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Leavenworth Rotary to celebrate 50th anniversary during annual **Rotaryfest fundraiser**



Leavenworth Rotarians clean up Highway 2.

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - This year, the Rotary Club of Leavenworth will be celebrating 50 years of service during its annual Rotaryfest. The Gold Rushthemed fundraiser will be held at the Leavenworth Festhalle on April 5.

"Rotaryfest is our most important fundraising event of the year," said Leavenworth Rotary Co-President Melanie Baur in a press release. "It funds the projects we do to help our local community, as well as our international programs."

In the last 10 years, Leavenworth Rotary has raised and donated \$350,000 to local and international projects, according to its website.

Locally, the club has supported

Center building, to name a few.

As a chapter of Rotary International, it has supported literacy and bicycle projects in Guatemala, contributed to medical supplies and clean water systems in various countries, and funded emergency shelter and supplies during natural disasters across the U.S.

"We as a club are so very grateful to the support that we have received over all of these years from our community, and look forward to being good stewards of their generosity and do our best to do whatever we can to support our community and the world at large," said past president and Club Fundraising Chair Mahala Murphy-Martin.

The club was chartered and founded by Dr. Ed Cadman, an orthopedic surgeon and co-founder of Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, now Confluence Health. Dr. Cadman led medical missions to Malawi to operate on polio survivors; polio



Rotarians bake Valentine's Day cookies for Mountain Meadows Senior Living residents.

eradication is a major tenant of all," said Murphy-Martin. "We have Rotary's work worldwide.

Although committed to the motto "service above self," the club's membership standards were restrictive in its early years, prohibiting women and having strict participation standards. That was until the 1980s, when Elizabeth Saunders became the first woman to join the local chapter, said Murphy-Martin.

Since then, the club evolved from a 'good ol' boys club" to include broader representation of its community. It also allowed flexibility in attendance, opening the door for younger members with greater family and career obligations to still participate. As a result, the club has continued to grow in recent years, reaching up to

definitely grown...It's wonderful, and it just gives us more opportunity to do our work in our community and [throughout] the world."

As the "little club with a big heart" reflects on its accomplishments over the last 50 years, it will set sight on many more years of impactful service at the Rotaryfest fundraiser.

The "Rotaryfest Gold Rush Hoe Down" will be from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Leavenworth Festhalle. The evening will feature a BBQ buffet, entertainment, saloon-style games, auctions, and a dessert dash. Sponsorship and ticket information can be found on the Leavenworth Rotary website.

"We plan on having a lot of fun...Everyone can participate in something and enjoy the evening, said Murphy-Martin.

Wildfire defense grant stalled by funding freeze, timeline remains uncertain

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY – A \$9.275 million grant intended to improve wildfire resilience throughout the upper valley is paused indefinitely, delaying key projects in one of the region's most vulnerable communities.

In a U.S. Forest Service map of "Wildfire evacuation risk for PNW communities," Leavenworth ranks second in burn probability and seventh in overall vulnerability out of 696 rural communities in Oregon and Washington.

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) would address its priority landscapes, such as Chumstick Highway, Upper Lake Wenatchee, and Nason, funding five years of fuels reduction and evacuation route improvement. It would also include planning and purchasing of an estimated ten 21,000-gallon water tanks for the area, intended to work as remote fire hydrants for faster firefighting response.

Though the grant was awarded through the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), its funding source comes through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), created under the Biden administration era.

For the last month and a half, the DNR has been unable to access \$180 million in IIJA and Inflation Reduction Act funding amid the Trump administration's current spending freeze. According to DNR Communications Director Michael Kelly, \$90 million of which was designated for wildfire prevention, suppression, resilience, and forest health.

"We are still working to access it. We've never actually heard anything

students through exchange programs and scholarships, built the playground and contributed to the pump track at Enchantment Park, and made improvements to the aging Senior

60 local members.

"[I] think that when people see the diversification within the club itself, that makes it more enticing to everyone...It's not one size fits

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Tumwater cross: a week of contradiction, potential conflict of interest, and a permit withdrawal



CHELAN COUNTY/UPPER VALLEY CROSS

Chelan County Commissioner Shon Smith became a key figure in the Tumwater Cross saga, which saw rapid shifts, the project's permit withdrawn, and conflicting narratives.

By CAROLINE MENNA Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH - The contentious plan to erect a 70-foot illuminated cross on Tumwater Mountain has been abruptly halted following a week of dramatic developments that exposed conflicting statements and raised questions

about potential conflicts of interest. The project, which sparked significant community division, was halted after landowner Robert Johnson, owner of the Enzian Inn, Post Hotel, and extensive properties in the area, including on Mountain Home, withdrew the project's

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Shelter and Seeds aims to turn your yard into a thriving, food-producing ecosystem

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - A new business in Leavenworth is helping landowners transform their properties using sustainable, regenerative practices.

Shelter and Seeds, owned by Sean Eriksen, specializes in native and edible gardens, water retention earthworks, food forests, compost

systems, and more. Eriksen offers services ranging from consultation and design to installation and maintenance, with the goal of creating resilient and abundant landscapes.

"For the last few centuries or so...land stewardship has mostly been extractive...We're now in an ecosystem that is relatively scarce

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COURTESY OF SEAN FRIKSEN

An eighth of an acre up Eagle Creek Road was a grassy field before Eriksen tilled the grass, sheet mulched the pathways, installed a sprinkler, sowed seeds, and applied several rounds of compost tea.

from the federal government. There's been no real communication, no official communication about when the funding may become available, why it was frozen, all of those questions," said Kelly. "It's been a lot of just trying to figure out what's happening in a vacuum of information."

In response, the DNR moved to pause the execution of pending grant agreements, including Chelan County's CWDG funding.

We signed the agreement. We haven't gotten it back. It's like we were that close to getting it," said Chelan County Natural Resources Director Mike Kaputa.

A number of delays prior to the funding freeze already challenged the possibility of starting work in 2025, but the grant's partners were hopeful of moderate progress. For instance, Chelan County Fire District #3 (CCFD#3) and Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition (CWSC) were working with the county to push the purchase of two portable water tanks, which require less planning and permitting than a permanent installation, in order to have some remote water supply for the 2025 wildfire season.

Having a remote water tank strategically placed could refill a water tender-which can transport approximately 2,000 gallons to a scene-up to 20 road miles closer than the current nearest hydrant, according to CCFD#3 Deputy Chief Mike Smith.

"It will mean a major delay in water supply for these remote areas. While we are still operating under the status quo, getting these tanks into place greatly reduces the time lost traveling (up to 45 minutes)

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Entiat Kite Festival

The annual Entiat Kite Festival will take place on Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kiwanis Park (State Highway 97A, Entiat).

"Get ready to soar! This free, family-friendly event is packed with excitement, creativity, and community fun. Enjoy free kites, face painting, delicious food, and the chance to win raffle prizes!

For more information, visit https://www.lakechelan.com/ event/entiat-kite-festival-3/ or call 206-390-5831

Benevolent Night

Cascade Medical Foundation and Wildflour are hosting a fundraiser dinner on March 20 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Wildflour in Leavenworth.

"Enjoy fantastic food and support a great cause! A portion of the evening's proceeds will go to Cascade Medical Foundation's current campaign. In addition to great food (and good company!), the event also will include live music by local musicians Ben Burris and Ben Henderson, performing as The Wandering Souls. They will play from 6 to 8 p.m."

For reservations and information, visit wildflourleavenworth.com.

Floral Fete - An Exclusive Ladies' Night Out!

Teams Wenatchee is hosting a Ladies Night on March 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Columbia Collective in Wenatchee. Tickets are on sale now.

"Enjoy small drinks, bites, silent auctions and more! This is an evening for you and your friends!"

For tickets and information, visit https:// allevents.in/wenatchee/ floral-f%C3%AAte-anexclusive-ladies-nightout/200027882453523.

Run Club and Springs Soak

The Springs in Leavenworth will host a community run and soak event on March 19 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., featuring a short group run, an Arc'teryx raffle, and a relaxing soak.

"Join us for an evening of movement, camaraderie, and

recovery," the event page states. Admission is \$25.

THINGS TO DO

THIS WEEK

For more information, visit: https://leavenworth.org/event/ run-club-springs-soak/

Kids Indoor Open Play

Leavenworth Festhalle will host an indoor play event on March 25 from 9:30STOCK PHOTO

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11:30 a.m., offering a fun and family-friendly space for children to enjoy.

"For just \$2 per child, let the little ones run, jump, and play in a safe indoor environment," the event page states.

For more information, visit Leavenworth Festhalle's website.

Leavenworth Mountain Film Festival returns after four-year hiatus

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LEAVENWORTH - After a four-year hiatus prompted by the pandemic, the Leavenworth Mountain Film Festival will return on March 22 at the

The 8th annual film festival will showcase outdoor recreation-focused films from local, regional and international filmmakers. The evening will feature award-winning films focusing on outdoor pursuits and the natural world. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the first film premiering at 7 p.m. The festival's signature festivities, including free limousine rides, a red carpet with paparazzi, and live halftime entertainment, will also return.

Leading up to the evening, the festival will have daytime programming, including the Morning Conservation Program and the afternoon Wildlands & Wildlife program.

The Morning Conservation Program will showcase documentaries centered on environmental conservation, such as screenings of "A Disappearing Forest" and "The Forgotten Coast." The afternoon Wildlands & Wildlife program will present awardwinning documentaries that examine the connections between ecosystems, wildlife, and humans, highlighted by screenings of "841," which tells the story of a popular sea otter, "Alien Contact" showcasing giant sea rays, and "Wild

Beast: Manatees."

Tickets for the Morning Conservation Program or the afternoon Wildlands & Wildlife program are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets for the evening program are \$20 for adults and

\$5 for children ages 12 and under. Festival passes, which provide access to all events and screenings, are available for \$38.

The festival is presented by Icicle TV with support from the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce. A portion of proceeds from the event will go directly to support ongoing projects at Leavenworth's Ski Hill recreation area, in partnership with the Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation.



COURTESY OF LEAVENWORTH MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Leavenworth Mountain Film Festival last ran in 2019, before it was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Leavenworth brush site permanently closes

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

In the last couple years, the public brush site has seen participation, decreasing

Residents living in the quarantine zone will still be able to use Winton MFG

Leavenworth Women's Exchange to host Deputy Fire Chief at April luncheon

Letters to the Editor

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - The Leavenworth Women's Exchange will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, April 9, featuring Chelan County Fire District #3 Deputy Chief Mike Smith as the guest speaker.

Neighbors," addressing wildfire preparedness in the region. The luncheon costs \$28.50 per person, which includes a lunch buffet, beverage, tax, and gratuity. Payment must be

Leavenworth Festhalle.

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The event will begin at noon at the Icicle Inn Restaurant, located at 505 Highway 2 in Leavenworth. Smith will present a program titled "Living in Fire Country: How to Help Your

Short-term gain, long-

I just read where Mr.

Musk has proposed an idea

to our president that "with

the savings he accrued from

cutting former programs

through his DOGE company,

he will write a check to each

Now who among us wouldn't

like to have \$5,000 in our hands

in these costly days of grocery

shopping and soon to be

But then I had this thought:

What if a child's grand-

parents had put aside money

when the child was a baby

that would become \$40,000

when the child was ready for

But when the child is about 10,

his father has accrued \$30,000 of gambling debts? So he taps into

the late parents' bank account

taxpayer for \$5,000."

medicine renewals?

college?

term pain: The \$5000

Musk check

made by check to LWE or exact cash amount.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, April 1, and can be made by contacting Claire Burlingame at 509-548-7142. Organizers note that because this is a catered event, cancellations after April 1st will still be responsible for the cost of the lunch.

LEAVENWORTH - The Leavenworth brush drop-off site will not reopen this spring after Chelan County Public Works announced its permanent closure.

The county-operated brush site, located at the intersection of Icicle and East Leavenworth roads, was opened in 2017 to service residents living in the apple maggot quarantine zone of Chelan County, which includes Leavenworth. Plain. and Lake Wenatchee. At the time, the site filled a need for the service, as state law prohibits brush to leave a quarantine zone. However, the opening of Winton MFG Compost Works in recent years has offered another option for yard waste disposal.

going from annually collecting more than 1,500 cubic yards to collecting 458 cubic yards in 2024, according to Eric Pierson, Chelan County Public Works director and county engineer.

"Our only goal with the site was to break even, but the low participation means revenues are not covering costs, including hauling and staff time," Pierson said in a press release. "To cover our costs, we would have to raise the fee to over \$150 a drop-off. And that is not reasonable. The good news is the community has a viable option at the nearby compost facility in Winton, which may account for the drop in participation at the county site."

Compost Works. Those living within Leavenworth city limits can also utilize the city's recycling center for yard waste. The Drvden Transfer Station is located in a pest-free area; it does not accept yard waste from the quarantine area.

People living outside the quarantine zone can bring their yard waste to the brush vards at the Drvden and Chelan transfer stations. The Chelan facility is currently open for brush drop-off. The Dryden facility will be open for brush drop-off in April.

For more information about yard waste disposal, visit the Chelan County Solid Waste website.

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and takes it out. Whew. But now he is feeling kind of badly, so he takes the boy on a \$5.000 cruise to Disney World.

The boy is delighted. Until 8 years later, his college fund is pretty much useless, and who can he blame?

The person who was supposed to care more for his child than for his own financial gains.

This idea of Mr. Musk with Mr. Trump's approval, will certainly be a momentary distraction to the taxpayers, and yet a long-term disaster for the country in Science, Education, Health, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Military, Citizenship and so many other things we once held dear.

Surely I can't be only American who sees this? We aren't all ten year olds.

Claudia Elliott Leavenworth

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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 music.
- Senior Center, Lunch, Noon, \$8 per meal. Call 509-548-6666 by Tuesday noon to make a reservation.

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.

- eshastin Community Council meeting, 7 Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.) p.m.
- Caregiver Support Group, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
- Parkinson's Support Group Mountain Meadows Assisted Living 320 Park Avenue Leavenworth, WA 98826. Event Date, Last Thursday of every month, time 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Contact Cascade Medical 509-548-3420 x 3873
- Find strength in community. Join our People with Parkinson's Support Group for valuable connections, shared experiences, and support. Navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and empower each other on this journey. You are not alone. Join us. Senior exercise taught by Rehab staff FREE Tuesdays and
- Thursdays from 11-12 at the LDS Church, 10170 Titus Rd.

Friday

- Leavenworth Rotary Club, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.
- Senior Center: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

Monday

- Upper Valley Free Clinic, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.
- Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https:// leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/
- Cascade School board meetings, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.) Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and
- luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

- Peshastin Water District, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
- Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
- Cascade Education Foundation, Contact: CEF@cascade.org LWSC Alpine Committee, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st. Tues.)
- Leavenworth Masons, 7:30 p.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.)
- Senior Center, Exercise, 11 a.m-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com
- Leavenworth Museum board Greater meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info $ilde{ extsf{@}}$
- leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.) Senior exercise taught by Rehab staff FREE Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-12 at the LDS Church, 10170 Titus Rd.

NCW Libraries

Libraries will continue to offer a wide variety of resources and

Pybus Public Market to host 10th annual Nonprofit Day

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Pybus Public Market will host its 10th Annual Nonprofit Day on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., bringing together approximately 50 nonprofit organizations from across the Wenatchee Valley region.

The event, which will occupy both the main concourse and the LocalTel Event Center, connects local nonprofits with potential volunteers and community members seeking information about available resources.

The mission of the event is to create a meeting point for nonprofits to share opportunities, connect with potential volunteers, and provide community members with information about available resources in the Wenatchee Valley.

Organizations participating in this year's event represent a diverse range of causes including healthcare services, environmental conservation, education, housing assistance, arts and culture, and social services.

Participating **Nonprofits:**

- Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington
- Alano Club of Wenatchee
- Beauty of Bronze
- Cancer Care of NCW/Our 4. House
- CDCSA
- Chelan Douglas CASA 6. Program
- Chelan Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services
- Chelan Valley Hope
- Chelan-Douglas 9. **Community Action** Council (AmeriCorps programs)
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- 11. Columbia Valley Affordable Homeownership
- 12. EASE Cancer Foundation 13. Eastmont Metropolitan
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- Wenatchee
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- Wenatchee Valley 47. Museum and Cultural Center
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- 49. Write on the River

about the event, interested parties can contact Amber Parker at amber@ pybusmarket.org or Rachel Madson at rachel@ pybusmarket.org.

Rep. Burnett's search and rescue funding measure heads to Senate

NCW News Ward Media

OLYMPIA The Washington state House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation that would provide financial assistance to local law enforcement aviation support units.

House Bill 1969, sponsored by freshman legislator Rep. Brian Burnett, R-Wenatchee, directs the Military Department to develop and implement a Law **Enforcement Aviation Support** Grant Program to fund rotary wing aviation units that assist with search and rescue operations across jurisdictions.

Burnett brings significant law enforcement experience to the legislature, having served over 25 years in law enforcement, including 12 years as the elected Chelan County Sheriff. He held significant leadership positions during his tenure, such as serving as the Past President of the Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and the Washington State Sheriffs Association (WSSA).

We've got to do more to keep our sheriff's offices financially viable. As the search and rescue operations that fall within the purview of the local sheriff's office continue to increase, so does the drain on resources," said Burnett. "We have a handful of counties providing aviation support to other jurisdictions

that request it during times of need. As a result, the taxpayers of those counties are subsidizing rescue efforts in other counties."

floor debate.

The bill, subject to appropriations, would provide no-cost aviation support to jurisdictions when aircraft are available.

"When a call comes in for a search and rescue operation, time is of the essence, obviously," said Burnett. "We just go. There's not even a thought about expenses or who's paying for what. If you have the aircraft available, you just go. Hopefully, the rescue is successful and lives are saved.

"But at some point, the bill comes due. With the increasing population growth and tourist activities up and down the I-90 corridor, resources can be quickly spent and overwhelmed," said Burnett. Currently, only four counties

Washington provide in aviation support: Chelan, King, Snohomish, and Spokane. The grant program would help cover maintenance, fuel, parts, and training expenses for these units.

"A dedicated fund for helicopter rescue units will help keep pace with the growing demand for highaltitude and specialty rescues that require immediate air support," said Burnett. "We need to preserve the ability to share our helicopters for those jurisdictions that request our help. But we also need to keep the program viable and even grow it."

The bill now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

NCW Libraries launches citizenship kits to aid naturalization exam preparation





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- 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.
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Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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March 7

08:26:37 Assist Public, 9480 Derby Canyon Rd, Peshastin 09:07:08 Welfare Check, 100 Ward Strasse # A204, Leavenworth 13:59:42 Assist Agency, 76 Willet Ln, Plain 14:07:54 Civil, 47 Lure Ln, Monitor 14:14:28 Search And Rescue, X: -121.0758 Y: 47.7267, Leavenworth 15:24:16 Accident No Ini, 1000 Front St# A, Leavenworth 16:54:51 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & 9th St, Leavenworth 17:18:01 Scam, 253 Benton St, Leavenworth 18:28:58 Hazard, 116 River Bend Dr. Leavenworth

March 8

11:38:51 Vehicle Theft,18632 Beaver Valley Rd, Leavenworth 11:58:44 Scam, 8189 E Leavenworth Rd, Leavenworth 12:11:46 Accident No Inj, 1330 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth 13:03:36 Juvenile Problem. Hansel Ln & Allen Ln, Peshastin 14:36:50 Suicide Threat, 10188 High St, Peshastin

March 9

00:21:35 Civil, 10188 High St,

Peshastin 08:40:08 911, 18375 W Dardanells Rd. Leavenworth 11:02:04 Property, 100 Enchantment Park Way, Leavenworth 13:49:35 Burglary, 12735 Prowell St, Leavenworth 14:10:56 Suspicious, 12735 Prowell St, Leavenworth 17:12:19 Harass/Threat, 1000 Front St# A; Aasgard, Leavenworth 17:51:32 Juvenile Problem, 8700blk School St, Dryden 22:20:55 Juvenile Problem, 100 Ward Strasse # E362, Leavenworth

March 10

00:35:02 Alarm, 708 Us Hwy 2; Wafd, Leavenworth 08:44:44 Trespass, 14140 Idlewild Rd, Leavenworth 11:23:27 Assist Public , 110 Central Ave, Leavenworth 14:03:30 Civil, 10188 High St, Peshastin 14:54:58 Accident No Inj, 415 1250 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth 22:45:07 Trespass, 10885 Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth

March 11

04:30:15 Assault, 633 Front St, Leavenworth 09:19:05 Trespass, 68 Misty Meadow Ln, Leavenworth

17:23:55 Harass/Threat, 15029 Us Hwy 97a # 12, Entiat 19:40:50 Traffic Offense, 2038 Entiat Way, Entiat 21:16:22 Welfare Check, Peshastin March 12 12:48:24 Fraud/Forgery, 8th St & Commercial St, Leavenworth 18:51:40 Animal Problem, 7500blk Icicle Rd, Leavenworth 21:39:12 Trespass, 7272 Deadman Hill Rd, Dryden 23:34:25 Diversion, 15255 Us Hwy 2; Coles Corn, Leavenworth March 13 06:36:25 Alarm, 10461 Stemm Rd, Leavenworth 09:30:48 Drugs, 10195 Titus Rd. Leavenworth 10:34:32 Domestic Disturbance, 330 Prospect St# 17, Leavenworth 10:52:54 Miscellaneous, 12111 W Shugart Flats Rd, Leavenworth 11:26:25 Scam, 263 Mine St# 221, Leavenworth 13:40:06 Property, 9342 Icicle Rd, Leavenworth 14:10:55 Welfare Check, 11679 Sunitsch Canyon Rd, Leavenworth 14:48:04 Harass/Threat, 617 Front St# 3a, Leavenworth 18:34:33 Suspicious, 700 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth

20:15:24 Accident Injury, 10691

Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — NCW Libraries has introduced new Citizenship Kits to its collection, designed to assist individuals preparing for the United States Naturalization exam, the regional library system announced Tuesday.

The kits contain official materials published by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, including flashcards, study guides, sample questions, maps, and resource lists in both English and Spanish.

"The road to citizenship can be challenging. Unforeseen barriers often arise. At NCW Libraries, our goal is to help

reduce these obstacles by providing clear, reliable information from trusted sources in a convenient, accessible format at no cost to our patrons," said NCW Libraries Latino Services Manager Claudia Bovee.

The initiative aims to support

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Plain Valley Nordic Team concludes a week of hard-fought races and national recognition at U.S. Junior National Ski Championships

By CAROLINE MENNA Ward Media Intern

MIDWAY, UTAH – The 2025 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Cross Country Junior National Championships, held from March 7-15, has concluded at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center and the Plain Valley Nordic Team (PVNT), coached by Henry Gorman, is returning to Washington after a week of intense competition and national-level racing.

Ten PVNT athletes from the Wenatchee Valley were part of the greater Pacific Northwest Division Team that faced off against nine other divisions comprised of over 400 of the nation's best junior Nordic ski racers. The ten were: Peter Norby, Silas D'Atre, Olaf Saugen, Micah Wilder, and Jed Stay of Plain, Avery Houghton and Caroline Menna of Leavenworth, Annika Peterson of Cashmere, and Quinten Koch and Addie Loewen of Wenatchee.

Koch pre-qualified for the races by being named to the U.S. under 18 (years old) Scandinavian Competition Trip. Menna did so based on her Junior World Championships Team ranking. The remaining eight athletes, qualified by placing highly, and accumulating enough points, in PNW divisional races throughout the winter.

The 2002 Winter Olympics

venue, Soldier Hollow, just south of Park City, provided a challenging and inspiring backdrop for the week-long event. Adding to the setting's prestige, the "Hollow" will host Cross Country events during the 2034 Winter Olympic Games, offering the athletes a glimpse into their potential future.

The locale's high elevation, though, presented a significant hurdle for the PVNT team, which trains at near sea level in Plain. The thin Utah air demanded exceptional endurance and adaptation, making their achievements in varying conditions even more remarkable.

"Watching these kids race in some of the toughest conditions [in fluctuating freeze-thaw conditions] was a highlight of my week," remarked Gorman. "Notable was that three of four on the [first U18] PNW relay were from PVNT and raced to fourth place [out of over 40 national teams].

On that team were Koch and Menna, both of whom delivered strong performances all week, each returning home as threetime 2024-25 All-Americans. Close behind, and a member of the same relay team was Loewen, who earned two-time All-American status.

The team's success at Nationals, a platform for athletes to showcase their talent and gain recognition on a national stage, is a testament to the hard work and dedication of not only the athletes, but coaches, and support staff. PVNT's approach to developing young skiers, which prioritizes inclusivity and accessibility, has created a strong foundation for success.

"A lot of the clubs and programs competing here have decades of culture, history, and funding behind them," explained Gorman, who is in his first year as PVNT Program Director and Head Coach. "And yet Plain, still a relatively new program, has accomplished quite exceptional things, which in turn inspires me to work hard to keep it going. I'm looking forward to next year with a little more experience under my belt."

Gorman will be returning with seven of the ten racers, including Loewen and Koch, and a promising pipeline of developing talent. The three graduating seniors all plan to continue ski racing: Norby as a postgraduate with the Soldier Hollow team, Menna at Dartmouth College, and D'Atre for the University of New Hampshire.

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COURTESY OF HENRY GORMAN Plain Hardware owner Rob Whitten founded the Plain Valley Nordic Team in 2015; this year it sent ten of its ski racers to the Junior National Championships in Utah.



CASCADE SCHEDULE					
Boys Varsity Baseball					
Thu, Mar 20 4:30: PM	Cascade vs.	Sultan	Home		
Tue, Mar 25 3:00: PM	Cascade vs.	Tri-cities prep	Away		
Tue, Mar 25 5:00: PM	Cascade vs.	Tri-cities prep	Away		
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Tue, Mar 25 4:00 PM	Cascase vs.	Lake Roosevelt & Chelan	Away		
Boys Varsity Tennis					
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Girls Varsity Softball					
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Fri, Mar 21 4:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Cle Elum-Roslyn	Home		
Sat, Mar 22 1:00 PM	Cascade vs.	Granger	Away		
Girls Varsity Golf					
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self-study for those unable to attend citizenship classes offered by NCW Libraries or other organizations. Patrons can place holds on the kits through the library website at www.ncwlibraries.org or at any local branch, with pickup and return available at all NCW Libraries locations. Due to their size, the kits cannot be mailed or returned via library drop boxes.

"The work we do is driven by the needs of our community, and we are grateful that people trust us to support them. I am hopeful that these new citizenship kits will be a valuable resource on their journey to becoming new U.S. citizens," Bovee added.

The citizenship kits complement NCW Libraries' existing citizenship programs and study groups, which are currently offered in English and Spanish at the Peshastin Library on Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. and at the Quincy Library in Spanish on Sundays from 2-3 p.m. and in English on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Library officials note that the initiative aligns with NCW Libraries' strategic direction to address critical community needs through relevant services, programs, and resources.

For more information or to reserve a citizenship kit, visit www.ncwlibraries.org.

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The Leavenworth Ecbo March 19, 2025

Community







COURTESY OF SEAN ERIKSEN As a result of Eriksen's work, the same acre was turned into an edible garden that could be harvested from spring through fall.

Shelter and Seeds

Continued from page A1 in terms of food, medicine, materials, and biodiversity," said Eriksen. "Regenerative landscape is aiming towards bringing back the richness of ecosystems that used to be, and then expanding on that."

Before landing Leavenworth, Eriksen travelled around the U.S., working on different farms and learning techniques to create healthy and sustainable landscapesknowledge he now applies through Shelter and Seeds.

"[I] just kind of went piece by piece and place to place, learning these different skills and like, wisdom and knowledge that people had, and they would forward me on to the next thing," said Eriksen.

He first started on a farm in California, where he learned how compost tea could transform the health of soil and the growing power of plants. The compost is steeped in water to create a natural liquid fertilizer, full of nutrients and microorganisms, which is then

added to the soil. As a result, the farmer's plants were much more vital and rich than her competition's, said Eriksen.

"She put a bunch of books in front of me, and started teaching me about permaculture and regenerative agriculture, and that, just like, sparked this interest. And she was like, 'You should go check out this place and go check out that place," said Eriksen.

Next, he learned about water retention earthworks, using landscape techniques such as building berms, terraces,

check dams, and ponds to slow, spread, and soak precipitation in the soil. By passively capturing surface water, it increases drought and wildfire resilience, reduces irrigation needs and erosion, and replenishes aquifers.

medicinal herb seeds were also scattered throughout.

In Texas, he witnessed how an acre of grass lawn could be turned into a food forest by planting mutually beneficial plants, letting birds and squirrels propagate the land, and building a system that mimics the natural ecosystem. Over time, the farmer created

an abundant and resilient food forest, with over 200 different species inside.

Eriksen worked on a food forest for Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort, planting perennial fruit-

bearing trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and herbaceous plants. Wildflower, vegetable, and

"There's tons of opportunity for way more abundance than we even comprehend. In our modern day, we can't imagine what's possible because it's so removed from our awareness," said Eriksen.

When he settled in Leavenworth in 2023, he managed 13 acres of landscape for Wenatchee River Institute, then helped Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort implement a food forest. Starting Shelter

and Seeds, for Eriksen, was an opportunity to provide his services to the broader community.

COURTESY OF SEAN ERIKSEN

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"I want to empower people to be their own stewards, so that I'm not just like this guy that goes around this business doing all the work for people...I'd rather see a whole community become super well versed and confident in their own abilities to like ecologically steward landscapes," said Eriksen.

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timeline. If the freeze goes on

for another six to nine months,

said Kaputa, it could further

tomorrow, and maybe we can

start working. Maybe we don't

get it till next year. I have no

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"Maybe we get the money

delay 2026 efforts.

idea," said Kaputa.

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Wildfire defense

Continued from page A1 from these locations to refill with water. This can become exacerbated when regional resources are stretched thin, as we often see late in the fire season," Smith said in an email to Ward Media.

As it awaits funding, the county is moving forward where

Tumwater cross

Chelan County building permit

at the Leavenworth City

Council meeting on Tuesday,

March 11, by Chelan County

Commissioner Shon Smith.

who also owns the Wok About

Grill restaurants, claimed that

a land swap was underway

between Johnson and the U.S.

Forest Service, effectively

halting the cross project.

The startling announcement

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application.

the next steps of permitting or procurement without a signed grant agreement, according to Kaputa. "It's really important

it can. However, it can't take

to me, personally. $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$ think it is to everybody ... I'll be disappointed if we can't make that happen this year. With all the time that we put in, and as close as we've gotten, I just

can't see myself sitting there going, 'Okay, well, next year," said CWSC representative Bob Keller, who lives in the Chumstick area.

For years, county partners have been working together to place 21,000 gallon water tanks in rural, wildfire-prone areas that lack hydrants for faster, more effective firefighting. Last year, the county was

able to secure funding: first through Community Project Funding via Congresswoman Kim Schrier, and later through the CWDG program.

years before the recipient can

"We finally got to a point

The Upper Valley Cross

At the March 11 council

We each have our own

opinion of a lighted cross on a

hill and what it represents, but

I'm not here to convince any of

you of anything. Controversy

is not what the Johnsons

intended to create when they

allowed a local group of men

to build a cross on the top of

Tumwater Mountain. Instead,

Group has since stated it will

no longer speak to the media.

meeting, Smith stated:

when we saw the reality that was going to happen," said Keller.

For the fuels reduction work, Kaputa remains hopeful that some work could be started this fall if the DNR regains access to the funding in the next couple months. However, a longer delay could have a lasting "ripple effect" on the entire CWDG project's

to do that. Commissioner Smith grew up in this county and in his district. He is a longtime business owner in Chelan County. He has said many times at meetings 'as a business owner' or 'as a Chelan County native' for example. He was not making a statement on behalf of the Board of County

Commissioners. The Leavenworth City Council ultimately decided to postpone the vote on the resolution opposing the cross, following Smith's initial announcement. Mayor Carl Florea stated that the council was responding with trust and good faith but reserved the right to revisit the issue if necessarv "I still firmly believe that, given the information we had at the time, postponing the resolution opposing the cross was the best course of action," Florea told the Echo. "Responding with trust and good faith to the words and actions of others is a principle I hold dear, and I do not regret that approach." Florea continued that he wants "to commend Rob for his deep community spirit and his enduring commitment to the welfare of Leavenworth. I truly believe that when Rob approved the construction of this cross on his land, he did so

Councilman Mike Bedard was the sole dissenting voice at the March 11 meeting arguing that the resolution was a necessary form of communication with the county. "Finding myself as the lone voice in favor of the Resolution caught me by surprise," Bedard said.

"I felt, and still feel, that my position was the right

and Erica Taecker, a ranger with the Wenatchee River Ranger District, about three weeks ago."

On March 12, Public Affairs Officer for the Okanogan-Wenatchee Forest, Victoria Wilkins, stated to the Echo that "the U.S. Forest Service has not entered into land exchange agreements or negotiations with Johnson or any other area landowners."

When the Echo then presented that apparent contradiction to Smith and

Wenatchee World. He did not say at the meeting, to the best of my knowledge, that a 'preliminary agreement was entered into.' Because it hasn't. I also reached out to the U.S. Forest Service on Wednesday to get clarification and shared the information with him.

The proposed cross, intended to be a landmark by the Upper Valley Cross organization "to remind all who pass through the Upper Valley of Wenatchee River of the Hope in Jesus Christ, our Lord" had faced significant opposition. The Leavenworth City Council had planned to vote on a resolution opposing the project, citing noncompliance with Chelan County codes. The resolution was supported by numerous public comments and emails, reflecting community concerns about the cross's impact on the area's aesthetics and regulations. At the time, the property was still subject of notice and order to abate violations due to unpermitted construction. The building permit application submitted by Harry Hansen, a member of the Upper Valley Cross group, and Johnson was deemed incomplete by Chelan County Community Development Director Deanna Walter, as lacking necessary geohazard reports and engineering plans.

While the Community Project Funding remains available, it can take multiple

access it. The CWDG funding would have been immediate.

with the best of intentions, not foreseeing how divisive and controversial it would quickly become.'

"I'm here to announce the land swap plan for the Tumwater property is underway, halting the lighting cross project indefinitely," Smith stated to the Council. He also stated: "Rob Johnson's original intent with the property was to use it as a tool to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to swap it with another piece of land on the Blewett Pass side of Mountain Home that is not even visible to Leavenworth. His goal was to fix a patchwork piece of connective property that the USFS owns between his."

In its article about the announcement at the March 11 meeting, The Wenatchee World stated that "Smith explained that he had begun facilitating a discussion between the property owner

the County, Jill FitzSimmons, Chelan County Public Information Officer, later in the day, confirmed in an email to media outlets that the County had also confirmed with the Forest Service that the latter had no ongoing land exchange agreements with Johnson. Further, Wilkins later confirmed to the Echo that Ranger Taecker had not been involved in any land swap conversations.

In subsequent email requests for comment from the Echo, Smith did not respond.

However, in a follow-up email to the Echo on March 14, FitzSimmons wrote:

Commissioner Smith reached out to the district ranger in February but was unsuccessful in reaching her, which is what he told . . . the

they were hoping to add another landmark that visitors and locals alike would catch out of the corner of their eve and say, 'This place is cool, I think I'll come back.' The ridicule and threats the family has endured and the hit to their livelihood is unacceptable. I too have felt it at my business and am saddened by how it financially affects my employees and the business I've built.

In response, the Echo received questions as to Smith's dual role as a county commissioner and a business owner representing a private party with land holdings at issue before the county. FitzSimmons, as part of her March 14 email, wrote that:

This is not a conflict of interest. Commissioner Smith was speaking on his own accord and commissioners are allowed

one to take" And "I commend the property owner for withdrawing his permit application, especially in light of the information you uncovered from the Forest Service. Hopefully, we can move on as a community. As long as there is no activity or action to comment or act on, I have no plans to bring this motion back to the Council. I will continue to listen to the voices of the residents of Leavenworth (and our surrounding community) and advocate on their behalf, regardless of the issue."

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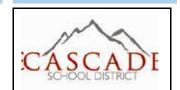
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES T. NICE SR., Deceased. No. 25-4-00089-04 NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.42.030 The notice agent named below has

elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the State of Washington. According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed.Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the notice agent's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the notice agent's declaration and oath were filed. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11 42 050 and 11 42 060 This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 19, 2025 The notice agent declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington on the 7th day of March, 2025, at Wenatchee, Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct. Signature of Notice Agent Notice Agent: JENNIFER L. BRYAN Attorney for the Notice Agent: David J. Bentsen Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, Washington 98807 Court of Notice Agent's Oath and Declaration and Cause Number: **Chelan County Superior Court** Cause No. 25-4-00089-04 Prepared By: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: David J. Bentsen WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, Washington 98807 (509) 662-1211 the Published in Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley March 19, 26, and April 2, 2025. #9618

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City of Leavenworth Curb Ramp Improvements Bid Information NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Leavenworth, WA - CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS TIB Project No. P-E-850(P07)-1 - City Project #: 2023-023

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Leavenworth at the City Hall Reception Desk. 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or by US Mail: PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826 until 2:00:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, and will then and there be opened and read for construction of the improvements. Each bid shall be addressed to "ANDREA FISCHER, CITY CLERK." Each bid shall be plainly marked "SEALED BID - DO NOT OPEN, CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS". All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in a cashier's check or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Leavenworth. The engineer's range for Schedule A - Base Bid for this project is \$195,000 to \$275,000.

The project generally consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and other miscellaneous items to provide new ADA compliant cement concrete curb ramp improvements. This project includes, but is not limited to, removal of existing sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, pavement, and subgrade; removal and resetting of existing sidewalk bricks; construction of new cement concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk; cement concrete curb ramps; adjusting catch basins to grade; minor landscaping and restoration; installation of new signs; installation of pavement markings; temporary construction traffic control; and other miscellaneous items necessary to complete this project. Plans and specifications may be viewed at the following locations:

City Hall Reception Desk, City of Leavenworth, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826

Designated website: Quest CDN, visit https://www.guestcdn.com/

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website for \$22.00 by inputting Quest CDN Number 9563289 on the website's bid posting search page after login. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. must register for a free Regular membership to be considered a plan holder and receive automatic addenda and bid updates. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. Please contact Quest CDN 952-233-1632 or Customer Support at support@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration and downloading digital bid documents.

For additional information regarding this project, contact Josh Fedora, P.E. at Ardurra Group, Inc., by phone at (509) 860-2426, or email at jfedora@ardurra.com.

The project is being funded by the Transportation Improvement Board funds. The TIB Project No. is P-E-850(P07)-1

The City of Leavenworth, Washington, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities or informalities in the bid or in the bidding. Responsibility and competency of bidders and their subcontractors will be considered in making the award. All documents received in response to this invitation to bid will become a matter of public record subject to the Washington public disclosure act under chapter 42.56 RCW.

City of Leavenworth in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

No bidder may withdraw their bid after the hour set for the opening thereof or before the award of contract, unless said award is delayed for ding sixty day

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considered for the position. E-mail your completed application to financehr@ okanogantransit.com or mail to TranGO, PO Box 507. Okanogan WA 98840 Application Deadline: Open until filled. **Okanogan** County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Bridgeport **School District** has the following opening for the 2025-26 school year: **Secondary Special Education Teacher.** The position is open until filled. Apply on-line: https://www.bsd75.org/pa ge/employmentopportunities. For further information. please contact the HR office at 509-686-5656 or email jobs@bsd75.org. BSD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Douglas PUD has an opening for: Journeyman Lineman Details at www.douglaspud.org<htt p://www.douglaspud.org

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Title Order #: 240363211-WA-MSO

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor: BECCY C. CANTOR, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2017-3, as owner of the Related Mortgage Loan

Current trustee of the deed of trust: North Star Trustee, LLC Current mortgage servicer for the deed of trust:

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Reference number of the deed of trust: 2258333

Parcel Number(s): 222009485005

I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, North Star Trustee, LLC will on 4/18/2025, at 9:00 AM at the main entrance of the Chelan County Courthouse, 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Chelan, State of Washington, to-wit: LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, BAGDON'S FIRST ADDITION TO WENATCHEE, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 4 OF PLATS. PAGE 80, EXCEPT THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF WENATCHEE BY DEED RECORDED UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 8605090052

Commonly known as: 530 SOUTH MILLER STREET

WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON 98801

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 6/11/2007, recorded 6/18/2007, as Instrument No. 2258333, The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated on 3/9/2012 records of Chelan County, Washington, from BECCY C. CANTOR, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE, as Grantor(s), to LAN-DAMERICA TRANSNATION, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for COMUNITY LENDING, INCORPORAT-ED, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, DBA PARAMOUNT HOME LENDING NE, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2017-3, as owner of the Related Mortgage Loan, under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 2596303

II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

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

PAYMENT INFORMATION

		NATION					
	FROM	THRU	NO.	PMT	AMOUNT		TOTAL
	8/1/2023	06/01/20	24 [·]	11	\$926.34	\$1	0,189.74
	7/1/2024	12/03/20	24	6	\$1,325.50	\$7	7,953.00
	Corporate Advance	es:				\$3	3,573.89
LATE CHARGE INFORMATION							
	TOTAL LATE CHA	RGES					TOTAL
							\$142.08

PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION

Note Dated:	6/11/2007
Note Amount:	\$168,000.00
Interest Paid To:	7/1/2023
Next Due Date:	8/1/2023

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$93,180.18, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 7/1/2023, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on 4/18/2025. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/7/2025, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale.

The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/7/2025 (11 days before the sale) 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 4/7/2025 (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 paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: NAME ADDRESS

1304 EASTHILLS TERRACE AMANDA MILNER EAST WENATCHEE, WA 98802 AMANDA MILNER 530 S MILLER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 **530 SOUTH MILLER STREET** AMANDA MILNER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 BECCY C. CANTOR 530 S MILLER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 BECCY C. CANTOR 530 SOUTH MILLER STREET WENATCHEE, WA 98801 ESTATE OF BECCY C. CANTOR 530 S MILLER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 ESTATE OF BECCY C. CANTOR 530 SOUTH MILLER STREET WENATCHEE, WA 98801 HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF BECCY C. CANTOR, DECEASED 530 S MILLER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF BECCY C. CANTOR, DECEASED 530 SOUTH MILLER STREET WENATCHEE, WA 98801 NIKKI L GRENTZ 530 S MILLER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 **530 SOUTH MILLER STREET** NIKKI L GRENTZ WENATCHEE, WA 98801 NIKKI L GRENTZ 538 FAIRFIELD LANE WENATCHEE, WA 98801 SCOTT THOMASON 530 S MILLER WENATCHEE, WA 98801 SCOTT THOMASON 530 SOUTH MILLER STREET

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SEAN ALAN THOMASON, APPOINTED PR OF THE ESTATE OF BECCY C CANTOR

DECEASED C/O STEPHEN ROBERT CROSSLAND P.O. BOX 566

CASHMERE, WA 98815-0566

by both first class and certified mail on 8/28/2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served 8/29/2024, 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.

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.

 $\ensuremath{\text{IX}}\xspace$. 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 and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the Unlawful Detainer Act, Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060

THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.

You 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: Telephone: 1-877-894HOME (1-877-894-4663) Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys

Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: http://www.ocla.wa.gov/ This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. DATED: 12/09/2024

North Star Trustee, LLC, as Trustee

Lisa Hackney, Vice President of Trustee Operations

Address for service:

North Star Trustee, LLC

6100 219th ST SW, Suite 480

Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043

Trustee Phone No: (206) 866-5345 Trustee Fax No: (206) 374-2252 Beneficiary / Servicer Phone: 888-699-5600

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Lisa Hackney is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument, on oath stated that (he/ she) was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the Vice President of Trustee Operations of North Star Trustee, LLC to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated: 12/09/2024

Jasmine Turner NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington,

residing at Everett, Washington

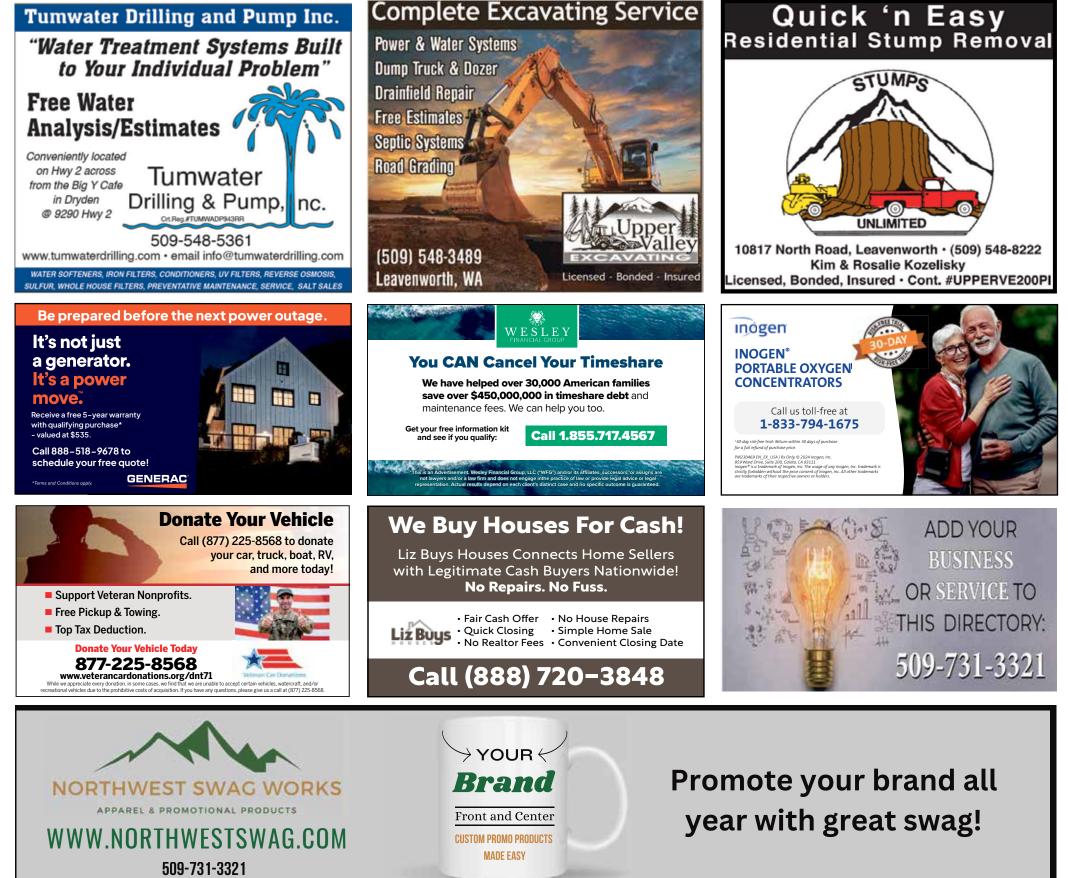
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