



Washington Legislature continues its focus on housing

By SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

Access to affordable housing continues to be a challenge in the 12th District and throughout Washington state, impacting families and employers. The needs for housing are different in different regions. Some areas of our state struggle with major homelessness issues. This is most apparent in the metropolitan region in western Washington, including the Seattle area, although all communities struggle with homelessness at some level. In the 12th District, our challenges vary based on the vast geographic size. We're the only legislative district that crosses over the Cascade Mountains. Some of the needs in the western portion of the 12th District differ from the needs of the east. However, one of the commonalities across the district involves workforce housing.

Some areas of our district have seen home prices triple over the past several years, including communities like Leavenworth and Chelan. Rapidly increasing housing prices are a significant challenge, creating ripple effects in many regions as stable housing is fundamental to successful careers, communities, and families. When it comes to state policies, Washington has a number of programs focused on homelessness and low-income housing, some of which have been only marginally successful. Fewer programs exist for improving access to housing for low-to-middle range income earners.

"Workforce" struggling to find affordable homes

Due to the service nature of much of the economy in Central



Sen. Brad Hawkins

Washington - including many health care, agricultural, education, and hospitality workers - people who earn 60 percent to 120 percent of the area's average income struggle to live in the communities where they work. This leads to a variety of other issues, including longer commutes, traffic congestion, and quality-of-life impacts. To compound matters, we live in a beautiful district with year-round recreation. The frequent purchases of second homes - especially in Leavenworth and Chelan - along with the COVID trend of converting second homes to primary homes across the district has greatly increased housing prices, pushing out essential workers. With every passing month, some of our tourism-based communities are gradually losing their sense of community due to high-cost housing.

Thanks for supporting my Senate Bill 5868 last session

I'm grateful to local leaders who stepped up alongside me last legislative session to enact a bipartisan solution to improve

workforce housing options. With their help, we successfully passed my Senate Bill 5868 to provide counties with more flexibility to utilize an existing tax stream (known as the ".09 dollars") for housing infrastructure. This bill didn't authorize a new tax but broadened the permissible uses of an existing revenue source, providing county commissioners more options. Just weeks after the bill was signed by the governor and enacted into law, Chelan County commissioners awarded over \$823,000 in local grants, through their Cascade Public Infrastructure Fund, to housing authorities throughout Chelan County. This action is perhaps the first step among many of the commissioners will advance under this new authority.

Passing any bill through the Legislature is a difficult process. Less than 10 percent of the bills introduced each session become law, and housing proposals have struggled more than most, but we successfully passed ours on the first attempt. I'd like to thank Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay, Leavenworth Mayor Carl Florea, and all Senate Bill 5868 stakeholders for their active participation throughout an intense legislative process. It is gratifying to see the combination of everyone's hard work results in tangible benefits distributed to worthy organizations that will leverage these funds for greater good. We can be proud of what we accomplished together.

Governor Inslee's housing proposal

Governor Jay Inslee has proposed issuing \$4 billion in housing bonds

to be invested over the next six years. Much of his proposal increases programs aimed at improving housing options, including expansion of the Housing Trust Fund. Since the Washington State Constitution limits special indebtedness (Article VIII, Section 3) and the governor's proposal would exceed the state's debt limit, any law eventually approved by the Legislature would need to advance to the people for a statewide vote. While I want to stay open-minded about all issues before me, my initial reaction on this proposal is quite mixed. I certainly acknowledge the need to increase housing supplies throughout our state but believe the programs already implemented for homelessness have largely been expensive and unsuccessful.

It is disappointing to me that our state has allowed housing and homelessness challenges to continue to progress all the while having revenue surpluses for the past decade. Even this session - when additional revenue is still anticipated - the proposal suggests that we need to greatly expand state debt to produce meaningful housing results. Further, discussions about the proposal have not focused on other regulatory policies - many approved in recent years - that are contributing to the increased costs of homebuilding and home ownership. If lawmakers are going to ask voters to make a huge investment in housing, the state must ensure that revenues are shared in all regions with plenty of local flexibility for housing investments. We must also make sure to reform the burdensome regulations and land use policies driving up our housing costs.

Apply for a Strategic Consulting Grant for nonprofits

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER DOLGE

Community Foundation of NCW Organizational Development Grant Deadline March 31

The Community Foundation of NCW, Icicle Fund, and North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) are partnering to offer 13 organizational development grants for NCW nonprofits in 2023 and 2024. These \$5,000 grants are designed for local nonprofits to collaborate directly with a consultant of their choice on a project to strengthen the organization's ability to fulfill its mission and build towards long-term organizational resiliency.

If you are planning to apply, we highly recommend registering for the virtual workshop "Getting Good Guidance: Working with a consultant on nonprofit organizational development and capacity building" on February 10, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. For more information and to register: <https://cfncw.org/getting-good-guidance/>.

Types of Support: Examples of eligible projects include:

- Strategic planning
- Board development strategy
- Funding strategy
- Strategic growth and scaling
- Merger, collaborations, or strategic alliance exploration
- Communications strategy development
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) strategy
- CEO/Executive Director succession planning

Grant Limitations: Examples of projects that are outside of the scope of this grant:

- Capital campaigns
- Feasibility studies
- Staff training
- Technology investment
- Consulting activities that have occurred or been planned prior to receiving grant

Allowable Expenses: Grant funds are intended to primarily cover consulting fees. Should consulting fees be less than \$5,000 for the desired scope of work, funds may be used towards meeting costs (venue, food, etc.) and staff time to engage in the organizational development activities. Organizations may choose to expand the scope of work beyond the \$5,000 grant with other funding sources. No partial grants will be awarded.

Board Commitment: Strategic consulting engagements will require a significant investment of time and energy for staff and board leadership, typically over a 3 to 6-month period. Applicants will need to submit a letter signed by the Board Chair to confirm the organization's commitment and readiness to take on the project. Organizations undergoing major upheaval (e.g., key leadership turnover, significant under-staffing, financial issues) or whose current capacity is otherwise limited should consider waiting until the 2024 grant cycle to apply as this will increase the likelihood of a productive and impactful process and outcome.

Consultants: Applicants will list at least 2-3 consultants they plan to interview for their project in the application. We have included a Directory of Nonprofit Consultants in NCW as a resource. The directory includes examples of the consultant's past local clients to serve as references so that organizations can explore who might be a suitable match for their project needs. Applicants can also choose to work with someone outside of NCW. For a directory of consultants in the Pacific Northwest, check out 501 Commons' Nonprofit Resource Directory.

Eligibility and Requirements: Organizations must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving and located in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, or Grant counties. Charitable

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other

donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify your impact - volunteer

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor



ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to

apply for either position visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

The Washington Outdoors Report

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

Meeting new people and raptors at the Washington Sportsmen's Show



Sportsmen's Show Fun

By JOHN KRUSE

I've had the opportunity to attend two sportsmen's shows in recent days. The first was the Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show at the Hapo Center in Pasco, a great little show I visited at the end of January. The first week of February was spent at the Washington Sportsmen's Show at the fairgrounds in Puyallup; Washington State's largest sportsmen's show.

At both shows it was nice to see both exhibitors and the crowds coming back now that covid pandemic restrictions are in the rear-view mirror. These shows also bring the great outdoors indoors for fishing,

hunting and outdoors enthusiasts looking for something to do in the middle of winter.

There are a number of great reasons to attend these shows. One reason is to learn.

Sportsmen's shows always feature seminars from experts talking about specific fishing techniques for different species or hunting tactics for everything from big game to turkey to waterfowl. Learning to use marine electronics is another seminar topic as are survival skills.

Most of these seminar speakers have booths at the shows. Some are selling gear ranging from fire starters to game calls to fishing rods or lures. Others are guides and outfitters

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE.

Mack's Lure is a Wenatchee based fishing tackle company



booking spring and summer trips for saltwater salmon, freshwater steelhead, bass, walleye, or trout.

On the hunting front you can book hunts not only deer, elk, and bear in the Western U.S., but also hunts in British Columbia, Alaska or overseas where you can go on an African safari to either hunt and harvest an animal or just capture photos with your camera.

I have noticed show goers have been in a buying mood this year. There are a whole bunch of attendees walking around with newly purchased fishing rods in their hands and there are some high-ticket items for sale too. That includes sport fishing boats suitable for freshwater lakes

or Puget Sound, RV trailers and a new, expanding category, overlanding vehicles with pop up tents or campers designed to travel rough four-wheel drive roads or trails on our expansive public lands where your campsite is literally wherever you choose to stop for the night.

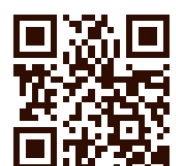
If you want to travel to an outdoorsy destination, you have plenty of places to choose from ranging from Alaskan fishing lodges to family run resorts in Washington, single or multi-day river rafting trips in Idaho, or adventures in Mexico on the Baja peninsula.

Sportsmen's shows are great events for families to attend too. Trout ponds

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Michelle's Kitchen Table Strategies

By Michelle Priddy

Directionally Challenged

When I was a kid, we'd head off into the woods alone. Being as I'm 'directionally challenged' the folks got me a dog figuring he'd lead me home when I got lost. I'm not smart enough to learn how to use a compass but I am smart enough to recognize my limitations. My solution is to not stray off the beaten path

far enough to get lost. Over time I venture further afield as I learn the terrain, but I have a deep commitment to my family to act responsibly. Getting lost in the woods is not responsible.

That doesn't mean it won't happen. As 'directionally challenged' as kids are I think, as parents, Grandpa and Grandpa expected me to get lost, so we got a dog. Plus Grandpa took time to coach me on how to behave if I had

to spend a night in the woods. To this day my coat carries a light survival kit. It's so light any kid can carry it in their pocket. Looking ahead to those spring jaunts when a kid just has to taste the newness of the woods and imagining how cold and miserable a night in the woods in spring can be, sticking a few things in an inside pocket of an outside jacket can set a family up for success in case one of their own becomes 'directionally challenged'.

Yes, it did happen to me and the warm friendly dog I hugged all night was useless as a direction finder. Thankfully I'd paid attention to the instructions Grandpa gave for spending an unexpected night in the woods during cold spring weather.

Recipe for Rescue for the Directionally Challenged

NOT a complete list but enough to think on to make a list to suit

your particular needs.

- A WHISTLE of good quality, American made, preferably one the child likes to play with.
- 33-GALLON BAG in the brightest color you can get, to use as a poncho once a hole is poked in the bottom of it. Don't cut the plastic. Poking stretches the plastic without ripping it. A cut will allow the plastic to rip.
- 12x12" ALUMINUM FOIL folded to make a reflector being careful not to create sharp edges
- 2 BRIGHT COLORED COTTON NECK SCARVES or handkerchiefs can be tied together and used as a signal flag. I used to tie one around my neck and the other around my dog's neck.
- SNACK trail mix that is shelf stable, that won't spoil for an extended time. Rolled oat type granola mixed with molasses was my choice back-then.

Instructions, best coached pre-spring setting calmly at the

kitchen table:

If you should get lost, stay together with the pet or the friend you are with, hug for warmth if it's cold. Most importantly, once you realize you are lost, STAY IN ONE PLACE. To keep warm, poke a hole in the big bag with your fingers to use the bag as a poncho. This will keep out the wind chill. Pull the bag over your head so only your face is exposed if you don't have a hat.

Only eat the snack (no berries, bark, or grass). Avoid large rivers and lakes. Find a cozy waiting place; not a hiding place; make a nest to rest in. Under a tree is a good place. Once you have done this tie the bright cotton scarves together and lay them in an open space. Get out the whistle and the tinfoil. Blow the whistle, wriggle the tinfoil, and do your best to look bigger for the searchers to find you. Stay in one place. Imagine being found and rescued. We will be looking for you and we will find you.

About the author: In 2000 Michele Priddy left the work force to become a stay-at-home mother and wife. Being a one-income family in today's society meant she had to learn to budget quickly. Food became a priority early because she wanted the children to have the best nutrition she could offer them even on a budget. She taught cooking classes at various churches in her community on "How to stretch the food dollar with simple ingredients". Michelle has put her kitchen strategies, stories and recipes in booklets, her church newsletter and in her hometown newspaper, The Goldendale Sentinel. We hope you will enjoy her strategies, stories, and recipes. You can contact the Leavenworth Echo at Reporter@leavenworthecho.com or Michelle's email: mykitchenstrategies@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.

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are staples at sportsmen's shows, allowing young kids the chance to reel in hatchery raised rainbow trout. Show producers often have a "passport" for kids to fill out at different exhibitor booths

featuring items or activities of interest to young children. Family friendly activities you often find at sportsmen's shows include archery ranges, air rifle ranges, or a chance to mine for treasure, a popular attraction at the Spokane Bighorn Show.

Then there are the main attractions. Every show

producer has one or more. This year at the Washington Sportsmen's Show it was the Paul Bunyon Lumberjack Show featuring axe throwing, wood cutting and log rolling lumberjacks who put on an entertaining show for audiences. At the Tri-Cities show the feature attraction

was Tag the Grizzly Bear who has appeared in countless movies, commercials and television shows during his life. If you haven't had a chance to go to a sportsmen's show yet this winter you still have some options to include: The Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show at the Expo Center in

Portland - February 14 - 18, which is the second largest sportsmen's show in the nation. www.thesportshows.com. The Central Washington Sportsmen's show, under new ownership - at the Sun Dome in Yakima is February 24 - 26, www.jlmproductionsllc.com. The Inland Northwest

Wildlife Council's Bighorn Outdoor Adventure Show - at the Interstate Fairgrounds in Spokane, is March 16 - 19 www.inwc.org.

John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com



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- For info call: Leavenworth: 509-548-5286, email: reporter@leavenworthecho.com
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club: meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. Co-presidents Tracy Franklin 509-670-1165 and Kelley Boyd.
Mission Creek Community Club: meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464

Thursday

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

Friday no events

Saturday

American Legion Bingo, first call is at 6:15 p.m. American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Hwy. Cashmere. Call 509-888-1904 and leave a message for Wiley Collins.

Sunday

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

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)
Tillicum Riders: 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Meetings at Highlander Golf Club, 2920 Eighth St. S. E. East Wenatchee Please, RSVP if you want to have lunch. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. and the meeting will begin at Noon. Call Ellie: 425-319-9869. (1st Mon., monthly).

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts: Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Anthony Jantzer, cell, 509-433-4064, 509-782-2561 or tony.iid.pid@ncwi.net. (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 5:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce. Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2 (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314
 You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
 Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
 Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Cashmere

Cashmere Library Events

Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam

Thursday, February 16. The community is invited to support local teens and participate in the judging as 15 Cashmere students perform their original compositions to the theme "My Future Me." The teens will be evaluated by a panel of judges and votes cast by the audience. The free, public event begins at 7 p.m. in the BSA Fireplace Room at the Cashmere Riverside Center.

Prizes will be awarded, including a grand prize of \$100. This will be the third Teen Poetry Slam organized by the Cashmere Public Library and Cashmere High School English Department and sponsored by Friends of the Cashmere Public Library and local businesses. The first two events were held in 2019 and 2020, but then the program went on hiatus due to the pandemic. "I love putting on the Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam because it celebrates our local teens and the art of poetry in such a positive way," said Cashmere Branch Librarian Lisa Lawless. "It is also wonderful to work with the high school English department. We usually have between 70 and 90 people attend this event, and everyone leaves smiling."

Celebrate Black History Month with NCW Libraries in February

Explore books, movies, music, documentaries and more by Black authors, illustrators, filmmakers, and musicians in the library district's physical and digital collections. Black History Month is a national celebration in partnership with the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment of the Humanities, and other institutions and organizations to honor Black voices, stories, experiences, and contributions. NCW Libraries is hosting a Black History Month reading challenge on the Beanstack app. Many of the library district's 30 branch libraries in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan, and Ferry counties have put up displays of books, movies, and materials by Black authors and

creators. In addition, library staff have curated lists of suggested reading for children, young adults, and adults.

Anyone with a library card can stream movies and documentaries online through Kanopy; read, watch movies, and listen to music on Hoopla; and read or listen to books on Overdrive through the Libby app. All three services are free. Explore all NCW Library's resources and reading lists for Black History Month at www.ncwlibraries.org/black-history.

Leavenworth

Leavenworth Library events

Join us for stories, songs, and more at the Leavenworth Library. Fridays from 10:15 am to 10:45 am for Baby Laptime with Librarian Amy. Fridays from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. for Preschool Storytimes with Librarian Gracie. Community Storytimes in the Fireside Room. Fridays at 3:15 - 4, sit back and enjoy being read chapters of some of our classic favorites. All ages welcome.

Online games: Sign up on the NCW Libraries event calendar for online Dungeons & Dragons & Libraries on Saturday, February 18, 2:30-5:30. 13+, beginners welcome, no previous experience needed to enjoy a fun game of D&D. Trivia Night: Get your thinking caps ready for a Trivia Showdown on Thursday, February 9 from 4-6. All ages welcome. Come as a group or as a solo player and compete with other locals for... well... bragging rights. Questions? 509-548-7923 or see www.NCWLibraries.org

LST Auditions Announcement

Leavenworth Summer Theater is pleased to announce February auditions for their 2023 summer season The Sound of Music, Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, and The Drowsy Chaperone. Last summer, LST welcomed more than 70 local and traveling performers to create theater magic under the stars, including 20 local children. This will be Leavenworth Summer Theater's 29th season offering family-friendly outdoor music theater in the foothills

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 Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
 Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.
 Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain

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Upper Valley Scholarship for Women Returning to Higher Education

Applications are now being accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship supported by P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth, WA. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women in need of financial help in returning to higher education at an accredited university, college, or technical school in the State of Washington. This needs-based scholarship must be used for school expenses and will be paid directly to the school. Applications must be received for consideration by April 30, 2023. Scholarship funds will be available by the Fall of 2023 and be sent directly to the school financial department upon confirmation of enrollment. Women applicants must be seeking further higher education at either the undergraduate or graduate level and meet the following criteria:

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Regional

Genealogical Society meeting

The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will hold a hybrid meeting on Monday, February 13 at 2 p.m. Ohio-based genealogy educator Dana Palmer will present "Get It Together: Organizing Your Family Research." Meet in person at Douglas County PUD Auditorium, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee; and via Zoom, contact Library@wags-web.org to receive Zoom information.

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Mountain Meadows receives 2023 Customer Experience Award from Pinnacle Quality Insight for the sixth year running



Mountain Meadows Assisted Living Campus

FILE PHOTO.

Leavenworth - On January 25, 2023, Mountain Meadows announced that Pinnacle Quality Insight presented them with a 2023 Customer Experience Award, with honors in Personal Care, Quality of Food, Dining Service, Cleanliness, Response to Problems, Dignity and Respect, Communication, Activities, Move-in Process, and Safety and Security. Qualifying for the Pinnacle Customer Experience Award means that Mountain Meadows has placed in the top 15% of care providers nationwide across a 12-month average. "To receive this award for a sixth-year running is an honor," said Nate Oglesby, Mountain

Meadows Executive Director. "Our team works tirelessly to ensure our residents receive the very best care and service. I am immensely proud of what they have achieved and look forward to seeing the continuous improvement of which I know we are capable." Throughout 2022, Mountain Meadows residents and their families participated in monthly telephone interviews where they answered open-ended questions and rated Mountain Meadows in multiple categories.

About Pinnacle Quality Insight A customer satisfaction measurement firm with 26 years of experience in

senior care and senior living. Pinnacle conducts over 150,000 phone surveys each year, working with over 2,500 care providers in all 50 US states, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

About Mountain Meadows Mountain Meadows is a not-for-profit senior living community in Leavenworth specializing in independent living, assisted living and memory care. Our holistic approach to personal care encompasses the social, emotional, mental, and physical engagement of our residents, all while providing the very best personal care and nutrition. To find out more, visit www.mountainmeadowsliving.org

Glazing Days at the Sleeping Lady's Woodpecker Room

Upper Valley Empty Bowls recently hosted the 2023 Glazing Days at the Sleeping Lady's Woodpecker Room. Community members flocked to the event, using their creative skills to paint over 600 bowls. Nineteen artists were inspired to create nineteen amazing Artists bowls and platters for the 2023 online Artist Bowl auction. And a small army of volunteers presided over the event, encouraging, cleaning, and making everything run smoothly and successfully. THANK YOU, Upper Valley, for your participation in the first UV Empty Bowls event of 2023. Next up: UV Empty Bowls Artist Showcase and Gala on March 5.



Sarah Behle puts finishing touches on her geometric bowl. PHOTO BY UV EMPTY BOWLS STAFF

CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF, FIRE & EMS REPORTS

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

- Jan. 27**
 - 11:52 Domestic Disturbance, 8650 Dryden Frontage Rd., Dryden
 - 15:49 Miscellaneous, 101 Pioneer Ave., Vale Elementary
 - 16:58 Civil Dispute, 8650 Dryden Frontage Rd., Dryden
 - 17:46 Runaway, 241 Independence Way
 - 18:50 Animal Problem 6876 Flowery Divide Rd.
- Jan. 28**
 - 01:09 Extra Patrol, 300 Aplets Way, Hometown Market
 - 16:03 911-call, 817 Pioneer Ave.
 - 17:56 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 4500 block Eels Rd.
 - 22:21 Alarm, 111 White Birch Pl.
- Jan. 29**
 - 04:18 Suspicious Circumstance, 107 Evergreen Ave.
 - 13:31 Vehicle Theft, 4841
- Jan. 30**
 - 01:59 Unknown-injury Accident, Old Monitor Rd. and US Hwy. 2, Monitor
 - 18:28 Agency Assist, 100 Cascade Pl.
 - 21:56 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2 MP 109
- Jan. 31**
 - 10:08 CPS/ APS Referral, 4731 Selfs Motel Rd.
 - 10:56 Fraud/ Forgery, 817 Pioneer Ave.
 - 11:55 Suspicious Circumstance, 5454 Binder Rd.
 - 12:40 Fraud/ Forgery, 922 Pioneer Ave.
 - 16:21 Suspicious Circumstance, 8115 Depot Rd., Dryden
 - 16:41 Public Assist, 5738 Vale Rd.
- Feb. 1**
 - 00:56 Agency Assist, 700 Cottlets Way, Rusty's Drive In
 - 11:49 Public Assist, 817 Pioneer Ave.
 - 15:58 Non-injury Accident, 300 block Aplets Way
 - 16:21 Non-injury Accident, 400 Mission Ave.
 - 16:39 Non-injury Accident, 400 Mission Ave.
 - 19:51 Unknown-injury Accident, 6900 block Brender Canyon Rd.
 - 22:17 911-call, 922 Pioneer Ave.
- Feb. 2**
 - 02:02 Diversion, 115 E. Pleasant Ave.
 - 10:31 Court Order Violation, 8111 Depot Rd., Dryden
 - 11:58 Non-injury Accident, 323 Elberta Ave.
 - 19:25 Theft, 115 E. Pleasant Ave.

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When: March 7, 2023 Must pre-register by February 28, 2023

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For more information, prices, and to register see the Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Application at: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>

For general questions contact: Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility 509-888-1195

Consulting Grant

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nonprofits, serving and located in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, or Grant counties, that do not meet this criterion, can be fiscally sponsored by an organization that does. Organizations who were recipients of "Strategic Consulting for Nonprofit Success" in 2021 are not eligible to apply in 2023 but will be eligible again in 2024. Grantees chosen in 2023 will not be eligible to apply in 2024. After grant decisions are announced on May 1, grantees will have until June 30 to secure their consultant. Grants will be paid when the consultant, scope of work, and project timeline are confirmed. If the deadline is not met, funds may be allocated to another applicant on the waiting list. Grantees will be required to participate in a reporting process after the close of the grant.

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Horticulture 2023

Wrap Up

Technological advances in agriculture focus of 76th annual hort meeting in Chelan

By MATTHEW OCKINGA
CORRESPONDENT

CHELAN - Fruit is the beating heart of agriculture in North Central Washington. Be it apples, pears or cherries, people both local, domestic and abroad enjoy the fresh fruit that this region, with its fertile soil, offers each harvest. Far fewer people likely appreciate or understand what it takes to keep that produce healthy and tasty.

Those topics and more were on the agenda at the 76th annual Lake Chelan Horticultural Meeting held Jan. 21 at Chelan High School. Several dozen local farmers and orchardists attended the event to ask questions and learn more about how to maximize their crops.

The Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center, a branch of Washington State University, hosted the event. Tianna DuPont, Tree Fruit Extension Specialist, emceed the gathering. For the 76th edition of the meet-

ing, she wanted to focus on technological advances in the field.

"The Lake Chelan Horticultural Meeting is designed to provide orchardists with research based information to improve their productivity and profitability," she said. "This year we focused on technology and labor efficiency to help our producers keep up with a rapidly changing industry."

DuPont first spoke about replant considerations. Among the threats she mentioned were rodents, replant disease, phytophthora (a pathogen), and nematodes, a species of roundworm. She followed that on a talk which mentioned X-disease and Little Cherry Virus. She mentioned some of the symptoms of the latter virus included small fruit, discoloration, bitterness and tastelessness. As far as how to specifically help the orchardists, DuPont discussed how to take cherry samples that can be sent into the research center. She also



Representatives from North Wind Aviation visit with an attendee during the 76th annual Lake Chelan Horticulture meeting held Jan. 21 at Chelan High School.

mentioned the dangers of winter injury and sunburn, adding that Honey Crisp apples were particularly susceptible to that.

Betsy Beers, of WSU entomology, then gave a pre-

sentation entitled "From Campylocoma to Cut Worms- Strategies for Pests from 2022." She mentioned that campylocoma were "basically unheard of before 1995, then all of a sudden, these started

to crop up all over the basin in particular and down in Oregon." The apple variety they target the most is the Golden Delicious.

Beers added that another recent scourge in orchards

is the Lacanobia Fruitworm produces two generations in a year: a leaf feeder and a fruit feeder. Beers said the key to killing the bugs was to get to them early.

"It's easier to kill the little ones than it is the big ones," she said.

Other species that Beers warned orchardists to look out for were the speckled green fruitworm, the spotted cutworm, the green fruitworm and the pyramid fruitworm.

Dr. Robert Orpet, of WSU entomology, spoke about integrated pest management and how it works for pear psylla, which he mentioned is the number one pest in Washington. Symptoms of this bug include sticky leaves and fruit. Orpet talked about the studies of his team and gave recommendations for mite management in early spring, summer and fall management.

Following Orpet was Tory Schmidt of the Washing-

Matthew Ockinga/NCW Media

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Rep. Schrier introduces Bipartisan Bill to support Washington farmers, advance crop research

SUBMITTED BY LIBBY CARLSON,
OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN
KIM SCHRIER

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S Representative Kim Schrier, M.D. (WA-08) has introduced bipartisan legislation to permanently fix the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) and provide crucial support for

Washington farmers.

The SCRI finances research projects that directly benefit Washington farmers. SCRI has funded projects to combat fungicide resistance in wine grapes, prevent pestilence in onions, and improve precision irrigation for fruit growers. Before 2019, the Secretary of Agriculture was able to waive

SCRI's matching funds requirement when it was prohibitively expensive for research institutions, but the 2018 Farm Bill eliminated this authority.

Congresswoman Schrier's bill permanently fixes this issue by once again allowing the Secretary of Agriculture to waive the matching requirement. Pre-

vious legislation introduced by Rep. Schrier in 2019 attempted to find a long-term solution. Rep. Schrier has also co-lead a bipartisan funding letter with Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Rick Larsen to fix this issue on a temporary basis in annual appropriations legislation.

"Washington farmers work tirelessly to provide our state and the entire world with high-quality produce. At a time when changes in the climate and economy have taken their toll on the agriculture industry, it is vital that we stand by our farmers and support them in any way we can," said Rep.

Schrier.

"This bill will allow Washington State University and other vital agriculture research institutions, who would



Courtesy photo
Rep. Kim Schrier

have otherwise been unable to afford the matching requirement, to receive federal support for conducting groundbreaking research. I will work to get this legislation added as part of this year's Farm Bill."

Representatives Rick Larsen (WA-02), Dan Newhouse (WA-04), and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) joined Congresswoman Schrier in introducing this bill. The bill is endorsed by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Northwest Horticultural Council, and US Apple Association.

"The Specialty Crop Research Initiative is critical in enabling Central Washington farmers to supply the world with cherries, apples, wine, hops and many other specialty crops," said Rep. Newhouse. "Universities and commodity groups representing Washington agriculture are eager to pursue world-class specialty crop research that provides our farmers with a competitive edge, but provisions left out of the 2018 Farm Bill left SCRI recipients at a disadvantage. I am proud to work as a Member of the Appropriations Committee to include this language to give certainty to these institutions as they compete for federal grant funding and continue their groundbreaking research at facilities throughout Washington and the United States."

"Research into specialty crops like berries, spinach and cabbage seed is vital to Northwest Washington's economy," said Rep. Larsen. "Investing in the Specialty Crop Research Initiative helps enable specialty

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Harvest bounces back from 2021 in Okanogan wheat belt

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

MANSFIELD – The 2022 wheat harvest was double that of a drought-plagued 2021 making it about average with other good years but what lies ahead for 2023 could be affected by the early snow that arrived last November.

That is part of what Highline Grain Growers (HLGG) Chief Executive Officer Paul Katovich had to say about the year just past for the Okanogan County wheat belt comprised of a hand-

ful of multi-generation wheat ranchers on the 1.4-million-acre Colville Indian Reservation.

“The rain we had came at just the right time last June to give the wheat crop the boost it needed,” Katovich said of the welcome interlude in the dry conditions.

Getting the bounty to the Brewster elevator incurred a minor hiccup when trailer



Courtesy HighLine Grain Growers
Paul Katovich,
HighLine Grain Growers
CEO

loads of grain had to suspend deliveries for a day to allow railroad cars to catch up to the full silos and create more storage space. With the next nearest elevator some 30 miles south at Mansfield, Brewster is the delivery hub for Okanogan County producers. Considering the logistics issues faced by carriers on both land and sea in the

wake of the COVID pandemic, the delay experienced by local wheat farmers was minor by comparison.

What lies ahead for the 2023 crop is still early to predict except for the winter snows that arrived a month earlier than usual. That has both an upside and downside. Katovich said that on the upside the ground was not yet frozen when the early November snow fell which should promote better absorption into the soil and less runoff when it melts. The downside is

the longer time the snow covers the crop.

“Wheat does not like to be buried under snow for an extended period,” said Katovich. “After about 100 days the potential for snow mold increases.”

Katovich said mold-resistant strains of grain have been developed to counter the damage but does not eliminate the problem. The fungus destroys leaves and crown beneath the snow and can substantially reduce yields.

HLGG was formed in 2018

as a collaboration of five grain companies for the benefit of its members and maintains a system of grain and seed handling warehouses in eight counties across Eastern Washington along the Highway 2 corridor from Wenatchee to Spokane.

As Katovich likes to remind inquirers about the HLGG motto for those who follow:

“It’s not ours, it’s just our turn.”

To learn more about HLGG visit their website at highlinegrain.com.

USDA announces signup for 2023 assistance for on-farm food safety expenses for specialty crop growers

SUBMITTED BY USDA

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds specialty crop producers of available assistance to help cover certain costs of complying with regulatory and market-driven food safety certification requirements. Applications for the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) program for eligible 2022 costs were due by Jan. 31, 2023. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications for 2023 costs from Feb. 1, 2023, to Jan. 31, 2024.

FSA is making available up to \$200 million through the FSCSC program, which is part of USDA's broader effort to transform the food system to create a more level playing field for small-scale agricultural operations and a more balanced, equitable economy for everyone working in food and agriculture.

USDA first announced and opened this program for signup in 2022, delivering critical assistance for specialty crop operations, with an emphasis on equity in program delivery while building on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain disruptions.

“Specialty crops growers experienced many challenges meeting regulatory requirements and accessing additional markets due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “Many of these producers had to pivot quickly as demand shifted away from traditional markets, like restaurants and food service, and many continue to feel the impacts of those abrupt changes. By helping mitigate the costs of on-farm food safety certification, the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops program will help create new markets and opportunities for

small-scale producers. In turn, these producers will have another tool to leverage as they work to become more nimble and more resilient in the face of unforeseen challenges, serve their local and regional economies, and support fairer and more transparent markets.

Program Details

FSCSC assists specialty crop operations that incurred eligible on-farm food safety certification and expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification in calendar years 2022 and 2023 for certifications issued on or after June 21, 2022. For each year, FSCSC covers a percentage of the specialty crop operation's eligible costs of obtaining or renewing their certification, as well as a portion of their related expenses.

To be eligible for FSCSC, the applicant must:

- Be a specialty crop operation.

- Meet the definition of a small business or very small business.

- Have paid eligible expenses related to certification.

Specialty crop operations may receive assistance for the following costs:

- Developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification.
- Maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan.
- Food safety certification.
- Certification upload fees.
- Microbiological testing for products, soil amendments and water.

Training

FSA calculates FSCSC payments for each category of eligible costs. FSA set a higher payment rate for underserved farmers and ranchers, which includes socially disadvantaged, limited resource, beginning and veteran producers who have a CCC-860 on file with FSA.

FSA will issue payments at the time of application approval for 2022 and after the application period ends for 2023. The 2023 application period opens Feb. 1, 2023, and closes Jan. 31, 2024. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be prorated.

Applying for Assistance

Interested specialty crop producers can apply by completing the application, FSA-888. The application, along with other required documents, can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. Producers can visit farmers.gov/service-locator to find their local FSA office. Specialty crop producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to assist.

Producers can visit farmers.gov/food-safety for additional program details, eligibility information and forms needed to apply.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Events Calendar
See the WSU Viticulture and Enology calendar for more upcoming events: <https://wine.wsu.edu/events/>
February 6-9: WineVit 2023, Kennewick
February 14-15: Oregon Wine Symposium, Portland, Oregon
February 22-23: Washington Wine Research Advisory Committee Research Review, Prosser

February 27-28: Idaho Wine Commission Annual Meeting, Nampa, Idaho

Fire Blight Webinar Series
Biopesticides for Fire Blight Management
March 15, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)

Fire Blight Pruning and Sanitation
June 13, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)

(EST)
New trials on pruning and sanitation for Fire Blight management. Using Weather and Environmental Conditions to Optimize Biologicals and Biopesticides for Bloom Protection
October 18, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)
Join us to talk about how to use weather and environmental data to optimize timings of biologicals and biopesticide applications for an

effective Fire Blight control.
Fire Blight Fruit School: New research from our National Team
February 23, at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (PST) Wenatchee and Online
March 1, at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (EST) Traverse City, Michigan and Online
Topics:
Introduction to the Pathogen
Bloom Infection Prevention with Antibiotics: The Basics

Antibiotic Resistance Biopesticide Efficacy Using Prohexodine Calcium and Actigard for Shoot Blight Management
Managing Fire Blight Infections: Pruning, Sanitation Using Systemic Acquired Resistance Products Therapeutics During Removal
Credits (with agency approval)
February 23, (WA): Three pesticide update credits WA, OR, CA.

March 1, 2023 (MI): Three pesticide update credits MI, NY
More Information and Registration February 23, (WA): <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/fire-blight-workshop/>
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CROP

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crop farmers in my district to foster innovation and drive the regional economy.”

In addition to fellow members of Congress, many stakeholders from the community have voiced their support for Rep. Schrier's bill.

“Ensuring that this simple yet impactful solution is included in the next reauthorization of the Farm Bill will

help Washington State University continue to provide world class research in support of the \$9 billion Washington agriculture economy,” said Wendy Powers, Dean of the College of Agricultural Human and Natural Resource Sciences. “WSU is grateful to Congresswoman Schrier for her ongoing work supporting Washington agriculture.”

Mark Powers, President of the Northwest Horticultural Council, noted “in part, the

Specialty Crop Research Initiative is successful because of the engagement with the agricultural community that occurs during the consideration of research proposals, so that only projects that are relevant to growers are funded. The ability of the USDA secretary to waive the 100 percent match requirement is critical to making sure that the projects that are actually the highest priority to growers continue to

be awarded taxpayer dollars. The Northwest Horticultural Council thanks Representative Schrier for her leadership in advocating to ensure that the Specialty Crop Research Initiative continues to fund the projects that provide the biggest benefit to growers.”

“Mother nature is not always kind, and apple orchards are under constant attack from insects and diseases. Growers need up-to-date research to keep up. SCRI projects are

critical tools in developing targeted responses,” said US Apple Association President and CEO Jim Bair. “We thank Representatives Schrier and Newhouse for taking the lead in this bipartisan effort to ensure SCRI operates at maximum efficiency.”

The following members have signed on as original cosponsors: Rep. Bergman (MI-1), Rep. Bonamici (OR-1), Rep. Brownley (CA-26), Rep. Carbajal (CA-24), Rep.

Costa (CA-21), Rep. DelBene (WA-1), Rep. Harder (CA-9), Rep. Huizenga (MI-4), Rep. Khanna (CA-17), Rep. Kilmer (WA-6), Rep. Larsen (WA-2), Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-12), Rep. McMorris Rodgers (WA-5), Rep. Moolenaar (MI-2), Rep. Newhouse (WA-4), Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-3), Rep. Ryan (NY-18), Rep. Slotkin (MI-7), Rep. Stefanik (NY-21), Rep. Takano (CA-39), and Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-4).

FOCUS

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ton State Tree Fruit Research Commission. He gave a presentation entitled “Bi-annual Bearing 101.” Bi-annual bearing refers to trees that have irregular crop loads from season to season. When the branches have excess weight, it causes them to break. Schmidt, who has a pear orchard himself in Dryden, said he noticed on the drive to Chelan trees like his that have leaves that didn't fall off. He said that this is bad since orchardists want those new buds to become flowers for the next season. He discussed the purpose of alterations as having a balance between roots, fruits and

shoots.

After lunch which was provided by Future Farmers of America, Rob Curtis, of WSU entomology, gave a pre-recorded talk about codling moth management.

After Curtis' talk, the focus of the meeting shifted to labor efficiency and technology for increased profitability in the final three presentations. Lav Knot, of WSU Biological Systems engineering, spoke about tools to monitor crop water use. This included ground and aerial systems imager and ground truthing, which involves direct observation or measurement of the soil. Closing the meeting were Bernardita Sallato and Karen Lewis, both of WSU extension. Sallato spoke about soil

mapping and testing methods while Lewis presented on de-leafers for high color fruit.

Also throughout the day, different companies providing services for farmers and orchardists sat at booths in the Chelan High School commons to offer help and consultation.

DuPont mentioned how vital the orchard industry is to the region. Events like the Lake Chelan Horticulture Meeting are vital in providing quality produce for others to enjoy.

“Orchardists provide healthy food for our communities,” DuPont said. “Orchardists rely on new information for their pest management and horticulture to be profitable and productive.”



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A representative from ProLine Products, a New Zealand-based company which makes equipment for orchardists including protective netting, and net applicator machinery, discusses a product at the Lake Chelan Horticulture Meeting on Jan. 21.

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#1 Angelo Vasquez-Ramos bringing the ball up to organize the offense.



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#21 Ryan Nelson rising for the free throw line jumper.

Boys Basketball: Cashmere falls to Chelan Goats on senior night

The Mountain Goats (10-10) ventured into Cashmere (7-12) to face off against the Bulldogs on their senior night. Both teams were set to have a tough battle, but Chelan was off to a hot start. The Goats opened up on a 9-0 run before Cashmere could answer. The Bulldogs struggled to consistently make shots and were getting outbounded in the first half. After a half of basketball, Cashmere trailed going into



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the break. There was a slight resurgence after halftime, but ultimately, the Bulldogs fell to Chelan with a final score of 64-39. The heavy hitter Chelan squad was on fire from the beginning and Cashmere struggled to regain any traction, however, they are still looking to stack wins in district play. They secured the #4 seed and will be playing on February 11 against the Goats once more.



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#15 Dalan Smart absorbs the contact during the layup attempt.

Cashmere surpasses Cascade Kodiaks

Cashmere traveled to Leavenworth and faced Cascade for their senior night on January 31. With a packed gymnasium, the two teams were set to engage in a tough matchup. Both teams opened up with physicality, staying relatively close for the first quarter. There was high tension as both of the boisterous student sections roared following each made basket. #21 Ryan Nelson hit some big shots for Cashmere, showing off his ability to knock



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down jumpers from anywhere on the floor. The Bulldogs went on a run going into halftime, leading 33-23 at the break. The second half was highly energetic and full of grit. Cascade came out with high intensity, responding with a run of their own to end the third quarter. The final quarter was back and forth, trading buckets and getting fouls called on both sides. Cashmere guard Landon Baker was able to make clutch shots towards the end to secure a 69-63 victory for the Bulldogs.

BULLDOG SCOREBOARD

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Feb. 2:	Cashmere 57, Chelan 24; Win
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Feb. 2:	Cashmere 39, Chelan 64; Loss

Sports Schedule

BOYS BASKETBALL - DISTRICT 6, 1A FINALS	
Feb. 11:	Cashmere vs. Chelan at Wenatchee HS
GIRLS BASKETBALL - DISTRICT 6, 1A FINALS	
Feb. 10:	Cashmere vs. Omak at Wenatchee HS, 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball: Bulldogs secure 10th straight league title



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#10 Allie McKenna crosses over to find an open driving lane.



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#3 Brianna Talley stands tall to defend the opponent's layup attempt.



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Chelan (4-11) traveled to Cashmere (11-4) for their senior night on February 2. In their final game of the season, the bulldogs looked to finish off their season on a high note. They opened up with a 15-7 lead after one quarter, as the team looked composed and concise during this first period. The defensive scheme was opening up opportunities for steals to accumulate, and they capitalized with made

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15. ___ over
16. Radiant light
17. Ran easily
18. "The King of Staten Island" star Pete
20. Goyim, alt. sp.
21. Mork from Ork, e.g.
22. Common furniture wood
23. "Der Ring des Nibelungen" composer
26. Petroleum product (2 words)
30. Shakespearean fuss
31. Loan shark
34. Village People hit
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37. Street, in Paris
38. Show in progress (2 words)
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40. Was almost out of gas, e.g. (2 words)
42. *First H in HRH
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50. "For ___ the Bell Tolls"
52. *Netflix royal drama (2 words)
55. Bridal veil fabric
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57. Not far
59. Orderly arrangement
60. Drunkard, slangily
61. Stare
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63. Drivers' licenses, e.g.
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11. December 31st, e.g.
13. Lowest points
14. Plural of alga
19. Intestinal obstruction
22. Opposite of their
24. "Prince Charles' domain
25. Temples' innermost sanctuaries
25. Not stay in (2 words)
26. Perceive by touch
27. "The NBA's Kansas City-___ Kings (1972-75)
28. More unfriendly
29. "Late "Live" King of CNN
32. Russia's mountain range
33. Seek a seat
36. "The last "king" of Russia
38. Proprietor
40. "The ___ Queen, regal chess character in "Through the Looking Glass"
41. Public disapproval
44. Cozy and comfortable
46. Two of these do not make a right
48. Near the wind
49. Potato soup partner, pl.
50. "She ___ a Yellow Ribbon"
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