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# Community dinners foster connection in the Upper Valley



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Guest Bob Perleberg stands between volunteers Alvin Lee (left) and Glenn Ostrem (right). The community dinners have about eight to 10 volunteers to help with preparation and clean up, as well as greeting guests at the door.

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



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Volunteer Judy Weaver sits at the helm of a table full of guests. Although the dinners are hosted at the church, they are focused on involving the entire Leavenworth community.

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 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 more frequent weekly basis, remain at the same time and location, keeping

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## Beaver Valley students share camera trapping project with state leaders



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Wildlife biologist Kristin Rine makes a special visit to the class to help them set up a hair snare, which will collect DNA samples of the area's fisher population for analysis.

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

PLAIN - Beaver Valley Elementary students were formally invited to share their camera trapping program with legislators from their districts and state agency leaders at the annual Environmental & Sustainability Literacy Student Summit on Jan. 28

"We think that all schools should have a camera trapping program. That's what the kids are putting out there, is why we think all students in Washington should have a camera trapping program, and how it gets the kids out and having fun getting to know their area," said Beaver Valley teacher Eric Tiegel.

The program, led by project lead Jeff Layton, enables students to study



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Students trek out to their camera site located along Nason Creek.

local wildlife through trail cameras placed through the Lake Wenatchee and Plain area, observing changes in the environment and animal behavior throughout the school year.

"It's a really cool, interesting project, and these kids get to see some really neat stuff. To just be able to share that with the greater community is neat," said Layton.

Each month, Layton visits Tiegel's

second through fourth grade class to collect and review the camera footage for an interactive biology lesson. Layton spends the first hour discussing what's going on in the environment with the students, gleaning lessons from the previous month's footage.

As Layton shows the class a diagram of the subnivean layer, or the space

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### From Leavenworth to Norway: CHS graduates embrace the folk school journey

By Caroline Menna Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH - An informal but special educational exchange is developing between Cascade High School (CHS) and Nordvestlandet folkehøgskole, a Norwegian folk high school.

In recent years, an increasing number of CHS graduates have chosen to embark on a gap year - a period when students take a break from the traditional educational route, most often after completing

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COURTESY OF NORDVESTLANDET FOLKEHOGSKOLE

The picturesque campus of Nordvestlandet Folkehøgskole, nestled between mountains and fjords in northwest Norway, where CHS graduates are embarking on transformative gap year experiences.

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## 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

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

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 oldgrowth 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

The amendment would also seek 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

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### Pizza and Bingo Night

The Leavenworth Ski Hill Lodge will host a Pizza and Bingo Night on Thursday, January 30, from 4-7 p.m.

"Join us for Family Nights every Thursday at Leavenworth Ski Hill," the event page states. "Enjoy pizza, skiing, and bingo from 4-7 p.m. Pizza slices are \$4, and skiing is available for an additional cost. Win prizes, eat, drink, and have fun.'

For more information, visit skileavenworth.com.

### **Mountain Sports Expo**

The Mountain Sports Expo will come to the Leavenworth Festhalle on Saturday, February 1, from 10 a.m. to 4

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

presentations throughout the

For more information, visit leavenworthmuseum.org.

### **Empty Bowls Festival Glazing Days**

Help feed the hungry, strengthen the 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

"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 uvemptybowls. org. Click on the Glazing Days link to

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 uvemptybowls.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."

THINGS TO DO

**THIS WEEK** 

"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.



### **Carol Silvestri**

Carol Silvestri, 68, of Leavenworth, Washington passed away on January 16, 2025. Arrangements by Heritage Memorial Chapel.

### Sharon A. Smith

Sharon A. Smith, 82, passed away in Yakima, WA on January 22, 2025. Services details can be found at www.brooksidefuneral.com.

## Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival opens fourday bowl glazing event

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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.

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 uvemptybowls.

## Opening day hours are noon to 8 p.m., with subsequent days

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

## Leavenworth Women's Exchange to mark 40 years at Feb. 12 luncheon

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LEAVENWORTH. - The Women's Leavenworth Exchange will mark its 40th anniversary during its monthly luncheon Feb. 12 at the Icicle Inn Restaurant. Local historian Chris Rader will present "Early Leavenworth History" at the event, which begins at noon. The \$28.50 admission includes a buffet lunch with beverage, tax and gratuity.

Reservations are required by Feb. 6 through Claire Burlingame at 509-548-7142. Payment must be made by check to LWE or exact cash. Cancellations after Feb. 6 will be charged the full amount.

The restaurant is located at 505 Highway 2.

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OBITUARY

# **Sue Denney Briggs**

Sue Denney Briggs, 81, of Ellensburg, WA passed away at her home on Sunday, January 19, 2025 after a courageous battle with cancer. The family invites all to a memorial service held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Ellensburg United Methodist Church. Sue will be laid to rest later in a private family ceremony at the Mountain View Cemetery in Leavenworth,

Sue was born on April 12, 1943 in Lawton, OK to Irilene and Lieutenant Colonel Nelson Denney. With her father in the military, the family moved often, but Sue always called Fort Collins, CO her home and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1960.

Following graduation from high school, Sue attended Colorado State University where earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and went on to earn her Master's Degree in Education at the State University College at Oneonta, NY.

Sue met Jim Briggs while attending Colorado State and they were married on August 28, 1965 in Fort Collins, CO. They were blessed with two children - Jay and Amy.

Sue had a nearly 40-year career in education during which time she inspired thousands of students. From 1972-1977 she was the Founder, Director and Lead Teacher of the Kirkwood Nursery and Pre-School in Kirkwood, NY. She then went on to serve as an Adjunct Instructor at Broome Community College in Binghampton, NY (1974-1977). Sue had a passion for Reading instruction and was a Reading Teacher and Coordinator from 1981-1989 at Wells Central School and Indian Lake Central School in Indian Lake, NY.

She then went on to combine her passion for education and her natural leadership to serve as a school principal at Indian Lake Central School in Indian Lake, NY (1989-1992); then became Principal at Kensington Road School in Glens Falls, NY (1992-1999) and finally at Mount Stuart Elementary School in Ellensburg, WA (1999-2007).

While at Mount Stuart, Sue could be found at the corner of 15th and Cora every morning, cheerfully welcoming students as they arrived. She could also be seen every Friday afternoon walking the school grounds with students chosen by their teachers for a Walk With the Principal. Following her retirement from Mount Stuart, Sue returned to her passion for reading, serving as a Reading Instruction and Curriculum consultant to the Mount Adams School District in White Swan, WA.

Sue and Jim lived in Speculator, NY in the Adirondacks from 1977 - 1999. In 1999 they moved to Ellensburg, WA to be closer to family and grandkids. While in Ellensburg, Sue was an active member of the Ellensburg community and a member of Ellensburg United Methodist Church. Sue and Jim were involved with the Rigadoon Dance Club, CWU Luncheon Scholarship Program, and the Gretchen Weller Foundation. She and Jim loved spending time at their cabin in Leavenworth enjoying skiing, golfing, hiking, and hosting holidays with their children and grandchildren for over

two decades. Sue loved holidays and especially loved preparing her buttermilk pancakes, incredible turkey and stuffing along with standing rib roast and Yorkshire pudding. She loved time with her family - especially her four grandchildren. Sue was an avid reader loved gathering monthly with her book club. She also loved hiking with her "Tuesday Trekker" friends and cross-country skiing. An avid traveler, Sue loved exploring the world. Her travels took her to Hawaii, Ghana, India, Italy, England, France,



Norway, South Africa, Austria, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Peru, Mexico, Cuba, Turkey and Greece.

Sue is predeceased by her beloved husband, Jim Briggs; and survived by her son Jay (Roxie) Briggs of Ellensburg and daughter Amy (Bob) Maher of Kirkland; grandchildren Jake, Madi, Julia and Andrew as well as her brother and sister in-laws Ken and Diane Briggs of Ellensburg. Sue will be fondly remembered by her family and friends for her passion for adventure. dedication to children's education, and amazing sense of humor.

The family is grateful for the care she received throughout her battle with cancer particularly Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center and Hospice. In addition, the family will be forever grateful to the host of neighbors, friends and personal caregivers whose support uplifted and sustained Sue.

Memorial contributions Sue's honor are welcome at the charity of your choice. She was particularly passionate about the work of Gretchen Weller Foundation www. gretchenwellerfoundation. com and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center www.fredhutch.org.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Johnston & Williams of Ellensburg. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.johnston-williams. com

### **Community Calendar**

### Wednesday

Children and Youth Program, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292. Ipine 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

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

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

Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

### **Monday**

more information.

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.

eavenworth 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

C 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.leaveworthmasons. 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.)

se, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com reater Leavenworth Museum board meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact\_info@ leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

### **NCW Libraries**

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and programs online at ncwlibraries.org and its Facebook page. Go to NCWLIBRARIES.ORG or 1-800-426-READ (7323) for more information, and updates.

Leavenworth Public Library. Located at 700 Hwy. 2, Call 509-548-7923 or online leavenworth@ncwlibraries.org Open on Tues., 10-5, Wed., 11-6, Thurs.,10-7, Fri., 10-5 Sat.,10-2. Closed Sun. and Mon.

Peshastin Public Library. Located at 8396 Main St. Call (509) 548-7821 or email peshastin@ncwlibraries.org. Open on Tues 2-6pm, Wed., 2-6pm. Thurs., 10am-6pm, Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.

## Meeting Schedules For AA, Alanon, Celebrate Recovery

AA Meetings: Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings: 541-480-8946. Call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AlAnon meetings: 509-548-7939, 509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 206-719-3379. Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St. Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave. **Alanon Meetings**, Call 509-548-7939. Renewed Celebrate Recovery, Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene. 111 Ski Hill Drive. Come experience God's grace for all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. For more information: CelebrateRecoveryLCN@gmail.com or 509- 596-1510.

## Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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

### **Jan 17**

00:22:35 911, 10769 Lone Pine Dr. Peshas

07:56:15 Harass/Threat, 105 Pine St# G, Leavenworth

11:40:41 Assist Public, 8540 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth 11:50:13 Trespass, 590 Us Hwy 2;

**Enzian Motor** 12:53:27 Burglary, 15395 Us Hwy

2, Lake Wenat 13:57:59 Assist Agency, 11431

Clark Canyon Rd, Lea 16:29:38 Alarm, 20711 Pelton Pl, Lake Wena

17:20:57 911, 8917 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth 18:21:27 Trespass, 190 Us Hwy 2;

19:53:36 Suspicious, 116 River Bend Dr; Safeway

### Jan 18

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05:32:29 Suspicious, W Benton St & Mill St, Lea Lv Act 20:48:09 Disturbance, 22583 Alpine Hills Rd, Lak 1

21:35:34 Harass/Threat, 829 Front St# C; Gingerbr Lv

### **Jan 19**

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### **Jan 20**

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Shugart Flats Rd, Pl 1

10:23:03 Parking/Abandon,

19953 Gill Creek Rd, Lake 1 13:31:23 Property, Commercial St & 9th St; Ar Lv

15:43:20 Domestic Disturbance, 10769 Lone Pine Dr, Peshas 6 20:22:42 Suspicious, 336 Birch St, Leavenworth, Lv

21:52:17 Domestic Disturbance, 10144 Main St# 1, Peshast 6 23:34:04 Trespass, 213 9th St; Post Office Sa Lv

### Jan 21

09:41:35 Harass/Threat, 110 Central Ave, Leavenwor Lv 11:28:28 Suspicious, 212 Whitman St, Leavenworth Lv 15:25:44 Accident No Inj, 1000

Front St# B; Blewett Lv 17:48:22 Disturbance, 18504 Hazel St, Plain, Wa 1 22:04:44 Suicide Threat, 9630

Marson Dr, Leavenworth 6

### Jan 22

02:24:48 Hazard, Chumstick Hwy Mp 11, Leavenworth

02:37:39 Domestic Distur, 185 Us Hwy 2; Fairbridge Inn 08:05:49 Alarm, 12686 Shore St; Bangsund D 6

13:07:18 Accident No Inj, 1137 Front St, Leavenworth 18:32:36 Assist Agency, Ski Hill

Dr & Village View

19:54:50 Parking/Abandon, 10395 Chumstick Hwy; Leavenworth 21:33:56 Civil, 11642 River Bend Dr. Leavenworth

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## Proposal loosens controls on birth control prescriptions



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.

### 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.

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.

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

"While this isn't convenient the words "12-month supply"

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

Calypso 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

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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## 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

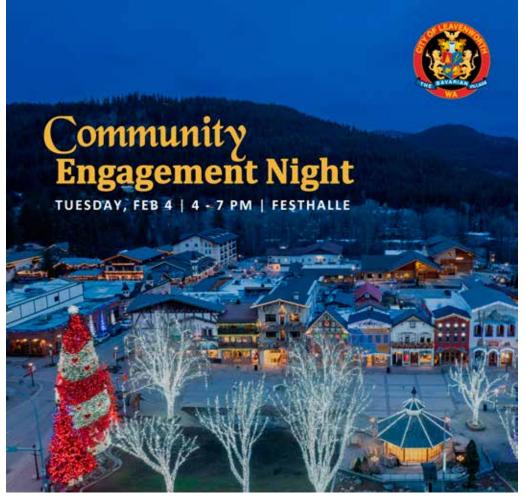
Eastmont Ave., will begin operations in two phases: February 10 for children's behavioral health services. followed by adult services on February 17. The clinic has space for up to 29 behavioral health providers.

"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-

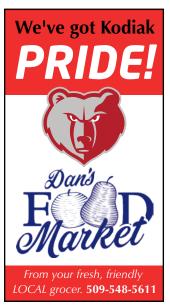
art facility will offer mental comprehensive health treatments and interventions, with specialized services for both adult patients and children requiring behavioral health support. Mental health organizations across the country have reported growing demand for services in recent years.

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.



















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### CASCADE SCHEDULE

		Girls Basketball					
	Fri, Jan 31	6:00 PM	Tonasket	Home			
	Tue, Feb 4	5:45 PM	Manson	Home			
	Fri, Jan 31	7:30 PM	Tonasket	Home			
	Tue, Feb 4	7:15 PM	Manson	Home			
Girls Wrestling							
	Sat, Feb 1	10:00 AM	Quincy	Away			

### **CASCADE SCOREBOARD**

		Girls Basketball					
	Tue, Jan 21	Cascade	55	Liberty Bell	38	Win	
	Sat, Jan 25	Cascade	40	Entiat	10	Win	
Boys Basketball							
	Tue, Jan 21	Cascade	30	Liberty Bell	76	Loss	
	Sat, Jan 25	Cascade	76	Entiat	52	Win	

## Kodiaks claim 11th place, five medals at Mat Animal Tournament

The Cascade Kodiaks put on a good show at the Mat Animal Wrestling Tournament, finishing 11th out of 26 schools that made the trip to Quincy last weekend. Abraham Gonzalez finished fourth at 120 lbs., Tristan Sharpe finished fourth at 150 lbs., Damian Sandoval finished fifth at 132 lbs., Aengus Gilikin finished sixth at 126 lbs., and Daniel Guerrero took first in the consolation bracket at 190 lbs.



Abraham Gonzalez (bottom) battles Daniel Gonzalez (top) of Othello during their 120-lb. match at the Mat Animal tourney in Quincy. Cascade's Gonzalez lost to Othello's Gonzalez, with the latter going on to lose in the finals, and the former losing in the match for third place.

Jonah Peake of
Cascade wrestles
Zayvier Olazcon
of Othello in the
165-lb. bracket
at the Mat
Animal tourney in
Quincy. Olazcon
outpointed
Peake and went
on to win the
consolation
finals.



## Kodiaks shake off slow start, cruise past Entiat 76-52

The Cascade Kodiaks' boys basketball team endured a rocky first half to defeat Entiat, 76-52 on the road Jan. 25.

Will Biebesheimer (15, at left) diving for a rebound against Entiat on Jan. 25. The Kodiaks won 76-52, snapping a twogame losing skid.

A trio of Kodiaks (from left, Graham Campbell, Ethan Davis, and Artie Northrup) put pressure on an Entiat player during the Kodiak visit to the Tigers' court, on Jan. 25. The Kodiaks proved irreverent guests, winning 76-52.





Graham Campbell (11) drives past Entiat's Brayan Muñoz during the Kodiaks' win over the Tigers 76-52 on Jan. 25.

### Kodiaks win shortened game 40-10 amid injury concern at Entiat

The Cascade Kodiaks endured a gamut of emotions during their trip to Entiat Jan. 26, with a resounding win 40-10 happening along a scary moment when an Entiat player had to be taken out of the court on a stretcher, with 1:29 left in the fourth quarter.

Rylie Songer (10) plays some strong defense against the Entiat Tigers' Sofia Tucker. In a game that was called off with about 90 seconds to go due to a serious injury to an Entiat player, the Kodiaks bested Entiat 40-10.





Sydney Melody
(12) in action
against the
Tigers from
Entiat, which
faced Cascade
on Jan. 25. The
visiting Kodiaks
won 40-10.



Kaylee Lewis looks for an open teammate during the Cascade Kodiaks' game at Entiat, on Jan. 25. Cascade won 40-10. The Kodiaks travel to Bridgeport on Tuesday and host Tonasket on Friday.



Daniel Guerrero tries to overcome the pressure from Wapato's Aiden Badonie during their 132-lb. match at the Mat Animal tourney in Quincy. Guerrero lost to eventual third-placer finisher Badonie 8-5, but rebounded from the loss and went on to finish fifth.



Frank Rosario, right, and Jonah Bowles, left, wrestling during the Mat Animal wrestling tourney in Quincy. Although the picture makes it look like the only thing missing is the Twister mat, the two teammates took the challenge seriously, with Rosario prevailing in the second round, via pin.





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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 K9 security program. Atlas and his handler completed extensive training before beginning their duties.

NCW News Ward Media

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

originally from Shepard 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

## 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

Wilson thinks it could help.

"The label does matter," he \$1,000 for each box.

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 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.

Hatfield, Brian 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 proposed under labeling Wilson's bill would cost about

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

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

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

Another measure Wilson 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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one of two dogs planned, with the second dog and handler arriving later in the year.

"Like programs healthcare facilities around the country, our new security dog program features animalsthat 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

thanks for their In 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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### CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGT

# 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

"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.

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 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, 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 the to Washington State Department

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

## 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

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.

of Public Instruction is already keeping close watch on the finances of several cashstrapped 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

"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.

The Office of Superintendent 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. T'wina 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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### **CHS** graduates

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high school before enrolling in college - at Nordvestlandet, opting for an exceptional and transformative experience.

The more than eighty folk high schools in Norway, which welcome international students, do not grant academic degrees, nor do they issue exams or grades. Instead, the focus of these boarding schools, which vary in size, location, and program structure, is on the development of practical skills.

Students concentrate in areas such as: outdoor life and sports crafts, including skiing and snowboarding, hiking and mountaineering, sailing and kayaking, climbing, horseback riding, and hunting and fishing; or arts and crafts, including painting

and drawing, photography, ceramics, textile work, music (vocal and instrumental), and acting and theater; or media and communication, including filmmaking, journalism, graphic design, and social media. Like a typical college year, the folk school term lasts nine months, from August to May. Student life plays a big part in the calendar with organized events, whole-school trips, formals, and a myriad of other social activities.

Nordvestlandet folkehøgskole, set beneath a ring of mountains on a bucolic white clapboard, slate roofed campus above a dazzling confluence of two fjords in, as its name suggests, the northwest of the country near to the west coast, has taken as its motto "built for movement." Consistent with that maxim.

to date, CHS alumni attending Nordvestlandet have selected

either the school's "Basecamp" or "Powder Surf - Japan" lines (or majors). The former is billed as a way to experience the Norwegian northwest "through trips, activities, and overnight which includes a multiple week February trip to ski in Japan, "for those who want to challenge themselves and have an action-packed school year with a focus on surfing, skiing, and varied outdoor activities."

Stella Johnson, a junior at Montana State University, CHS's first grad to enroll at Nordvestlandet folkehøgskole, during the 2021-22 school year, recalled that "a college friend of my dad's had a daughter that went to Nordvestlandet, and they told me about it. It seemed interesting, and a wonderful way to have a year of skiing, friendships, and new culture! My family comes from Norway. So, after hearing

about the folkehøgskole from our friends, it was a way to get to a place that I've always been

Tonio Aurilio, a freshman Washington at Western University and 2023 graduate of CHS, attended Nordvestlandet for the 2023-24 term because he was "looking for something different" and knew how much Johnson loved her time at the folk school. "It was a completely life-changing experience. You arrive to a place out of your comfort zone, but soon make friends, learn a new culture, explore the world, and push yourself. On a lot of the [Basecamp line] trips, you are outdoors the whole time - sometimes for several days. That's not something most of us have experienced; but you feel good about yourself afterwards." Aurilio's CHS classmate Olen Johnson attended Valdres folkehøgskole

the same year in Norway's mountainous central region.

CHS class of 2024 alumna Isabel Menna is halfway through her year at before Nordvestlandet, year, and soon leaves with her fellow "Powder Surf" classmates and instructor for deep powder skiing in Japan. Current CHS seniors Amiano Coronado and Ezra Swart both plan to attend Nordvestlandet next year.

The emphasis on community is a cornerstone of the folk school experience. "The folkehøgskole setup is something lovely," Johnson shared. "You eat four times a day with people, go outside with them, play games, talk about life, travel with them. It's a place where friendships grow fast and strong. Many of the people I went to school with I stay in contact with, and

have seen multiple times since leaving, which is no small feat due to the continent and ocean that separates us."

The growing connection between CHSNordvestlandet represents a promising trend, with students like Johnson, Aurilio, Menna, and those to follow gaining invaluable life experiences, forging lasting friendships, and developing a deeper understanding of the world.

For more information on Norwegian folk schools generally, see: folkehogskole. For Nordvestlandet folkehøgskole: nordvestlandet. no; Valdres folkehøgskole: vintereventyr.no.

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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 Cashmere Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 22, 29, 2025. #9285

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### **ORDINANCE NO. 1333**

CASHMERE, ANNEXING **PROPERTY** KNOWN AS CITY PURSUANT TO PETITION METHOD, ORDINANCE; ZONING OF ANNEXATION AREA; RP EXHIBIT "A" AS THE SUMMARY acres. AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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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, comments other may 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 hearing, special arrangements.

LUA2024-058: Application submitted by Alexa Cathcart &

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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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### **Public Notices**

### 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 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 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY proposes to replace approximately COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF 5,000 linear feet of existing WASHINGTON, 12-inch-diameter water main with a CERTAIN REAL 24-inch-diameter water main from COMMONLY the well site to Hwy 2, along Hwy 2 THE BARROS to Mill St. The replacement main in ANNEXATION AREA TO THE the rights-of-way will be a new THE pipeline located within the SAID roadways. The project begins at ANNEXATION AREA BEING 9101 Icicle Road, where the City LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS SET wells are located. The project then FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A" TO THIS continues along the rights-of-way ORDINANCE AND DEPICTED IN (ROW) of lcicle Road to Hwy 2, THE MAP, EXHIBIT "B" TO THIS within the Hwy 2 ROW east of DESIGNATING Icicle Road-Hwy 2 intersection to THE Mill Street. The well site is zoned (Recreation Public). APPROVING THE TITLE AND project area is approximately 7 SFPA Environmental ORDINANCE; Review: City of Leavenworth has CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY reviewed the proposed project for PROVISION: AND PROVIDING probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Mitigated Determination This Nonsignificance (MDNS). determination is based on the file of record, including but not limited Design Plans, JARPA Checklist, application, SEPA Archeological Monitoring Plan and

a Geotechnical Report. The

## **Notice of Application and SEPA**

proposed changes will not result in new impervious cover or adverse

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environmental impacts. Additional

### mitigations measures necessary because of the high probability of archeological findings proximity to the and the Wenatchee River, a Shoreline of the State. The optional DNS

process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The following conditions are likely to be added to the MDNS:

Monitoring Plan dated April 2024 shall be closely followed to ensure that no archeological sites are disturbed.

1. The Plateau CRM Archeological

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 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-s

ervices/gis-permit-portal/. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on January 29, 2025 #9330

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### Public Notices 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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### **Public Notices** property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation

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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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### **Public Notices** tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For

written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Tollfree: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi. wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\_purchase\_counselors\_ foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http:// portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?we bListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice. org/what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-24-995688-BB. Dated: 9/23/2024 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-24-995688-BB Sale Line: 1-800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www. qualityloan.com IDSPub #0224530 1/8/2025 1/29/2025 Published in the ashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 8, 29, 2025. #8604

tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with

### **Dinners**

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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

"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.

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

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TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA Stella and Triton Smith hold up hand-made signs that read, 'Please enjoy the show' as they play on the stage while their parents socialize.

### **Forest Service**

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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.go/ goto/r6/nwfp.

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### **Beaver Valley**

snowpack where animals take refuge, students take equitable initiative in the conversation. When Layton talks about a bird that hibernates in the layer, a student shares about a type of squirrel that does the same. When the class watches recent trail camera footage of a rare mountain beaver. another student jumps in to tell the class it's a "prehistoric hamster," which it is in fact, a

This interactive classroom, where the students freely share their observations. theories, and knowledge, is by design. Every time Layton visits the classroom, he starts the discussion off with leading questions, such as, "What changes have you observed about our weather and environment since we last spoke?" or, "Do you think it's been easier or harder for the

On this January visit, Layton brought in North Cascades National Park wildlife biologist Kristin Rine to share about her professional work using trail cameras, and help the class set up a hair snare to collect



specific data on the area's fisher.

"Lake Wenatchee area, where you guys live...is the most important spot we found for the North Cascades fisher. For some reason, we released them on the west side of the crest, and they all, a lot of them, made their way over here and set up shop. And they love it around here. We call it Fisher town," said Rine.

After their classroom discussion, the entire K-12 school loads the bus and heads to Nason Creek, where two of their trail cameras are located. The students help change the batteries and replace the memory cards of the cameras, then set up two hair snares with Rine. After a month, Layton will collect the findings

for the class to discuss what they've observed.

"It makes it feel real, right? So often stuff like this is theoretical, like, 'This is what scientists do in the world.' But we're actually out doing it with these kids," said Layton.

This week, Tiegel's fourth graders will present their program to state leadership at the annual Environmental & Sustainability Literacy Student Summit, hosted by Pacific Education Institute (PEI) and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The class, as well as the Wenatchee High School Earth Club, are two of only 22 school groups formally invited to present at the summit.

"[I hope they see] what's

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possible. With a little bit of initiative and imagination and some flexibility from administrators, you know, like you can do some cool stuff," said Layton.

The fourth graders received a civics lesson about the capital and who they will be speaking to, and prepared a presentation with a posterboard visual of the animals they've observed in their program.

"I made a hand drawn picture, and I took a video footage picture, wrote some facts, and then at the top, next to the name that says 'Great Blue Heron,' I started getting sciency, too sciency for anyone to ever understand anything...I love science," said fourth grader Oliver.

The students will also get to

hear from a panel representing state agencies focused on education and environmental issues, including the Office of Native Education, OSPI, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, This is Indian Country, and Thurston Conservation District. After the summit, students will be invited for a tour of the Capitol building. "I want them to remember

this their whole life. Getting the students out as a classroom is a way of creating memories, and I want those memories to stick. So they'll remember, 'Yeah, we did these animal cameras, we even went to the capital one time," said Tiegel.

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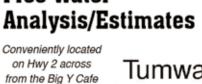
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