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Bob Goedde appointed to city council District 2 seat

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - The city council interviewed eight prospective candidates for the District 2 position vacated by Mayor-elect Erin McCardle during its regular bi-monthly meeting on Jan. 9. Following an executive session all but one council member selected former mayor Bob Goedde, whose term ended on Dec. 31, to fill the seat.

While Goedde brought the most administrative experience to the interview having served 12 years - including the last four - as mayor, the field of candidates who offered their services to a community they care about was both encouraging and appreciated by council members.

Each candidate framed the decision to seek the council position through the lens of personal observation and business operation in the city.

Goedde stressed the need for the city to secure the most current institutional experience available to help the council meet the many challenges facing the modern tourist mecca it has become. Of those challenges, he named the Eastside Reservoir, housing, and traffic as priorities.

Goedde said the reservoir would provide added water to Apple Blossom Center, the airport, and a second line to Chelan Hills for both fires and water supply.

Regarding housing, Goedde referenced a meeting with the Chelan County Commissioners concerning 20 acres of property given to the county ("by Fish and Wildlife, I believe") that Goedde would like to see the city acquire for building purposes.

bridge (Woodin Avenue) needed to be two-way." referring to the high numbers of cars coming one way into downtown and none able to use it outbound. The other prospective candidates

included:

Hailey Allen

A 2013 Chelan High School graduate and fourth generation resident, Allen manages operations and risk management for the Kelly Allen Agency. Allen said she wants to see more of the city's younger generation return to live and work here.

"I want to focus on bringing Chelan locals back to Chelan," said Allen. "Very few of my graduating class has come back."

Allen identified the most pressing issues facing the city as jobs, the airport, and infrastructure.

The need for improved infrastructure is a topic Allen addressed with firsthand knowledge.

"We rent a city building down here," said Allen, "and I can't tell you how many times that sewer has backed into our bathroom."

Shane Collins

A fourth-generation farmer Collins is head winemaker for Fielding Hills Winery and operates a vineyard and consulting business.

"I want to be an active voice lor the continued growth and success of Chelan for all businesses and community members with a specific perspective on agriculture and agritourism, its constituents. and business needs," said Collins, "I have two boys... and

As for traffic, "You all know what I'm going to say," said Goedde, "That I'm going to say," said to say," said to say," say," said to say," said t

He identified affordable housing, airport expansion, and growth and expansion in the community as three urgent issues ahead.

Weston Dillon

A construction business owner who moved to Chelan in 2006, Dillon's reason for running was a simple but familiar phrase.

"You hear people discussing (complaining) and saying, 'Someone should do something,''' said Dillon. "I want to do my part."

Dillon singled out the number of developments being built, infrastructure, and the airport as the three most important pressing issues facing the city.

Minda Gogal

A five-year Chelan resident, Gogal and her husband own Deep Water Inn & Brunch Box and Chelan Valley Construction.

Gogal named affordable housing, support of small businesses, and tourism as the three principal issues facing Chelan.

Todd Higley

Higley owns a skydiving and paragliding school at the airport and has been a Chelan resident since 2012. He has a five-year-old son and is a member of the Parks and Recreation Board for the past two years. He cited infrastructure, the aging park system, and better communications as his three hot-button city issues. Asked about the role the city plays in affordable housing, Higley cited his own experience.

"I had to buy property and then

build campsites and put trailers on it so I could have affordable housing for my employees," Higley said.

John Olson

An unsuccessful mayoral candidate last fall, former council member Olson cited his experience as an asset to a council with three new members having no prior experience on that body.

"I have gained a wealth of experience and knowledge over the last eight years, and I would like to assist as the city continues to address its infrastructure shortcomings," said Olson.

Olson said housing and city utilities are two of the city's most pressing issues.

Olson recalled when Mike Cooney was mayor (2015-2019) an informal survey taken at that time reflected a shortage of more than 300 homes.

The previous four years before this last summer we had either a water or sewer failure every single year," Olson said.

Mary Signorelli

Signorelli, a Chelan real estate broker and former hospital commissioner, identified water (East Side Reservoir), the airport, and affordable housing as key issues ahead.

She also named a fourth, partnering, a term she heard Mayor Erin Mc-Cardle mention during her campaign, "That's what we need to do," said Signorelli.

"We need to partner with more of our organizations and more of our community and broader community."

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Prolonged low temperatures test Chelan PUD grid **By MIKE MALTAIS**

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – "It was a test for our system," said Chelan County PUD senior communications specialist Rachel Hansen describing power outages that affected about 2,000 Chelan area customers on Saturday, Jan. 13.

The outages affected parts of the South Shore, Manson, and Plain and while power was restored to most homes in less than a day, the crisis identified vulnerable parts of the PUD's power delivery grid that will get extra attention to absorb any future emergencies.

Hanson said the PUD's distribution network is designed to operate at temperatures as low as zero degrees for sustained periods, but the prolonged event of minus zero days taxed the system to its limits and beyond.

From Friday, Jan 12, through Tuesday, Jan. 16, National Weather Service records for Wenatchee's Pangborn Field recorded the following low temperatures:

- Friday, Jan. 12: -7 degrees
- Saturday, Jan. 13:-10 degrees
- Sunday, Jan. 14: 4 degrees
- Monday, Jan. 15: 2 degrees
- Tuesday, Jan. 16: 1 degree

The consecutive string of unprecedented freezing days sent homeowners cranking up the thermostats and setting a new megawatt usage record for the PUD.

Hanson said the previous high of 553 megawatts set in December 2022 was eclipsed by the 583 megawatts used on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Compounding the restoration of power after an outage is a term called "cold load pickup" when customers do not switch off breakers or disconnect unnecessary appliances. When power is restored following an outage, the pent-up electrical demand can sometimes overload the system, resulting in another outage. "To avoid cold load pickup, customers were asked to unplug all electrical items and wait about a half hour after power was restored before reconnecting the electric powered items," said a PUD advisory.

Mark Donnell takes oath as new fire commissioner

By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - The oath of office for former Chelan Fire and Rescue chief and current District 7 Commissioner No. 1 Mark Donnell was the first order of business on the meeting agenda for the Chelan Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Carol Kibler was appointed district secretary and commissioner Russ Jones as chairman of the board.

During the public comment period, former Chelan city councilmember John Olson said one of the last things he was involved with was the city's capital improvement plan for the next six years.

"As we total those items up the major projects total over \$100 million,"

said Olson. "The four essential items in my book that the public has a hard time arguing against are the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department, Hospital and EMT, and our children. not necessarily in that order," Olson said.

Olson said that of the four projects he mentioned, three are looking at major expenses coming up and asked if the fire district is considering a new fire hall.

"We are in the very, very preliminary stages of exploring how to maximize this building's footprint and update this building," said Donnell. "We are not looking at doing that in any way through bonding or the taxpayers."

Donnell added that the department is working with Rep. Steele to get architectural funding for this year to



COURTESY OF CHELAN7.COM Mark Donnell took the oath of office as Chelan's newest fire commissioner.

get a set of plans. Once that is done the next phase can be considered to include possible grant funding.

Jones added that the department's

plan - all contingent on grant funding - would include expansion to house resident volunteers.

Chief Brandon Asher began his report with the introduction of Chelan city councilmember Jon Higgins as the council's new liaison with the department.

"We got the DNR Phase 2 grant again," said Asher. "That's an \$18,000 grant with \$16,188 of that provided through the DNR. We have a 10 percent match."

The grant pays for specific improvements to the department's designated Dodge brush truck.

The department has five new recruits who will start academy training in February.

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"Restoration has been slow because customers - residents affected by the outage - are not aware of the need to unplug items.'

To be clear, Chelan PUD did not run out of power, it experienced an interruption in the delivery of that power to some of its users. The utility has an abundance of low-cost, hydroelectric power to supply its customers. The evolving challenge is to keep the delivery system ahead of growing demands and crisis events like the one that just happened.

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nelan County on Jan. 25 to conduct annual homeless survey

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WENATCHEE - Chelan County and community partners will conduct the annual Homeless Point in Time Count from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Wenatchee, 410 Columbia St.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development and Washington State Commerce task communities annually with administering a survey to the unhoused population. The information gathered from people who are experiencing homelessness on the day of the event is used to demonstrate the need for homeless housing services in the community and across the nation, explained Amber Hallberg,

Chelan County housing program coordinator and a coordinator of the outreach event.

"Not only is it important at a national level to know what the need is, but it also helps local policymakers make better informed decisions on what direction the community needs to move in with affordable housing,' Hallberg said. "Doing this event each year can likely give us an indication of where we are headed as a community."

Surveys conducted by outreach teams aim to collect information on individual's living situations, including how long someone has been without a permanent home, where they sleep, where they are from and whether or not they had been denied access to a shelter or would go to a shelter if available. Demographic questions are also asked, including age, race, gender, veteran status, the number of children under 18 in the household and if they were fleeing domestic violence.

In addition to the centralized event at Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Wenatchee, staff from various nonprofits who work with the unhoused population will be going out throughout Chelan and Douglas counties to speak to people on the street and provide them resources. Chelan Valley HOPE in Chelan will cover the Chelan Valley and Northern Douglas County and Upper Valley MEND in Leavenworth will cover the Cascade School District service area and Cashmere. Upper Valley MEND and Chelan Valley HOPE will also have a centralized site for people in their respective locations to be interviewed and get connected to services.

At this event in 2023, 121 people were interviewed. Of those interviewed, 105 people were unsheltered, meaning they were living outdoors, in a vehicle or RV, in an abandoned building or in a tent or other outdoor area not meant for habitation. In addition, 368 people were recorded staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or in a hotel through an emergency hotel/motel voucher program.

The local event also allows housing services providers and other servicebased non-profits an opportunity to communicate directly with people in need of their services while providing resources, including backpacks, gloves, socks, hand warmers, food and more, to people in need who participate in the survey. The backpacks full of supplies are being provided by Community Action Council, in partnership with Chelan County.

The Columbia Valley Community Health Mobile Clinic will be on site at Lighthouse Christian Ministries to provide access to medical professionals for those needing medical, mental health and substance use disorder services.



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If you have an exciting event to share, email Reporter Quinn Propst at quinn@ward.media. We'll showcase the five most captivating events of the week, giving your event the recognition it deserves. Even if your event isn't among the top five, it will still be added to our events calendar and featured online. Don't miss this chance to make your event shine!

Community

Live music with **Carly Schoening**

Alta Cellars in Manson will host live music by local musician Carly Schoening on Friday, Jan. 26 from 4 - 7 p.m. 'Join us for live music by Carly Schoening at Alta Cellars," the event page states. Schoening is a Cashmere singer-songwriter.

For more information visit altacellars.com.

Live music with **Owen Barnhart**

Succession Wines in Manson will host live music with Owen Barnhart on Sunday, Jan. 28. From 2 - 5 p.m.

"Owen's music is Americana

with vivid, reflective lyrics, smooth vocals, and woody acoustic guitar that offer a deep and meaningful experience for the listener,' the event page states.

For more information visit sucessionwines.com.

Pregnancy, mother and baby support group

The Chelan Library will host the Pregnancy, Mother and Baby Support Group on Monday, Jan. 29 from 10:15 -11:45 a.m. in the community meeting room.

'This is a support group for pregnant mothers and babies, 0-12 months, led by Jen of Lakeside Baby," the event page states.

"Share experiences, questions, and concerns about pregnancy, infant care and safety."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Lake Chelan Tanglers

The Chelan Library will host the Lake Chelan Tanglers on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the community meeting room.

"Tanglers meet to share the Zentangle® method, tangles, techniques, and challenges," the event page states.

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

that there is a real person behind each social media account, often looking for guidance or connection. When someone shows interest in joining our communities, it speaks to the appeal and repu-

show what North Central Washington is all about - a community spirit, caring neighbors, and

Responding with kindness

Pub Trivia

THINGS TO DO

THIS WEEK

Stormy Mountain Brewing in Chelan will host pub trivia on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 6 - 7 p.m.

"Join your friends and family for the local favorite Stormy Mountain Pub Trivia,"

> a positive light but also upholds the values we hold dear. Imagine the difference when harsh words are replaced with useful tips, or criticism with a welcoming message. These simple acts of kindness can turn a stranger's uncertainty into excitement about becoming part of our community.

For those who are new or thinking of moving to our beautiful part of Washington, you are considering a region rich in history, community spirit, and natural beauty. And to our long-time residents, let's remember the impact of our words and their power. In a time where online

October-May. The hours are

3:30-6:30 p.m. and dinner is

served each night. The Teen

Center is located in the base-

ment of the Lake Chelan

United Methodist Church

and is available to all middle

and high school students in

the valley. There are volun-

the event page states. "We have fun questions made for all ages, culture, history, sports, and more. Awesome prizes and as always free to play."

For more information visit stormymountainbrewing.com.

conversations often lack the personal touch of face-to-face interactions, let's set a positive example.

Our communities are more than just a group of houses and businesses; they are a place where different experiences, backgrounds, and aspirations come together. Welcoming newcomers warmly not only adds to this community but also reinforces what makes North Central Washington a place we all love to call home.

Let's focus on being ambassadors of kindness and understanding in all our interactions, including online. By doing this, we ensure that the spirit of our communities is not only maintained but also strengthened, in both the virtual and real world.

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name, city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events.

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CHELAN - SAIL (Stay Active

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Chelan Senior Center and are

taught by Ann Cooper. A SAIL

Jan. 24, 25, 26

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Community

Bulletin Board

Central Washington is built on inclusivity and friendliness. From the peaceful shores of Lake Chelan to the lively streets of Wenatchee, our region is renowned for welcoming everyone with open arms. As we increasingly interact online, it's crucial that we extend this

Local, Regional Community **News & Events**

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Chelan Senior Meals: Jan. 24-26

Donation prices have changed CHELAN - The Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue, hosts Senior Meals Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is now \$5. Fee for persons under age

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Time Counts are one source of data (among many) that help us understand the magnitude and characteristics of folks who are unsheltered in our community. If you or someone you know is currently unsheltered, please visit Chelan Valley Hope (417 S. Bradley) on Thursday, January 25th from 10 am-2 pm for an in-house Resource Fair for the unsheltered. Hope will be providing resources,

TERRY WARD Media CEO/ Publisher

should be seen as a chance to

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LAKE CHELAN VALLEY - The Chelan Valley Community Nurse program does not require insurance or a physician's orders and is available to provide blood pressure and medication checks to vulnerable seniors and others who need assistance and guidance with medical needs. They also provide referrals to additional community resources. The nurses are currently providing free, weekly blood pressure checks to the public starting at 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue. The Chelan Valley Community Nurse program wishes to acknowledge the generosity of our Beautiful Valley through its people and resources. If you have questions about their organization, please call Catharine at 509-679-9059 or email them at chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com. Donations are gratefully accepted; PO Box 2987, Chelan 98816 or at facebook@ChelanValleyCommunityNurse. They wish everyone a Safe

Household hazardous waste drop off: Jan. 24-26

and Happy Holiday Season.

Latex paint now accepted - Drop off Saturday, Feb. 3

WENATCHEE - Drop-off Saturday is Feb. 3 at the Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A. The facility is open the first Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every week, they are open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Drop off your household hazardous wastes and latex paint. This is a free service to Chelan

60 is now \$12. Please call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. You can visit their website at www. octn.org and follow them on Facebook. Donations can be mailed to: OCTN P.O. Box 471 Okanogan, WA 98840. Jan. 24: Chicken & Wild Rice Bake, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert; Jan. 25: Cheeseburger Deluxe, Sweet Potato Fries, Pea Salad, Orange Quarters, Dessert; Jan. 26: Baked Ham, Potatoes Au Gratin, Trio Veggies, Garden Salad, Applesauce, WW Roll, Dessert; Jan. 29: Lasagna w/ Meat Sauce,, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Dessert; Jan. 30: Fish Sandwich Deluxe. Jo Jo's. Coleslaw, Banana, Dessert; Jan. 31:, Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Veggie Blend w/Corn, Carrot Raisin Salad, Orange Quarters, Biscuit, Dessert.

Chelan Valley Hope -Jan. 24-25, 29-31, Feb. 1

- Annual Point in Time Count -Jan. 25
- Serving Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, Orondo
- CHELAN Every day in Chelan County, folks are sleeping in cars, shelters, or on the street. On Thursday, January 25th Chelan Valley Hope will be participating in the Annual Point in Time Count. Point in

Point in Time Count visit chelanvalleyhope.org/annualpoint-in-time-count/. Hope is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

food, and warm weather gear

during the in-house fair. For

more information about the

Zumba Fitness: Jan. 24, 25, 26

MANSON - Zumba Fitness Class, every Tuesday and Thursday morning (excluding holidays), 8:30-9:30 a.m. Join Zumba instructor, Brenda, for some Zumba fitness fun. Donation is \$5 per class. All ages welcome. It's for everyone and is so much fun. This event is a partnership between the Manson Grange and the Manson Parks and Recreation Department. Donation is \$5 per class. All donations help fund the Manson Grange building maintenance program.

VFW #6853 Post Coffee/ Donuts: Jan. 26

CHELAN - Every Friday VFW Post #6853, located at 427 S. Bradley Street is open 9-11 a.m. for donuts and coffee and conversation. Veterans are invited to join them every Friday

Thrive Teen Center: Jan. 25, 30, Feb. 1

CHELAN - The Thrive Teen Center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from



Teresa Crandall

Teresa Crandall, 64, of Chelan, Washington passed away on January 16, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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athletic pursuits, Natalee has a

range of outside interests that

define who she is. Sports, both

playing and watching the pros,

hold a special place in her heart,

with volleyball standing out as

her absolute favorite. Natalee

finds immense joy in exploring

new places and has been fortunate to visit seven countries. A

stand out adventure was spend-

ing 31 days in Europe when

she was eleven, broadening her

cultural horizons. Yet, amidst

these adventures, spending

quality time with her family

and friends remains her favor-

plans to pursue a degree in

Sport Management/Business

and Kinesiology. Her dream

is to work with a profession-

al sport team as an Athletic

Trainer or an Event and Opera-

Her favorite TV show is

When asked why do you want

to be Manson Apple Blossom

Royalty, Natalee stated, "It

takes a village to raise a child

and my village has uncondi-

tionally provided for me. From

cheering me on in sports, to

buying tickets for fundraising

activities, my village has end-

lessly shown up. It would be an

honor to represent my community in the 104th Manson Apple

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Gilmore Girls and favorite

novel is Out of My Mind by

Natalee plans to attend a four-year university where she

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tions Manager.

Sharon M. Draper.

Blossom Festival.'

Manson Apple Blossom 2024 Royalty Selection Jan. 27

MANSON – Royalty selection for the 2024 Manson Apple Blossom Festival will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Manson High School. Admission will be \$10 for adults, students \$5, and children under 5 years old are free. You are invited to enjoy the event and vote for the 2024 Manson Apple Blossom Royalty. This year's theme is 'Into the Wilderness' and the festival will be held May 10 and 11 in downtown Manson.

Lexi Cesar

Lexi is the daughter of Salvador and Maria Cesar. She has an older brother Brayan (21) and two sisters Yulitza (15) and Kaylee (9).

Lexi has taken College in the High School Courses through Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and University of Washington and will be graduating with over 60 college credits. She has consistently maintained a position on the Honor Roll throughout her high school career. Beyond academic achievements, she is actively involved in various extra-curricular activities, currently serving as Treasurer for the Raza Latina Club. During her sophomore and junior year, she served as the Class of 2024 Vice-president.

Throughout high school, Lexi has been actively involved in sports, contributing significantly to the Varsity Soccer team from 8th grade to senior year. Her senior year she proudly took on the role of Team Captain, demonstrating leadership and dedication. She earned varsity letters highlighting her commitment to the sport. Additionally, she was recognized as the Most Improved Player her 8th grade season, reflecting her continuous efforts to enhance her skills. Beyond soccer, Lexi also participated in basketball during her sophomore and

and Ben (15).

Aniyah will be earning over 15 college credits from Eastern Washington University through College in the High School courses. Her high school journey has been shaped by a diverse range of extracurricular activities. She has been an active participant on the Knowledge Bowl Team. For the past years, she has been involved in Tennis and Pink Gloves Boxing Club demonstrating commitment to physical fitness and discipline. This year she joined the CWU Vex Robotics Team. Alongside these pursuits, she dedicated her time to fostering inclusive communities through the Cat Club and the Gay Straight Alliance Club.

Outside of school, Aniyah has many interests. In her early years, from middle school to freshman year, she was actively engaged with The Chelan Dance Academy fostering her passion for dance. Beyond that, her enthusiasm extends to interior, web and fashion design, allowing her to express creativity in various mediums. Reading has been a constant source of pleasure, broadening her perspectives, while delving into Astronomy feeds her curiosity about the cosmos. Lastly, her love for art serves as a creative outlet.

Aniyah plans to attend either Eastern Washington University or Central Washington University to pursue a degree in Child Development or Design.

Her favorite TV show is Steven Universe and she loved reading the Cruel Prince Series by Holly Black.

When asked why she wanted to be part of Apple Blossom Royalty, Aniyah wrote, "I decided to run for Manson Apple Blossom Royalty because I have had an amazing journey within the Manson School District, and I want the opportunity to give back and better Robotics, Yearbook Club and this past year nominated by her peers to be a member of Hope Squad.

Issy has maintained her active lifestyle by staying involved in various sports throughout high school. Her achievements include receiving the Coaches Award and Best Server Award for her Volleyball Team, participating in Tennis, contributing to Basketball Cheer and holding the position of President in the Pink Gloves Boxing Club. Additionally, Issy has showcased her athleticism in Wrestling and Basketball, demonstrating a well-rounded commitment to sports.

Outside of academic pursuits, Issy engages in a diverse range of interests. She has a passion for Botany and Astronomy, indicating a curiosity about the natural world and the cosmos. In her leisure time, she enjoys reading, hitting the ski slopes, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle by going to the gym. The creative side of Issy is evident through her love for drawing and painting. Family time is cherished through movie nights and the joy of baking.

Issy plans to attend college and pursue a degree in Computer Science. Her dream job would be working remotely while traveling the world.

Izzy's favorite TV show is The Office and her favorite novel is Every Last Word by Tamara Ireland Stone.

When asked why she wants to be Apple Blossom Royalty Issy said, "This is a wonderful opportunity to show community spirit, create connections, and celebrate local pride! Through this I would be able to contribute to the town's traditions and create lasting memories for both me and my community!"

Liliana Narvaez

Liliana (Lili) is the daugh-

gratitude. As someone who T tries to embody these traits in E everything I do, I want to be a role model for young women b by representing Manson on the a Apple Blossom Royalty." s

Natalee Reyna

Natalee is the daughter of Adelina Grageda and Carlos Reyna. She has two sisters, Daisy (16), Charlie (1) and two brothers, Johan (10), Joel (8).

Throughout her high school journey, Natalee has consistently achieved academic excellence, earning a place on the Honor Roll every year and gaining admission to the National Honor Society her junior and senior years. She will be earning over 65 college credits from Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University through College in the High School Courses. She received the Citizenship Award her junior year.

Beyond academics, Natalee immersed herself in various extra-curricular activities and leadership roles, serving as ASB Secretary for the past two years and currently participating in the Superintendent Student Advisory Committee. As the Vice-president of the Raza Latina Club, she has contributed to fostering a diverse and inclusive school culture. In addition to work experience at Shoreline Beach Grill during the summers, she has dedicated time to internships with Thrive Chelan Valley and The Barn Fitness Center.

Natalee's athletic journey has been marked by dedication and accomplishments. She proudly served as the Varsity Volleyball Team Captain during her junior and senior years, earning the Coaches Award both years. She achieved recognition with 2nd Team All-League distinctions in her sophomore and junior

years, escalating to 1st Team All-League and 1st Team All State this past season. Notably she earned the State Volleyball Tournament Sports-

woncyban rounnancent sportsmanship Award her sophomore year and secured 3rd place trophies with her teammates both her sophomore and junior years. This year, the pinnacle of her high school sports career was winning the first ever State Championship title for Manson with her volleyball team.

She was honored to participate in the WSVCA All State Volleyball Match in December. In addition to volleyball, she showcased her athleticism playing Varsity Basketball, earning Defensive Player of the Year both her freshman and sophomore years. She also participated in Varsity Track & Field during her freshman year and Varsity Tennis her junior year where she received the Rookie of the Year Award and contributed to the Girl's Team 3rd place finish at the State Tournament.

Beyond her academic and

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senior years. Furthermore, she took on the role of Boys Soccer Manager in both her sophomore and junior years.

Outside of school, Lexi enjoys painting, baking, going on walks and cleaning to stay organized. These activities help her relax, express creativity and maintain a balanced routine as a senior student.

After graduation Lexi plans to attend a four-year university and pursue a career in Elementary Education.

Lexi's favorite TV Show is Gilmore Girls and her favorite book is the series of A Series of Unfortunate Events.

When asked why do you want to be Manson Apple Blossom Royalty, Lexi said, "I want to be part of the Manson Apple Blossom Royalty because I know I can set an example to younger girls, just like past royalty have inspired me. Using my platform, I will be able to represent my community, help out younger students, and be more involved."

Aniyah Galdarisi

Aniyah is the daughter of Arianna and Daniel Galdarisi. She has two brothers, Alex (20) connect with the community that has shaped me, along with the unique experiences of being in the court."

Isabelle Harris

Isabelle (Issy) is the daughter of Jennifer and Eric Harris. Issy has an older sister Bryanna (20) and a twin brother Griffin (17).

Issy has achieved remarkable academic honors throughout her high school journey. She is a proud member of the National Honor Society and has consistently earned a spot on the High Honor Roll. Issy will be earning over 65 college credits from Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University through College in the High School Courses. Not only is she dedicated to her studies, but she also actively contributes to the school community as her Class ASB Representative. Issy's commitment extends beyond the classroom, as evidenced by her involvement in various extra-curricular activities. From participating in Knowledge Bowl and Future Business Leaders of America, to being a part of Future Farmers of America, CWU Vex

ter of Xochilt Valle and Jose Narvaez. She has one younger sister Yanixa (14) and a younger brother Jesse (10).

Lili has completed many College in the High School Courses through Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University earning her over 50 college credits. She is a member of the Cat Club and Yearbook Club.

Lili has been active in various sports during high school. She played Softball throughout, participated in Pink Gloves Boxing during her first two years and earned the Most Valuable Player Award in her Volleyball Team. She also joined the Basketball Team her freshman year and participated in Tennis during her sophomore and junior years. Her sports journey showcases her dedication and versatility.

Dance and volleyball bring out Lili's energetic side, while listening to music and playing solitaire provide moments of relaxation and enjoyment. She also has a creative flair, expressing herself through art and singing. Outside of her individual hobbies, she values spending quality time with her friends and family creating cherished moments together.

Lili plans to attend Wenatchee Valley College for two years to earn her AA Degree and transfer to a fouryear university to pursue a degree in Business and Event Management. She hopes to return to the Chelan Valley to one day organize community events, just like Apple Blossom, to make a positive impact on our community.

Lili's favorite TV show is Julie and the Phantoms and her favorite novel is Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron.

When asked why do you want to be Manson Apple Blossom Royalty, Lili says, "Manson is my home. This town has taught me the value of community, friendships, small-town traditions, respect, service, and

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Newhouse building rises on Olympia's capitol campus



ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL A sign on the edge of the construction site shows what the new Newhouse office building will look like.

By Aspen Anderson Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Facing health and safety hazards and experiencing overcrowding, in May 2023 the original Irving R. Newhouse Building on the capitol campus in Olympia was entirely demolished and construction of a new building began.

Amidst rumors of a potential renaming, Rep. Bryan Sandlin, R-Zillah, representing the 15th District just like the building's namesake, introduced HCR 4405 to preserve the original name.

"We can take a page out of his career, each and every one of us to be a bipartisan member of this Legislature. He worked across the aisle very well. He represented his district very well," Sandlin said.

Irving R. Newhouse served for 34 years, holding office in the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1980 and in the Senate from 1980 to 1998. During his tenure, he took on various roles including Senate Republican Floor Leader and Senate President Pro Tempore. Sandlin presented the

late senator's family with a biography, which was prepared by the staff.

"They appreciate the recognition and are honored to keep that name, as well as I am. And I hope everyone will support this."

The Newhouse tradition in politics continues. U.S. Congressman Dan Newhouse, the son of Irving, presently serves as a representative for Washington's 4th congressional district.

engaged in freshwater fishing,

388.000 in saltwater, and 222,000

in both. Anglers, predominantly

male, spent 12.6 million days

fishing, underscoring a

youthful skew in participation.

Hunting was also significant,

with 291,000 individuals

partaking, 75% of whom were

state residents. A majority

targeted big game, reflecting

the rich wildlife habitat of the

broadly from observing to

photographing wildlife, drew

immense interest, with 4.3

million participants indulging

Wildlife watching, defined

region.



ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL The Newhouse building is currently under construction as part of the Legislative Campus Modernization for its replacement.

The building when completed will house Senate members and their staff.

Currently, the bill has 15 bipartisan sponsors. If approved, the new structure will bear the name Irving R. Newhouse.

Completion of the building is

in this activity around their

homes and 4 million traveling

for it. This activity not

only fostered a connection

with nature but also drew

substantial tourism, with over

30% of watchers coming from

out of state. Washingtonians,

on average, engaged in wildlife

watching around 1.4 times per

week, highlighting its role as a

These findings will inform

the implementation of various

strategic plans, including

and Angling Recruitment.

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cherished pastime.

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anticipated in late 2024.

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Recreation Strategy for

WDFW-Managed Lands. It

underscores the multifaceted

ways Washington residents

enjoy the outdoors and the

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Washington's Wildlife Wonders: A boon for recreation and economy

Ward Media / Lake Chelan Mirror

OLYMPIA-The 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, Wildlife-Associated and Recreation, recently released, reveals that wildlife-related activities are not just a pastime but a significant economic driver in Washington State. The comprehensive survey, executed with the partnership of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, highlights a robust engagement in wildlife recreation among Washingtonians and visitors from other states, contributing significantly to the state's economy.

In 2022, 72% of Washington residents aged 16 and older, totaling 4.4 million people, participated in at least one form of wildlife-related recreation. The state saw 1.2 million individuals engaging in fishing, 292,000 in hunting, and a remarkable 6.2 million in wildlife watching, including 4 million who traveled beyond their immediate locales for these activities. This widespread participation underscores the state's rich biodiversity and its appeal to outdoor enthusiasts. "Activities made possible

through WDFW's stewardship of fish, wildlife, and ecosystems have a significant impact on Washington's economy," said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Kelly Susewind. "Conserving fish, wildlife, and habitat and providing sustainable opportunities contribute to our way of life and identity while providing jobs and economic opportunities to our residents and generating tax revenue for the state."

These activities have a profound economic impact. Participants spent over \$9 billion on equipment and triprelated expenses, injecting an estimated \$630 million in taxes into the State General Fund. This expenditure surpassed spending on major product categories such as telecommunication services, new motor vehicles, and hotel accommodations in Washington in 2022, reflecting the significant role of wildlife recreation in the state's economy.

The survey details the diversity of participants, the mirroring state's demographic spread. Fishers and hunters were more likely to engage in wildlife watching than non-participants in these activities. Fishing attracted 17% of state residents, while hunting, away-from-home wildlife watching, and aroundthe-home wildlife watching drew 4%, 35%, and 71% of residents, respectively. The hunting participation rate among women in Washington was double the national average.

In fishing, 812,000 individuals

AG Ferguson files lawsuit to stop Kroger-Albertson merger worth \$24.6 billion

By Aspen Anderson & MARY MURPHY Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Kroger and Albertsons claim a proposed merger worth \$24.6 billion will result in better prices for grocery shoppers, but many fear food prices will go up and jobs could be lost as the stores eliminate competition.

Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed a lawsuit to stop the

Once they merge, Kroger and Albertsons propose to sell 413 stores nationwide, including 104 in Washington. That part of the proposal is meant to counter claims they will control the market if the merger goes through. Kroger and Albertsons alone have more than 700,000 employees and nearly 5,000 stores across 49 states. Experts say Washington could be one of the most affected

states.

Ferguson said a vice president of marketing with Albertsons wrote: "You are basically creating a monopoly in grocery with the merger."

"This makes no sense, prices will not go down," Ferguson said. "Grocery prices are already too high. These companies are merging so they can increase profits, not help Washingtonians with their grocery bills."

The official merger website

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Thank you for being a valued part of our community, and we appreciate your understanding as we embark on this new chapter.

Warm regards,

Kelly and Hailey Allen



509-888-9038 102 E. Johnson Ave. Chelan KellyAllenAgency.com merger, which was announced in a Seattle press conference Jan. 15.

"Our job is to make sure there is a level playing field for Washington consumers and that means pushing back against the consolidation of power that destroys free enterprise and harms Washingtonians," Ferguson said.



ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL Safeway is among the major grocery chains in Washington affected by the merger.

"More than half of all supermarkets in Washington are currently owned by either Kroger or Albertsons," Ferguson said.

After reviewing hundreds of thousands of records, Ferguson's legal team uncovered internal chats among corporate executives and other employees.

claims the companies are keeping everyday prices affordable on products customers love, want and need while making grocery shopping easy.

And they say the merger is necessary if the grocery companies want to compete against even larger competitors, like Amazon and Walmart.

If approved, the companies say they will develop a "zero hunger, zero waste," impact plan for hunger relief, donated meals and innovation fund grants.

Kroger owns QFC and Fred Meyer and is based in Cincinnati. It wants to acquire Albertsons, based in Boise, Idaho, which owns Safeway and Haggen grocery stores.

The merger is under consideration by the Federal Trade Commission. A decision is anticipated in August 2024.

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Washington State moves forward with Presidential primary ballot printing after court ruling

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OLYMPIA – In a significant development in Washington State's electoral process, Thurston County Superior Court Judge Mary Sue Wilson ruled to proceed with the printing of ballots and voters' pamphlets for the upcoming March 12 Presidential Primary. This decision comes after a legal scrutiny involving the candidate lists submitted by the major political parties.

Judge Mary Sue Wilson's decision upheld the actions of Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, affirming the legality of moving forward with the candidate lists as submitted. "An order

directing the secretary of state to take different action is not supported by the statutes and not supported by the affidavit of the electors," Judge Wilson stated, emphasizing the statutory adherence in her ruling.

In compliance with state law RCW 29A.56, Secretary Hobbs had earlier provided county auditors with the complete lists of Presidential Primary candidates as submitted by the Democratic and Republican parties on Jan. 9. The Democratic Party's list includes Joseph R. Biden Jr., Dean Phillips, and Marianne Williamson, while the Republican Party's list features Donald J. Trump, Ron DeSantis,

Nikki Haley, Vivek Ramaswamv. and Chris Christie.

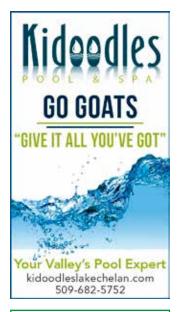
Thursday's ruling follows a series of legal challenges concerning the ballot listings, notably the inclusion of former President Donald J. Trump. A prior dismissal by a Kitsap County court on Tuesday set the stage for Judge Wilson's decision, which found that Secretary Hobbs had acted in accordance with his duties.

Unlike other elections in Washington, Presidential Primary voters are required to sign a party declaration on their ballot envelopes for their votes to be counted, a distinctive feature of the state's electoral system.

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Karsun Cole **Boys Basketball** Senior

Entiat High School is proud to spotlight Karsun Cole as the Athlete of the Week, a recognition well-deserved for his commitment and remarkable improvement this season. Karsun's dedication to refining his skills is evident through the hard work and effort he consistently brings to the court. His hustle and determination have not only showcased his individual growth but have also played a pivotal role in securing victories for the team. As a symbol of resilience and sportsmanship, Karsun Cole, representing the school's tiger mascot, stands as a testament to the spirit and excellence embodied by Entiat High School athletes. Congratulations to Karsun for this well-earned recognition.



| GIRLS | S BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD |
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| Jan. 16 | Manson 21, Liberty Bell 41; Loss |
| Jan. 18 | Entiat 65, Cascade Christian 19; Win |
| Jan. 18 | Chelan 40, Quincy 32; Win |
| Jan. 18 | Manson XX, Cascade XX; Canceled |
| Jan. 19 | Manson 25, Lake Roosevelt 65; Loss |
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| BOYS | BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD |
| BOYS Jan. 16 | Entiat 54, Thorpe 17; Win |
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| Jan. 16 | Entiat 54, Thorpe 17; Win |
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| Jan. 27 | Chelan @ Quincy Bring Home Da Beef Tournament 10 a.m | |
| Jan. 27 | Manson @ Quincy Bring Home Da Beef Tournament 10 a.m | |
| | BOYS WRESTLING SCHEDULE | |
| Jan. 24 | Manson Senior Night Mixer Away at Oroville at 6 p.m. | |
| Jan. 25 | Chelan vs Cascade, Home at 6 p.m. | |
| Jan. 25 | Chelan vs Cashmere, Home at 7 p.m. | |
| Jan. 27 | Chelan @ Okanogan Tournament 10 a.m. | |
| Jan. 27 | Manson @ Okanogan Tournament 10 a.m. | |



Chelan High girls basketball triumphs over Quincy in close matchup





Boys Basketball

Caribou Trail League (CTL)

match, the Chelan boys bas-

ketball team faced a setback,

losing 68-53 to Quincy on

Thursday, Jan. 18. The defeat

at Quincy pushed Chelan to a

12-4 overall record, positioning

them second in the CTL with a

6-3 league mark. Quincy, main-

taining their lead, stands at 9-1.

bolstered by Isaac Wilson with

12 points, Luca Faletto scoring

11, and Kellen Reinhart contrib-

Chelan's performance was

Chelan boys basketball falls to Quincy in CTL clash

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QUINCY – The Chelan High School girls team defeated Quincy High School with a score of 40-32.

The game, played in Quincy, saw Chelan take an early lead and maintain it throughout the match.

The Lady Goats started strong, leading the first quarter 10-7. The second quarter remained closely contested, with Chelan holding a slight edge, ending the half at 20-16.

Chelan extended their lead in the third quarter, outscoring Quincy 10-3.

This effort set them up for the final quarter, where they led 30-19.

Quincy attempted a comeback in the last quarter, adding 13 points, but Chelan's defense held, ending the game at 40-32 in favor of Chelan.

Marley Williams led the scoring for Chelan with 11 points, while Lydia Petersen and Arabelle Finch also contributed with 10 and 9 points, respectively.

Coach Longmire highlighted the team's effective defense and acknowledged Quincy's competitive play.

The junior varsity game also

saw a Chelan win over Quincy, with a score of 33-28. Quincy edged ahead in the first quarter 5-4, but Chelan responded in the second to lead 11-10.

Quincy regained the lead in the third quarter, outperforming Chelan 11-6. A strong offensive effort in the fourth quarter by Chelan, scoring 16 points to Quincy's 5, secured their victory.

Leading scorers for Chelan were Esther Petersen and Brooklyn Foyle, each with 8 points. Coach Byron Lewellen praised the team's competitive nature and ability to overcome challenges.

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uting 10. Despite their efforts, the team couldn't match Quin-QUINCY - In a pivotal cy's momentum.

The quarter scoring painted a picture of the game's flow:

- Chelan: 11, 13, 14, 15
- (Total: 53) Quincy: 17, 21, 16, 14
- (Total: 68)

Coach Callero praised Reinhart's defensive effort against Quincy's top player, Aidan Bews, last year's league MVP.

"Kellen's hard work in practice really showed. Bews only made one shot the entire second half, and that was with Caden on the bench in foul trouble," Callero noted.

Chelan displayed proficiency from beyond the arc, sinking seven three-pointers compared to Quincy's five.

However, Quincy's offensive prowess, coming off a 100-point performance in their last game, posed a significant challenge.

"Quincy is an offensively gifted team. The boys did a great job not allowing a single player to make more than one three-point shot," Callero said, acknowledging Quincy's balanced scoring threat.

Chelan High School hosts pasta feed fundraiser to support athletics

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CHELAN – In a collaborative effort to enhance their athletic programs and facilities, Chelan High School Athletics and the Chelan Athletic Booster Club are gearing up for the Chelan Athletics Pasta Feed. The event, promising an evening of food, fun, and fundraising, is set to take place at The Eagles on Jan. 27 from 5 pm to 10 pm.

Sayles St

January 17

16:45 Animal Problem, 383 Foggy Canyon Rd 16:46 Parking/Abandon, 2000blk First Creek Rd 17:28 Property, 144 E Johnson Ave 18:53 Alarm, 219 E Johnson Ave

19:00 Sex Offense, 240 E

This adults-only gathering will feature a dinner, silent and dessert auctions, live music, and a "raise a paddle" event, with items generously donated by local businesses. With the aim to raise \$50,000, the event underscores the community's commitment to improving athletic experiences for local students.

Tickets, reportedly selling fast due to limited seating,

Johnson Ave# 9

January 18

Wapato Lake Rd

Mp 218, Entiat

06:01 Harass/Threat, 5000

Manson Rd; Red Apple

13:15 Suspicious, Us Hwy 97a

13:16 Vehicle Prowl, 5 Howser

11:41 Theft, 2790 First Creek Rd

12:19 Accident No Injury, 310 W

are available for purchase at www.gofan.co/event/1307412?s choolId=WA23184.

Evan Reister, reachable at reistere@chelanschools.org, is the contact for anyone wishing to contribute to the program or donate auction items. The organizers emphasize that any form of support is valuable and appreciated in their quest to better equip Chelan's young athletes.

Rd; Chelan Fruit 14:45 Domestic Disturbance, 530 N Cedar St 16:00 Property, 53 S Lakeshore Rd

- 18:22 Hazard, 455 Wapato Lake Rd; 12 Tribes
- 19:57 Welfare Check, 100blk E Woodin Ave

22:32 Domestic Disturbance, 405 N Columbia St



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Evergreen Camp Rd

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12:37 Accident Unknown,

13:24 Alarm, 261 Crystal Dr

Washington Creek Rd

17:00 Theft, 210 W Gibson

16:06 Welfare Check, 55

12:22 Civil, 2790 First Creek Rd

Wapato Lake Rd & Sr 150,

Wapato Way# 10

Woodin Ave

Manson

Wapato Lake Rd, Manson

Chelan County Sheriff Report

January 12

- 07:39 Assist, Public, Chelan 12:12 Animal Problem, 775 3rd St, Chelan Falls 13:04 Assist Public, Chelan 13:09 135 Wapato Way; Manon Wine 14:13 Harass/Threat, 1000
- Totem Pole Rd; Manson 15:09 Disturbance, 407 E Woodin Ave 21:59 Assist Public, 112 E
- Woodin Ave; Senor Frog's

January 14

00:03 911, 314 Sr 150; Crystal View 00:49 Vehicle Prowl, 5000 Wapato Lake Rd, Manson 02:30 Runaway, 233 Parkway Dr, Manson 19:05 Welfare Check, 20000 S

Lakeshore Rd 20:04 Weapons Violation, 3047 Hedding St, Entiat

January 15

05:43 Warrant, Spokane St & S Chelan Ave 08:03 Trspass, 112 E Woodin Ave; Senor Frog's 08:52 Civil, 2005 Topaz Pl, Entiat 10:35 Assist Agency, 447 Loop Ave, Manson 11:03 Vehicle Theft, Entiat Area 11:07 Assist Public, 212 E Raymond St 12:20 Alarm, 2805 Katya Ln 13:18 Traffic Offense, 106 W Manson Rd 15:29 Disturbance, 721 E Woodin Ave 17:32 911, 183 Chestnut St



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WASHINGTON

FOR CHELAN COUNTY

SHARON LEE FINLEY,

Deceased.

Cause No. 24-4-00005-04

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RCW 11.40.030

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity to Comment for Proposed Improvements

at the Pangborn Memorial Airport in East Wenatchee, Washington The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority (CDRPA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announce that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 guidelines to analyze the potential environmental impacts of

proposed airfield improvements to the Pangborn Memorial Airport (Airport). The federal regulatory agency with jurisdiction over civil aviation is the FAA, which must review and approve all proposed facilities and development on property airport to ensure compatibility with safe airport operations. The draft EA has been prepared in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures and FAA Order 5050.4B NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions, and other FAA guidance.

CDRPA The proposes to rehabilitate and adaptively re-use the Airport's existing General Aviation (GA) Terminal building to building address known deficiencies and potentially hazardous conditions in order to meet the needs of existing and future users (Proposed Action), The GA Terminal building is a historic property eligible for listing the National Register of Historic Places, and its rehabilitation required the Airport, FAA, and Washington Department Archaeology and Historic of Preservation to develop а Memorandum of Agreement to mitigate for adverse effects to historic properties. A Section 4(f) Evaluation has also been prepared in accordance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act of 1966 (now codified at 49 U.S.C. § 303), which protects significant publicly owned parks, recreational areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, including public and private historic sites. This evaluation explains the purpose and need for the project, provides a discussion of alternatives, and determines that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives that would avoid the use of the Section 4(f) property. Through implementation of mitigation measures, the FAA determines the Proposed Action will have no

Section 4(f) resources. The CDRPA and the FAA

significant impact on historic and

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

WRIGHT-WAPATO, INC., a Washington corporation, Plaintiff,

TSAM CONSULTING SERVICES LLC, an inactive foreign limited liability company;

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DAVID G. KNOLL, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MURIEL A. KNOLL,

DECEASED; GADGE MILLS and STEVIE MILLS, a married couple; MIRIAM GOLDSTEIN, an individual; JONAS PETTIT

GRETCHEN PETTIT, and married couple; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TOM STANFORD, DECEASED: IDEA FUNDING SERVICES LLC, an inactive Washington limited liability company; MARK M. MAYNARD, an individual; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THEODORE FULLER, DECEASED: MARYANN FULLER, an individual; LINDA A. STENHOUSE, a/k/a LINDA A. KELLY, an individual; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GENE V. DOBBS, DECEASED; JEAN C. DOBBS, an individual:

RICHARD TRAXEL and JACKIE TRAXEL, a married couple; KEVIN W. MAGRAW and ROBIN R. MAGRAW; a married couple; STEPHEN I. KRIKEN and CONNIE J. KRIKEN, a married couple; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL

ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants. Case No. 23-2-00737-04

SUMMONS

The State of Washington to the said JONAS PETTIT AND GRETCHEN PETTIT; A MARRIED COUPLE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TOM STANFORD, DECEASED: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GENE V. DOBBS, DECEASED; JEAN C. DOBBS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND ALL OTHER PERONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT: You are hereby summoned to

appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 3rd day of January, 2024 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Wright-Wapato, Inc. and

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KITSAP IN THE ESTATE OF: JUDY LYN WILLIAMS, Deceased. Case No.: 23-4-01274-18 PROBATE NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

The Administrator named below has been appointed Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original

of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW (2)11.40.020(1)(c); or four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 10, 2024 ADMINISTRATOR: HOLLY LANOUE ATTORNEY FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR: MATTHEW G. HOLYOAK ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: 600 Kitsap Street, Suite 202 Port Orchard, WA 98366 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: In the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for the County of Kitsap Cause Number: 23-4-01274-18. SHIERS LAW FIRM LLP By: /s/ MATTHEW G. HOLYOAK, WSBA #38041 Attorney for Petitioner Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 10, 17, 24, 2024. #6979



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/s/ Dated: January 8, 2024 Robert S. Morse WSBA 9627 P.O. Box 2128 Chelan, WA 98816 (509)682-7239 stan@stanmorse.com Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 17, 24, 31, 2024. #7038



The CDHPA and the FAA welcome public comments on the Draft EA. The Draft EA will be available in hard copy for public review for a period of 30 days at the Wenatchee Public Library (310 Douglas St., Wenatchee,

WA) during business hours Sunday through Saturday from January 15, 2024, through February 15, 2024. The

document can also be reviewed digitally from the Airport's website, www.flywenatchee.com.

For individuals who cannot review the document at the Library or cannot access the Airport's website, a hard copy of the

document or electronic copy provided on a USB flash drive may be mailed by sending a request to Vince Barthels at vbarthels@ardurra.com or by phone at (509) 951-9564.

Public comment on this document is invited for a 30-day period extending from January 15, 2024 through February 15, 2024. Written comments regarding the draft EA will be accepted during the 30-day period as follows: P

2024, if mailed to Vince Barthels at Ardurra, ATTN: Pangborn Memorial Airport EA Comments, 1717 S. Rustle Street, Suite 201, Spokane, WA 99224, or, E

February 15, 2024, to vbarthels@ardurra.com (a confirmation reply will be sent). The responsible FAA official for information purposes is Valerie Thorsen, Assistant Manager, Seattle Airports District Office. She may be

reached by email at Valerie. Thorsen @faa.gov. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 17, 24, 2024. #7099

 serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff Wright-Wapato, Inc., at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action is entry of an order terminating

defendants' Sublease Agreements due to their default in the form of unpaid assessments issued by Yacinde

Condominium Association and/or Wapato Point Community Association, an award of damages for said breach, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and pre- and post-judgment interest to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Dated: December 21, 2023 By: s/Mallory L.B. Satre Mallory L.B. Satre, WSBA No. 50194 506 Second Avenue, Suite 1400 Seattle, WA 98104 Ph: 425.478.5055 Email: aranade@swlaw.com; msatre@swlaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Wright-Wapato, Inc. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2024. #6970 Follow us on Facebook at:

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Victims push for legislation against police deception in interrogations

By Aspen Anderson & MARY MURPHY Washington State Journal

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OLYMPIA - Amanda Knox, the Seattle resident who spent nearly four years in an Italian prison for a murder she did not commit, offered heartfelt testimony Jan. 8 in favor of a bill that would prevent law enforcement officers from using deception during interrogations.

"I was interrogated overnight by police officers who claimed to have evidence against me, who claimed that there were witnesses who could place me at the crime scene," Knox said. "They lied to me. I did not know they could lie to me... These are people who I was raised to believe that I could trust."

Knox was testifying in favor of HB1062, a bill now being debated in the state Legisla-

ture. The measure would make any statement determined by the court to be obtained by deception during interrogation to be inadmissible as evidence. Advocates say they think the bill will help prevent false convictions.

The measure was supported by people unjustly convicted of crimes and social activists pressing for reform. It was opposed by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

"Sometimes, it's an unfortunate reality, we have to lie to people to get them to tell the truth," said James McMahan, Policy Director for the sheriffs and police chiefs association. "This is not good public policy in our view. This does not address our ongoing growing crime problem in Washington." When Knox was just 20, she

was subjected to 53 hours of

questioning over five days in a foreign language without legal counsel. She was sentenced to 26 years in prison, served four years and then was exonerated after DNA evidence of multiple men was found on the victim's clothing.

"I believe that if I had not been lied to by the police, none of this would have ever happened," Knox said.

Rep. Tarra Simmons, D-Bremerton, is a notable sponsor of the bill. In 2011, Simmons was sentenced to 30 months in prison for theft, drug and firearm crimes and was elected as Washington State's first formerly incarcerated lawmaker.

Also testifying in favor, was Ted Bradford, Washington State's first person to be exonerated by DNA results. He was interrogated for 9.5 hours when he was 22 years old and served 10 years.

"I was told many times that 'you are the person that did this." Bradford said. "I knew I was innocent...I thought, just give them a statement, give them what they want now... They'll test that evidence, and this will all be over."

Adding support for the bill was the Washington Innocence Project.

'Criminal investigations are no longer a search for truth, but they are a search for generating material that will lead to a conviction," said Lara Zarowsky, the Executive Director of the Washington Innocence Project, a non-profit organization that supplies free legal and investigative services to those who have been wrongfully convicted.

Certified forensic reviewer David Thompson also testified in favor of this bill. For over four decades, he provided training on interview and interrogation techniques to federal state local law enforcement.

"If we lie about evidence, cameras, fingerprints, DNA, it causes memory distrust. It causes confusion...Why do investigators lie in the first place?" Thompson asked. "It's because the evidence doesn't



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Testifying in favor of a bill to stop deception in interrogations are, from left: Lara Zarowsky, the Executive Director of the Washington Innocence Project; Ted Bradford, the first person in Washington to be exonerated by DNA evidence; and Amanda Knox, a victim of false conviction.

exist. Otherwise, it wouldn't be deceptive.'

Thompson also said he thinks the bill will have broad, positive effects.

"I firmly believe this legislation not only will improve the quality and effectiveness of investigative interviews, but also rebuilds trust and will help resolve cases," Thompson stated.

Julie Barrett, founder of the Conservative Ladies of Washington, argued this legislation is not needed because if a law enforcement officer intentionally uses deception in a custodial interrogation, it is already inadmissible in court.

James Trainum, a retired detective from Washington D.C. Police Department pushed back

Task force proposed to study

against that idea. "Every single case involving

a wrongful conviction that had a false confession, that judge ruled that conviction to be admissible," Trainum said.

If the bill is approved, Washington State will be the 10th state to ban deceptive tactics, according to the testimony by Russell Brown, of the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Brown added Washington would be the only state to protect more than just minors from these tactics.

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Shift to even-year local elections proposed to boost voter turnout

By Aspen Anderson Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Low turnouts for local elections are leading some to advocate for moving those contests to even numbered years alongside national races.

"Young people are part of the communities that are being left behind," said Rep. Darya Farivar, D-Seattle. She is a cosponsor of a bill in this year's legislative session to move elections to even-numbered years. She is also the youngest legislator in Washington and said this issue is very personal to her.

"This issue is about making sure that we have the best democracy we can possibly have and hearing the voices of absolutely everyone," Farivar said.

Currently, in even numbered years, federal, state, and county offices and state or local ballot measures are on the November ballot. In odd numbered years, state ballot measures, and most local government elections for cities, towns, and special purpose districts are decided.

Zoltan Hajnal, UCSD to even-year elections doubles or more than doubles voter turnout," Hajnal said.

Hajinal asserts this increase in voter turnout increases youth share of the vote by over 20 percentage points and this creates a more racially diverse voting population.

Chris Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, supports the bill. He points to a significant drop in voter turnout from 67% to 34% from 2022 to 2023.

Oregon is among the 26 U.S. states that either permit or mandate city elections to coincide with statewide elections, resulting in double the voter turnout compared to Washington cities, according to Alan Durning from Sightline Institute, an organization devoted to policies that encourage diversity, equity and inclusion.

Critics, however, argue that moving elections to federal election years would cause local elections to get lost in the noise of bigger campaigns.

"I was at the very bottom of the ballot," Rep. Sam Low R-Lake Stevens said, reflecting on his 2016 county council race and the difficulty he faced in advertising amidst concurrent presidential and state office elections.

argue an off-year election can identify structural weaknesses in your election process and the state is able to justify full-time employees.

Rep. Mia Gregerson, D-Sea-Tac, acknowledges there are drawbacks, but asserts they cannot be the reason why this bill does not pass. "The people of Washington state have been very clear that even-numbered election cycles are something that they want," she says.

Andrew Villeneuve, from Northwest Progressive Institute, testified in favor of the bill, noting: "This is the only electoral reform available that can as much as double turnout as well as greatly diversifying it."

In polling Villenueve has found a ratio of 2-1 support in favor of even-year elections for localities.

Why has the seemingly impactful shift to evennumbered years for elections. a potential key to boosting voter turnout, been a long time coming?

"The Secretary of State staffer said this is a 50-year tradition. Why would you change it?" Gregerson asked.

impacts of artificial intelligence **By Aspen Anderson**

Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Some fear Artificial Intelligence (AI) might open a dark chapter to a dystopian future. Others say the progress it promises is virtually unlimited.

To find a balance among those concerns, Washington state is considering launching a task force to determine how it can best promote the most beneficial uses while mitigating potential challenges.

Sen. Joe Nguyen, D-White Center, has introduced a bill, SB 5838, that would establish the task force. The bill has 17 Democratic and 2 Republican co-sponsors and the support of Attorney General Bob

like ChatGPT, must comply with transparency requirements that require people to disclose whenever they use ChatGPT.

Drawbacks of the regulation include possible limits on innovation and the challenge of defining and categorizing AI systems accurately.

AI legislation has been introduced in 25 U.S. states. Task forces or commissions have been launched by officials in Colorado, Illinois, Vermont, and Virginia.

SB 5838, if passed, would establish a task force this year as long as state budget writers allocate funds — roughly \$1.5 million over the next four years, according to the bill's fiscal note. The task force's 42 members, spanning public and private sectors, will be charged with providing insights on racial equity, regulatory proposals and innovation support. The task force would include one member each from the Senate and the House.

thoughtfully.

Some, however, worry too much regulation might hurt the ability of firms to develop new products.

"We should not be in the practice of interrupting technology and innovation," said Kelly Fukai, vice president of Government Community Affairs at the Washington Technology Industry Association.

Concerned citizen Eric Pratt echoed those thoughts.

"We might impede on the public's ability to utilize (the technology's) full potential,' he said. "When you use words like regulation and task force, it starts to get my concerns elevated... You're trying to take away powerful tools," Pratt

said.

Professor of Political Science, self-proclaimed as the "world's foremost expert on election times," studied this topic for decades.

"Every study that has looked at this... has found that moving

ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL Election turnout for local races would increase if they ran in even numbered years with state and national elections.

Rep. Leonard Christian, R-Spokane Valley, and Rep. Greg Cheney, R-Battle Ground,

"I've been thinking about that a lot and trying to figure out, what does that mean? And it just really is pushing against change, right?'

Sponsors of the bill are primarily Democrats, but Gregerson said this is not a partisan issue. Conservative states like Montana, Arizona and Idaho have successfully shifted to even-numbered years.

HB 1932, if passed, mandates specific areas to transition to even-year elections if voter turnout remains below 40% for four consecutive odd-year general elections, starting from the 2025 general election.

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Ferguson.

"The Legislature is set up to solve yesterday's problems tomorrow... There's probably, I think, over 150 AI bills across the nation," Nguyen said.

The European Union's 2023 AI law set the stage for global discourse on regulation. The Act introduced a tiered approach to regulate artificial intelligence based on risk levels.

It identifies "unacceptable risk" in AI systems and bans them, with some exceptions for law enforcement. The act prohibits AI technology that engages in "social scoring," which involves categorizing people based on behavior, socio-economic status, or personal characteristics.

"High-risk" AI systems undergo assessments before market entry and throughout their lifecycle, while generalpurpose and generative AI,

"Oftentimes, it is difficult to fill workgroups, or task forces that the Legislature passes. This is not one of those cases. In fact, we have to trim it down a little bit," Nguyen said.

Joyce Bruce, the Attorney General's legislative director, testified in support of the bill.

"ChatGPT has become one of the fastest growing AI applications of all time. Washington has been on the cutting edge of innovation and technology," Bruce said.

Seattle ranks second nationally in AI talent concentration. Ferguson emphasized the need to embrace this technology

The task force is set to convene semi-annually. It would provide its first report by Dec. 1, 2025, and a final report by June 1, 2027.

Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-Mercer Island, said she hoped the task force would report more frequently.

"One of the things that we're missing is to have a trusted source providing us with information as a public about what is happening," she said." I would really like this group to be putting out more frequent reports."

If the bill passes, the task force will first meet Dec. 31, 2024.

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