



## 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Part Two

July, 2022

#### Almond Blossom now in Cashmere

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

During the dreary days of November through January, most almond trees stand as dormant, silent stalwarts. Winter steals their leaves as the trees hunker down, storing nutrients for the impending growing season. As seasonal sleep fades, small buds start to swell on each branch. Just before spring, these buds burst into brilliant pink and white blossoms, a forerunner of the nutritious almonds. A favorite subject of French painter Vincent Van Gogh, almond blossoms symbolize new life.

#### Country Boy's BBQ receives false bomb threat

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

On June 29 at 3:17 p.m. RiverCom received a report of a bomb threat at 400 A plets Way from Country Boy's BBQ. The threat turned out to be a prank from a thirteen-year-old teenage male in New Mexico, said Sergeant Rob Huddleston.

#### Archiving Cashmere's History

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

Some years ago, Cashmere natives Tom and Linda Hart were sipping coffee at Sure to Rise Bakery on Cottage Avenue. Coffee conversations are conducive to memory rabbit trails and the couple began recalling all the old downtown Cashmere businesses. This quiet quest spilled over back home and Hart, a 1960 Cashmere High School graduate, scribbled on a sheet of paper every business he could remember on the main block since his school days. Hart stuffed that paper in his dresser drawer, adding and changing to it when he thought of another business.

#### Country Boy's BBQ closes

By CAROL FORHAN

Country Boy's BBQ's last day of operations was Saturday, July 9. The longtime favorite restaurant shut down unexpectedly with a July 11 Facebook post announcing their departure. The post said the reason for the shutdown was retirement and staffing shortages.

#### Cashmere Swim Team emerges after two canceled years

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

After two years of COVID, Cashmere Swim Team is up and running, with three age group practices running from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Ages twelve and up practice at 8 a.m., ages nine to eleven practice at 9 a.m., and ages eight and under practice at 10 a.m., said Isabelle Dressel, Cashmere Swim Team head coach.

#### John "Buffalo" Prescott, known for his community service, is here to stay

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

John Prescott, Cashmere resident for nearly forty years, is known for his years of community service. From helping put on the car show at Founders' Days to mentoring underserved kids as a lunch buddy, he is revered around town as an upstanding guy.

#### Sheriff's Department trains to be prepared during a school shooting

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

Last week, active shooter training occurred at Vale Elementary with the

Chelan County Sheriff's Department. The training was organized through the Sheriff's department and took place at Vale because the Cashmere School District offered their facilities to the department for training, Sergeant Chris Foreman said.

#### Cashmere Soccer training through summer for post-season hopes

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

Rising senior Zoe Brown and her soccer teammates have big goals for the fall 2022 season and they are willing to put in the work over the summer to reach those goals. "We want to go to state, especially that is my goal for this year," said Brown.

#### Rebecca Allen Offers K-8 Summer Dance Camps

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

Rebecca Allen, former professional dancer in Los Angeles, is offering dance camps for K-8 kids in Cashmere. The classes will take place in the Vale Elementary gym and both the K-4 group and the 5-8 group have spots available.

August, 2022

#### Cashmere City Council update Agency Officials Urge Caution When Recreating on or Near Water

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

River safety: There has been a big emphasis by local police, the fire department and the City of Leavenworth and Cascade Medical on safety in the Wenatchee River according to Director of Operations Steve Croci. River flows have been higher than normal for this time of year. While there are currently signs posted throughout the city, more signs will be added to ensure river safety.

#### HB 1815 passes to prevent catalytic converter theft

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

Washington has the third highest catalytic converter theft in the country, according to Been Verified, a national statistic-analysis firm. A new law, HB 1815, which passed unanimously in the house and senate, aims to prevent catalytic converter theft in Washington.

#### Chelan County Sheriff, deputies host National Night Out

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

The blare of sirens. The flashing of red and white lights. The uniform. These symbols of law enforcement cause various reactions among the public. Often, people live in a headline world concerning the police. Reactions and stereotypes can dominate. Yet while no entity is beyond reproach, officers local and nationwide want to remind the people they serve that everyone is on the same side.

#### Tucker, Mariners' official clubhouse dog

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

Early August in baseball encompasses the draining "dog days of summer." Temperature and humidity reach lofty heights on the proverbial emerald chess board as the grind of the 162-campaign begins to tucker out the players.

#### Colchuck Consignment makes the outdoors accessible through their store

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

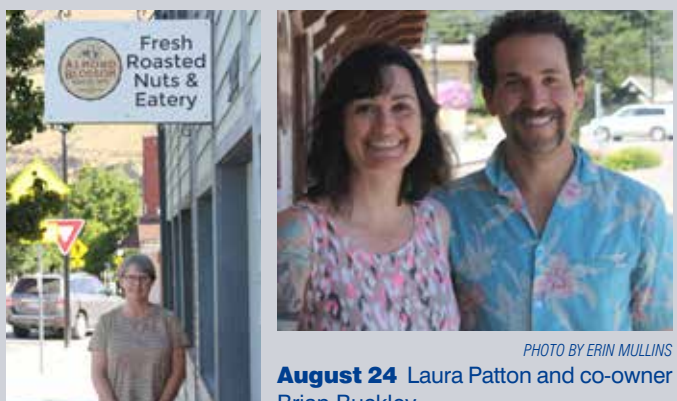
Getting into new outdoor hobbies is fun, but it is also expensive,



July 20 John Prescott stands proudly in front of his 1929 T-bucket Ford at the Founders' Day Car show.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW OCKINGA

July 6 Owner Tess Watkins in front of her Almond Blossom Roasted Nuts and Eatery business now in Cashmere.



August 24 Laura Patton and co-owner Brian Buckley.



July 13 In 2016, Pam Wonn, Mari Beckley, Tom Hart, and Dick Brender formed the History Group. Brender passed away earlier this year.



August 10 Children gather around to visit, eat and play with the Chelan County Sheriffs, and deputies at the park during the yearly event.

which is why Colchuck Consignment offers second hand outdoor gear at an affordable price. Colchuck Consignment was founded in 2020 as an online business but since has transitioned to a retail only business located at 5643 Sunset Hwy. in Cashmere, said Laura Patton, co-owner of Colchuck Consignment, an outdoor consignment shop.

#### Former inmate Shane Flemens writes "Conviction", story of personal redemption

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

In 2008, Cashmere native, Shane Flemens headed out for what would be his last commercial fishing trip in Alaska. Flemens promised his son he would be home in a few months, instead he spent years in prison after getting into a fight on a boat.

#### Local Cashmere girl dies in auto crash

By ERIN MULLINS  
Reporter

A 19-year-old Cashmere woman is dead from a head-on crash on I-90 east of Moses Lake Thursday night. Troopers say Sierra Stoddard of Cashmere was traveling westbound on I-90 about 11 miles east of Moses Lake when her CRV was hit head on by a pickup truck with a trailer that was traveling the wrong way.

September, 2022

#### Sights, sounds of fair captivated Karen Welch at a young age

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

Karen Welch remembers her parents bringing her to the Chelan County Fair when she was five years old. The sights and sounds of the fair captivated the young girl who eventually became a leader in 4-H. When she had children of her own, they also became involved in the fair. Now the family tradition continues, and her young grandchildren participate in the annual event. "It's kind of gone down through three generations now. That's how I came to know, love, and participate in fair," said Welch, now the manager of Chelan County Fair which celebrates its 70th year Sept. 8-11. "It was, 'How can I help?' Now it's, 'How can I get you to help me?' It's kind of come full circle."

#### Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Held in Cashmere

STAFF REPORT

The Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will take place on September 11 at the 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial located in Cashmere Riverside Park at 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and to include a traditional ringing of the bell in honor of the brave men and women who risked their

## Get ready for cold weather with energy-saving tips

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN

Senior Communications Strategist

When all you want for the new year is warmth, Chelan PUD has a few tips on how to keep your home cozy without cranking up the thermostat.

- **Door socks:** Place blankets or towels by the door to prevent the cold air from drafting in and the heat from escaping.
- **Close the shades:** Close your drapes to retain heat. If it's sunny during the day, open the drapes to capture warmth from the sun.
- **Better air flow:** Replace your air filter. Clogged filters make your heating system less efficient. Keep doors open in your house (unless you have baseboards or other zonal heat).
- **Take AC units out:** If you still have an AC unit in your window, remove it and close the window.
- **Dress warmer or put an extra blanket on the bed.** It's less expensive than turning up the heat.
- **Close the damper:** Fireplaces are designed to move heat quickly up the chimney. When you're not using it, keep it closed so it doesn't suck the heat out of your home.
- **Lower your water heater temperature:** Keep the water heater temperature at 125 degrees to conserve energy.
- **Close foundation vents for winter.** If your vents don't close, taping a piece of plastic on the outside will help considerably.

Residential Energy Efficiency Adviser Josh Mitchell cautions against switching heat pump systems to e-heat or auxiliary heat, which uses a lot more energy.

"If you have a heat pump, keep the thermostat to heat or auto mode," said residential energy advisor Josh Mitchell. "The thermostat is smart enough to tell your back-up heat to turn on when the heat pump can't keep up. Only turn the heat pump off during emergencies like when you defrost cycle stops working."

If you're concerned about water pipes freezing:

- Consider letting a cold-water faucet drip continuously when the weather is at its coldest.
- Know the location of the water shut-off valve in your home. Check to make sure it works.
- Open cupboard doors under sinks, especially where plumbing is in outside walls, to let interior heat warm the pipes.

The electrical grid is working hard to keep everyone warm as temperatures dip into single digits. As the demand for electricity increases, so does stress on the equipment that delivers electricity. If the power goes out, check for updates on the new outage map: outages.chelanpud.org. If you don't see an outage on the map, call us 24/7 at 877-783-8123 to report it.

These tips can help keep you safe, and help PUD crews safely restore power as quickly as possible:

- Turn off all but one light - on the porch or inside where it can be seen from the street - so you and the PUD crews know when power is restored.
- Never use fuel-burning devices, like gasoline-powered generators, gasoline-powered pressure washers, camp stoves and lanterns, or charcoal grills inside, or in any confined space, or within 10 feet of windows, doors, or other air intakes. Using these items in your home can produce carbon monoxide, which can be deadly. If you plan to use a portable generator, make sure you plug appliances directly into the generator. Or, make sure your home is disconnected from the PUD's electric system with a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician.
- Prevent cold-load pickup: When power is restored after an outage, sometimes the pent-up electrical demand can overload the system and result in another outage. For

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# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

lives. As we commence on the 21st anniversary, the ceremony will focus on the nearly 3,000 American lives lost, paying a special tribute to the First Responders (343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 8 EMTs). The program will include each name and a moment of silence with the traditional ringing of the bell.

## Vale Elementary School welcomes new staff

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA CORNELIO

Vale Elementary

Please join our staff in welcoming our new teachers and para educators at Vale for the 2022-2023 school year. Anna Valadez - TBIP kinder para educator, Sarah Baty - preschool para educator, Nora Valle - preschool para educator, Denise Gann - SPED Para educator, Tara Thomas - SPED para educator, Brenda Hostetter - SPED para educator, Hope Kunsman - 1st grade teacher, Payton Jagla - 3rd grade teacher, Cherie Gasbar - 2nd grade teacher, Kate Weber - 2nd grade teacher, and Heather Pflugrath - Adaptive SPED teacher.

## Cashmere Planning Commission

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

Multiple Cashmere residents addressed the city's Planning Commission (CPC) Sept. 9 meeting. They requested that the city consider changing its ordinance that prohibits the raising of chickens. The 4 or 5 individuals who spoke explained that they like growing their own sustainable food, especially with the recent increase in prices, and teaching their children about where their food comes from. One of the residents told the Commission that she loves the family connections that develop by going out together and gathering food with her daughter. She said she was interested in raising backyard rabbits as a sustainable meat supply for her family.

## Cashmere Museum Passes Available at Libraries

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MCNIEL

Public Relations Specialist

NCW Libraries is now offering family passes to the Cashmere Museum & Pioneer Village for checkout. The museum passes can be reserved and checked out from the Cashmere, Leavenworth, Peshastin, Wenatchee and East Wenatchee libraries online or in person. They are available for a two-week checkout period and grant free entry to two adults and all children who accompany them.

## Cashmere City Council

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

A public comment requesting that the city of Cashmere reconsider its ordinance prohibiting chickens on small lots, kicked off the City Council's Sept. 12 meeting. Cashmere resident, Eva Lorenz, told the Council that over 60 individuals had signed an informal petition she had posted on social media. According to Lorenz the majority were in favor of the city allowing chickens. She suggested the city model a new ordinance similar to Ellensburg's. Councilwoman Jayne Stephenson expressed her interest in discussing the matter and asked if roosters are allowed. Lorenz replied that most people don't want roosters and most city's do not allow them.

## Cashmere Museum's Apple Harvest Days bounces back

By LINDSAY TIMMERMANS

Staff report

If apples are bouncing at picking time you're either dropping them or successfully unloading a heavy, brimming picking bag into a bin. The bounce-back of the Cashmere Museum's annual event certainly will be a nod to the latter, returning unblemished and ready to celebrate this year's harvest.

## October, 2022

### Cashmere City Council Meeting

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

The Cashmere City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Cashmere City Hall. The public is invited to attend and comment regarding the City of Cashmere's revenue sources and a possible increase in Property Taxes.

### City Council meeting

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

Mayor Jim Fletcher said he would like to have his ducks in a row before referring the city's chicken ordinance to the Cashmere Planning Commission (CPC). His comments made at the Oct 10 City Council meeting followed previous requests from community members who have asked that the town's Livestock and Poultry Ordinance be changed so that chickens would be allowed on small city lots. Currently chickens are only allowed on lots that are an acre or more in size.

### Cashmere Draft PROS Plan

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

The draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan has been released for public review and comment by Cashmere's Planning Commission (CPC). The Plan is a result of more than a year of planning, an in-person community forum, an online survey and over a dozen Commission meetings.

### Milepost Brewing celebrates 10th Anniversary

By MATTHEW OCKINGA

Correspondent

A decade is a long time no matter how one considers it. Yet in the challenging, volatile, and ever-changing restaurant world, ten years can seem closer to 15. On Oct. 22 Milepost Brewing, a Cashmere pub and brewery, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a celebration at the restaurant from 5-8 p.m. which included a merchandise raffle, Happy Hour prices and live music.

### Twelve Angry Jurors

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN GUBSCH

The Cashmere High School Drama Department will be presenting "Twelve Angry Jurors". Twelve Angry Jurors is based on the Emmy Award-winning television movie, "Twelve Angry Men", by Reginald Rose. Directed by Susan Gubsch, the three-act play, adapted for the stage by Sherman L. Sergel, is set in the present day. The story follows the deliberations of a jury deciding the guilt or innocence of a young man on trial for murder.

## November, 2022

### 100 Years of Cashmere Valley Record now online at Washington Digital Newspapers

SUBMITTED BY SHAWN SCHOLLMMEYER

**OLYMPIA** — Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, recently digitized 45,200 pages of historic Cashmere Valley Record newspapers for the Washington Digital Newspapers website. The project was completed in partnership with Chelan County Historical Society and the Cashmere Museum.

### Cashmere City Council meeting

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

Cashmere's mayor, Jim Fletcher, was asked how the city would spend any additional revenue if property taxes are increased. The question was posed during a public hearing regarding revenue sources for the city, and a possible increase in property taxes. Fletcher responded that any additional income would be used for city general expenses which includes street maintenance, parks and other facilities, or contracts such as those with; the Sheriff's Dept. for law enforcement, RiverCom, jail fees, and the prosecuting attorney.

### Cashmere High School Girls' Soccer team district winners

SUBMITTED BY CASHMERE ATHLETICS

The Cashmere Bulldogs girls soccer team (11-6) record defeated the Cascade Kodiaks (9-6) in the District VI(1A) Championship game, with score of 1-0 at the Apple Bowl in Wenatchee this past Saturday afternoon.

### Cashmere FFA Wins a National Title and a 4th Place finish in Indianapolis

SUBMITTED BY RUSTY FINCH

FFA Advisor

Cashmere FFA traveled to the National Convention in Indianapolis on Oct. 22 to compete in two Career Development Event contests. Students earned the sole right to represent Washington in each of the events. Members of the Environmental Natural Resources team took a 50-question environmental science test, tested surface water for nitrates, temperature, and pH, identified natural resource equipment and species, navigated a GPS course and evaluated a section of soil and land recommending erosion prevention strategies.

### Coach Davidson Retires

By MATTHEW OCKINGA

Correspondent

For Collin Davidson, fall and football remain synonymous. Since 1972 when he joined his seventh-grade squad, Davidson has spent his autumns on the gridiron, the last 39 as a coach in the Cashmere School District. On Oct. 22, Davidson, who has led the Cashmere Middle School team for 27 years, coached his final game as he will enter the unknown but enticing world of retirement.

### New Cashmere School Board member

SUBMITTED BY BRANDI LYONS

Congratulations to Aaron Bessonette who was appointed



PHOTO BY MATTHEW OCKINGA

September 28

Chelan County Fire Chief rings the bell as names of heroes of 911 are read.

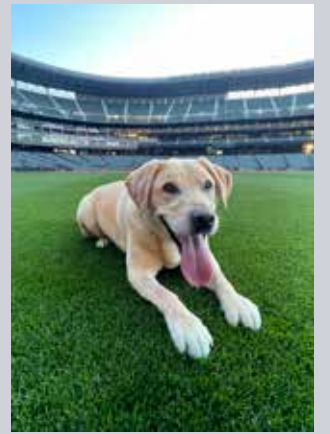


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August 17 Tucker, Mariners' official clubhouse dog



PHOTO BY MATTHEW OCKINGA

November 9 Coach Davidson Retires

by the existing board of Cashmere School District #1 to be a permanent board member, he was one of six candidates who applied. Bessonette will fill the vacated seat until next fall, he will run then for a new term.

### Celebrate "Christmas in Cashmere"

SUBMITTED BY CASHMERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Cashmere Chamber of Commerce invites you to celebrate the holiday season in Cashmere. On Saturday, December 3, join us at Martin's Market IGA to take pictures with Santa starting at 11 a.m. Then come on down to Cottage Avenue from 12 p.m.- 3 p.m. for the Christmas in Cashmere free community event. Just 15 minutes from Leavenworth and Wenatchee, make Cashmere your first stop this holiday season.

### Chelan County election results

STAFF REPORT

Shon Smith who is running for Chelan County Commissioner #2 has maintained a small lead over Anne Hessburg after the second round of ballot counts were released Thursday, Nov. 10th. According to Chelan County auditor's office, with 50.2% of the vote, Smith, a Republican, leads his opponent, Independent Hessberg by only 143 votes: 13,357 votes to 13,214. Hessburg gained a little ground on Smith from election day and now has 49.66% of the vote, compared to 49.33% on Tuesday, less than one percent. In the Chelan County sheriff's race, deputy Mike Morrison's advantage over three-term incumbent Brian Burnett remained around 9%. Morrison received 13,751 votes, to Burnett's 11,502 votes. On Tuesday, Nov. 8. Morrison led the current Sheriff Burnett at 54.14% to Burnett's 45.37%.

### Coaching, all in the "Tronson" Family

By MATTHEW OCKINGA

Correspondent

On the surface, it was just an average practice. The Cashmere High School soccer team played a typical intra-squad scrimmage on a Friday night in late August. A small crowd gathered to watch the unofficial match, populating the metal stands and grassy lawn near Vale Elementary School. For one fan, the game felt not ordinary, but surreal. Loretta Tronson is married to Dennis Tronson, who has served as head coach of the Bulldogs girls



PHOTO BY LINDSAY TIMMERMANS

December 7 Christmas in Cashmere free holiday face painting.

### New Executive Director of the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce

By MATTHEW OCKINGA

Correspondent

Each town's chamber of commerce exists to promote the commercial interests and general welfare of the local community. For Rachel Lippert, the newly minted Executive Director of the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce, her new job is more than just business. It's personal. Lippert is Cashmere through and through, having been born and raised here. As she takes the reins of the Chamber, she feels a familial responsibility to her hometown.

### Never judge a store front by its cover

By MATTHEW OCKINGA

Correspondent

Never judge a store front by its cover. On the south end of downtown Cashmere sits a simple wooden building. From the outside, one may think it houses two or three stores. Yet around nine businesses happily coexist inside the quaint facility south of downtown. Those local companies will be combining to host the Holiday Market on Mission on three consecutive Saturdays at The Mission District Shops.

### Christmas in Cashmere

By MATTHEW OCKINGA

Correspondent

While some enjoy the holiday hustle and bustle of big city life, small towns seem to lend their charm to Christmas. With its quaint downtown and close-knit bond, Cashmere definitely stands out as a Christmas community. That yuletide cheer will be on display once again during Christmas in Cashmere held Saturday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## December, 2022

### Cashmere City Council Meeting

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

Snow removal may initially be slower than normal in Cashmere, Mayor Jim Fletcher announced at the Nov 28 City Council meeting. He explained that public works is short one employee. Director of Operations, Steve Croci said he was seeking to hire 1 or 2 on-call non-benefited snowplow operators, who have municipal snow plowing experience and the required CDL license. The Council unanimously approved the request. Stephenson

### Cashmere City Council meeting

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Correspondent

Parking is prohibited on the streets and alleys of Cashmere between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. The reminder was given at the Dec 12 Cashmere City Council meeting, by Director of Operations, Steve Croci, that these restrictions are in effect during the months of November through March to allow for snow removal. Croci also announced that any ideas for changes to the city's comprehensive land use plan, such as changes in city zoning should be submitted to the city by the beginning of February.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW OCKINGA

November 23 Dennis Tronson and daughter Anya Tronson Belcher coaching Cashmere soccer

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# Wenatchee River Institute Programs

SUBMITTED BY WENATCHEE RIVER INSTITUTE

**Snowshoe Strolls Thursdays-Saturdays (and select Sundays) in January and February.** Begin the year with new discoveries. Join WRI for a Snowshoe Stroll through winter wonderland at either the WRI campus or the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. We will learn about native wildlife and ecology and the history of Leavenworth with many scenic, snowy views along the way.

**NWAC Avalanche Awareness Class Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Whether you ski, snowshoe, snowboard, or snowmobile, recognition of avalanche danger is an essential and potentially lifesaving skill. In this FREE class, NWAC instructors will explain how to access avalanche and mountain weather forecasts and recognize basic signs of avalanche danger.

**Night Sky Snowshoe Stroll and Planetarium Thursday, January 26 at 5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Witness the night sky during different seasons throughout the year, learn winter constellations and get to know our sun, moon and stars like never before. You'll enter our planetarium for a realistic view of our night sky before heading out on snowshoes to see the real thing.

**Red Barn Event: The Many Adventures of the**

Riding Writer Thursday, January 12 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. Join WRI and Link Transit for a Red Barn Event! Danielle Worley is a "Riding Writer" and author. She uses her time in transit to up her weekly word count on her books. Selina Danko will also be joining us to share the myriad of travel options offered by Link Transit.

**Red Barn Event: Leavenworth Mill Dam Rehabilitation and Recreation Improvement Project Wednesday, Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00-8:00 pm.**

The Chelan County Natural Resource Department has selected the Leavenworth Mill Dam for a development of conceptual design for rehabilitation and recreation improvement. This event will give the opportunity to share the idea with the community and gather feedback to help guide the direction of project development.

**Red Barn Event: Grizzly Grub - Bear Habitat in the North Cascades Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Join Dr. Bill Gaines, Wildlife Ecologist and Director of the Washington Conservation Science Institute, for a presentation about grizzly bear habitat and recovery. He will talk about their diverse habitat and how the North Cascades could have enough remote areas to support their potential reintroduction and recovery.

**Passing the Baton Event Saturday, January 21st at 4:00-5:30 p.m. at WRI River Haus.**



WRI Avalanche Class

Join us for a "passing the baton" open house to welcome Canuche and bid farewell to Carolyn. This will be a great opportunity to meet Canuche, get to know him, and ask questions. It will also be a great time to bid a fond farewell to Carolyn and honor her time and stewardship over

the last 4 years. There will be light snacks and drinks available. Stay tuned for more details.



## Rep. Goehner named ranking Republican on House Local Government Committee

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Rep. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, will continue to lead Republicans on the Local Government Committee in the state House of Representatives.

Washington State House Republicans recently announced their committee assignments for the upcoming 2023 legislative session.

The House Local Government Committee considers issues relating to the operations and financing of counties, cities, and some special purpose districts. It will also look at legislative proposals related to local government open meetings and public records obligations, and the administration of local land use, zoning, building, energy and health codes.

Goehner, a former four-term Chelan County commissioner, feels his experience in local government provides a perspective beneficial to local entities.

"I have been, and will continue to be, an advocate for local government. Our local entities provide the most basic and essential services to our constituencies, and it is imperative we work with them at the state level," said Goehner. "I am hopeful the committee could work on affordable housing issues such as the Growth Management Act, zoning, and some of the

well-intentioned regulations with poor results that are driving up housing costs."

Goehner will once again serve on the House Environment and Energy and Transportation committees.

"The new Twelfth District boundaries provide us an opportunity to work with communities on the east and west side of the Cascade mountains to address critical transportation needs and ensure goods and services are moved efficiently across the mountains," said Goehner. "While transportation funding is reaching a critical juncture, maintenance and preservation needs to be a top priority. However, we must find some common-sense solutions to ensure we are getting much-needed projects in our region."

The 105-day legislative session is scheduled to convene on Jan. 9, 2023.



Rep. Keith Goehner

### Energy-saving

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the first two hours after power is restored, keep use of non-heating appliances to a minimum. DO NOT go near, touch or try to move

any lines on the ground or trees tangled in them - stay far away and call the PUD at 877-783-8123 or 9-1-1 for help.

Find more tips on "weathering" a cold snap at [chelanpud.org/ColdWeatherTips](http://chelanpud.org/ColdWeatherTips).

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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.)
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### 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](mailto: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.)
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- Chelan County Historical Society Board meets,** 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
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509-548-1627, 548-4522, 664-6469, 425-773-7527, 206-719-3379  
Sunday 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Light in the Valley, 8455 Main Street, Peshastin  
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Thursday, 1 p.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.  
Friday, 7 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 222 Cottage Ave.  
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain
- Alanon Meetings,** call 509-548-7939  
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## CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF FIRE & EMS REPORTS

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### Dec. 23

10:09 Non-injury Accident, 3500 block Bridge St., Monitor  
 12:53 Suspicious Circumstance, 5183 Mission Creek Rd.  
 17:52 Theft, 1165 Willem's Rd.  
 18:21 911-call, 817 Pioneer Ave.  
 19:05 Harassment/ Threat, 56 Lilac Ln.  
 23:55 Public Assist, Nahahum Canyon Rd.

Woodring Canyon Rd.  
 20:17 Suspicious Circumstance, 113 S. Douglas St.

### Dec. 27

00:41 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 2 and N. Dryden Rd., Dryden  
 07:32 Non-injury Accident, 130 Titchenal Way, Martin's IGA Market  
 07:55 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 5420 Woodring Canyon Rd.  
 08:27 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2 and Aplets Way  
 10:21 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 8133 N. Dryden Rd., Dryden  
 12:36 Trespassing, 117 Aplets Way, Cashmere Valley Bank  
 12:43 Court Order Violation, 5177 Woodring Canyon Rd.  
 16:44 911-call, 817 Pioneer Ave.  
 17:00 Public Assist, 2294 Easy St., Monitor  
 21:51 Suspicious Circumstance, 8500 Main St., Independent Warehouse, Dryden

### Dec. 28

01:26 Civil Dispute, 426 Cottage Ave.  
 05:01 Diversion, 817 Pioneer Ave.  
 08:09 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, School and Main Streets, Dryden  
 15:19 Hazard, 306 Woodring St.  
 15:20 Assault, 5177 Woodring Canyon Rd.  
 15:35 Public Assist, 320 Chapel St.  
 16:02 Domestic Disturbance, 5300 Wohlers Rd.  
 19:03 Fireworks, 4702 Yaksum Canyon Rd.  
 23:02 Agency Assist, 7652 Stine Hill Rd., Dryden  
 23:10 Suspicious Circumstance, 310 River St., laundry mat

### Dec. 25

00:02 Public Assist, 239 Independence Way  
 12:59 Non-injury Accident, 6700 block Stine Hill Rd.  
 14:00 Welfare Check, 305 Woodring St.  
 18:00 Welfare Check, 305 Independence Way  
 20:35 Noise Complaint, 6801 Dryden Ave., Dryden

### Dec. 26

10:53 Public Assist, 5420

## Community Foundation Awards and Grants to NCW Nonprofits

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER DOLGE

The Community Foundation of NCW has awarded \$412,000 through the Regional Impact Grant (RIG) program to 52 nonprofits across North Central Washington.

The RIG provides annual core operating support to eligible nonprofits in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties serving their community in a variety of ways - through access to the arts and cultural experiences, protecting the environment, building and maintaining recreation areas, improving health services, and programs that support our youth and seniors. "The RIG is the largest grant opportunity for nonprofits in our region" said

Beth Stipe, the foundation's executive director. "Over the years, we have continued to shape the grant program to best serve the needs of our region and this round of grants really showcases the breadth of nonprofit work that our communities depend upon." Often in philanthropy, the larger and more established organizations have a competitive edge in the grant process, but the Community Foundation strives to support a variety of nonprofits including smaller, volunteer-run organizations. This year the size of the grant award was based on the size of the organization which allowed the Trustees to focus on providing a balanced number of grant awards

across budget sizes. "We don't expect organizations to have professional grant writers on staff, so our Board is committed to connecting with every applicant through a site visit with a team at the Foundation to learn more about their work" said Claire Oatey, director of community grants, "We find this helps level the playing field and it's such a rewarding experience to connect with these groups who are so passionate about making their community a better place for all." The funding for the grants comes from unrestricted dollars gifted to the foundation and a portion of the fund management fees. "These grants wouldn't be possible without the generosity of people in our community who have left legacies to ensure the community they loved continues to be cared for and protected for future generations," said Stipe.

### Upper Valley 2022 Regional Impact Grant Awards

Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition: \$6,000.00  
 Grunewald Guild: \$10,000.00  
 Icicle Creek Center for the Arts: \$10,000.00  
 Lake Chelan Arts Council: \$6,000.00  
 Leavenworth Community United Methodist Church (Backpack Food Program): \$6,000.00  
 Leavenworth Summer Theater: \$6,000.00  
 Mountain Sprouts Children's Community: \$10,000.00  
 NCW Arts Alliance: \$6,000.00  
 NCW Community Toy Drive: \$6,000.00  
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# The Washington Outdoors Report

## Catch and keep sturgeon

By JOHN KRUSE

Catching and actually keeping a sturgeon is a great way to kick off the new year and you can do just that this winter in the Columbia River Gorge. This special sturgeon fishery opens on New Years Day and anglers will be able to keep one sturgeon a day and a

total of two per year upstream of Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam.

In the Bonneville pool to the Dalles Dam there is a harvest quota of 675 sturgeon. The size limit for sturgeon is a little smaller here than in the other two pools. Keepers must measure between 38 to 54 inches from the tip of the nose to the fork of the fish's tail.

The Dalles pool, like the

Bonneville Pool, is open for sturgeon fishing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. There is a 190-sturgeon quota in the Dalles pool to John Day dam and the fish must measure between 43 and 54 inches from The Dalles to McNary dam. The John Day pool has the smallest quota, only 105 fish, and is open for fishing seven days a week. Despite this it is historically the last pool to close for catch and keep sturgeon every winter.

Marc Bush is the owner of Twisted Waters Guide Service and will be fishing in the Gorge for sturgeon again this January. I asked him why the John Day pool is the last to close despite the seven day a week fishery and the smallest harvest quota. Marc replied, "Those fish have a lot of good terrain to hide out in and it's a little bit harder to catch them up there in my opinion."

Asked about what kind of bait he uses for winter-time sturgeon, Bush said, "Sometimes they are biting sturgeon candy (aka - squid), sometimes it's nightcrawlers or shad or chunks of dead fish. It's kind of an experimental, find out as you go thing for me".

Bush will be fishing between The Dalles and John Day dams this winter for sturgeon. You can book a trip with him by calling 253-468-0610.



PHOTO COURTESY MARC BUSH.

Sturgeon, Waterfowl and Boats

## Waterfowl Hunting

Ponds, wetlands and lakes are pretty well frozen over at this point but waterfowl hunters can find success in the new year hunting rivers and streams where ducks and geese will congregate. The Columbia River shines as a great place to go this now for both diving and puddle ducks but smaller rivers and streams hold healthy numbers of ducks as well. The ducks and geese need to feed as well and will often do so twice a day during the winter months. Scouting wheat or cut corn fields for ducks or geese and getting permission to set up on them can lead to limits if you are willing to brave the cold and

wait for those web-footed birds to come in.

## Portland Boat Show

The first big boat show of 2023 will be taking place at the Expo Center in Portland. It's the Portland Boat Show put on by O'Loughlin Trade Shows from January 11-15. With hundreds of boats of all sizes spread out over 200,000 square feet, there will be a big selection of watercraft and accessories to see here.

Trey Carskadon with O'Loughlin Trade Shows says, "This show is interesting because it has evolved into one of the largest sportfishing boat shows in the country. There's more variety of fishing

boats to look at and buy at this show than any other show in the country we are aware of. There's also lots of pleasure style boats (wakeboard, wake surfing, cruisers, runabouts) available as well.

Trey continued by saying, "Being the first boat show of the year, it gives buyers the opportunity to find inventory that hasn't been picked over at the later boat shows later in the month and in February and on." You can find out more about the Portland Boat Show at [www.pdxboatshow.com](http://www.pdxboatshow.com).

John Kruse - [www.northwesternoutdoors.com](http://www.northwesternoutdoors.com) and [www.americaoutdoorsradio.com](http://www.americaoutdoorsradio.com)

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## FBLA students in partnership with Crunch Pak

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Cashmere High School Students (from left) Dalan Smart, Fernando Betancourt, Faith Kert, Kris Cisneros, Jaxon Dewitz, Raquel Pedraza, Ojamed Orozco, Alonzo Rojas presented information about 401Ks to employees at Crunch Pak on Dec. 14.

By MATTHEW OCKINGA  
Correspondent

CASHMERE — While keeping an eye ahead, the Future Business Leaders of America must also live in the present. FBLA students from

Cashmere High School recently combined real-time skills with financial forecasting. On December 14 eight members of Trevor Kert's Advanced Computer Applications class presented on the important of 401K and investing to over 40

employees at Crunch Pak, a local company that focuses on healthy snacks.

"It is always difficult to get up in front of a group to present, so any opportunity to do this helps grow and develop this skill," said Chad

Zimmerman, Vice President of Human Resources at Crunch Pak. "The students spoke well and answered questions. It was a great experience for the students and a great partnership for Crunch Pak."

Kert leads the students in FLBA and CTE (career and technical education) classes. Both entities contain leadership components. FBLA has nine specific goals, one of which is community outreach. In Kert's classes, he teaches his students modern programs such as Microsoft PowerPoint and Microsoft Excel. During fall, he and several students toured the new Crunch Pak facility where these programs, and others, are used every day. After the tour, Kert posed a question to Zimmerman. "How can we come back and do something for you guys?" The two conceived the idea of students visiting with employees and using PowerPoint to emphasize the importance of early investments and starting a 401K. Kert made the project a classroom assignment and divided his group into teams. After they made their slideshows, the class voted on the best presentations, and those students earned the right to bring their projects to Crunch Pak. For most of the

students, this project proved their first time speaking in public. Yet Kert didn't have to twist the arms of his kids. The students were eager to volunteer and practiced in front of the class with a big audience. Zimmerman also visited the classroom to help hone the presentations. He sent the students the Crunch Pak 401K plan details which helped influence the content of their slides. The chosen students presented in both Spanish and English. Each group had over 20 employees. The students' poise and flexibility impressed Kert as they had to answer questions and in some cases translate those inquiries on the spot.

"The big part about CTE classes is you try to bring the real world into the classroom," Kert said. "A cool part of this project is that they got to leave the classroom twice, once this fall to see a real office that was using what they were learning in the advanced computer class, and then they also got to get into a real office."

Before the presentation, the students were immersed in the complex world of retirement and financial planning after partaking in a nine-week budget simulation called Budget Challenge. This activity helped accomplish another FBLA goal: increasing students' knowledge of sound financial management. Through the Budget Challenge, done mostly outside of class, these budding investors learned how to pay bills and budget their assets. They placed money from their paychecks into the simulated 401K and watched it shrink or grow. Kert said this experience helped them directly with their Crunch Pak presentations.

"We cover the important things that will help them learn to pay bills on time and to invest early. There are all sorts of stuff about credit cards and credit score," he said. "That simulation helps teach them that part. That's where they got some of their material to teach others by learning the importance of starting to invest early."

With the students becoming teachers, both parties benefitted. Zimmerman feels partnering with local schools and expanding these efforts is a key goal of his company moving forward.

"We received feedback from our employees that they enjoyed having the group of high school students here presenting to them and how it was a great opportunity for us to continue to partner with local high schools," Zimmerman said. "The true benefit for our employees was that the presentations created conversation and raised additional questions around benefits offered by the company, what employees needed to do to participate in 401k benefits, and generally had people thinking and talking about saving for retirement."

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