



Cashmere School Board votes to reopen the schools

By BILL FORHAN
Publisher



Cashmere School District opened the Middle and High School to in-person classes on Nov. 30.

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At its Nov. 23 School Board meeting the Cashmere School Board voted unanimously to open the 7th through 12th grade schools to in-person learning. K-6 grade classes had already been open. On Monday, Nov. 30 all Cashmere schools were open on a hybrid half-day schedule.

Superintendent Glenn Johnson explained that the school district decided to take this action based on alarming academic data and concerns over students' mental health. Johnson went on to explain that approximately half of the high school students are struggling. Currently half of them have a D or F or combinations of both and there is a growing concern from staff that a number of seniors will not be ready to graduate in June. Johnson said, "while on-line attendance is still high, academic production and true engagement is waning." Johnson said a closer look also reveals that the most

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Council studies Bond refinancing at Workshop

By KIRK BECKENDORF

Cashmere reporter

Three scenarios for refinancing the city's sewage treatment facility were presented to the Cashmere City Council at a special bond workshop on Nov. 30th. At previous city council meetings, Mayor Jim Fletcher said that refinancing the 2013 bonds could save the city approximately \$1.8 million dollars in interest over the next 30 years.

At the workshop Dave Trageser, Senior Vice President of the underwriter D.A. Davidson, provided the Council with an overview of the process for refinancing and possible options for the city.

Trageser laid out three basic scenarios for the proposed bond sale, but said that other options are available. The three savings structures include: 1) Level annual savings- the city's payments and savings would be spread evenly throughout the approximate 30

year time period. The city would save approximately \$1.5 million dollars. 2) Deferred savings- The city's payments would be similar to what it is currently paying now, but this could reduce the number of years of debt by 3 years. This scenario would save approximately \$2.2 million dollars. 3) Accelerated savings- The city would have greater savings initially and have an estimated overall savings of 1.05 million.

Fletcher said that the leveled savings option would reduce the city's annual debt payment by about \$41,000. Until the exact bond structure, the interest rate and time frame are determined he cannot estimate the exact savings on the other two scenarios. He added, that if the time period is shortened to 25 years, a slight increase in annual debt payment may be required.

Council member Daniel Scott said he is inclined to pay a little more up front to pay off the city's debt faster and reduce the city's financial

risk from the debt. Scott said the approximately \$43,000 in additional revenue from the scheduled 2% rate increase could potentially save the city a couple of million dollars, if the additional tax revenue went towards paying off the debt. At the Nov. 23rd council meeting, the vote to postpone the 2% rate increase was tabled until further information about the bond refinancing was obtained. Fletcher agreed that using additional tax funds would generate savings in the long term, but added that the council members should also think about what current residents can handle in terms of rate increases. Trageser said that most cities tend to use a level savings structure which provides savings to taxpayers both now and in the future. He added that the city will need to meet a "cash flow test" if it would plan to make higher payments.

On Dec. 14 the Council will vote on an ordinance delegating authority to

the mayor and the city clerk to proceed with the refinancing process and the sale of the bonds. Scott asked how big the window is for watching and locking in rates, Trageser replied that closing is scheduled for Jan 27 and he has a call with the S&P on Jan 11. He said that the bond market "likes bad news" but that rates have been stable and did not move much even with the good

news from the COVID vaccine studies. If the bond market in January does not offer desired savings, Trageser said the bond sale could be delayed until a favorable rate was available. Bond Council Deana Gregory, with Pacifica Law Group, had told the city council at the Nov. meeting that a requirement is in place for the city to receive a minimum savings of 4%.

Link Transit and Covid-19

By: RICHARD DEROCK

General Manager, Link Transit

The other day, a constituent mentioned to me that he had noticed that our buses seemed a lot less full than normal. I told him that he was right and that Covid-19 restrictions had greatly impacted our service. Later I thought on the conversation and realized that most people would be seeing the lightly occupied vehicles and have no idea why they are operating this way. Hopefully you will find the following enlightening.

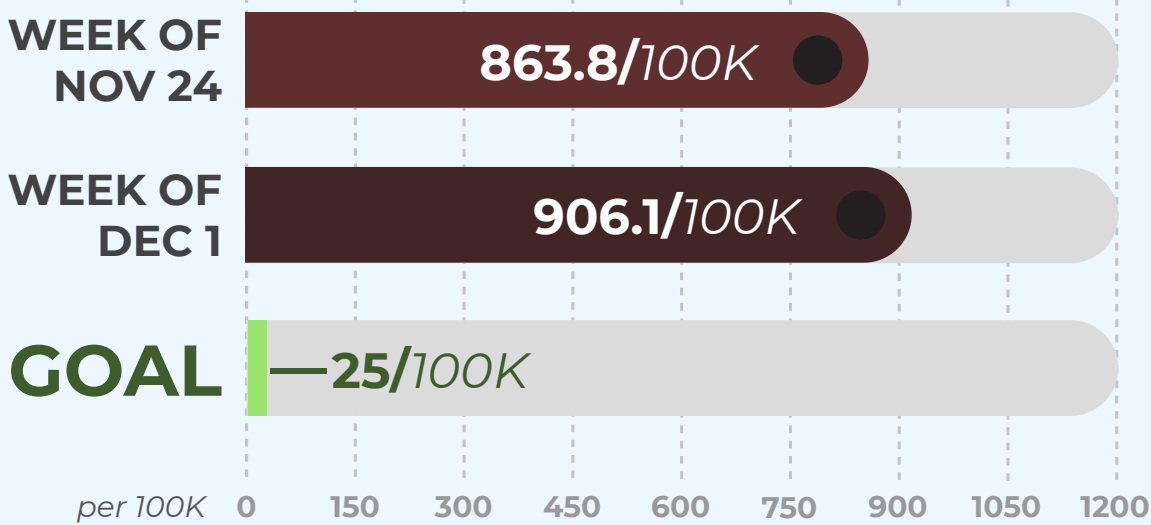
The months prior to the Covid-19 crisis were great for Link Transit. November, December, January and February each had record ridership, with a number of weekdays over 4,000 passengers. March started out similar, but Link Transit's world, like most of ours, changed radically with the full shut down on March 18. Link Transit's ridership plummeted by 60% on our regular fixed route service and 80% on Link Plus service for persons with Disabilities. Those early days of the crisis were confusing for everyone, but by April 1 our ridership had returned to about 50% of our pre-Covid-19 levels. While this is significantly down, it is much higher than nearly any other transit system in the state. As we evaluated why this was true, we discovered that we have a very high percentage of transit users that work in "essential" fields (health care, agriculture, grocery or similar services) and depend on the bus.

Official guidance and governmental orders began directing the provision of our service. We implemented a mandatory surgical mask requirement for our vehicle operators and cloth mask requirement for our other employees and our passengers. We implemented a masking enforcement procedure that has been very effective and have been sanitizing each vehicle twice every day and the major touchpoints of our

facilities as well. Each of our vehicles was retro-fitted with a polycarbonate shield to protect our operators and fare collection has been suspended to keep riders at least 6 feet from operators. Most importantly, we have had to implement major capacity limits on the vehicles to maintain social distancing and to protect the operators. The current Governor's order limits our capacity dramatically. Our largest buses, which seat 38 and can carry 57 persons, are limited to carrying no more than 12 persons. Our electric and older diesel buses which seat 32 persons are limited to 10 persons and the van front style buses, which seat 14 persons, are limited 5 persons.

As the months have passed, our ridership has grown to about 65% of our pre-Covid-19 levels or about 2,500 daily riders. With a smaller bus being full at 5 passengers, we have been forced to put larger buses on many routes where we would not normally use them and put extra buses on routes where we have more than 12 persons needing to ride at the same time. Luckily, we had not completed the surplus process on old buses that were being retired due to age and mileage. We are using these older, larger, buses in service until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and we can return to operating smaller vehicles on the routes where they are appropriate.

So yes, you are seeing larger buses with fewer people on them right now. However, this is a temporary situation due to current Covid-19 restrictions and safety protocols. We look forward to the roll-out of vaccines and the full re-opening of our local economy, including our college and our schools. We are confident as this re-opening happens, our ridership will more than fully rebound and we will be positioned to deliver expanded service options to carry all of us to a better and more prosperous future.



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Boosting Holiday Cheer at Home During a Socially Distant Season



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The holiday season holds a deeper meaning this year

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We at Cascade Medical Foundation are thankful for you, our community, who have walked with us down the strange and bumpy path carved by the pandemic. Together, we raised funds and collected an abundance of personal protective equipment to help Cascade Medical safely confront the onset of COVID-19. When our events were canceled, you donated sponsorships to our campaigns. When we were able to piece together a few safe events, you supported us decisively. Most remarkably, you understood our pivot toward a timely new goal, a mobile

clinic, and gave, in two short months, \$58,000 toward the startup costs! All this change in focus meant our campaign for Ambulance Safety Equipment hit a delay, but we promise you we are fully committed to this important project. Will you help us make Ambulance Safety a reality? We've raised \$45,000 so far toward our goal of \$120,000 for chest compression systems and power-load cot systems for the three ambulances. Cascade Medical covers 1200 square miles from the top of Blewett Pass to the top of Stevens Pass and all the communities in between. This is a huge area for our EMS crew! Our paramedics go on

over a thousand calls and transport over 700 patients each year, in every season and all types of weather. The chest compression system will enable our first responders to apply consistent, unfaltering chest compression for cardiac arrest while transporting patients to the hospital. The power-load cot system takes the weight-bearing work out of loading and unloading patients. These features protect patients and providers and could mean the difference between life and death for someone in our community. Thank you for considering this request and for your support this year and every year!

(StatePoint) Unfortunately, many Americans will be unable to celebrate the holidays with their extended family and friends in person this year, making it all the more important to boost holiday cheer at home. Here are few festive ideas for getting into the holiday spirit during this socially distant season.

- Don't skip out on the decorations: You may not be hosting any houseguests, gatherings or big meals, but this shouldn't be the year to skip out on the full-scale decorating you typically enjoy. Lights, trees, garlands, stockings and wreaths can evoke favorite memories of past seasons and invite hope for future ones all season long. You can even set up a video conference to enjoy the camaraderie of decorating with far-off loved ones.
- Deck the halls with music. Add a digital piano to your holiday-scape to help elevate the mood with Christmas carols and other seasonal tunes. Consider Casio's line of PX-S console digital pianos, which have

a striking design that fit any room, décor and mood. A glossy top panel and unibody case evoke a luxurious acoustic grand in a sleek case that's barely larger than the keys themselves. Integrated Bluetooth audio lets you connect your device wirelessly to the musical keyboard, so you can play all your favorite holiday music through its powerful stereo amplification system.

- Add favorite aromas: Now that you have the sights and sounds of the season covered, don't forget its delicious scents. Your nose will know the holidays have arrived when you bake that first batch of gingerbread cookies or light candles in scents like evergreen and peppermint. You can even try simmering a pot of water and add aromatic ingredients to it such as cloves, cinnamon sticks and rosemary.
- Send season's greetings: Set aside an afternoon to compose and send holiday cards. This end-of-year tradition allows you to

reconnect with the people you care about most and can help lend the season a touch of normalcy. While you may not be making your usual visit to relatives or throwing your annual bash, there are many creative ways to make the most of the season and create happy memories for years to come.



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The Cascade Medical Center is still looking to raise funds to support ambulance safety. Let's all put a little something in their stocking this year.

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Join us for Kids' Day on Saturday, December 19, at Encouraging Words Bible Books and Gifts at 529 S. Wenatchee Ave. in Wenatchee, or call 509-664-3250. 11a.m.-2p.m. Book signing with Author, Julie Zielinski, MATT'S LAST CALL; SURVIVING OUR PROTECTORS: About surviving the suicide death of her son, Matt, a US Marine Corps Sergeant and a Chelan County Sheriff Deputy.

Julie is the Washington State Concerns of Police Survivors

suicide liaison; Washington State Representative of the National Police Suicide Foundation; and most recently has become a committee member of the new organization, Survivors of Blue Suicide or SBS. 11 a.m.-1p.m. Rock painting for kids with Celeste and Marla and 1-2 p.m. Puppets with Marla Bailey

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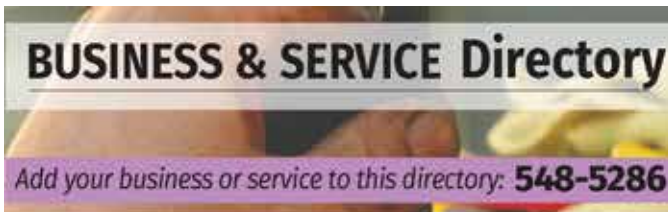
Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans Street

Currently the Leavenworth Senior Center is closed.

The meals on this menu will be available 3 days a week at the Leavenworth Senior Center, for take-out and home delivery meals.

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- December 10, Thursday:** No lunch.
- December 11, Friday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, trio vegetables, carrot raisin salad, whole wheat roll, berry cobbler. Saturday and Sunday: No lunch.
- December 14, Monday:** Chicken Cordon Bleu casserole, rice pilaf, Normandy veggies, spinach salad, chilled peaches, whole wheat roll, dessert.
- December 15, Tuesday:** No lunch.
- December 16, Wednesday:** Lemon pepper fish, roasted red potatoes, trio vegetables, coleslaw, citrus salad, focaccia bread, dessert.



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Cashmere Food Bank: 2:30-3:30, Cashmere Food Distribution Center, Riverside Park, for more information, call Pam, 509-669-3159.

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, 782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post 64. 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 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, 679-0243. (1st Thurs. of every month, August -June).
Underground Middle School youth meet 7-8:30 p.m., in person, in the Conservatory. Call Kelsie Folden for more info. 782-2825

Friday

NO MEETINGS

Saturday

Bingo, 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Call Wiley Collins, 888-1904. **No Bingo due to the COVID-19.**

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times and events.
Underground High School meet at 6 p.m., in-person, at the Conservatory, call Kelsie Folden for more info. 782-2825

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. Call Mary, 782-2057. (No Meetings at this time due to COVID-19)
Tillicum Riders: 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 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, 782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Zoom Meeting, 6:30 a.m. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere School Regular Board Meeting, Zoom, 7 p.m. (3rd Mon.) Schedule changes do occur. See: www.cashmere.wednet.edu. or Call 782-3355.
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. Contact President Ellie, 425-319-9869 (1st Mon. each month).

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts: Call for day and time Anthony Jantzer, cell, 509-433-4064 or tony.iid.pid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce. Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, Gina, for meeting location, 782-7404. (3rd Tues.)

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 Call for more information 782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call 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.

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Information numbers for AA:
 The phone number to call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AA meetings is 541-480-8946
 The phone number to call for the Zoom link to Leavenworth AIAnon meetings is 509-548-7939
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Sunday, 9 a.m., Leavenworth Senior Center, 423 Evans St.
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Tuesday, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 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, noon, First Baptist Church, 429 Evans
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Plain Community Church, 12565 Chapel Dr., Plain
Information number for Alanon: 509-548-7939
Alanon Meeting Schedule
Monday, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, 418 Evans St.
Celebrate Recovery meetings are on Zoom, Fridays at 6:30 p.m., email us at [this email address](mailto:celebratercoverylcm@gmail.com) for information and a link to the meeting

CHELAN COUNTY SHERIFF, FIRE & EMS REPORTS

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November 20

01:03 Traffic offense, Stine Hill Rd., & Wescott Dr.
 11:27 Public assist, 415 Cottage Ave., #6
 11:44 Alarm, 101 Cascade Pl.
 12:51 Accident/no injuries, 106 Titchenal Way
 18:15 Civil, 207 River St.

Kelly Rd., Monitor
 16:54 Civil, 9220 Olalla Canyon Rd.
 16:57 Harass/threat, 8410 Main St.
 19:57 Attempt to locate, 3247 Allyn Ln., Monitor

November 27

00:28 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2 & Red Apple Rd., Monitor
 04:50 Alarm, 603 Cotlets Way, Antique Mall
 10:01 Hazard, Cotlets Way & US Hwy. 2
 17:25 Vehicle prowler, 6700 Blk. Hay Canyon Rd.
 17:57 Hazard, 600 Blk., Cotlets Way

November 28

05:27 911, 7900 Stine Hill Rd., #7, Dryden
 11:22 Attempt to locate, 400 Blk. Aplets Way
 13:53 Animal problem, 4266 Mission Creek Rd.

November 29

11:40 Harass/threat, 8410 Main St., Dryden
 14:48 Theft, 3510 Fairview Canyon Rd., Monitor
 15:13 Welfare check, 306 Elberta Ave.
 15:13 Domestic disturbance, 302 Fisher St. #112
 16:29 Court order violation, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #18

November 30

10:55 Traffic offense, 101 Pioneer Ave., Vale Elementary School
 14:58 Harass/threat, 8410 Main St.
 16:05 Burglary, 3595 Selfs Motel Rd.
 18:59 Traffic offense, 700 Cotlets Way, Rusty's Drive In
 19:17 Domestic disturbance, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #18

December 1

01:07 Traffic offense, 106 Titchenal Way, Chevron
 06:20 Parking/abandon, 200 Railroad Ave.
 08:31 Public assist, 8200 Taber Rd.
 10:40 Vehicle prowler, 424 Norman Ave.
 15:27 911, 307 Mission Ave., Liberty Orchards
 20:10 Lewd conduct, 130 Titchenal Way, Martin's Market
 21:56 Malicious mischief, 318 Peshastin St.

December 2

12:13 911, 8211 Taber Rd.
 17:53 Civil, 207 River St.
 23:10 Domestic disturbance, 6210 Hay Canyon Rd.

December 3

00:50 Noise, Paton St. & Sunset Hwy.
 19:31 Hazard, 3579 Yaksum Canyon Rd.
 20:57 Trespass, 106 Cascade Pl.
 23:22 Prowler, 110 E. Pleasant Ave., #1

November 21

04:47 Trespass, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #18
 05:41 Suspicious, 5278 Hughes Rd.
 09:40 Theft, 128 Mission Creek Rd.
 10:33 Public assist, 101 Woodring St.
 13:15 Disturbance, Aplets Way & E. Prospect St.
 13:50 Attempt to locate, 817 Pioneer Ave.
 13:55 Hazard, 102 Titchenal Way
 16:26 Trespass, 8211 Taber Rd.
 18:03 Suspicious, Emerald Ave. & Laurel St.
 20:04 Domestic disturbance, 229 Cottage Ave.
 20:54 DUI, US Hwy. 2 & Cotlets Way
 23:44 Extra patrol, 405 Pioneer Ave.

November 22

01:24 Agency assist, US Hwy. 2, MP 115 WB, Monitor
 01:56 Traffic offense, Cottage Ave., & Parkhill St.
 02:20 Suspicious, 513 Cottage Ave.
 12:07 Accident/no injuries, 307 Garden Circle
 18:59 Harass/threat, 219 Independence Way

November 23

13:48 Alarm, 600 Cotlets Way
 14:44 Public assist, Cashmere
 18:47 Trespass, 8211 Taber Rd.
 November 24
 08:51 Disturbance, 8410 Main St.
 10:10 Public assist, 215 Paton St.
 10:49 Public assist, Cashmere Area
 14:51 Traffic offense, 8400 Main St., Dryden
 16:00 Hazard, 400 Blk., Aplets Way
 16:25 Traffic offense, US Hwy. 2 & Cotlets Way
 16:58 Accident/no injuries, Chapel St., & Sunset Hwy.
 17:35 Civil, 5183 Mission Creek Rd.

November 25

04:31 Suspicious, 7975 N. Dryden Rd., Dryden
 07:32 Harass/threat, 123 Mission Ave.
 11:21 Disturbance, 5183 Mission Creek Rd.
 12:05 Harass/threat, 5738 Vale Rd.
 18:06 Civil, 207 River St.

November 26

00:02 Domestic disturbance, 115 E. Pleasant Ave., #18
 10:11 Public assist, 219 Independence Way
 16:20 Unknown accident, 4875

Have you ever dropped a pill on the floor, and then lost it?

Last week, as I opened my pillbox and turned it over to get the pills out, one of them bounced right out of my hand and fell on the kitchen floor. I thought I saw it land somewhere to my left, so I looked over in that direction, but I couldn't see it.

Getting down on my hands and knees, I crawled around where I thought it would have

landed or bounced. After ten minutes of fruitless searching, I had to admit that my vitamin D pill was truly gone.

Unfortunately, small children and pets can find these "lost" pills on the floor. When your family is together for the holidays, are your children, grandchildren, and pets safe from accidentally ingesting a potentially dangerous dose of

prescription medicine?

Many Americans take at least one prescription medicine. One survey done in 2008-2009 reported that 9 out of every 10 Americans reported taking at least 1 prescription medicine within the previous month. 31% of all Americans reported taking at least 2 prescription medicines, and 11% took 5 or more prescriptions every day.

Unfortunately, it only takes 1 or 2 pills to trigger a tragedy. Most pain and heart medicines are designed for full-size adults, not inquisitive toddlers or small pets. Whether they discover them on the floor or in a pill bottle sitting on a table, little children and powerful pills don't mix well.

With COVID, many families are putting off in-person visiting. Still, some families already see each other regularly and plan to visit anyway. Is your house safe enough for little ones?

Here are 3 ways to help prevent accidental ingestion of prescription medicines:

1. Put pillboxes away when small children visit.

I like pillboxes for their convenience and ability to help us remember whether we have taken our medicines. Many of us keep them in plain sight to remind us to take our pills, but they can be easily opened.

For toddlers who are curious and quick, a pillbox can create an irresistible challenge, and one without a happy ending. Moving them out of reach or locking them up is more effective than keeping track of grandchildren when they are visiting.

2. Remove all medicine bottles to safer locations, especially ones with "easy-open" tops.

Child-resistant tops have saved many lives, but they are a hassle to open, especially if your grip strength is not what it used to be or you have arthritis.

Every prescription medicine refill comes with a brand-new bottle and lid. This ensures that the child-resistant top doesn't become worn enough to become too easy to open.

Dispensing prescriptions with child-resistant lids is strongly encouraged; if you don't want them, you must request easy-open tops instead.

Many older adults modify the lid on a medicine vial or household chemical bottle to make it easier to open and close. When patients bring in all of their medicines to review, I often see prescription bottles with newer labels but much older lids. These lids have been transferred from one refill to the next just because they are easy to use. Other prescription vials have

tops that are barely attached.

Child-resistant lids on medicines and household chemicals are designed to slow children down long enough to be discovered before they ingest their contents. My late mother-in-law saw nothing wrong with "recycling" her old pill bottles with child-resistant tops into the toy box for her grandchildren to play with. As a young pharmacist and new parent, I'd sort through the toy box to gather up those pill bottles before letting my daughter Maureen play.

3. Lock up or carefully dispose of pain pills and patches.

Locking away pain medicine, especially narcotic or opioid medication like Vicodin® or oxycodone can prevent tragedy. Teenagers report getting narcotic pain pills from family and friends' medicine cabinets.

Medicines designed for adults weighing over 150 pounds are hazardous to a 30-pound child or pet finding them on the floor or in a trashcan. Nearly everything picked up



by a toddler or puppy seems to end up in their mouth. It doesn't take much of a powerful narcotic swallowed or sucked out to trigger a tragedy.

Vacuuming floors where you may have dropped a pill and sealing up used patches by folding them together before disposal can help ensure a safe holiday season. When used patches contain narcotics or opioids like fentanyl, the FDA recommends flushing them instead of leaving them in your trash.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Check out her NEW website TheMedicationInsider.com for daily tips on how to take your medicine safely. © 2020 Louise Achey

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Schools reopening

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vulnerable students are struggling the most so the equity gap is increasing.

Johnson's remarks are being expressed across the country as teachers and parents are finding it harder to maintain the increased demands on their families and their jobs. King 5 television included an interview with a teacher last Saturday evening who said he was facing burnout from the increased demands of trying to balance his teaching duties and his family's needs. He said he was considering changing professions and he knew a lot of teachers who were contemplating the same decision.

Johnson explained that he was still concerned about the COVID-19 problem. Cashmere schools have had roughly 1,000 students and staff on site each day since they opened the elementary classes. They have recorded 12 positive cases during that time and have worked closely with the Chelan Douglas Health District to determine where those cases originated. Through contact tracing the district concluded that the exposure occurred outside of the schools. "Currently, there is no evidence of transmission in our schools. While community spread is occurring in the area, our is occurring in our area, our mitigation strategies are working within the school buildings," said Johnson.

The in-person learning program is not mandatory.

Parents can opt to keep their children at home and all of the remote learning options will continue to be available for families that do not want to participate in the in-person program. Johnson said that currently about 30 percent of families have chosen to keep their children at home.

Finally, Johnson points out that in-person learning is also important to student's social and emotional well-being. Johnson pointed out that the Chelan County Sheriff's Department has reported that the number of wellness calls and home visits are increasing dramatically in the Cashmere community.

"We have seen the joy and excitement the in-person option has brought our K - 6 grade students, and we believe it would be remiss not to offer an in-person option to our 7-12th students to provide the social and emotional support that is as important, if not more, than the academics they receive."

Johnson and the Cashmere School Board are not alone in their concerns over social and emotional support. Last Saturday a large number of students from Puyallup held a protest rally on the steps of the Capitol in Olympia to demand Governor Inslee remove the ban on youth sports activity.

"When I can't express myself on the court I can't let that anger or sadness out. It builds up and it really hurts more than normal," said 16-year-old Madison Brauner to a reporter covering the rally.

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The Washington Outdoors Report

Hunting For The Elusive Rooster

By JOHN KRUSE

“How the mighty have fallen.” That might be a good epitaph to pheasant hunting in Washington State. In theory, you can still bag a limit of three rooster pheasants in Eastern Washington between mid-October and mid-January but unless you are hunting at a private ranch where the birds are released just for your party, you’ll be hard pressed to do so in 2020.

Pheasant hunting in Washington hasn’t always been this way. Back in the 1970’s and 80’s the duck and pheasant opener occurred on the same day and hotels and campgrounds across Eastern Washington were full of hunters going after both species. Pheasant populations were abundant, and in 1985, 600,000 roosters were harvested in the Evergreen State. Fast forward to 2019, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s harvest data shows an almost 90 percent drop with only 64,362 pheasants harvested. Worse, many of these are birds the state released at state wildlife areas specifically for hunters to target.

What has caused this change? A combination of habitat loss and changing agricultural practices. Development has certainly cut into the areas pheasants once roamed in our state but modern farming has really put a damper on wild pheasant populations. Back in the 1970’s farmers might only cut an alfalfa field once whereas

now it is cut several times over the spring, summer and fall which impacts pheasant chick survivability. Likewise, certain crops like sugar beets, favored by pheasants for the cover provided in the fields where they grow, are no longer being planted due to a lack of demand. Finally, farmers are making the most of their acreage. In the old days there were areas along ditches and fence rows and the corners of property that retained cover for birds to hide in after the main fields were harvested. Today, farmers are able to use just about every inch of ground they possess to grow crops and these corner, ditch and fence cover areas have disappeared, leaving pheasants “Nowhere to run to, baby and nowhere to hide,” to quote Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

Taken together, and you’ll find wild pheasant populations are a shadow of what they used to be. That’s why only some 15,500 hunters went after these big, colorful birds last year compared to 109,000 hunters in 1979. As to where you should go for a wild rooster? Sara Garrison and Ciera Strickland with WDFW say, “The majority of pheasant harvest occurs in the Snake River Basin (Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla, and Whitman) and the Columbia River Basin (Adams, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, and Lincoln). Combined, these two areas made up 77% of eastern Washington pheasant harvest in 2019.

What about pen-raised roosters? Since 1997 WDFW has used dedicated funds from small game licenses to release pheasants throughout

the state. Unfortunately, these releases have declined in Eastern Washington from a high of nearly 25,000 in 2007 to 9600 in 2020. Chris White, the Pheasant Release Specialist for WDFW, says these birds were released at 28 different publicly accessible areas in Eastern Washington this year. Although release dates vary, birds are generally put out before the youth and general season openers and no more than six days prior to Thanksgiving.

As for feedback I received from readers about a lack of pheasant at state wildlife areas around Thanksgiving? That could be a result of the number of birds released. For example, only 80 to 90 roosters were released at the Swakane Wildlife Area in the week prior to Thanksgiving. If you make the assumption that coyotes, hawks and other predators killed half of them prior to the holiday that leaves only 45 or so left for dozens of hunters pursuing these pheasant over the course of a week. This explains why the number of birds harvested by individual hunters was so low.

The bottom line? If you really want a shot at a limit your best bet this year is one of the private pheasant hunting ranches in Central and Eastern Washington. They include the Miller Ranch near Sprague, the Cooke Canyon Hunt Club near Ellensburg, Limits Game Farm by Mesa and the Double Barrel Ranch south of Spokane Valley.

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



Wenatchee resident Guy Miner with two hard to find rooster pheasants

PHOTO BY JOHN KRUSE

Sage Hills closures begin Dec. 1 to help wildlife survive winter

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL HANSEN

Chelan PUD

WENATCHEE, WA – Sage Hills trails system will close for four months starting Dec. 1 to provide winter sustenance and quiet range land for mule deer and other wildlife. The area will re-open for outdoor recreation around April 1.

At last count, mule deer are already moving into their winter refuge in the Wenatchee Foothills, said Von Pope, senior wildlife biologist with Chelan PUD. The numbers of deer in the area typically increase in December and peak in March, he said.

“There’s been a groundswell of support from the community

to protect this area, and we’ve seen fewer reports of winter trespassers in recent years,” Pope said. “We are grateful. It takes all of us working together to be successful.”

Chelan PUD owns about 960 acres in the heart of the Sage Hills and manages the area as a wildlife preserve as required by its federal license to operate Rock Island Dam.

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust and the City of Wenatchee also close public access the trailheads north of Fifth Street, including the Horse Lake trail system and the side trails of Dry Gulch Preserve.

As conditions allow, several alternative trails will remain open for winter exploration,

including Saddle Rock, Jacobsen Preserve and Castle Rock. Be sure to leave no trace, and avoid areas where the ground is soft to prevent lasting trail damage.

This year, an unprecedented number of people flocked to the foothills for access to nature and recreation close to home, said Hanne Beener, Trails Program Manager at Chelan-Douglas Land Trust. As winter settles in, wildlife need a break from the crowds to stay healthy as temperatures drop.

“I hope that all trail users, new and familiar, will respect this seasonal closure out of appreciation and a sense of good stewardship for these trails,” Beener said.



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Holiday Hustle and Bustle

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
... a p a r t r i d g e in a pear tree!

Public Notices

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF CHELAN in re: IRMA HERNANDEZ, Child, IRENE DAWN SPEARS, Petitioner, and ASHLEY CROWELL, Respondent. NO. 17-3-00403-9 SUMMONS SERVED BY PUBLICATION (SMPB) SUMMONS SERVED BY PUBLICATION TO: Jenaro Hernandez. I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Non-Parent Custody Petition. You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published: November 4, 2020. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment). Follow these steps:

- 1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for. 2. Fill out a Response on this form (check the Response that matches the Petition): [X] FL Non-Parent 415, Response to Non-Parent Custody Petition

You can get the Response form and other forms you need at The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms Washington Law Help: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. Signed on October 30, 2020, at Wenatchee, Washington. JEFFERS, DANIELSON, SONN & AYLWARD, P.S. By: JORDAN MILLER WSBA #38863 Attorney for Petitioner Irene D. Spears.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Cashmere has issued a Determination of Non-significance for the following project. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Updates to Cashmere Municipal Code Title 17 Zoning relating to short term rentals. PROJECT PROPOSER: City of Cashmere DATE DNS ISSUED: December 9, 2020 PROJECT LOCATION: Cashmere, WA SEPA REVIEW: The City of Cashmere has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The project file is available for review at Cashmere City Hall, 101 Woodring Ave., Cashmere, WA 98815 or https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/sepa/Main/SEPA/Search.aspx This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on December 23, 2020. CITY CONTACT: Steve Croci, Director of Operations steve@cityofcashmere.org 509-782-3513

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Applications open for new round of state Working Washington Business Grants

Businesses encouraged to apply by Dec. 11

OLYMPIA --- Small businesses struggling to survive the impact of COVID-19 can apply now for up to \$50,000 in a new round of \$50 million in state Working Washington grants. Priority is focused on businesses with annual revenues of \$5 million or less in 2019 and those most impacted by the recent public health measures, as well as businesses in sectors that have experienced significant, cumulative impacts. Examples include full-service restaurants, fitness centers, bowling alleys and music and event venues.

Information and applications for this third round of Working Washington Business Grants are available through an online portal on the Washington State Department of Commerce website at commerce.wa.gov/bizgrants. Commerce encourages businesses to apply by Dec. 11. "We know this pandemic is

taking an economic toll," Gov. Jay Inslee said. "While this is a significant relief effort, I can't say that it will help everyone. We continue working together with legislators, state agencies and partners to secure more support to see us through this surge and into the longer-term recovery ahead."

The grants are funded by CARES Act dollars and must be distributed by the state before Dec. 30. Commerce Director Lisa Brown said that leaves only a small window of time to process applications and distribute funds. The agency is launching a "10 Days of Biz Grants" push on social media and with local partners to get the word out to business owners who are understandably overwhelmed managing the added demands of their day-to-day operations.

"Small businesses are the heart and soul of our communities, and what make our neighborhoods unique. Most operate on small margins in the best of times, and today is even more challenging," said Commerce Director Lisa Brown. "We intend to distribute

these funds as quickly as possible to the businesses that need it most. The application process is simple, and we're asking everyone to help us spread the word. Together, we can help our small businesses get through this holiday season."

Grants can be used only to cover expenses or costs incurred due to COVID-19 and that were necessary to continue business operations.

Certain nonprofits may also be eligible if they have a primary business activity that falls into a similar high-impact category, for example a nonprofit full-service restaurant or nonprofit music venue.

If the Department of Commerce is able to fund all the eligible applicants from the priority pool, and funds remain, the department may be able to provide grants to additional businesses or nonprofits from other sectors or who have annual revenues larger than \$5 million.

Application information The online application portal is open at commerce.wa.gov/bizgrants. Additional

information about eligibility and prioritization is also posted there.

All applications received by Dec. 11 will be prioritized. Site traffic may be high so page load times may be impacted. Applicants are encouraged to be patient or try accessing the site during non-peak hours such as early morning, late evening or the weekend.

If Commerce is able to fund all the eligible applicants who submit by Dec. 11, the department may be able to consider eligible applicants who submit after that date.

Following is a checklist of the information business owners need to have ready to apply:

Applicant W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number

Copy of valid government issued photo I.D.

For Tribal-member owned businesses: license or certification if business activity is conducted outside the tribal jurisdiction; letter or certification from the tribe recognizing you as a business if business activity is within the tribal jurisdiction.

NAICS code or clear description of your primary business activity. A NAICS code is helpful, but not necessary. If you have never used a NAICS code, you can learn more here: What is a NAICS Code? and explore NAICS codes to see which one fits your business.

This additional \$50 million in Working Washington grants is part of a total \$70 million in business relief announced last week by Gov. Jay Inslee. The remainder will go toward funding all qualified businesses that applied in earlier rounds of the state's resiliency grant program. (NOTE: Businesses who applied for the resiliency grant program do not need to take any action).

Business owners who have questions about the grants can email bizgrants@commerce.wa.gov or call (360) 725-5003.

Commerce has partnered with local associate economic development organizations (ADOs) and the Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to help businesses who have questions or need help with their applications.

Funding for the additional business grants is from the state's remaining Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act) dollars. In addition to the total \$70 million for business grants, Gov. Inslee's \$135 million funding package announced last week also provides \$30 million for a new business recovery loan program to be developed and launched in the first quarter of 2021, as well as adding \$20 million to the state's current rent assistance program and \$15 for low-income home energy assistance programs. Individuals seeking information about rent assistance or energy assistance will need to contact local providers who administer those funds. Information about who to contact and resources available are on the "You and Your Family" page the state's COVID-19 website.



Christmas is Coming! Every year, while waiting for Christmas, people around the world place glowing candles in their windows. Lights are hung on houses and trees. Cheerful fires are lighted in fireplaces. Bonfires and Yule logs blaze. Candlelight services are held in churches. Burning candles and colored lights show our joy and hope. Candles in windows show a welcoming home and hearth. Lights remind some people of stars in the sky. All kinds of light can send a message of warmth and peace to all.

Lighting the Way! Follow the dots to see what Pinch put in his windows.

Can you find and circle items below that might fit into a stocking? L L O D K E T J B I O Y A N S E F N T O P K N E R B H N E T T E D V D C M J V N C O I J U G B N T E S H G O A N C E G N A R O K B N U I K N K O U T R E S A G F R N L J D E K O O B T E O I H S J G B Y I Y R A Z I J F G I T M A G I C T R I C K S I H G N H T F D A P O I J K N C A J H M U Y G F B N G R D A R S P I P S G S A Q U H E P Y A P I T F T U C S P D G B N Y R U V X A M Y T J I N U O K H Z O U G H U N C S N K J U Z Q C J N K Q S O C K S L T A E F R G T A I O E Q N K L P Y T R D M T N P E

book coins doll crayons puzzle DVD nuts candy cane orange magic tricks gum socks

Holiday Hustle and Bustle Wow! There's so much to do at holiday time. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle and see what families are doing:

- _____ and tasting Christmas cookies
- _____ for the perfect gift until your feet hurt
- _____ in long lines to take photos with Santa
- _____ and hanging wreaths and garlands
- _____ through the woods to find and cut down the perfect Christmas tree ornaments and stockings
- _____ and hiding gifts
- _____ up outdoor lights and putting Santa and Reindeer in the yard
- _____ a giant ham and baking it
- _____ plane tickets and packing suitcases
- _____ greetings and sending Christmas Cards
- _____ carols and sipping hot chocolate

writing tromping wrapping singing standing hanging buying

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... in a pear tree!

making 2 baking 3 10 11 1 7 9 4 12 shopping stringing glazing

Most people start shopping and wrapping gifts after the Thanksgiving holiday and continue until Christmas Eve. The well-known song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" tells about gifts given and received from December 25th until January 5th. The next day is January 6th, the day Christians believe the Three Kings brought gifts to the Holy Child.

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- "New Year's Eve choice: Brut or Demi-
- Get-out-of-jail money
- Convex molding
- "I Want for Christmas..."
- Sign of life
- Redo, to a carpenter
- Flying saucer acronym
- Often-missed humor
- "Hanukkah toy
- *_____ Santa, gift-giving tradition
- Ides mo.
- Part of a hammer
- Cook's leaf
- "Hey!"
- Brain's _____ system
- Revered one
- "_____ Your Enthusiasm"
- Capital of Egypt
- Went by horse
- "I do" spot
- *_____ Sandler's "Eight Crazy Nights"
- Scary movie consequence
- Dexterity
- Boundary line
- Modern self-portrait
- Superman's last name
- Actor's domain
- Wild plum
- Mama sheep
- "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my _____"
- *African-American celebration
- Town news announcer
- Charged particle
- Elephant poacher's ware
- Give new guns
- *The night before Christmas
- Present
- *Like a Christmas sweater, often

72. Uncooked 73. Adherents of Sikhism DOWN

- Umbilical connection
- *"Grandma got run _____ by a reindeer..."
- "Santa's "cheeks were like roses, his _____ like a cherry"
- Request to Geico
- Carriage on top of elephant
- Pulitzer winner Bellow
- *Santa helper 8. Bring to an end
- Jefferson's Vice President
- Medicinal succulent
- Negative contraction
- Bovine hangout
- Alfresco meal 20. Novelist Jong
- Sushi restaurant choice
- *Have a piece of Christmas Goose, e.g.
- *"Five golden rings, four calling _____"
26. Dig intensely 27. Cry of the Alps
- *Time for log
- Address with apostrophe
- Stays somewhere
- About to explode 34. *Vixen follower
- Table extension
- Diamond's corner
- Sign up again
- Divest one of a gun
- "Slippery" tree
- Mark and Shania
- Twig of a willow tree
- End of a poem
- Fortune-teller's residue
- Iranian coin
- Suggestive of the supernatural
- Was aware of
- Fall asleep, with 'out'
- Foot part
- Pirates' affirmatives
- French vineyard
64. Female gametes

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