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Search for Travis Decker continues after discovery of three deceased children





Law enforcement released these images showing the varying appearances of Travis Decker in recent months.

Authorities say Decker, wanted for the murder and kidnapping of his three daughters, may alter his look and should

be considered dangerous. Anyone with information is urged to contact law enforcement immediately.



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CHELAN COUNTY — The search for Travis Caleb Decker, 32, of Wenatchee, entered its second week following the discovery of his three daughters-Paityn, 9, Evelyn, 8, and Olivia, 5-found deceased near Rock Island Campground on June 2.

Authorities from local, state and federal agencies have coordinated an extensive manhunt since that time, warning the public that Decker is considered dangerous. He is wanted on three counts each of first-degree murder and first-degree kidnapping.

Timeline of Events

May 30 – Initial Report:

At approximately 9:45 p.m. on Friday,

the Wenatchee Police Department received a call from Whitney Decker reporting her daughters had not been returned following a planned visitation with their father under a parenting agreement. Decker, described as homeless and possibly living out of his white 2017 GMC Sierra pickup truck, had last been seen with the girls earlier that day.

May 31 – Alert Issued:

Following unsuccessful attempts to locate Decker at regional motels and through surveillance, police sought to issue an AMBER Alert Friday night. However, the case did not meet the required criteria. An Endangered Missing Person Alert was issued the following day.

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Senior Class of 2025 celebrates Kindergarten Graduates



CHS graduates and former Peshastin-Dryden students Angel Avila-Tinoco, Monique Robles, and Paola Ramirez-Bravo wait to welcome kindergarteners. For Robles and Ramirez-Bravo, PD is where their friendship started.



CHS graduates applaud for the graduating kindergarteners.



Kiyah Durst walks through the senior tunnel.



PD Principal Emily Ross describes the graduating kindergarten class as "creative."

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

PESHASTIN - Cascade High School's Class of 2025 made a visit Peshastin-Dryden Elementary to (PD) to take part in the Kindergarten graduation ceremony on June 6.

This is the second year the CHS seniors have participated, creating a tunnel for the kindergarteners to walk through as they make their way to their seats.

"We tried it for the first time in the back [of the stadium], because we just wanted to show the kindergartners

where their future is and remind the seniors where they started. And this year we're moving the tunnel to the field, so that the parents can be more part of it, and it's more full circle," said PD Principal Emily Ross.

For many of the CHS seniors, Peshastin-Dryden Elementary is where they started the academic journey. As they walked through the school grounds, they were surrounded by friendships that date back to kindergarten days, and greeted by former teachers who still recognized them.

"It's very nostalgic. And I don't know,

Leavenworth Summer Theater collaborates

with residents to host travelling performers

it makes me happy, because I stayed in school and I'm graduating today. So yeah, I'm the first one graduating in my family, so it's something to be proud of," said CHS Senior Angel Avila-Tinoco, who attended PD.

After walking through their old campus, the seniors set up their tunnel next to the ceremony. As the young kindergarteners walked through, the seniors offered high-fives and cheered them on

"They are so tiny and they're just beginning school, and we're done and

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Thomas Tilton to showcase historic accordion collection



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Tilton's modern accordion sits next to a Belgian accordion from the 1930s he describes as "steampunk," and a French "Flutina" from the 1820s.

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - For decades, Thomas Tilton has been at the heart of Leavenworth's alpine music scene,

whether it's performing solo in Andreas Keller, with his wife and son in their band Alpenfolk, or alongside the Leavenworth Alphorns. And

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LEAVENWORTH - This month, a number of residents will open their homes to talented actors from all over the U.S. who will perform at the Leavenworth Summer Theater this season.

"We do have a lot of local talent,

which we're really fortunate [to have], but we're doing three full scale productions. We need more people than that. And it's highly competitive, so it's really important that we can make finding accommodation happen," said Executive Director Christy Shearer.

The Leavenworth Summer Theater

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Thomas Tilton is a regular

performer at Andreas Keller.

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Cuevas at München Haus eggs, sausage, and a beverage München Haus will host -proceeds benefit vision, Sergio Cuevas on June 12, hearing, diabetes programs, hunger relief, and more. from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. as part of its Summer Music Series in Admission is \$10 for ages

10 and up, \$5 for ages 4–9, and free for children 0-3 and active military with ID."

can-eat breakfast of pancakes,

For more information, visit the Leavenworth Lions Club on Facebook or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com.

Father's Day Mini Golf Classic

Icicle Village Resort will host the Father's Day Mini Golf Classic on June 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 505 Highway 2 in Leavenworth.

"Putt with pops this Father's Day during a fun-filled day with food, lawn games, and friendly competition, Turn in your scorecard before 6 p.m. to be eligible for a prizeparticipants will compete for Adult and Youth Grand

Prizes, along with raffle entries. Winners will be announced

Icicle on **THINGS TO DO** Village's social pages and via email. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids.

For more information, visit Eventbrite or email egroby@ iciclevillage.com.

Marson and Marson Cascade Golf Classic

Cascade Medical Foundation will host the 22nd annual Marson and Marson Cascade Golf Classic on June 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kahler Mountain Club near Lake Wenatchee.

"Enjoy a full day of fun with pre-tournament contests, a scramble-format golf event, followed by dinner and an awards ceremony, Proceeds

will help purchase equipment for Cascade Medical's Family Practice Clinic." Registration is \$135 per participant.

THIS WEEK

For more information, visit cascademedical foundation. org or email foundation@ cascademedical.org.

Make Your Own Glass Fusing Workshop at Boulder Bend Glassworks

Boulder Bend Glassworks will offer a glass fusing workshop on June 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8210 US Highway 2 in Leavenworth.

"Design your own glass piece using colorful handpulled cane and murrine made at our studio—no plate glass used! Start your workshop anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., no reservations required. Workshops typically take 40 to 90 minutes.Fees range from \$50 to \$80."

For more information, email craig.sorensen@gmail.com or call (509) 881-1320.

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jazz performance at Cornish

College of the Arts and

went on to tour and record

with reggae legends Clinton

Fearon and The Viceroys,

performing nationally and

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Leavenworth Lions

2 in Leavenworth

Breakfast in the Park

The Leavenworth Lions

Club will host its annual

Breakfast in the Park on June

14, from 7 a.m to 11 a.m. at

Lions Club Park, 696 Highway

"Enjoy a hearty all-you-

or email info@munchenhaus.

Leavenworth.

internationally."

com.

June 2, A.M. – Arrest Warrant Issued:

A warrant was issued for Decker's arrest on charges of custodial interference in the first degree. Law enforcement expanded their search across Chelan County, narrowing in on areas between Icicle Road and Chumstick Highway with assistance from the FBI.



At about 3:45 p.m., a Chelan County Sheriff's deputy on patrol located Decker's unoccupied vehicle approximately 17 miles up Icicle Road near the Rock Island Campground. Subsequent searches led to the discovery of the bodies of Paityn, Evelyn, and Olivia nearby. Decker was not located.

The East Cascade Regional

There are no words

that can make sense

of a loss so profound.

But there is something

undeniably powerful in

witnessing the way this

region has rallied—not

for recognition, not

for credit, but simply

because it was the

right thing to do. North

SWAT Team and federal partners including Homeland Security and U.S. Border Patrol were immediately deployed. Crime scene processing began the same evening and was expected to continue into the next day.

June 3 – Murder Charges Filed:

Authorities announced Decker was now wanted for three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of firstdegree kidnapping. A reward of up to \$20,000 was offered for information leading to his arrest.

June 4 – Search Expands:

Spokane County Air Support provided helicopters to search wilderness areas. Additional resources from Kittitas County and federal agencies joined the effort. CCSO activated its **Emergency Operations Center** as a unified command post.

Investigators revealed Decker has military training

devices and locations connected to Decker. Access to trails in the Icicle Creek area and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area remained closed. Updated surveillance images and photos were released, though no confirmed sightings were reported.

June 6 – National Guard

Activated, Search Intensifies: Gov. Bob Ferguson authorized the deployment of Washington National Guard resources, including helicopters, to assist with the search. "At the request of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, we will be providing helicopter transportation for law enforcement as they search in remote areas," Ferguson said.

Chelan County Sheriff's Office confirmed over 500 public tips had been received, and more than 100 officers and agents were working the case. Detectives began narrowing the focus of the investigation based

Ongoing Efforts

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Authorities continue to follow leads and conduct searches by land and air. Trailheads, cabins, and remote shelters throughout the region are being checked. Investigators are also pursuing tips of possible sightings in Chelan County and as far as McCall, Idaho, though none have been confirmed. Decker is described as a white male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 190 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a lightcolored shirt and dark shorts. Authorities emphasize that he should not be approached and may pose a significant threat.

Anyone with information is urged to call 911 or the Chelan County tip line at 509-667-6845. Tips can also be submitted at www.co.chelan.wa.us/sheriff/ forms/submit-a-tip or via the U.S. Marshals tip portal at www.usmarshals.gov/tips.

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powerful forces that bind us together, especially in times of crisis. Over the past week, North Central Washington has shown the nation exactly what those words look like in

n this space, I

often write about

compassion, con-

nection, and com-

munity—those quiet but

action. As the devastating news broke about the

deaths of Olivia, Evelyn and Paityn Decker—three young sisters whose lives were stolen far too soon—our region responded not with silence, but with love and resolve. Vigils were held. Pravers were lifted. Neighbors checked on neighbors. Strangers opened their homes, their wallets, and their hearts to support a grieving mother, Whitney Decker, in the darkest moment of her life.

At the time of this writing, the fundraiser for Whitney has surged past \$950,000-an extraordinary number, yes, but more importantly, a profound reflection of the people who gave. Whether it was \$10 or \$1,000, every donation carried the same quiet message: You are not alone. We grieve with you. We stand with you.

This outpouring of generosity has become a staggering testament to the humanity that defines this place we all love. It's not just the money raised—it's the candles lit in silence, the hands held in prayer, the kind words whispered or posted or sent in a card. It's the collective response of a community that knows instinctively how to show up for our neighbors when it matters most.



A community that shows up

From the Publisher TERRY

Central Washington is more than a collection WARD of towns and counties. We are a community that rises together in sorrow and in strength.

It's moments like these that remind me why our region is so special and why I believe so deeply in the mission of local journalism. We are here not just to report what happened, but to bear witness to the resilience, the goodness, and the grace that still exist in the world-even in the face of unspeakable tragedy.

To everyone who has given, shared, mourned, or reached out with kindness in recent days: thank you. Your compassion matters. You've reminded us all that even in sorrow, there is strength. And in community, there is always hope.

We will continue to cover this story with care, clarity and respect. But for now, I simply want to say: thank you for showing the world what it means to be part of NCW.

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BUSINESS, REAL ESTATE, ESTATE PLANNING, AND PROBATE and extensive wilderness survival skills, with a history of living off-grid for extended periods. All known associates, including family, were interviewed.

June 5 – Border Flight **Concern and Federal Charges:** Federal officials filed a criminal complaint and federal arrest warrant for Decker for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. According to an affidavit, Decker had searched online terms such as "how to move to Canada," "jobs Canada," and "Find a job - Canada.ca" in the days before the visitation. U.S. Marshals believe he may be attempting to flee across the Canadian border.

Multiple search warrants were also executed on digital

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on submitted video, photos, and location-based tips. Authorities continued to urge caution and emphasized Decker should not be approached.

June 7 – Icicle Road Reopens: Authorities reopened Icicle River Road and surrounding recreation areas after determining there was no credible threat in that specific location. The Sheriff's Office said dozens of structures, trailheads, cabins, and remote shelters have been searched.

Citizens were asked to review home surveillance footage and report any information that could aid investigators. Officials reaffirmed the \$20,000 reward and reminded the public that Decker remains armed and dangerous.

Community Response

In the days following the discovery, the community has rallied around the girls' mother, Whitney Decker. A GoFundMe campaign surpassed \$1 million as of June 6, led by organizer Amy Edwards. "The outpouring of love, generosity, and support has been overwhelming," said family friend Mark Belton at a press conference.

Whitney Decker's supporters have asked for continued privacy and compassion as the investigation moves forward.

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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.
 Alpine Water District, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.
 Ukulele Circle, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.
 Senior Center, Lunch, Noon, \$8 per meal. 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 Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.) meeting, 7 p.m.
- aregiver 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.
- 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.) cicle& 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.)
- ascade 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 Other County C Street. (2nd Tues.)
- Leavenworth Museum board Greater meeting 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@ 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.

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worth 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.,

Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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May 30

- 11:15:29 Trespass, 1329 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
- 14:25:39 Suspicious, 143 Amas Pl, Peshastin
- 16:32:13 Suspicious, 1300 Commercial St, Leavenworth
- 16:38:14 Suspicious, 7505 Cyo Rd, Leavenworth
- 17:16:02 Search And Resc, -120.719246, 47.528427,
- Leavenworth

May 31

- 02:09:48 Suspicious, 612 Birch St, Leavenworth
- 11:44:57 Trespass, 405 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
- 13:09:20 Accident Injury,

- Chiwawa Loop Rd & Beaver, Leavenworth 15:01:11 Hazard, 17884 N Shore
- Dr, Leavenworth 16:16:49 Hazard, 190 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth 20:39:14 Domestic Disturbance,
- 11370 Chiwawa Loop Rd, Leavenworth
- 21:49:07 Disturbance, 103 Prospect St, Leavenworth

June 1

- 09:08:26 Suspicious, Us Hwy 2 & Foster Rd, Dryden
- 11:50:58 Alarm, 10174 Main St, Drvden
- 12:23:02 Civil, 11679 Sunitsch Canyon Rd, Leavenworth
- 13:47:22 Property, 520 Pine St#

- Main, Leavenworth 13:54:35 911, 200 8th St, Leavenworth
- 14:38:50 Traffic Offense, 800blk Front St, Leavenworth
- 17:07:56 Traffic Offense. Chumstick Hwy & Hinthorne, Leavenworth
- 18:49:56 Traffic Offense, 10300blk Chumstick Hwy, Leavenworth
- 22:51:41 Harass/Threat, 24606 Spur St, Plain

June 3

- 05:07:42 Suspicious, 11450 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth 11:35:57 Welfare Check,
 - Cascade Orchard Bridge, Leavenworth

12:11:14 Court Order Vio, 17455 N Shore Dr, Leavenworth

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- 14:34:28 Disturbance, 3523
- Hansel Ln, Peshastin 14:44:11 Court Order Vio, 8352
- Main St, Peshastin 17:22:26 911, 2855 Us Hwy 97,
- Peshastin 19:07:06 Property, 263 Mine St#
- 103, Leavenworth 19:33:26 Atl/Atc, 116 River Bend
- Dr, Leavenworth 21:31:41 Suicide Threat, 22583 Alpine Hills Rd,
- Leavenworth 22:08:52 Disturbance, 500blk Ash St,
- Leavenworth
- 22:20:52 Atl/Atc, 585 Us Hwy 2, Leavenworth
- 23:03:27 911, 309 8th St, Leavenworth

Leavenworth Library to feature local abstract artist Melissa **Osborne in summer exhibition**

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — The Leavenworth Library will feature the work of abstract painter Melissa Osborne in an art exhibition running from June 17 through July 25 in the library's Fireside Room.

Osborne, who began her education at Wenatchee Valley College, graduated from the University of Washington School of Art with a degree in fine arts, painting, 25 years ago. With a background in printmaking as well as landscape and portrait

painting, Osborne's work is noted for its unique approach to spatial composition.

According to event organizers, Osborne "always aims to divide space in an interesting way with her work" and draws significant inspiration from the mountains

and hills near her home. Her artwork has been previously featured in the Seattle Art Museum sales gallery.

The exhibition is open to the public and will be available for viewing during the library's regular business hours.

Bavarian Bike 'n Brews rebranded as Leavenworth Bike Fest

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — The popular Bavarian Bike 'n Brews event is making its return to the Cascade foothills with a new name and expanded programming. Rebranded as the Leavenworth Bike Fest, the event will take place from June 13 to 15 at the Leavenworth Ski Hill and will feature mountain bike, gravel, and road cycling competitions, along with family activities, live music,

and a youth helmet giveaway. Proceeds from the event will support the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance and its work maintaining and expanding trails at Ski Hill,

bike race and the youthfocused Bike 'n Juice race, the festival will introduce two new races:

- SchotterFest, a gravel race offering both professional and amateur course options.
- Alpen Tour de Flüsse, a road cycling event with two route lengths, including a 100-kilometer metric century.

Live entertainment will be hosted at the Icicle Brewing Finish Line Beer Garden and will feature performances by Buzz Brümp and Bandits of the Animal Kingdom. A Silent Disco with DJ Abe is scheduled for Saturday night.

The Arlberg Sports Bike

host Lidz on Kidz, distributing 450 free helmets to children from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New mountain bike and gravel race courses were developed for the event by North Central Washington professional racer and gravel ambassador Cole Paton.

A coalition of organizations has partnered to organize



the relaunch, including Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, Wenatchee Valley Velo, Leavenworth Ski Hill Heritage Foundation, Leavenworth Winter Sports Club, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, TedDriven, and Howell at the Moon Productions.

The festival overlaps with the Evergreen Mountain Bike Festival, held June 14-15 at Raging River, creating a full weekend of racing and recreation for cyclists across the Pacific Northwest.

Registration for Leavenworth Bike Fest is currently open, and same-day registration will be available. More

10am-2pm, closed Sun. and Mon.



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Some of Tilton's accordions sit on display in Andreas Keller. This Polish accordion mimics real piano keys and dates back to the 1880s.

Accordion

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while he has played many instruments over the years, the accordion has stayed at the forefront.

"I guess my contribution over the years is to help make this a place where our visitors can come and hear the accordion if they wish, and to experience the culture that goes along with the folk music and culture that goes along with that instrument. I'm happy about that," said Tilton.

Inspired by his own family tree, Tilton has always been interested in German language and culture, starting in high school and later studying it in college. In fact, it was a German class in high school where Tilton began his interest in alpine music, and got his first experience performing in public.

"I was a German student, and we were really good at talking the teacher into singing folk songs on Friday because

we didn't have to work," said Tilton. "Someone had given me a little concertina, so I learned a few of our folk tunes and brought it to class."

From there, Tilton became more invested in the accordion, booking performances in his free time as he pursued a career as a guidance counselor. In the 1970s, he started visiting Leavenworth to play in the streets.

"It seemed to be a hit, and so a little while later, the Chamber of Commerce came up with some money for a strolling musician, and then I started playing at restaurants," said Tilton.

In 1987, Tilton and his wife Cori Pflug-Tilton started Alpenfolk (with their son Peter later joining), frequenting Leavenworth to perform while maintaining life and work in Snoqualmie. After decades of performing, the family made Leavenworth their permanent home about 13 years ago.

"I guess my contribution over the years is to help make this a place where our

a year-round recreation site used by mountain bikers, hikers, and skiers.

In addition to the return of the Bike 'n Brews mountain

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details can be found at leavenworthbikefest.com or by contacting Festival Director Jamie Howell at jamie@ leavenworthbikefest.com.

Cascade High School senior receives P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

The Leavenworth Echo Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH

Caroline Menna, a senior at Cascade High School, has been awarded a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Sisterhood. The scholarship, which recognizes outstanding high school women preparing enter postsecondary to education, was awarded to Menna following her nomination by P.E.O. Chapter JF of Leavenworth.

The STAR Scholarship is a merit-based award given to young women in their final year of high school who demonstrate excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular involvement, and community service. It was established in 2009 and supports recipients attending accredited institutions in the U.S. or Canada. Menna, who will attend Dartmouth College in the fall as a recruited member of its ski team, is the valedictorian of the CHS Class of 2025. She is also a 2025 U.S.

Presidential Scholar finalist, a National Merit Scholar, and an AP Scholar with Distinction and Honors. As Editor-in-Chief of the CHS Publications Group, she received the American Scholastic Press Association's National Investigative Journalism Article of the Year award. She also contributes as an intern reporter for The Leavenworth Echo.



Select Choir, a former class president, and a past president of the CHS Sustainability Club.

P.E.O. Chapter JF, which has served the Leavenworth community since 2004, is part of a larger nonprofit organization committed to advancing women's education. Founded in 1869, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has awarded more than \$432 million in scholarships, grants, awards, and loans to over 125,000 women. The group also owns and supports Cottey College, a women's college in Nevada, Missouri.

The Sisterhood includes nearly 5,500 chapters across the United States and Canada and has brought together more than half a million women dedicated to educational support and empowerment.

More information about the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship and other educational programs can be found at peointernational.org. Local inquiries can be directed to peoleavenworth@nwi.net.

Editor's note: Caroline Menna is currently serving as an intern for Ward Media.

COURTESY OF CHERYL WOOD JoAnne Prusa presents the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship award to Caroline Menna during Cascade High School's Awards Night on June 3.

visitors can come and hear the accordion if they wish, and to experience...the folk music and culture that goes

along with that instrument. I'm happy about that," said Tilton. Over his years of playing, Tilton has also built up

an impressive collection of accordions. His first "collectible" came from a friend in his early years of playing.

"It was a really whimsical

instrument. It had a little kind of a horn on it...From then, I was hooked," said Tilton.

Fast forward to present day, and Tilton has over 120 accordions in his collection, some of which date back to the 1830s. His collection reflects almost 200 years of the accordion, ranging from diatonic button accordion to the modern piano accordion.

Tilton will be sharing his collection of accordions and

the history of the instrument at the Grange Hall on June 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in a workshop sponsored by the Greater Leavenworth Museum.

He will also be sharing his collection in the Festhalle during the Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration (LIAC), which takes place June 26-29. His band, Alpenfolk, will also be performing at the festival for the first time.

"[LIAC is] just delightful, because you meet a lot of birds of the same feather, but also, I'm just always in awe of the talent that comes to town," said Tilton. "And Andreas Keller becomes accordion central during that weekend, because this is kind of where everyone comes to jam."

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Injured climber rescued at Snow Creek Wall in Leavenworth

By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH — Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison reports that a search and rescue operation occurred on May 30, just after 5:00 p.m. in Leavenworth.

The incident involved a climber on the "Outer Space" route at the popular Snow Creek Wall who had fallen and broken his ankle, according to the report.

The "Outer Space" route is described on Mountain Project Rescue was contacted and PHOTOS: SEBASTIAN MORAGA/SPECIAL TO WARD MEDIA

as "probably the most popular route in Leavenworth," and is rated a 5.9 in difficulty on a climbing scale ranging from 5.0 to 5.13. The route is considered a "trad" or traditional climb, in which a lead climber places their own removable protection, such as a cam or nut, in cracks as they ascend. Once they complete a section of the route, or the "pitch," the second climber ascends, removing the gear as they go.

Chelan County Mountain

airlifted to the top of "Outer Space" by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office helicopter. The rescue team was able to make their way down the face to the injured climber, stabilized his condition, and then lowered him 800 feet to a more accessible location.

A U.S. Army helicopter assisted by hoisting the individual out and transporting him to Pangborn Airport in East Wenatchee. From there, Ballard Ambulance took him to a hospital for treatment.

The rescue operation

took around nine hours and was successful due to the collaboration between Chelan County Search and Rescue, Chelan County Emergency Management, the Mountain Rescue Team and the United States Army.

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THE MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Snow Creek Wall is a popular climbing spot in Leavenworth. The "Outer Space" route is outlined in light blue.



Cascade High School Class of 2025 celebrates graduation







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Lodging Tax Advisory Committee seeks new member for \$2m/year advisory board

By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — Chelan County is seeking applicants for a two-year volunteer position on its Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC). This committee advises the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on how lodging tax, sometimes called the "Hotel-Motel Tax," revenue, which is generated from overnight stays in unincorporated areas, should be allocated.

LTAC is a six-member citizen board appointed by the BOCC, with two representatives from each of the three commissioner districts. Half of the members represent lodging businesses that collect these taxes (like hotels, motels or short-term rentals), while the other half represent agencies and nonprofits eligible to receive lodging tax funding. The "Hotel-Motel Tax" money generally must be used to promote tourism or acquire or operate tourism-related facilities. Chelan County's unincorporated areas generate about \$2 million a year in lodging taxes.

The current opening calls for a candidate representing a lodging-related business located within the unincorporated portion of Commissioner District 3, which covers the northeast part of the county, including a section of north Wenatchee extending northeast to Chelan



District 3 Commissioner Brad Hawkins hopes to find a candidate who will work hard to promote tourism in the Wenatchee Valley.

and Manson. A district map is available online.

Commissioner Brad Hawkins of District 3 emphasizes the importance of the role, saying "LTAC serves a very important function, and by state law and county resolution, we have detailed requirements for membership. This particular opening is for someone representing a business located in the unincorporated portion of District 3 who pays lodging taxes, so any lodging provider located outside of our cities — from Sunnyslope to Stehekin — would be eligible for consideration."

Hawkins is currently accepting applications for this seat and will be the one to recommend a candidate to the BOCC. All applications must be emailed to CM.LTAC@ co.chelan.wa.us by 5 p.m. on June 30. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-July, with the aim of having the new member in place before LTAC's regular meeting on July 25. The application process

requires interested candidates to answer three questions regarding why they want to join, relevant past board experience, and skills and expertise applicable to the committee. The application form is also available online.

LTAC typically meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1–3 p.m. at 400 Douglas St., with potential for additional special meetings. The committee's primary function is to recommend the allocation of grant funding derived from lodging taxes to the BOCC, which usually happens in the fall.

'Chelan County's tourism economy continues to be one of our most important benefits," Hawkins said. "We hope people interested in applying are fully committed to finding ways to enhance opportunities for visitors, bringing more 'heads to beds' to grow lodging tax revenues to the county."

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Land Trust hosts noxious weed identification workshop at Saddle Rock

By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — It's the time of year again to help native plants survive an invasion of noxious and harmful weeds. As the sun gets warmer, invasive species require only a fraction as much precipitation to grow as the rest of the native plants in our area.

Protect Wenatchee Foothills from Noxious Weeds

Scentless mayweed, yellow star thistle, and jointed goatgrass are aggressive noxious weeds threatening our native shrub-steppe plant communities. To prevent their spread in the Wenatchee Foothills, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) and the Chelan County Noxious Weed Board are offering a free, hands-on Noxious Weed Identification Workshop.

Workshop Details:

- Date: Thursday, June 12.
- Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

· Location: Saddle Rock Trailhead covered shelter, 1130 Circle Street, Wenatchee

Led by Adam Pfleeger and Jenna Medlar from the Noxious Weed Board, this informative workshop will focus on identifying problematic noxious weeds in our region, particularly those that flourish after wildfires. Participants will learn through hands-on experience with fresh samples and will receive a free weed identification booklet.

"Understanding how to identify and report noxious weeds is crucial for protecting our natural areas," emphasizes Ryan McGrew, CDLT's Land Manager.

This event welcomes participants of all ages. While registration is appreciated for a reminder email two days prior, it is not mandatory. Register online for the workshop at: https://www.cdlandtrust. org/outings-events/events/ noxious-weed-workshop

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Pangborn Memorial Airport celebrates Festival of Flight

By ANDREW SIMPSON Ward Media Staff Reporter

EAST WENATCHEE — This

an emergency landing on the event forged a lasting bond

journey, Miss Veedol made crashing into Mt. Rainier to nearly traveling on to Boise bluffs of East Wenatchee. This but for the weather, the saga Pangborn Memorial Airport, of Pangborn and Herndon's

The Festival goes from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 21 at and is free to attend.

Locals compare pulled weeds to images in their instruction materials from the Chelan County Noxious Weed Board.

year's annual Festival of Flight at Pangborn Memorial Airport will be held June 21, presented by the City of East Wenatchee. You can come discover the valley's rich aviation heritage while enjoying a day filled with incredible airplanes, diverse food vendors, face painting, captivating exhibitors, and engaging aviation and Japanese cultural activities.

Commemorating a historic milestone, on October 3, 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon embarked on the inaugural non-stop Trans-Pacific flight, departing from Sabishiro Beach in Misawa, Japan, aboard the airplane dubbed "Miss Veedol."

Following а 41-hour

between the Wenatchee Valley and Misawa, as well as the global aviation community. In celebration of this momentous flight, the Pangborn's Festival of Flight was established.

The history doesn't end there, of course. The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center has the propeller from the famous plane on display, as well as a half-eaten sandwich believed to have been aboard the aircraft during the flight. Whether or not this contributed to Pangborn Memorial Airport's International Air Transport Association code of EAT is unknown.

But the tale is full of scandal and intrigue, and is better heard in person. From nearly

historic journey is well worth bringing the family to come learn about.

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PANGBORN MEMORIAL AIRPORT/CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE Pangborn's Festival of Flight was established to celebrate the historic flight from Misawa, Japan to East Wenatchee, Washington.

Cascadia Conservation **District announces June** board meeting details

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District will hold its next regular board meeting on Friday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and virtual attendance.

The in-person session will take place at the District's office, located at

1350 McKittrick St., Suite B Wenatchee. Due to limited space, individuals planning to attend in person are asked to contact the office in advance.

Participants may also join the meeting remotely via Zoom or by phone. Additional information and access instructions will be posted on the Cascadia Conservation District website at cascadiacd. org or can be obtained by calling the District office at 509-436-1601.

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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

NCW Leaders develop strategic Chelan–Douglas Land Trust names new plan to address substance abuse, mental health



Nick Margiotta from Connections Health Solutions leads a Sequential Intercept Model mapping workshop on May 13 at a community meeting room of Aging and Adult Care of Central Washington. More than 60 people participated.

By ANDREW SIMPSON Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY — Leaders from Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties recently participated in a one-day workshop aimed at developing a regional strategic plan to address substance use and mental health issues, particularly among individuals within the criminal justice system.

The May 13 workshop, facilitated by Connections Health Solutions and utilizing Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping, helped identify problem areas and gaps in the behavioral health and justice systems. It also aimed to create opportunities for improved coordination and service delivery. 'This workshop is a follow-

up to work we have been doing to foster regional collaboration and change," said Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay. "Our hope is to provide each participating community with the tools to improve services for adults with mental illness and substance use disorders who are in contact with the justice system, in an effort to standardize a continuum of care within our region."

More than 60 individuals, including agency leaders, frontline staff and those with lived experience from the behavioral health and criminal justice sectors in North Central Washington participated in this joint effort. The SIM Mapping process emphasizes cross-system collaboration to overcome barriers and develop

a local action plan. Participants created a detailed map illustrating the pathways people with behavioral health conditions take through the criminal justice system. This includes initial contact, arrest, incarceration, diversion and access to community-based services. Strategies from other regions were also explored, and these will be evaluated and included in a final report from Connections Health Solutions, expected later this summer. The report, detailing identified gaps and steps for the four counties, will be available on the Chelan County website.

Substance use and mental health disorders, especially opioid use disorder specifically, fentanyl addiction currently — are significantly

prevalent in justice-involved populations nationwide. Around 80 percent of those arrested test positive for drugs, and 63 percent of jail inmates have some kind of substance use disorder. With hundreds of thousands released from prisons and millions from jails annually, linking individuals to care is vital. This can break the cycle of justice involvement and reduce overdose deaths, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

For more information about the NCW regional initiative, contact Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay at Kevin.Overbay@co.chelan. wa.us.

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Executive Director By Andrew Simpson Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — The Land Chelan-Douglas Trust (CDLT) is pleased to announce Hanne Beener as its new Executive Director, effective June 30. A respected conservation leader in North Central Washington, Beener brings extensive experience to the role.

Having dedicated 10 years to CDLT, most recently as Trails Program Manager, Beener has been instrumental in developing numerous community trails and access projects. She also served as Policy & Planning Manager at Wenatchee non-profit TREAD, focusing on sustainable recreation, stewardship, and land use policy. More than a decade of local conservation experience positions her well for her new leadership role.

"I am delighted to be rejoining the Land Trust in this new role," said Beener. "The organization is woven into the fabric of our region, and I think its success has always been in doing work that intersects with a wide range of community values. I

am proud to join the staff and board in building on the strong foundation of conservation, restoration, and public access work that the Land Trust does so well."

Beener is recognized for her thoughtful leadership, comprehensive local understanding, and successful history of collaboration across various sectors.

The Board of Directors, aided by Clover Search Works, conducted nationwide search for the position. Beener's exceptional blend of organizational knowledge, strategic insight, and unwavering dedication to CDLT's mission led to her selection.

"We are thrilled to welcome Hanne back to CDLT," said the Board in a statement. "Her integrity, experience, community-centered and leadership make her the ideal person to guide the Land Trust into its next chapter."

A community welcome event will be held later this summer, with details to be announced soon.

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CHELAN-DOUGLAS LAND TRUST Hanne Beener of Leavenworth has been named as the new Executive Director for the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust.

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Snowpack deficits and rapid melt raise water supply concerns in North-Central Cascades

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Northern and Central Washington's Cascade region faces an increasingly uncertain water

Water Supply Outlook Report released by the USDA Natural Conservation Resources Service.

The report, compiled from data collected at SNOTEL and SNOLITE monitoring stations,

(SWE) and water-year-todate (WYTD) precipitation continue to affect the northern and central portions of the state's mountain ranges. Snowpack in the region peaked below normal, and snowmelt

the June through September period in parts of North Central Washington — including the Wenatchee, Methow, and Lake Chelan basins — are below the 15th percentile compared to the 1991–2020 average. This

summer, according to the June in snow water equivalent

outlook as the state heads into shows that widespread deficits



View from Calamity SNOTEL station. Water-year-to-date precipitation at the site is 94% of normal as of June 1.

occurred approximately two weeks earlier than average.

"Deficits in SWE and WYTD precipitation are pervasive, further increasing moisture deficits from last winter," the report states. "Snow melt-out at most stations has been two weeks earlier than normal".

This rapid spring melt, accelerated during April, led to record or near-record snowmelt rates across many locations. Even basins with near-normal peak SWE saw diminished runoff efficiency due to dry soil conditions, according to the report. The result is reduced streamflow during the critical dry-season months.

Streamflow forecasts for

is likely to impact irrigation timing, fish habitat, and general water availability.

In the Upper Columbia Basin, May precipitation measured just 60% of median levels, contributing to an overall snowpack at 39% of median as of June 1. In the Central Columbia Basin, which includes the Wenatchee River system, snowpack was even more diminished at 23% of median. Streamflow forecasts in those areas range from 51% to 76% of normal, including 58% for Icicle Creek near Leavenworth and 64% for the Entiat River near Ardenvoir.

Reservoir conditions in the region vary. Lake Chelan storage was near normal at





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104% of the median, while Conconully Reservoir in Okanogan County was at 98% of median. However, the overall water supply outlook remains below normal for the region, and multi-year precipitation deficits persist in several basins.

The NRCS warns that adverse impacts are likely this summer in basins across the northern and central Cascades,

as well as the Yakima, Elwha, and Okanogan watersheds. The agency notes a growing risk of drought development or further drought degradation if dry conditions continue.

The full June Water Supply Outlook Report is available through the NRCS Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting Program at https:// ncw.social/mte9njf5.



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11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator and attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the proceedings probate were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame. the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent and probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 4th, 2025

ADMINISTRATOR:

Randall Steensma ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR: Kera Dexter ADDRESS MAILING OR SERVICE: FOR Overcast Law Offices Attn: Kera Dexter 23 South Wenatchee

Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court,

25-4-00194-04 Cause No. Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Kera Dexter, WSBA No. 58486 Attorney for Administrator Published in The Leavenworth Echo and Cashmere Valley Record June 4,11,18 2025 #10066



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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN In the Matter of the Estate of: Anita M. McKinney Deceased. No. 25-4-00131-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or personal representative's the attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame. the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non probate assets. Date of First Publication: May 28, 2025

Personal Representative: James Dean McKinney Address for Mailing or Service:

10570 Fox Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: 25-4-00131-04

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court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame. the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: June 11, 2025. Whitehall. Lindsey Personal Representative Attorney for the Personal Representative: Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991 Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111 Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 25-4-00097-04 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo on June 11, June 18, and June 25, 2025.#10135

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Skyway Towers, LLC

recently constructed a 115-foot-tall monopole communications tower/structure with an overall height of 120 feet, including appurtenances. No anticipated lighting. The Site location is 90 Elderberry Lane, Peshatin, Chelan WA 98847, County, 47-30-56.1 N, Long: 120-37-50.6 W. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1315020. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

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Superior Court of Washington

for Chelan County

In the matter of the estate of

Walter Mark Whitehall,

Deceased.

No. 25-4-00097-04

Notice To Creditors

(RCW 11.40.030)

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representative of this estate. Any

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 TS No.: WA-24-988205-BB APN No.: 31393, 241829140050 Title Order No.: 240189723-WA-MSW AMENDED Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24.130(4) Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2261103 Parcel Number(s): 31393, 241829140050 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: PAUL KRAUS, AS HIS SEPERATE ESTATE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORA-TION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. As the federal bankruptcy stay has been lifted, this an amended notice as to the Notice of Trustee's Sale recorded 6/11/2024 under CHELAN County Auditor Instrument Number 2595158. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SER-VICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 7/11/25 which was postponed from 6/27/2025, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo St, Wenatchee, WA sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CHELAN, State of Washington, A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 18, E.W.M., CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE SOUTH 00°48'50" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION FOR 1697.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87°53'04" WEST 1032.48 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 87°47'31" WEST 113.03 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIP-TION; THENCE NORTH 35°23'20" EAST 107.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 50°02'35" EAST 121.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33°37'24" EAST 203.34 FEET: THENCE NORTH 81°35'03" EAST 112.17 FEET: THENCE NORTH 36°23'51" EAST 210.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°36'09" WEST 166.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67°00'15" WEST 75.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 56°44'59" WEST 58.56 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE 97 AS MEA-SURED 130.00 FEET FROM THE CENTERLINE; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 42°22'00" WEST 262.55 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE CENTERLINE OF PESHASTIN CREEK; THENCE ALONG SAID CREEK CENTERLINE THROUGH THE FOL-LOWING COURSES SOUTH 20°14'58" WEST 107.39 FEET; SOUTH 34°00'35" WEST 163.49 FEET: SOUTH 42°01'00" WEST 246.98 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CREEK CENTERLINE SOUTH 87°47'31" EAST 219.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EX-CEPT THAT PORTION THEREOF AWARDED TO AVERY POSTEL-WAIT, III AND COURTNEY POSTELWAIT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, THROUGH ADVERSE POSSESSION CASE NO. 15-2-00817-4 AND JUDGEMENT RECORDED JANUARY 14, 2016 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 2431172. More commonly known as: 7325 KRAUS RD, FKA 7381 KRAUS RD, PESHASTIN, WA 98847 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/19/2007, recorded 7/19/2007, under Instrument No. 2261103 records of CHELAN County, Washington, from PAUL KRAUS. AS HIS SEPERATE ESTATE , as g rantor(s), to LAN-DAMERICA TRANSNATION, as original t rustee, to secure an obligation in favor of AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC. , as original b eneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2565321 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 arr ears: \$18,958.77 . IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of **\$91,936.20** , together with interest as provided in the Note from 9/1/2023 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 7/11/2025 which was postponed from 6/27/2025 . The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 6/16/2025 (11 days before the sale date), subject to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 6/16/2025 (11 days before the sale), subject to the terms of the Note and 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 cashier s or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 6/16/2025 (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. (NOTE: Due to the postponement, 11 days prior to sale will be 6/30/2025) 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 5/7/2024 . 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 TEN-ANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20 th 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 20 th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. 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 Note holders right's against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-24-988205-BB. . Dated: 5/20/2025 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE COR-PORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-24-988205-BB Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: http://www. quality-Ioan.com IDSPub #0248433 6/11/2025 7/2/2025 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/The Leavenworth Echo June 11 and

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will be putting on three shows in its 31st season: "The Sound of Music," "The Little Mermaid," and "Carousel." According to Shearer, there will be 55 contracted actors performing with the theater this summer, many of which are in multiple shows. Out of those, about 20 actors are traveling actors, coming from places as far as Arizona, New York, and Tennessee.

"For people interested in careers like me, summer stock theaters are that opportunity to get professional experience while still being in school. And so I've worked really hard to try to fit that in, and really put effort into submitting as many auditions as I can," said Sophia Turner, a University of Arizona dance and biology major performing in all three shows.

Turner was one of 250 performers who auditioned for the Leavenworth Summer Theater this year, an amount just under last year's record 255 auditions. According to Shearer, the theater has grown in popularity throughout the country over the last

decade, due to its longevity, competitive contracts, and quality performance reputation - including national recognition from a 2023 Washington Post feature.

"[I've] spoken to many people who've worked there in the past, and they spoke really highly of the theater and just the environment they've created...I've already heard from several people that maybe don't know the theater, but know the city, and know the town, and they just say it's just the cutest town," said Turner.

After signing contracts in March, Shearer helps the artists make connections with a network of community members interested in hosting an actor, with each situation varying by location, arrangement, and cost.

"Some people just really get excited about having a traveling artist. And for some people, it brings in a little revenue...And we have had really great experiences, and people are happy to welcome our folks back, which is great. And I think part of that comes because we're trying to hire great people that are also talented," said Shearer.

Coming from so far away, Turner reached out to Shearer for help with housing, and was connected with volunteer host Betsy Fradd.

"One of the main reasons we moved to Leavenworth was because of the arts, and especially Leavenworth Theater...Each Summer [production] is so special - the backdrop of the mountains, the energy of the actors, the live orchestra, it's all magical," said Betsy Fradd.

Prior to moving, Fradd would see the theater reach out to the community for housing year after year.

"I always thought, 'Oh, if we moved over here and we had an extra room, I would love to be able to do that," said Fradd.

Now a resident, Fradd reached out to Shearer about offering a low-cost room in town. Turner and Fradd connected, discussed expectations, and set up a lease agreement. Since, the two have stayed in touch, discussing packing lists, logistics, and grocery needs.

"She was so sweet. She sent me a bunch of brochures and flyers of just information about the area and things you can do, because she knows my family is coming to visit...She sent flyers for promoting the shows as well for them to have, so she's been awesome," said Turner.

However, as the Leavenworth Summer Theater has attracted more talent and audience members, it has also faced more challenges in securing housing for its artists. In 2021, many of the hosts on the theater's list opted out due to COVID-19 concerns. When the theater reached out the following year, many had lost interest in hosting, said Shearer. At the same

time, affordable rental options became harder to find.

"We've had lots of people - we're so lucky - who have just over the years been super generous and welcomed people into their homes. But it's just gotten harder and harder as the housing situation in the area has gotten more complicated," said Shearer.

The theater and its traveling actors have been creative with different housing options, such as trying college dorms, finishing out lease agreements, arranging RV spots, and booking short-term rentals by the month. The theater also tries to offer a competitive stipend for the actors to support their living expenses. According to Shearer, many of the artists are "gigging actors," and are used to getting creative about their housing. However, she worries that high rent prices could push out talented actors who cannot afford them.

"I don't think that's fair...But we can't increase our ticket prices to increase the stipend enough to cover what rents have gotten to in the area. We try to keep our ticket prices affordable so you can bring vour whole family...That's really important for us, and I think for the community," said Shearer.

Those interested in helping with actor housing next year may reach out to the Leavenworth Summer Theater for more information. Tickets for this summer's productions of "Carousel," "The Little Mermaid," and "The Sound of

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going to university. It's like, really sad," said CHS Senior Paola Ramirez-Bravo, a former PD student.

The former PD students, now CHS graduates, had some

Corbin Marshall high-fives seniors.



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