98815, no later than 2:00 p.m., on Friday, January 31, 2025. Bids shall be delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope plainly marked Anatomage Table Bid. Delivery of the Anatomage Table must be completed no later than June 1, 2025. For a bid package or additional information, please contact Bo Charlton at the central business office of the Cashmere School District, (509) 782-3355. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 22, 2025. #9285



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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

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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

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