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CVCH expands behavioral health services with new East Wenatchee clinic

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EAST WENATCHEE — Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH) announced Tuesday it will open a new behavioral health clinic in East Wenatchee to expand mental health

services in Chelan and Douglas counties.

The facility, located at 980 Eastmont Ave., will begin operations in two phases: February 10 for children's behavioral health services, followed by adult services on February 17. The clinic has space for up to 29

behavioral health providers.

"We are excited to expand our mental health services and provide crucial support for all of Chelan and Douglas counties," said Manuel Navarro, CEO of CVCH.

The new state-of-the-art facility will offer comprehensive

mental health treatments and interventions, with specialized services for both adult patients and children requiring behavioral health support. Mental health organizations across the country have reported growing demand for services in recent years.

CVCH officials confirmed the clinic is currently accepting new patients. Community members seeking services can access additional information through the organization's website or contact the clinic directly at (509) 662-6000 for appointment scheduling.

Community dinners foster connection in the Upper Valley



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Seventh-day Adventist Church volunteers serve dinner to community members.



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The Cashmere community dinners are hosted by different organizations, but always held at the gym of the Cashmere Community Church.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

UPPER VALLEY — Community dinners, hosted monthly at Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church (UMC) and weekly at Cashmere Community Church, bring neighbors together over a shared meal, fostering connection and a sense of community.

"It's not [about the church]. It's about getting people from the community to be part of it, whether people are hungry or whether they just need the social aspect," said Judy Weaver, a volunteer at the Leavenworth community dinner.

According to Weaver, Leavenworth Community UMC has historically done community dinners, but hadn't in the last 12 years of her attendance. The community dinners returned to the church about a year and a half ago, thanks to the initiative of the suppers' two volunteer cooks, Angela Kelley and Myrene McFarland.

"The pastor asked us what we thought our mission should be in the community...And so we went around

and we all wrote up what we said, and I said, 'Feed people.' And so that's what we're trying to do, and not just with food, with community," said McFarland.

The made-from-scratch dinners, such as lasagna or chicken curry, often include donations from local businesses, like staples from Dan's Food Market, or strudel from Obertal Inn. They attract about 60 guests each time, ranging from senior citizens to young families, and even Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikers in the summer.

"[The hikers] were very appreciative of being able to just be able to sit down and be comfortable and not have to worry about anything...And all the stories you hear are just amazing," said Weaver.

In the future, Leavenworth Community UMC envisions creating a host rotation similar to that of Cashmere Community Church's community dinners, which shares the hosting responsibilities amongst local community groups.

The dinners, which occur on a

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Volunteer June Darling stands with dinner guest Easton Reiber in front of the name tag station. The dinners have made a tradition of placing name tags on the wall at the end of the meal.

Forest Service seeks public comment on proposed changes to Northwest Forest Plan

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PORTLAND, Ore. — The United States Forest Service (USFS) is currently taking comments on its proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) through March 17.

The NWFP dates back to the mid-1990s, serving as the blueprint for conserving forests and wildlife habitat along the West Coast. It covers over 24 million acres managed by the Forest Service and other federally managed lands, spanning from California and up through Washington.

The proposed amendments intend to provide an updated management framework that incorporates best available scientific information and current conditions in order to better address the social, economic, and ecological changes experienced over the last 30 years.

The proposed changes outlined in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement focus on themes of fire resilience, economic benefits, and forest stewardship, with Tribal inclusion and adapting to changing conditions interwoven throughout these themes.

With fire resilience, the proposed amendments would prioritize proactive fire management to protect communities and forests, such as strategic planning for community safety and risk reduction, the reintroduction of fire to maintain fire-adapted ecosystems, and collaboration with communities to use and develop wildfire protection plans.

Forest stewardship amendments would tailor management for dry and moist ecosystems, combine restoration with timber harvesting activities to maintain ecological health and economic output, use modern forestry methods to improve resilience, and retain mature and old-growth forest conditions.

The forest stewardship amendments distinguishing dry and moist ecosystems could be most impactful for improving fire resiliency in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, which is primarily dry forest.

"The original 1994 plan amendment basically grouped, lumped the whole area to have the same management direction, but we know that dry and moist ecosystems are quite different ecologically, and how fire behaves on those landscapes is quite different. So, one of the goals of this amendment is to improve our ability to restore dry ecosystems, to restore ecological integrity in those dry ecosystems, which is currently difficult to do under the existing Northwest Forest Plan," said Shasta Ferranto, special assistant to the Forest Service's regional forester.

The proposed amendments would open up dry forests to more mechanical thinning and burning, while retaining trees older than 150 years.

The amendment would also seek

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Confluence Health adds new security dog



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Members of the Confluence Health security team pose with Atlas, a German Shepherd who recently joined the hospital's new Kg security program. Atlas and his handler completed extensive training before beginning their duties.

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WENATCHEE — Patients and visitors to Confluence Health Hospital's Central and Mares campuses soon might see the newest member of the Confluence Health staff on duty, and this staff member wears a fur coat rather than scrubs.

A part of the newly launched security dog program at Confluence Health, Atlas — a male 3-year-old German Shepherd originally from Slovakia in Eastern Europe — and his handler, Justin Bennett, recently returned to the Wenatchee area after completing their extensive training. The four-legged addition to the security team is one of two dogs planned, with the second dog and handler arriving later in the year.

"Like programs at healthcare facilities around the country, our new

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Empty Bowls Festival Glazing Days

Help feed the hungry, strengthen community, and celebrate the arts through the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival, which begins on Friday, January 31, from 12-8 p.m. and continues on February 1-3 from 12-8 p.m. in the Woodpecker Room at the Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort.

"Come glaze a bowl with your friends, family, and community members this year at the Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort," the event page states. "Paint your own design on a bowl, then pick up your finished bowl at the community soup supper on Thursday, March 27 at the Leavenworth Festhalle."

Participants may pay for their bowl at the door, or online at uvenemptybowls.org. Click on the Glazing Days link to pay.

All proceeds from the UV Empty Bowls Festival are donated to purchase food at

the local Community Cupboard Food Bank, and to fund small art grants to support local youth arts programs.

For more information, visit uvenemptybowls.org.

DIY Fridays

The Peshastin Library will host a DIY Friday on Friday, January 31, from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

"Kids, stop by the Peshastin Library on Friday afternoons for a new Do-It-Yourself project," the event page states. "There will be a variety of project types, from arts and crafts to STEM to LEGO challenges."

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

Lichen Illustrated Glossary Workshop

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a Lichen Illustrated Glossary Workshop

on Wednesday, February 5, from 5:30-8 p.m.

"In this workshop we will combine the science of lichenology with the joy of artistic creativity," the event page states. "We will cover 20 terms that describe the different structures and forms of lichen. We'll illustrate them in a booklet that participants can take home for future reference."

"Microscopes, specimens, visual aids, paper, and drawing supplies will be provided," the event page states. "All skill levels welcome."

For more information, visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

February Repair Cafe

Waste Loop will host the February Repair Cafe on Wednesday, February 5, from

6-8 p.m. at Eastside Rebuild in Cashmere.

"Do you have items that need fixing? Repair Cafes are free events that foster community, reduce waste, and build up the circular economy in NCW through repair," the event page states.

For more information, visit wasteloop.org.

Mountain Sports Expo

The Mountain Sports Expo

will come to the Leavenworth Festhalle on Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Representatives for all mountain sports; skiing, climbing, backcountry horsemanship, hiking," the event page states. "Representatives will be giving presentations throughout the day."

For more information, visit leavenworthmuseum.org.

In tight budget year, pressure builds to boost WA school funding

By JERRY CORNFIELD
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Lawmakers have begun another hard conversation on what it may cost the state to amply fund basic education in public schools as required by Washington's constitution.

A state Senate panel on Wednesday held a hearing on bills that would collectively boost funding for special education, transportation and operations by \$2 billion in the next budget, and bring the state closer to covering its share of the tab in those three areas.

Superintendents of school districts on both sides of the Cascades voiced strong support, saying they are forced to use local levy dollars to pay for programs and services that are the state's financial responsibility.

"Without a solution that addresses the true costs of doing business now and in the future, schools will face growing financial pain," Ben Ferney, superintendent of Cheney Public Schools told the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is already keeping close watch on the finances of several cash-strapped districts.

Special education emerged Wednesday as the area where the gap is largest between what districts receive from the state and what they pay for with local dollars. There were two bills heard, each of which would increase funding by roughly \$1.5 billion in the next budget.

Senate Majority Leader Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle, and Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, are the co-sponsors of one. It calls out special education as a component of basic education that the state has a duty to fund.

"These are kids in our public schools who have disabilities of one sort or another, and state and federal law require our school districts to provide them services. So in what world can we say with a straight face that that is not basic education," Pedersen told the committee.

Pedersen emphasized to reporters earlier in the week that it is a statewide concern. It will be expensive. Those costs come at a time when lawmakers are trying to solve a budget shortfall estimated to be around \$12 billion spread over the next four fiscal years.

"How much we can actually fund this year, I'm not sure," he said Tuesday. "But every school district that I have talked to tells me that a significant amount of their extra resources that ought to be available for enrichment is now going to pay for the needs of kids with disabilities."

In 2012, in the landmark case known as McCleary, the state Supreme Court ruled the state was not meeting its constitutional obligation to provide ample funding for basic education. It took the state six years to comply.

Superintendent of Public

Instruction Chris Reykdal said recently that the state has backslid on its investments since then and is at risk of getting sued again.

Pedersen agrees, especially in the arena of special education.

"We are in a position already where we should expect to be sued if we fail to provide the money to amply fund education for kids with disabilities," Pedersen said.

Breaking it down Special education funding is distributed in Washington using two key guidelines.

First, there is a cap on the percentage of a school district's student population that can receive extra dollars for special education services.

Under current law, the state only provides additional funding for up to 16% of a district's student population. In other words, if 20% of a district's population requires special education services, the district cannot get additional money for the remaining 4%.

Second, the state distributes an amount of money for each student enrolled in a school plus additional dollars for each special education student under a formula known as the multiplier.

Both Senate Bill 5263, Pedersen's bill, and Senate Bill 5307, sponsored by Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-Mercer Island, would remove the enrollment cap and increase the multiplier in order to drive more dollars to districts.

Pedersen's bill also simplifies the formula used by the state to determine how much will be provided per student.

Both bills also look to make it easier for districts to qualify for additional special education dollars through a safety net program run by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Neither proposal is cheap.

The bill from Pedersen and Braun carries a \$1.64 billion price tag for the next two-year budget, according to a fiscal analysis. That grows to \$1.93 billion in the 2027-29 biennium. Wellman's bill, which Reykdal requested, would cost a little less — \$1.55 billion in the next budget and \$1.83 billion in the 2027-29 period.

The other stuff In addition to special education, materials, supplies and operating costs — called MSOC in state budget lingo — are also weighing on districts' finances. These costs, which cover non-employee-related expenses tied to a district's daily operations, have been on the rise.

Sen. Twina Nobles, D-Fircrest, has authored Senate Bill 5192 to increase the state's allotment for this line item by \$300 million.

And on student transportation, Wellman introduced Senate Bill 5187 to come up with a new funding model that pays districts an amount that more accurately reflects mileage and ridership.

Wellman, who chairs the Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee, said when lawmakers worked on getting the state in compliance with McCleary, it

was understood that special education, transportation and MSOC are part of basic education.

"This has got to be our number one responsibility. It

is the paramount duty of the state," she said. "We intend to honor that duty."

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After arson, WA lawmakers advance bill to warn of ballot box tampering penalties

By JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Following an arson attack ahead of last November's election that torched hundreds of ballots in a southwest Washington drop box, state lawmakers are looking at modest ways to better secure the boxes.

On Friday, a state Senate panel advanced a bill to include messaging on drop boxes about criminal penalties for tampering with them.

Senate Bill 5011 would require each visible side of ballot boxes to display two messages. One would note the box is the property of the county that bought the box. The other would state tampering with the box may violate state and federal law.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Jeff Wilson, R-Longview, said the deliberately set fire in Vancouver before the election inspired the legislation.

"What is contained in those boxes is the most precious thing I can certainly think of, which is everybody's vote," Wilson told the Senate's State Government, Tribal Affairs and Elections Committee last week. "That individual's vote is to be protected and guarded."

Some wonder whether signage alone would deter bad actors.

Wilson thinks it could help. "The label does matter," he said.

Authorities still haven't arrested anyone in the October attacks on ballot drop boxes in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. The FBI is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to a conviction in the ballot box fires.

Early the morning of Oct. 8, someone in a Volvo S-60 sedan placed an incendiary device in a downtown Vancouver ballot box, causing minor damage, according to the FBI. On Oct. 28, officials believe the same suspect placed similar devices in two more boxes, one in Vancouver and one in Portland.

The Vancouver fire damaged nearly 500 ballots just days before the election. The fire in Portland damaged only three.

The devices used thermite, a mixture of metal shavings and iron oxide, authorities said last week.

Brian Hatfield, the legislative director for the secretary of state's office, called the actions "terrorism." Hatfield, a former state lawmaker, said the bill "is at least talking about the issue and saying we need to do something."

Washington has between 545 and 560 drop boxes. Officials project the new labeling proposed under Wilson's bill would cost about \$1,000 for each

box. But the cost could vary by county. For example, Kittitas County paid \$222 to wrap each of its nine boxes, while King County estimates it will cost \$1,350 per box.

Hatfield said he hoped the state would budget money to reimburse counties for the labels.

Greg Kimsey, the auditor in Clark County where Vancouver is located, said in an interview Friday he doesn't see the harm in adding the labels.

But "I'm also not sure it does much in the way of deterring someone from bad behavior," he added.

Another measure Wilson has proposed, Senate Bill 5010, would create a grant program in the secretary of state's office for counties to install cameras around ballot boxes. That bill hasn't been scheduled for a public hearing.

Kimsey said Clark County is already working to install cameras at each of its drop boxes by this year's general election. The fires last October spurred the effort.

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Cashmere Rotary Club, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb, 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).
Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August - June).

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times & events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)
Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info, visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
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Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21 for lunch, \$8 for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

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Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
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 Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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Jan 17

09:55:12 Accident No Inj, Aplets Way & Us Hwy 2, Cas	Hwy 2 Mp 107, Dryden, W Jan 21
12:45:44 Theft, 3951 Old Monitor Rd, Cashm	11:43:48 Theft, 702 Pioneer Ave; Pioneer Mca
13:48:10 Parking/Abandon, oblkl Hay Canyon Rd, Cashme	13:14:28 Domestic Distur, 208 Cottage Ave# 2, Cashm Ca
16:36:27 Domestic Distur, 208 Cottage Ave# 2, Cashm	14:18:14 Suspicious, 250 Corrigan Rd, Cashmere
21:00:55 Diversion, 259 Independence Way, Cash	14:55:43 Sex Offense, 6645 Pioneer Dr, Cashmere
	15:13:56 Civil, 101 Pioneer Ave; Vale Elem Ca

Jan 18

03:29:55 Suspicious, Cottage Ave & Woodring St, Ca Act	08:01:26 Welfare Check, 300 Aplets Way; Hometown Mca
10:28:08 Parking/Abandon, 303 Maple St; Alley, Cashm Ca	09:29:23 Theft, 300 Sunset Hwy; Crunch Pak Ca
14:31:46 Assist Public, 27 Millholm Ln, Cashmere	11:43:22 Trespass, 702 Pioneer Ave; Pioneer Mca
18:27:40 Traffic Offense, Cashmere St & Crawford Aves	14:30:12 Accident No Inj, 207 Riverside Dr; Riversid Ca

Jan 19

04:14:38 Noise, 216 Washington St, Cashmere Ca	09:06:11 Accident No Inj, Aplets Way & W Pleasant Av
07:25:37 Welfare Check, Us	23:38:48 Assist Agency, 334 Chapel St, Cashmere

Washington farmers want agritourism law reforms

By MARY FEUSNER
 Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Farmers across the state say regulations are getting in the way as they develop products they can sell directly to the public.

From pumpkin patches to u-pick berry farms, the impacts are real, a state panel was told Jan. 16.

"Without the agritourism industry to supplement our income, we wouldn't be able to make it," said Robby Rutledge, owner of Rutledge Family Farms in Tumwater.

To carve out new rules, Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, introduced Senate Bill 5055.

The bill establishes new zoning laws for all farms, which in turn would lower property taxes. The bill also allows farmers to repurpose areas of

land unsuitable for agricultural use and remove commercial standards now in place for agritourism. It would also allow agritourism venues to receive beer and wine licenses.

Hilary Jensen, president of Jensen Farms in Kittitas County, said the state issued a cease-and-desist order in October 2016 during the height of her pumpkin selling season. The order said the farm was operating illegally because buildings were approved for residential use only. Jensen had to apply for a commercial building permit and retrofit the buildings to sell pumpkins legally.

"It cost \$6,000 to do all that at a time when I was only open eight to 10 days out of the year," said Jensen.

Keith Stocker, president of Stocker Farms in Snohomish,



COURTESY PHOTO
Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, is seeking reforms to agritourism regulations.

said this year his family could not have survived off the commercial market price for blueberries. If Stocker had sold to canneries they would have received 68 cents a pound.

Instead, with a u-pick operation at the farm, they were able to make \$3.25 a pound.

According to the Washington State Department of Commerce, agriculture and food manufacturing operations support more than 171,000 jobs in the state of Washington. The industry is responsible for over \$21 billion in revenue each year.

Jensen said she believes the state should be hands-off and less restrictive so counties can decide what they want their agritourism landscape to look like.

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Debate revived in WA Legislature over unemployment benefits for striking workers

By JACQUELYN JIMENEZ ROMERO
 Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - When workers go on strike, they're often making a bet to temporarily lose their wages to fight for better ones.

This year, the Washington Legislature is again trying to decide whether they should help offset that lost pay by extending unemployment insurance to striking workers. Those on strike typically aren't eligible for this safety net benefit in Washington.

Sen. Marcus Riccelli, D-Spokane, is sponsoring Senate Bill 5041, which would change that. Inspired by his working-class district, Riccelli said he took up the legislation this year because he wants to help level the playing field for workers.

"The pendulum has swayed so far one way, that I think these workers are just trying to make sure that they have leverage to negotiate contracts and get good benefits and fair wages," Riccelli said.

Business groups strongly oppose the legislation, and last year it failed as Republicans and some Democrats withheld support. If the bill passes, people who have worked more than 680 hours in a year would be able to access unemployment insurance starting the second Sunday following the first date of a strike. The bill was first introduced last year in the House by Rep. Beth Doglio, D-Olympia. It passed in that chamber but died in the Senate where former senator Karen Keiser was the lead sponsor.

Labor advocates say the bill would help workers during tough contract negotiations. Other states, like New Jersey and New York, already provide unemployment insurance for striking workers.

"We've been really motivated to get workers like them a tool to ensure that they don't have to sacrifice the totality of their economic health, to assert their rights to form a union or to reach that all-important first contract with their employer," said Joe Kendo, chief of staff

for the Washington State Labor Council.

Opponents say the bill would go against federal law and put added strain on the state's unemployment trust fund.

"Federal law is coded [so] that workers who are not demonstrating that they plan to come back to work are not eligible for unemployment insurance," said Rose Gundersen, of the Washington Retail Association. "So it really is against the basic principles in the federal law."

Gundersen also argued that having access to unemployment insurance could disincentivize employees from bargaining in good faith during labor negotiations. Unemployment insurance is funded by state and federal taxes that employers pay. When the program sees surges in claims that deplete state trust funds, it can drive up tax rates. Washington's unemployment trust fund is in good shape, according to Riccelli. And the Washington Employment Security Department estimates the bill would lead to a less than 1% increase in unemployment insurance claims when a

qualifying strike occurs.

A strike by Boeing factory workers last year stretched nearly two months. But labor advocates say strikes are the last resort and ones lasting for more than two weeks are rare. They also say that employers refusing to negotiate with workers is becoming a more common bargaining strategy.

"The notion that having a partial wage replacement through unemployment insurance would incentivize workers to not take the bargaining process seriously is just not one that I think is rooted in reality," Kendo said.

"Nobody goes on strike on the whim," he added. "I mean, these are not decisions that are made at the snap of a finger, they are very disruptive for a family's budget."

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Winthrop set to host International Fly Fishing Film Festival

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WINTHROP — The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) will make its 2025 appearance in Winthrop on February 18, showcasing seven films centered on fly fishing culture and conservation.

The Winthrop screening of IF4 will be at Sun Mountain Lodge, 604 Patterson Lake Road, on Tuesday, February 18, at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30. Advance tickets are priced at \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids under 18 and can be purchased online at <https://www.flyfilmfest.com/winthropwa/>, in person at The Outdoorsman in Winthrop, or at the door. The total running time of the film festival is two hours.

The Methow Valley Fly Fishers is a charitable organization with a focus on providing internships and scholarships to students involved in the enhancement of our fisheries. In addition, we organize volunteer

activities and provide funding for conservation projects and improvements in waters of the Methow.

Among the films in the festival are Silent Spotter, exploring the extraordinary life of Tommy Batun, a deaf and mute fly-fishing guide in Xcalak, Mexico; Native Range, where friends explore the remote expanses of Utah in search of native cutthroat trout; Fishing Diaries, takes viewers to the breathtaking flats of the Seychelles in search of giant tarpon; Legacy, a story of the life and legacy of fly-fishing's best-known couple, Barry and Cathy Beck; New Beginnings, fly-fishing legends Chico Fernandez and Dan Blanton tell untold stories from the past; Above the Clouds, follows five friends as they embark on a challenging journey into Colorado's alpine; and Time Will Tell, a testament to following a dream, the story of acclaimed artist Paul Puckett and his impact on the world of fly-fishing.

Genealogy educator to present land records program Feb. 10

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EAST WENATCHEE. — The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will host genealogy educator Lisa Gorrell for a presentation on using the Bureau of Land Management's General Land

Office website on Feb. 10. The hybrid meeting begins at 2 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th St., and will be available via Zoom. For virtual access, contact Library@wags-web.org.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 509-782-4046.

Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival opens four-day bowl glazing event

The Leavenworth Echo
 Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — The Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival returns this winter, offering community members a chance to glaze ceramic bowls and support local food security initiatives.

Glazing sessions will run January 31 through February 3 at Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort's Woodpecker Room.

Opening day hours are noon to 8 p.m., with subsequent days running 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Participants can retrieve their finished bowls at a community soup supper March 27 at the Leavenworth Festhalle. Pre-registration is available at uemptybowls.org.

Proceeds benefit the Community Cupboard Food Bank and fund youth arts programs through local grants.

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Girls Basketball				
Fri, Jan 31	5:45 PM	Royal		Away
Sat, Feb 1	3:45 PM	Wapato		Away
Girls Wrestling				
Sat, Feb 1	10:00 AM	Quincy	Cattlemen's Association Bring Home da Beef Girls Tournament	Away
Boys Wrestling				
Thu, Jan 30	6:00 PM	Royal		Away

CASHMERE SCOREBOARD

Boys Basketball				
Tue, Jan 21	Cashmere	79	Cle Elum-Roslyn	59 Win
Fri, Jan 24	Cashmere	77	College Place	37 Win
Sat, Jan 25	Cashmere	77	Kiona Benton City	54 Win
Girls Basketball				
Tue, Jan 21	Cashmere	53	Cle Elum-Roslyn	62 Loss
Fri, Jan 24	Cashmere	74	College Place	31 Win
Sat, Jan 25	Cashmere	61	Kiona Benton City	33 Win
Fri, Jan 24	4:00 PM	Othello	Away	Othello Lady Huskie Invite
Sat, Jan 25	10:00 AM	Othello	Away	Othello Lady Huskie Invite

Bulldogs battle SCAC rivals in tough double-dual losses to Zillah, Wapato

The Cashmere Bulldogs faced off against two SCAC rivals back-to-back at Ron Doan Memorial on Jan. 23. The Bulldogs fought hard against Zillah, losing 49-30, and then against Wapato, losing 56-21.

Wyatt Weatherman wrestles against a Zillah grappler on Jan. 23. The Bulldogs lost to the Leopards 49-30 in a double dual that also involved Wapato wrestling Royal and Cashmere. The Wolves beat the Bulldogs 56-21.



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JV Bulldogs gain experience at Quincy's Mat Animal Tournament

The Cashmere Bulldogs' JV wrestlers gained some good experience and invaluable mat time by participating in the Mat Animal Wrestling Tournament in Quincy. While the varsity traveled to Kiona-Benton High School, the junior-varsity had a shorter trip, and had a good chance to display their athleticism. Nine Cashmere wrestlers made the trip.



Jake Bozwell wrestles hometown grappler Anthony Averill of Quincy, during GHS' Mat Animal tournament last Jan. 25. Averill won by first-round pin.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Leah Kunz Senior Cashmere Girls Baseball

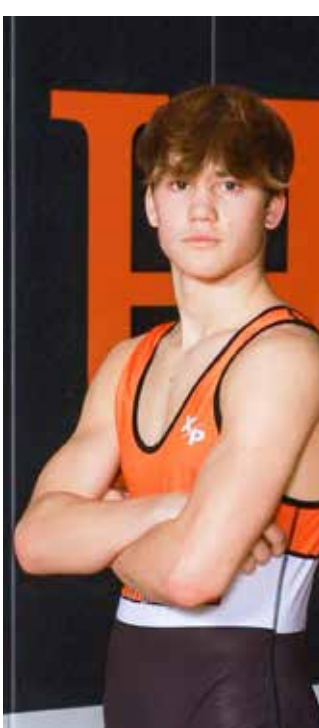
Kunz had an unforgettable week for the Bulldogs, leading her team to a 3-0 record in SCAC play with stellar performances across the board. Her standout game came on Tuesday when the Bulldogs took down the #3 state-ranked Zillah Leopards, a victory that was heavily driven by Kunz's all-around play. She finished the game with 15 points, 11 rebounds, and 5 assists, displaying her ability to impact every facet of the game. This week, Kunz averaged 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, and 2 blocks per game, cementing her status as one of the premier players in the SCAC. On the season, she is averaging 11.1 points per game and 6.9 rebounds, while leading the team in three-pointers made (30) and blocked shots (20). Coach Loftus had high praise for Kunz's leadership: "Leah led the team through a great week of SCAC basketball, with the



Bulldogs going 3-0 in league play. Leah stuffed the stat sheet; aside from the numbers, she is a consistent leader and has a charisma that keeps the team engaged and together."

Wyatt Weatherman Sophomore Cashmere Boys Wrestling

Weatherman had a dominant performance at the Apple Pie Invite in Tonasket on Saturday. Competing in the 157 lb. bracket, he was a force to be reckoned with, breezing through the competition to secure an individual title in his weight class. He started strong with a major decision win in his quarterfinal match, followed that up with a third-round pin in the semifinals, and capped off his day with an 18-2 victory in the championship match. With an impressive 19-11 record this season, Weatherman's exciting style and fierce determination make him a standout competitor. Coach Wheeler praised Wyatt's work ethic, saying, "Wyatt has a fun style to watch and at times has you on the edge of your seat. He has put a lot of work in behind the scenes. He understands that it's his extra commitment on and off the mat that makes him stand out



as a tough Bulldog. Wyatt is a very integral part of our young team's success. I appreciate his passion for the sport."



Jacoby Tait overpowers a Zillah wrestler during the double-dual between the Bulldogs and the Leopards on Jan. 23. Tait won by pin, although the Bulldogs lost 30-49.



Jance Novak in action for the Bulldogs against Zillah. Novak won his match but the Bulldogs ended up on the losing end of their double-dual against Zillah, and later that evening, Wapato.

Cashmere cheerleaders defy gravity in dazzling Senior Night performance



Once again the Cashmere Cheer Squad's talent, skill and dedication were put on full display during the CHS games against College Place Jan. 24, not to mention their mastery gravity-defying stunts like this basket toss.



Guillermo Martinez Perez of Cashmere tries his mightiest to bring down Leonel Tafolla of Quincy during their match at the Mat Animal Wrestling Tournament last weekend. Martinez Perez prevailed 11-8.



Cashmere's Kenyon Shabazz battles hard against a tough opponent, Tyler Hawkins of Eastmont at 138 lbs. during the Mat Animal tourney in Quincy. Hawkins bested Shabazz in a match interrupted by a computer glitch that forced both wrestlers to wear their warmup gear for a while mid-match, while GHS staff solved the issue.

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Proposal loosens controls on birth control prescriptions

By Taylor Richmond
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Insurance companies will be required to fill up to a 12-month supply of birth control pills, if a bill by Sen. Emily Alvarado, D-Seattle, is approved.

"I experience difficulty and frustration every month when I need to return to the pharmacy and fill my birth control," testified Elena Vega de Soto to the House Health Care and Wellness Committee.

As a University of Washington student, she said she relies on public transportation or her friends to make it to the pharmacy.

"While this isn't convenient for me," she said, "I often think about constituents in rural areas, people who are disabled, those without the resources or time to travel and people who live in areas where public transportation is unavailable or insufficient."

In 2017, Washington was one of the first states to require insurance to cover 12 months of birth control. However, there was some "hesitation" about being such early implementers

of 12-month contraception coverage, according to Rep. Nicole Macri, D-Seattle. As a result, insurance companies require patients to refill prescriptions every three months or less.

"There's a greater likelihood of having an unintended pregnancy," said Alvarado. "The barrier disproportionately impacts younger people and people with lower incomes."

Calypto Bettis testified it can be painful when she misses pills and her digestion and her mood can be affected as well.

"It made it difficult to do my regular life and do homework," she said. "It made it increasingly difficult to get work done."

Bettis and de Soto are both part of the University of Washington chapter of the Planned Parenthood-affiliated Generation Action.

HB 1090 is simple: it would amend RCW 48.43.195 to use the words "12-month supply" instead of "twelve-month refill."

"This just makes it so that the insurance company is not deciding how long the prescription is and how often a person has to come back to fill the prescription," said Alvarado.

Patients do not have to get a full year's supply, but they have that option based on their doctor's recommendations.

A study published in the JAMA Health Forum in Aug 2024 says that a 12-month supply of contraceptives results in fewer trips to the pharmacy, greater prevention of unwanted pregnancies and reduced costs for clinics.

"We try to make progress, we hear back from residents - how it works on the ground, in real life - and then we make tweaks," said Macri on why it took so long to close the loophole. "Now, patients, legislators [and] providers are a lot more comfortable with the ability for folks to get access to contraception."

HB 1090 was unanimously voted to move forward by the House Health and Wellness Committee.

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From left: Elena Vega de Soto, Sophie Pinck, Genevieve Gujral and Calypso Bettis welcome new members to the University of Washington chapter of Generation Action at the beginning of the 2024 school year.

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Bulldogs soar past Hawks 77-37 in dominant Senior Night victory

The Cashmere Bulldogs jumped out to a big first-half lead and then kept College Place at bay with no major trouble, en route to a 77-37 win.

1 Rylan Nelson goes for the layup against College Place last Jan. 24. The Bulldogs took advantage of a fast start to earn a 77-37 win over the visiting Hawks.

2 Colby Diaz tries to get past two College Place players during Friday's win over the visiting Hawks on Senior Night. Cashmere won 77-37. This keeps them in the hunt, with a 9-3 record in league, good enough for third place.

3 Rylan Hatmaker drives upcourt during the Bulldogs' conference game against the visiting College Place Hawks. Cashmere won 77-37.

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Community dinners

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more frequent weekly basis, remain at the same time and location, keeping a reliable and consistent schedule for community members while also offering a kitchen and dining area for different groups to host.

"It's really aimed toward bringing all sorts of different sorts of folks and really weaving our community together, because we can withstand

anything, as long as we are all connected and caring for each other," said June Darling, who is a volunteer greeter at the Cashmere dinners.

One week, the Cashmere Community Church will serve a chicken pozole soup. Another week, the Kiwanis Club Wacoka of Cashmere will serve chicken tostadas. The rotation involves a network of different hosts, ranging from churches, to organizations, businesses, and community members.

Cashmere's community

dinners started around 2011 with a hiatus in 2019, said Darling. After losing some of the original organizers to life circumstances, the church reintroduced the dinners by coordinating help with other groups, such as Sure to Rise Bakery and the Cashmere Seventh-day Adventist Church. The participating groups, with Seventh-day Adventist's Kathryn Finlayson at the helm, helped recruit more, allowing the community dinners to be sustainably continued each week.

"Now, I mean, it's just a well oiled machine. We don't like to use the word 'machine,' because the major part of this meal really isn't the food for us. It's the opportunity for people to get around the table. People that normally you might see on the street, but you're not going to see in one place. You're not going to see the mayor, you're not going to see a homeless fellow, you're not going to see your neighbor...And we really try to get people to sit at the table and say, 'Have you met?'" said Darling.

Over the years, Darling has witnessed young and old generations connect, parents enjoy a meal while their kids are collectively supervised, and new residents from countries on opposite sides of the world become friends over the meal.

"I think we feel it's a job well done when we just see people that wouldn't come in contact perhaps normally, getting to just smile and meet each other and enjoy being a community," said Darling.

The Cashmere community

dinners are from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (or until food runs out) every Thursday evening at 213 South Division Street. The Leavenworth Community Dinners are every third Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 418 Evans Street. Leavenworth groups looking to sponsor and prepare a community dinner should contact Leavenworth Community UMC: 509-548-5619.

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Forest Service

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to ensure forests contribute to economic growth for communities, including enhancing the predictability in timber supply while balancing conservation needs, supporting workforce development in forest management, encouraging local businesses, Tribes, and

underserved communities to participate in contracts and agreements for restoration projects, and recognizing the importance of outdoor recreation and tourism.

However, conservation groups worry that the proposed changes could weaken protections for old-growth forests, increase logging under the guise of wildfire management, and prioritize timber production over long-

term ecosystem health.

"The Forest Service has proposed its own sweeping changes to the NWFP that could double—and potentially triple—logging levels on our national forests and re-open mature and old-growth stands to aggressive logging," conservation groups Oregon Wild, Bird Alliance of Oregon, Cascadia Wildlands, and WildEarth Guardians stated in an analysis of the proposal.

Aside from the proposed action (labeled "alternative B"), the Forest Service also provides three other alternatives that take varied approaches to the themes. Alternative A would mean no action and reflecting management practices under the 1994 NWFP. Alternative C builds upon the proposed action while taking a conservative approach to hazardous fuels management

and relying on natural processes, while alternative D builds upon the proposed action and provides flexibility for restoration and hazardous fuels management.

The proposed action is in the "Publish and Review EIS" stage of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, which is required of a federal agency when proposing a federal action that is determined to significantly

affect the quality of the human environment. During this stage, the Forest Service is taking public comment, which will be considered when publishing the final draft.

More information about the proposed amendments and comment submissions may be accessed online: fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfp.

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Confluence Health

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security dog program features animals that are rigorously trained along with their specially selected handlers to help make Confluence Health patients and visitors, as well as staff and providers, feel safe," commented John Urdahl, security and emergency preparedness director at Confluence Health. "While trained for a wide range of situations, the dogs' primary roles will be to deter violent behavior by assisting their human counterparts in their rounds in the various facilities."

Though they are working dogs, rather than pets, and their primary role is in

assisting security, these new canine officers also love to interact with and visit staff and visitors while performing their duties, though dog-lovers should always be sure to ask the handler first before interacting with the security dog so as to not interfere with their work.

"Atlas is a real sweetheart to me and everyone he meets," commented Bennett, Confluence Health's first security team K9 handler. "Like most working dogs, he lives with me when not on duty and he has shown himself to have a really goofy and fun personality when not on the clock. In particular, he loves to run and explore new smells, like most dogs."

Bennett himself is also new

to the Confluence Health team, having been born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Growing up with dogs as a kid, he moved to Chicago after going to two of the top dog trainer schools in the country and later served as a training director for another dog training facility. Following this, Bennett then worked as an explosive detection K9 handler for the United States Department of Energy at both the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee near the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and then at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, protecting the nation's nuclear stockpile. In addition to his canine co-worker, Bennett also has another dog at home named Maple.

Along with the money provided by Confluence Health for the handlers' positions, the Confluence Health Foundation contributed significant funding to help secure the dogs, their training, and the necessary vehicles for this new program.

"The Confluence Health Foundation works each day to enhance and support Confluence Health's ability to provide safe and superior healthcare close to home," explained Suzanne Carté-Cocroft, vice president of philanthropy at Confluence Health. "Because of its important focus on staff and patient safety, we knew this was an important program to be a part of and it had enthusiastic support from our board."

In thanks for their contribution, the security team offered to allow the Confluence Health Foundation to select the name for the new four-legged member. The Foundation Board, in turn, reached out to Confluence Health staff and providers to help narrow down the list of names from those provided by the security officers, conducting an organization-wide vote held at the beginning of this year.

"We were so excited to see the engagement and enthusiasm from the staff," continued Carté-Cocroft. "Staff and providers could vote for up to five of the 10 possible names. After 2202 votes cast by 930 people, the name 'Atlas' was the clear winner. Ultimately, the board

wholeheartedly agreed with the staff choice and we're all looking forward to meeting Atlas when he arrives."

"We are excited to start up this new canine security program at Confluence Health," remarked Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO of Confluence Health. "I have seen similar programs around the country and have witnessed the amazing benefits this brings, not only to the safety of patients and staff, but also in the joy it brings when the security dog visits on their rounds. These canine officers build community, as well as protecting it, and we're looking forward to Atlas joining our team to help us in continuing to better serve and care for all the residents of North Central Washington."

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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, 29, 2025. #9285

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ORDINANCE NO. 1333
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BARROS ANNEXATION AREA TO THE CITY PURSUANT TO THE PETITION METHOD, SAID ANNEXATION AREA BEING LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A" TO THIS ORDINANCE AND DEPICTED IN THE MAP, EXHIBIT "B" TO THIS ORDINANCE: DESIGNATING THE ZONING OF THE ANNEXATION AREA: RP (Recreation Public). The project area is approximately 7 acres. SEPA Environmental Review: City of Leavenworth has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS). This determination is based on the file of record, including but not limited to: Design Plans, JARPA application, SEPA Checklist, Archeological Monitoring Plan and a Geotechnical Report. The proposed changes will not result in new impervious cover or adverse

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1. The Plateau CRM Archeological Monitoring Plan dated April 2024 shall be closely followed to ensure that no archeological sites are disturbed.
2. Plateau CRM shall attend the preconstruction meetings with the City of Leavenworth and the Contractor to give direction on archaeological monitoring. No ground disturbing activities shall take place prior to consultation with Plateau CRM.
3. All recommendations within the Geotechnical Memorandum prepared by RH2, dated January 17, 2025, shall be closely followed.
4. A Construction Stormwater General Permit shall be obtained from the Department of Ecology prior to ground disturbance.
5. Best Management Practices (BMP's) shall be followed to mitigate for erosion and sediment control. Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Comments must be submitted by February 13, 2025, to cbarry@cityofleavenworth.com. Materials may be reviewed by the Permit Portal. <https://cityofleavenworth.com/city-services/gis-permit-portal/>.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Leavenworth has received the following application and has scheduled a public hearing with the Leavenworth Hearing Examiner. You are invited to review the files and make comments. Comments received by February 13, 2025 will be addressed in the City staff review, other comments may be addressed at the public hearing. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday February 24, 2025, at 1:00pm online via Zoom, Meeting ID: 980 9026 7129, Passcode: 735125; Or the call-in phone number: 1-253-215-8782. If you cannot attend via Zoom, please contact us, at least one day prior to the hearing, for special arrangements.
LUA2024-058: Application submitted by Alexa Cathcart &

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Notice of Application and SEPA Determination:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Leavenworth has received the following application and expects to issue a Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) for the City of Leavenworth Water Main Replacement. You are invited to review the files and make comments. Comments received by February 13, 2025 will be addressed in the City staff review. Shoreline Exemption LUA2024-090 The City of Leavenworth needs to expand the capacity of its existing water transmission main that connects the City wells located on parcel no. 241714111000 to the City water system. The City proposes to replace approximately 5,000 linear feet of existing 12-inch-diameter water main with a 24-inch-diameter water main from the well site to Hwy 2, along Hwy 2 to Mill St. The replacement main in the rights-of-way will be a new pipeline located within the roadways. The project begins at 9101 Icicle Road, where the City wells are located. The project then continues along the rights-of-way (ROW) of Icicle Road to Hwy 2, within the Hwy 2 ROW east of Icicle Road-Hwy 2 intersection to Mill Street. The well site is zoned RP (Recreation Public). The project area is approximately 7 acres. SEPA Environmental Review: City of Leavenworth has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS). This determination is based on the file of record, including but not limited to: Design Plans, JARPA application, SEPA Checklist, Archeological Monitoring Plan and a Geotechnical Report. The proposed changes will not result in new impervious cover or adverse

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Domenick DeMatteo, requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a 1-bedroom Bed & Breakfast to be located within the accessory dwelling unit. The owner will live onsite in the primary residence. The project is located at 220 Whitman Street, within the RL6 Zoning district. Assessor's parcel number 241712816050. The public is encouraged to attend via zoom and to submit written comments prior to the hearing. Materials may be viewed by appointment only at City Hall, or on the City's Public Portal at <https://lvnworth.wa.permittrax.com/Citizen/>; Search by file number, address, or use the interactive map. Questions may be directed to Celeste Barry, Senior Planner, phone 509-548-5275 or email cbarry@cityofleavenworth.com.
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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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