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Cashmere Chamber seeks new board members and chamber manager

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE –The Cashmere Chamber board is looking for new board members and hopes to hire a new chamber manager/director in the near future.

“We’re actively looking for more people to join the board,” board president Kevin Carney said. “We have talked with a few people, they’re trying to make the decision whether they can make the commitment or not.”

“And yes, we are actively looking for a manager/director for the (Chamber),” he said.

Carney hopes to have the job description for the chamber manager/director posted this week.

The chamber board is still working out the title for the new manager or director. Whatever the title is, the new chamber employee will have to wear many hats. The manager or director will be an event coordinator, a promotional person, and the face of the chamber to all of the Cashmere businesses and the community as a whole, Carney said.

The job will be a 30-hour-a-week position. The chamber is looking for a person who is proficient in office work, marketing and social media, grant writing and event coordinating.

The chamber has been operating without a paid employee since the previous manager left the position in October. Board members and volunteers have been able to keep the

chamber going, but Carney hopes to have a new manager in place as soon as possible.

The board usually operates with about a dozen members but has lost members to promotions, time constraints, and moves.

“In January ‘23, we had 11 board members,” he said. “And January, February of ‘23, it was pretty active, and everything was going well. And end of February we had some board members move out of the area. Some board members got promotions and couldn’t be on the board anymore. And we had a couple of board members that couldn’t give the commitment and so they stepped down.”

Cashmere resident and CEO of Building NCW, Danielle Martin, was

one such board member. She started on the board in 2023 but had to step down when she was promoted to CEO when her boss left the organization.

“I just felt like I couldn’t give what the chamber needed at that time, time-wise, energy-wise,” Martin said. “I was a staff of one for about four or five months at the organization. I put in 12-hour days. I didn’t have time to donate anything to the chamber. And I felt bad, but I was like, I can’t give you what you need at this point.”

“So as we went through the year, we ended up settling in with five board members. We were able to do all of the events for the year with the five board members. Going into the ‘24 year, we’ve got two board members that have stepped away

from the board. So we’re down to three board members right now.”

A chamber board term is two years, and the monthly time commitment is about 10 hours. However a few board members have been putting in a lot of extra time to keep the chamber’s commitments, Carney said.

Most board members are affiliated with a Cashmere area business. If anyone is interested in becoming a board member they can contact a board member, email the chamber or leave a voicemail.

Currently, the chamber office is closed, but a board member checks email and voicemail daily.

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Task force proposed to study 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 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 general-purpose and generative AI, 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.

“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.

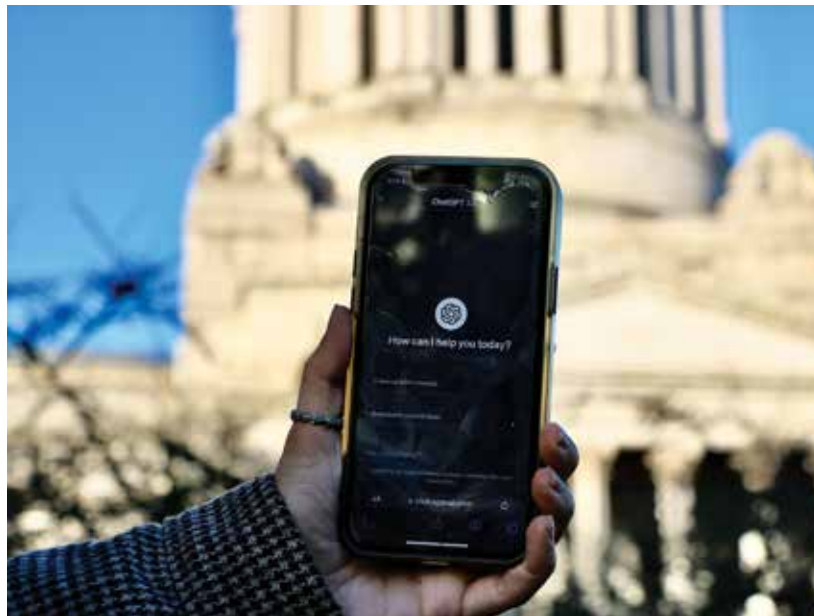
Joyce Bruce, the Attorney General’s legislative director, testified in support of the bill.

“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 thoughtfully.

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



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ChatGPT is a widely used application that uses artificial intelligence. The state Legislature is considering forming a task force to examine the promise and the peril of new technology.

“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.

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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Victims push for legislation against police deception in interrogations

By ASPEN ANDERSON & MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

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 Legislature. The measure



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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.

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Cashmere Schools propose replacement levy for next four years

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – The Cashmere School District is proposing a February 2024 Levy to replace the expiring 2020 voter-approved levy, which ends in February.

The Educational Programs and Operations or EP&O Levy helps to pay for things that are not funded or are underfunded by the state.

A school levy is a community-based funding initiative designed to support student-centered programs, services, and staffing that may not be fully covered by state and federal funds.

“Levies support learning, essentially,” school board member Aaron Bessonette said. “It’s kind of the easy way to remember that levies support learning and bonds support buildings, right, you know, for construction and things.”

“So the levies are very important because of the dollars that we get toward a lot of our different programs in the schools, textbooks, curriculum, even our safety and security programs, special education, arts, drama, music, you know, a lot of technology, a lot of different aspects the education that we provide is

funded by levy dollars and that’s why this is so important,” Bessonette said.

Cashmere School District Superintendent Glenn Johnson stressed how important the levy and state matching funds are to the district.

“I think these dollars truly, truly go to impact kids and every kid in our district whether in your class sizes, to safety and security, to the fine arts and drama, to special education,” Johnson said. “It touches every single aspect of our district.”

Johnson said the most important thing for voters to know is that this levy is not a new tax.

“It’s a replacement levy,” Johnson said. “And to give you an example, much like if you subscribe to a magazine, you can either let that subscription sunset, or you can renew it, and that’s what happens with school levies that when one levy is about to sunset, then you run what’s called a replacement levy and that’s what we’re doing.”

If the EP&O Levy is approved by voters, the district will receive an additional \$1.1 million in state funding, but only if the levy is approved.

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Salsa lessons at Pybus

Pybus Market will host Salsa lessons beginning Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 7 - 9 p.m.
"Ever wanted to learn how to salsa," the event page states. "Well, now is your big chance. We are kicking off 2024 with four weeks of beginner-friendly salsa classes. Bring a friend or tell a friend and come solo; we will be dancing in front of the kitchen in the Pybus main concourse."

For more information visit pybuspublicmarket.org.

Trivia night

Ground Control in Wenatchee will host trivia night on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 2 - 3 p.m.
"Join us every Wednesday for Geeks Who Drink trivia," the event page states. "During

the month of January there will be a \$2 per person buy-in, with all proceeds benefiting The Brave Warrior Project."
The Brave Warrior Project helps support children with chronic illness, cancer and disabilities.

For more information visit groundcontrolwenatchee.com.

Bookmobile at Dispatch Mailroom

Pearl Street Books' bookmobile Wheely will visit Cashmere at the Dispatch Mailroom and The Side Street on Friday, Jan. 26 from noon to 4 p.m.

"Join Wheely at the great new evolving neighborhood hub in Cashmere, The Side Street, featuring the Dispatch Mailroom," the event page states.

"We'll be sharing more

about the exciting things coming with Wheely and The Side Street hub and we'll have Wheely's great curated collection of books, local chocolates, gifts and artisan items," the event page states.

For more information visit dispatchmailroom.com.

Happy Smiles Storytime

The Cashmere Library will host Happy Smiles Storytime on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 10:30 - 11 a.m.

"A fun, interactive time at the Cashmere Library with action songs, fingerplays, rhyming and awesome stories by your favorite librarians," the event page states. "Following Storytime we

often have a craft or bring out special toys for playtime and for families to socialize."

For more information visit nclwlibraries.org.

Stay and Play Saturday

The Cashmere Library will host Stay and Play Saturday on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Drop into the Cashmere Library for Stay and Play Saturdays," the event page states. "Every Saturday you can choose between creating your own unique LEGO builds, trying out a LEGO Build Challenge, or playing a variety of board games at the library during our open hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m."

ForWARD Thinking

The strength of kindness to strangers

In the beautiful regions of North Central Washington, our communities are known for their friendly nature and strong neighborly bonds. However, a worrying trend is emerging on social media, where anonymity seems to encourage hostility, especially towards those new to our area or considering moving here.

The character of North

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 same friendliness to our virtual conversations.

It's easy to overlook 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 reputation of our region—a point of pride, not conflict. Each question about moving here should be seen as a chance to show what North Central Washington is all about - a community spirit, caring neighbors, and an unmatched quality of life.

Responding with kindness and helpful information not only casts our communities in a positive light but also



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Ward Media CEO / Publisher

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 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.

Chelan County to conduct annual homeless survey on Jan. 25

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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 service-based nonprofits 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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Cashmere Rotary Club, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam, 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle, Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. (4th Mon.)
Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. (1st Mon.)
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall (2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall (1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.).
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. (3rd Mon.)
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
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Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)
Cashmere Chamber of Commerce, Noon, everyone is invited to attend as a guest. Call Executive Director, for meeting location. 509-782-7404. (3rd Tues.)
The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

NCW Libraries

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 You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
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Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village
 Call for more information 509-782-3230
Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Cashmere student achieves honor roll at Spokane Community College

SPOKANE - Whitney Throgmorton, a resident of Cashmere, has been named to the Spokane Community College Honor Roll for the Fall quarter of 2023, showcasing academic excellence. Throgmorton and other honored students achieved a commendable grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above, a benchmark of consistent academic performance.

The Community Colleges of Spokane, encompassing a vast 12,300-square-mile area, operates Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College, and six rural education centers.

Whitney Throgmorton's achievement stands as a testament to the dedication and hard work required to excel academically.

Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary supports Veterans during holidays

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CASHMERE - The Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary Unit #64 has successfully completed its annual holiday support drive for veterans, according to President Linda Ingraham. In a substantial community effort, items were collected for veterans at the Spokane VA Nursing Home, fulfilling a wish list provided by the facility's activities director.

Auxiliary members, alongside contributions from the local health team, amassed a variety of items, including lap robes, afghans, and neck pillows, all crafted by the auxiliary members themselves. These items were part of a larger shipment of holiday cheer that included Christmas cards, Happy Letters, calendars, and local confections, personally delivered to the Spokane facility.

In another initiative, the Auxiliary rallied to gather snacks and other comforts



COURTESY OF LINDA INGRAHAM

for holiday boxes destined for local troops. With the community's generosity pouring in both in-kind and monetary donations, 26 boxes, ensuring two per soldier, were assembled by students of Cashmere High School under the guidance of Steve Simonson. The Auxiliary covered the postage costs for these parcels, marking the 19th consecutive year of this tradition.

Extending their outreach, the Auxiliary also assembled and distributed 42 Christmas mugs filled with goodies, cards, and letters to local veterans and Auxiliary members in assisted living or homebound situations. Overall, the Auxiliary's efforts culminated in the distribution of over 600 Christmas cards and Happy Letters, reflecting a deeply rewarding holiday season dedicated to

supporting veterans and their families.

The American Legion, set to celebrate its 105th anniversary in March, continues its long-standing commitment to veteran support, with the Auxiliary playing a pivotal role in these endeavors. Ingraham encourages community members to consider joining the American Legion and the Auxiliary to ensure the longevity and impact of their work.

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 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.

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.

"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.

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 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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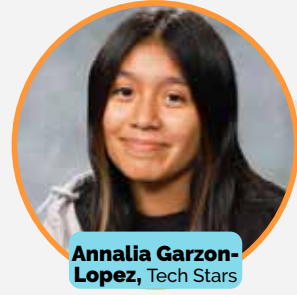
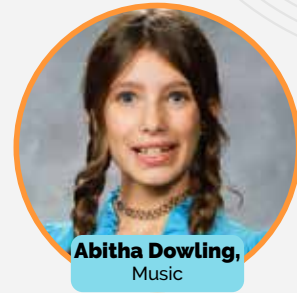


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 Safeway is among the major grocery chains in Washington affected by the merger.

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Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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January 12

07:47 Malicious Mischief, 215 Paton St
 10:07 Traffic Offense, W Manson Rd & N Cedar St
 14:44 Hazard, Us Hwy 2 & River Bend Dr
 18:37 Trespass, 5025 Harnden Rd
 22:51 Disturbance, 6125 Hay Canyon Rd# 2
 22:53 Disturbance, 5140 Binder Rd

05:23 Diversion, 3717 Bridge St. Monitor
 15:04 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 2 Mp 103; Mp 103
 15:12 Property, 109 Cascade Pl
 19:25 Alarm, 2712 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Monitor

January 15

06:50 Parking/Abandon, 200 Titchenal Way
 07:05 Hazard, 4300blk Old Monitor Rd, Monitor
 11:19 Accident No Injury, Us Hwy 2 & Aplets Way
 18:14 Suspicious, 312 Cottage Ave# B

January 14

00:20 Suspicious, 3717 Bridge St, Monitor

18:55 Traffic Offense, Sunset Hwy & River St

January 16

08:13 Welfare Check, 206 Perry St
 13:27 Scam, 917 Pioneer Ave# A204
 17:35 Trespass, 4752 Kelly Rd, Monitor
 21:34 Domestic Disturbance, 5300 Wohlers Rd

January 17

11:44 Theft, 307 Elberta Ave
 12:19 Drugs, 209 Aplets Way

14:43 Civil, 208 Cottage Ave# 1
 15:35 Trespass, 302 S Division St

January 18

06:57 Suicide Threat, 301 Chapel St
 08:51 Assist Agency, 4900 Nahahum Canyon Rd
 11:08 Trespass, 302 S Division St
 11:20 Assist Agency, 5710 Goodwin Rd
 12:58 Parking/Abandon, 4580 E Nahahum Canyon Rd
 13:10 Parking/Abandon, 5240 N Cashmere Rd
 14:34 Traffic Offense, Cottage Ave & Maple St

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Washington Outdoors Report

Outdoors Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE
Special to Ward Media

Bob Bugert Appointed To The Washington Recreation And Conservation Funding Board

Leavenworth resident Bob Bugert has been appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. According to Joshua McKinney with the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), "The board awards about \$200 million in grants every other year to tribes, nonprofits and government agencies to create parks, trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The board also awards grants to conserve the state's natural resource heritage by protecting working farms and forests and wildlife habitat, including places inhabited by plants and animals found nowhere else in the world."

Bugert has quite a bit of experience in the field of conservation, previously serving as the Executive Director of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust which greatly expanded the trail system in the Western foothills of Wenatchee as well as enacting policies to protect mule deer in this area during the winter. Bugert also spent eight years serving on the Washington State Salmon Recovery Board and recently served as a Chelan County Commissioner. In his spare time, Bugert enjoys time in the outdoors hiking, biking and kayaking.

A Turkey Hunting Opportunity For First Responders:

Craig Dowdy, the owner of YJ Guide Service near Davenport, is giving away six guided turkey hunts this April on the 20th and 21st to first responders as a way of showing appreciation for the work they do. These will be guided hunts, lasting two days, and all meals and accommodations are included.

The only cost for participating hunters will be travel to and from Davenport along with the cost of a hunting license and turkey tag.

This is open to both current and retired first responders. To apply, contact Craig and his wife Melodie by email at melodie@yjguideservice.com. Simply give your contact information (name, address and cell phone number) along with a very brief description of your service as a first responder to include whether you serve in law enforcement, the fire service or in EMS.

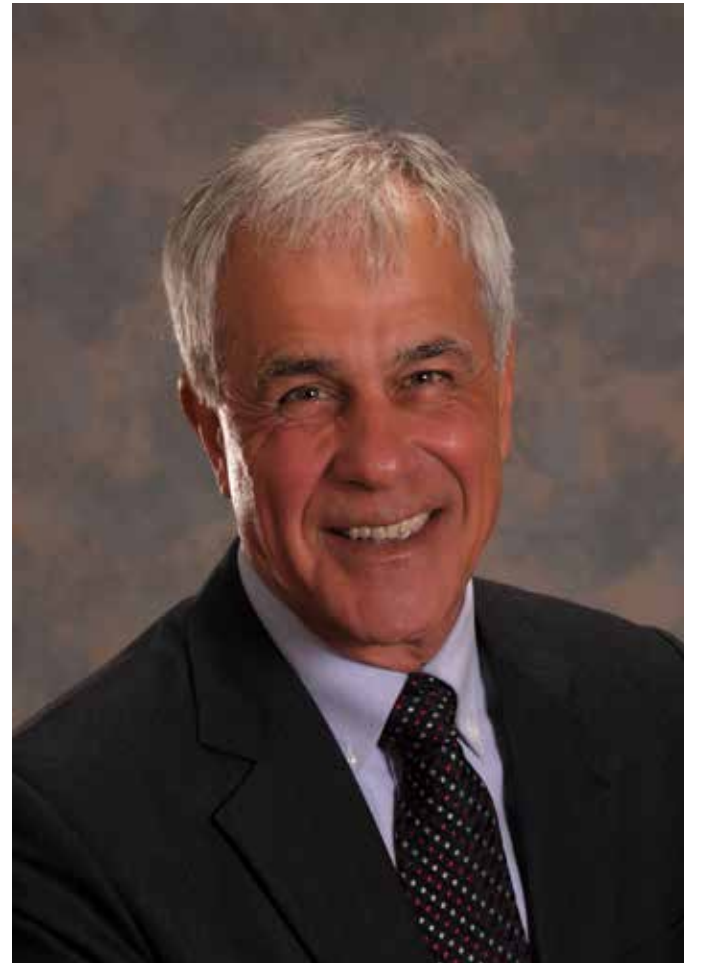
Spokane River/Lake Roosevelt Fishing Report

In other news, Craig Dowdy reports he was fishing the Spokane River until the cold snap froze things up to Porcupine Bay. Once the ice melts he'll get back to fishing for burbot and walleye. The fishing was very good right before the cold snap, especially for burbot. Book your trip at www.yjguideservice.com

Columbia River Gorge Fishing

Catch and keep sturgeon fishing may be closed in the Bonneville and The Dalles pools of the Columbia River but as of Jan. 17 it remains open in the John Day pool east of Rufus. According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, "Angler effort was light because of inclement weather conditions in the John Day Pool most of last week. Anglers have landed approximately 45 percent of the annual catch guideline through Jan. 16. Sturgeon fishing is open seven days per week until the quota is achieved, but anglers should check weather and road conditions before planning a trip through the Gorge."

Catch and release sturgeon fishing continues to be open for anglers on the rest of the Columbia River. Checking in with Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus on the 18th, they reported nobody has come into the store with any fishing reports since the cold snap of Jan. 11. When temperatures moderate though, the walleye fishing below John Day Dam should be good.



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Robert "Bob" Bugert

Washington State Parks Is Hiring

It's the time of year that Washington State Parks recruits for seasonal park aides. This year, they are looking to hire 300 park aides and senior park aides who will work in state parks from April through September.

Park aides perform a variety of duties ranging from registering campers, maintaining trails, cleaning campgrounds and maintaining facilities. They also staff park offices, assist visitors and help with interpretive and educational programs. Park aides work in one large park or cover an area with several small parks.

According to Washington State Parks, "This opportunity is ideal for recent high school and college graduates, retired

workers looking for an encore, military veterans transitioning to civilian employment and mid-careerists taking time to reinvent themselves. Most park aides appreciate the flexibility of seasonal outdoor work and the mix of public interaction and physical labor."

Park aides earn between \$16.90 to \$20.33 an hour, depending on their experience. Senior park aides earn up to \$23.40 an hour. You can find out more and apply at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington. Type in the key word Park Aide into the search bar to find the available opportunities.

Visit Me At The Washington Sportsmen's Show - I'll be

exhibiting at the Washington Sportsmen's Show at the State Fair Center in Puyallup from Jan. 31 through Feb. 4. We'll be giving away some knife sharpeners from Work Sharp to some lucky attendees and I'll also be giving a seminar about places in the Pacific Northwest you should be fishing at in 2024. That seminar takes place Saturday the 3rd in the Blue Fishing Theater from 11 a.m. to noon. You can find out more about Washington State's biggest sportsmen's show at www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/

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

What to rub on sore muscles

My 64-year-old friend Mark loves riding his mountain bike every weekend. In the winter he heads to our local ski area, White Pass, where he "shreds" with his son, Chris. Last week, he asked me, "What can I use for sore knees that isn't a pill?"

There are lots of products available without a prescription that Mark could apply directly to his skin to soothe the sore muscles or aching knees. Natural compounds like wintergreen oil, camphor, menthol and capsaicin have been used for decades for muscle pain.

These plant-based compounds are called counterirritants. They stimulate the nerves in your skin, which blunts your pain sensation. When rubbed on sore muscles, they can create intense warmth, soothing coolness, or burning/tingling. Because they are not easily absorbed into your bloodstream, these topical agents can relieve discomfort with a much lower risk of side effects than pain pills.

Other options for Mark include lidocaine and diclofenac. These alternatives work very differently. Lidocaine is a local anesthetic, and diclofenac (Voltaren®) is an anti-inflammatory agent similar to naproxen (Aleve®) and ibuprofen (Motrin-IB®).

I recommend using a 4% lidocaine roll-on for nerve pain and diclofenac gel for arthritis pain. I avoid suggesting capsaicin because it causes burning and has to be reapplied 2-3 times daily to maintain relief.

Capsaicin is derived from chili peppers. It works by triggering a nerve messenger called Substance P to be released from the area you apply it to.

Substance P acts like a telephone line, carrying messages to your brain that you've got pain in your knee. Capsaicin releases even more Substance P, until it can't send any more messages until it builds back up. For example, when you flush a toilet, the water must be replaced before you can use it again.

When applied for the first time, capsaicin causes a moderately intense burning and tingling sensation, the result of Substance P being released. This is followed by a diminished sensation of pain that persists for up to 8-10 hours.

Eventually, as your body replaces Substance P, you'll feel tingling and burning start to come back. To maintain pain relief, you'll need to reapply capsaicin.

Because capsaicin is made from hot chili peppers, wash your hands immediately after applying it. Touching your eye with capsaicin on your fingers feels just like throwing pepper in it. I recommend using a roll-on applicator for capsaicin to avoid touching the stuff.

Many non-prescription topical analgesics contain at least one plant-based product, such as methyl salicylate (also called wintergreen oil), menthol, which is derived from peppermint oil, camphor, eucalyptus oil, turpentine, and an odorless cousin of methyl salicylate called trolamine salicylate.

Some of the more potent formulations Mark could select from include Aspercreme® Heat Pain Relieving Gel, with 10% Menthol; Tiger Balm® Arthritis Rub, which has 11% each of menthol and camphor; and Ben-Gay® Ultra Strength Pain Relieving Cream, containing 30% methyl salicylate, 10% menthol, and 4% camphor.

What if Mark prefers methyl salicylate products but wants to avoid smelling like wintergreen? He could switch to the odorless Aspercreme® formula containing trolamine salicylate instead of methyl salicylate.

Bayer, the manufacturer of Aleve®, has recently introduced two topical pain relief products: AleveX® as a lotion, spray and roll-on, and Aleve Arthritis Pain® gel. What's confusing is that neither one contains naproxen, the active ingredient in the brand name Aleve®.

This is an example of "brand extension," which



is capitalizing on the name recognition of a trademark to market a different active ingredient. My husband finds this misleading and frustrating.

Instead of naproxen, AleveX® contains 16% menthol and 5.5% camphor, similar to Tiger Balm®. Aleve Arthritis Pain® gel contains diclofenac, the same ingredient found in Voltaren® gel.

Tylenol Precise Cooling® cream is another example of brand extension. Instead of acetaminophen, this cream contains both 4% lidocaine and 1% menthol.

Here are 4 Tips for Using Topical Non-Prescription Pain Relievers Safely:

1. Apply only to intact skin.

Broken skin increases the amount of drug absorbed into your bloodstream, increasing the risk of side effects.

2. Alternate with different agents.

Using more than one topical analgesic roll-on may increase your relief, but applying them simultaneously can increase the risk of skin irritation. Try alternating them instead.

3. Reapply capsaicin without delay.

Replenish capsaicin when the tingling/burning sensation begins to return. Waiting longer makes the tingling and burning more intense when you use it again.

4. Use roll-on applicators whenever possible.

Roll-ons are more precise and less messy. They avoid getting capsaicin's pepper-based extract on your fingers and accidentally in your eyes.

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

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

OLYMPIA - The 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated 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 trip-related 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, mirroring the state's demographic spread. Fishers and hunters were more likely to engage in wildlife watching than non-participants in these

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brianna Talley
Senior
Cashmere Girls Basketball



Brianna Talley, our Athlete of the Week, is a standout senior guard for the Cashmere Bulldogs girls basketball team. Known for her exceptional defensive skills, Bri consistently sets the tone for the team by taking on the challenging task of guarding the opposing

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team's best player in every game. Beyond her defensive prowess, she contributes significantly to the team's offense, showcasing her shooting abilities. In a recent game against Cle Elum, Bri demonstrated her scoring finesse by putting up an impressive 18 points, including three successful 3-pointers. Her all-around skills and leadership make her a valuable asset to the Cashmere Bulldogs, and she is truly deserving of the Athlete of the Week recognition.

Bulldog Scoreboard



GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 16	Cashmere 60, Cle Elum-Roslyn 54; Win
Jan. 18	Cashmere 52, Omak 10; Win
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 16	Cashmere 72, Cle Elum-Roslyn 44; Win
Jan. 18	Cashmere 63, Omak 70; Loss
Jan. 20	Cashmere XX, Sultan XX; Canceled

Sports Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25	Cashmere vs. Quincy, Away 5:45 p.m.
Jan. 26	Cashmere vs. Okanogan, Away 6 p.m.
Jan. 30	Cashmere vs. Cascade, Home 5:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25	Cashmere vs. Quincy, Away 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 26	Cashmere vs. Okanogan, Away 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Cashmere vs. Cascade, Home 7:15 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING	
Jan. 20	Cashmere Away at Auburn 9 a.m.
Jan. 23	Cashmere Away Quincy 5 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING	
Jan. 19	Cashmere Away Quincy 7 p.m.
Jan. 20	Cashmere Away at Auburn 9 a.m.
Jan. 23	Cashmere Away Okanogan 7 p.m.

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Boys Basketball

Bulldogs triumph over Warriors; Baker scores 25 in dominant victory

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CASHMERE - At Cashmere High School's Ron Doane Gymnasium last Tuesday night, the Cashmere Bulldogs boys basketball team showcased a dominant performance

against the Cle Elum Warriors, securing a 72-44 victory. Senior Landon Baker was a standout for the Bulldogs, sinking seven three-pointers to amass a total of 25 points. Cashmere established an early lead, finishing the first quarter with a 19-5 advantage, and maintained

their momentum throughout the game.

Contributions came from across the Bulldogs' roster, with eleven players scoring. Junior Rylan Nelson added 10 points, while seniors Trae Smith and Caed Wilkinson each contributed 7 points.

Bulldogs' rally falls short in 70-63 loss to Pioneers

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CASHMERE - In Thursday's conference basketball match, the Cashmere Bulldogs faced a defeat at home against the Omak Pioneers with a final score of 70-63. The Pioneers established an early lead in the game, ending the first quarter

ahead 22-14. This momentum continued, bringing their advantage to 37-24 by halftime.

However, the Bulldogs demonstrated resilience, rallying with an impressive 18-0 run at the start of the third quarter, which briefly put them ahead at 42-37. The Pioneers quickly responded, regaining the lead 49-46, until

a key 3-pointer by junior Rylan Nelson at the third quarter's end leveled the score at 49-49.

The final period saw a close contest until the Pioneers secured their lead, resulting in their Caribou Trail League victory. Nelson led the Bulldogs with 21 points, while senior Dalan Smart contributed 13 points.

Winter sports postseason update

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

CASHMERE - The winter sports season is reaching its climax with postseason competitions set to showcase the best in regional talent. From the intensity of wrestling matches to the dynamic plays on the basketball courts, athletes across various disciplines are gearing up for a series of pivotal tournaments.

Below is the comprehensive schedule for the upcoming district, regional, and state events, outlining key dates and venues for boys and girls wrestling, basketball, and boys swimming. These tournaments not only serve as a platform for individual and team excellence but also as a stepping stone to state-level glory.

Boys Wrestling:

- District Tournament: Omak High School hosts the event on Feb. 3. The top four wrestlers in each category advance to the Regional Tournament.
- Regional Tournament: Set for Feb. 10 at Quincy High School, with the top three from each bracket moving on to the State Tournament.
- State Tournament (Mat Classic): Scheduled for Feb. 16-17 at the Tacoma Dome.

Girls Wrestling:

- District Tournament: Held on Feb. 3 at Ephrata High School. The top four from

each bracket qualify for the Regional Tournament.

- Regional Tournament: Takes place on Feb. 10 at Quincy High School. Top three wrestlers in each bracket advance to the State Tournament.
- State Tournament (Mat Classic): Set for Feb. 16-17 at the Tacoma Dome.

Boys Basketball:

- District Tournament details:
 - Game #1: Feb. 6, 2024 - CTL #4 vs CTL #1 at the higher seed's location, 7:00 p.m.
 - Game #2: Feb. 6, 2024 - CTL #3 vs CTL #2 at the higher seed's location, 7:00 p.m. Both games are elimination rounds.
 - Game #3: Feb. 10, 2024 - District Championship between Game #1 and Game #2 winners at Wenatchee High School, 8:00 p.m. Both teams in Game #3 advance to CTL/NEA Cross-Over Games on Feb. 17.

Girls Basketball:

- District Tournament details:
 - Game #1: Feb. 7, 2024 - CTL #4 vs CTL #1 at the higher seed's location, 7:00 p.m.
 - Game #2: Feb. 7, 2024 - CTL #3 vs CTL #2 at the higher seed's location, 7:00 p.m. Both games are elimination rounds.
 - Game #3: Feb. 10, 2024 - District Championship between Game #1 and

Game #2 winners at Wenatchee High School, 6:00 p.m. Both teams in Game #3 advance to CTL/NEA Cross-Over Games on Feb. 17.

District 6/7 Cross-Over - Boys & Girls Basketball Games:

Scheduled for Feb. 17, time to be determined. This is a single game with the winner advancing to the State Regionals and the loser being eliminated. The matchups are NEA 3 vs CTL 1 and CTL 2 vs NEA 2.

WIAA State Basketball:

- Regional Competitions (1st Round): Scheduled for Feb. 23-24, location to be announced.
- State Tournament: Set for Feb. 28-March 1, 2024, at the Yakima Sun Dome.

Boys Swimming:

- District Swim Meet: Scheduled for Feb. 2-3 at Gibb Pool (WSU), with the time to be determined.

Girls Basketball

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

CASHMERE - The Cashmere High School girls' basketball team claimed a non-league victory over the Cle Elum-Roslyn High School Warriors last Tuesday,

CHS girls beat Cle Elum-Roslyn in tight non-league battle

finishing with a score of 61-55.

Leading the scoring for Cashmere was senior Brianna Talley with 18 points, including four successful three-point shots. Junior Allie McKenna contributed significantly, securing all six

of her free-throw attempts and ending the game with 14 points. Despite an injury in the first half, Ellie Bessonette rallied to score 9 of her total 11 points in the fourth quarter. Senior Katie Piepel also played a key role, scoring 11 points.

Lady Bulldogs secure decisive win over Omak

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CASHMERE - In Thursday's home conference game, the Cashmere girls varsity basketball team secured a commanding victory against the Omak Pioneers, concluding with a 52-10 score. This win marks a significant milestone for the Lady Bulldogs, elevating their season record to 11-4.

The game began with Cashmere establishing a substantial lead in the first quarter, ending it at 25-0. Contributing notably to this early advantage was junior Allie McKenna, who scored 13 of her total 16 points in the opening period.

As the game progressed, Cashmere continued to expand its lead, registering a 38-2 score at halftime. This match extends their winning streak to six consecutive league games and seven out of their last eight games overall.

Other notable performances included junior Ellie Bessonette, who contributed 11 points, and senior Katie Piepel, who added 9 points to the team's tally.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Athlete: Saige O'Keefe,
12th grade

O'Keefe had a great week for the CHS girls' wrestling squad. Recently, at the Quincy Mixer, she won 2 of her 3 matches and followed that with a 4th place medal at the Connell Invitational. She won four matches at Connell and finished the week with six wins, and just three losses. For the season, Saige has 13 wins, and just 10 losses.

Coach Avery Ackerman: "Saige is a true team captain. She puts in the work at practice and on the mat. She is constantly encouraging and building up her teammates day-in and day-out. She is definitely the



number one supporter for the team. This season she's grown not only as a wrestler, but also as an individual. I see great success for her future."
Parents: Wendi & Terry O'Keefe
Activities: FFA
Sports: X-Country and Wrestling
Future Plans: Plans on becoming Cashmere's Girls Assistant Wrestling Coach and earning her Cosmetologist License.

Student: Misty Carney,
10th grade

In the English classroom, Misty Carney deserves recognition for her commendable efforts. Quietly dedicated, Misty consistently completes her assignments with diligence, ensuring the submission of high-quality work. As one of the top students in her class, Misty consistently performs to the best of her abilities, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence that sets her apart. The newspaper acknowledges Misty Carney for her outstanding



contributions and commitment to excellence in her studies.
Teacher: Ted Smith
Parents: Val & Kevin Carney
Activities: FCCLA and Mama Mia school play.
Future Plans: Going to college and plan to major in Social Work or Special Ed and Minor in the other.

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Legals

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In re the Estate of FEDERICO CARRENO Deceased. NO. 23-4-00444-04 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative'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 personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: January 10 th , 2024
Personal Representative: Monica Carreno
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kyle D. Flick
Address for Mailing or Service: 222 South Mission Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 23-4-00444-04
DATED this 2nd day of January 2024
LAW OFFICE OF KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.
By KYLE D. FLICK, WSBA #14963
Attorney for Estate
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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Upper Valley Park and Recreation Service Area (PRSA) is announcing its annual meeting dates for 2024. The Board meets six times annually, with the meetings scheduled for March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US Highway 2. Also available via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/98698954583?pwd=eUVNUUQyZ0ZwzVE9qY0dmWJnU1NWQT09>
See the City of Leavenworth website for agenda details when posted at www.cityofleavenworth.com. The public is invited to attend said meetings and make comments. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on January 24, 2024. #7160

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Superior Court of Washington County of Walla Walla Juvenile Court Dependency of: ISRAEL DREW HAMILTON, DOB: 07/20/2017 No: 23-7-00139-03 Notice and Summons by Publication (Dependency) (SMPB)
To: Jacob Besel, Alleged Father
To: To Whom It May Concern
A Dependency Petition was filed on October 24, 2023. A Uncontested Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: February 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at: Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 W. Main St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.
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To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DCYF at (509) 524-4900. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx.
DATED this 26 day of December, 2023.
Crystal Jennings
DEPUTY CLERK
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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY In re the Estate of: DAVID E. SEVERANCE JR, Deceased. NO. 24-4-00127-9 SEA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40
The Administrator named below has been appointed as 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 their 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 (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) 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. Dated this 5th day of January, 2024.
s/Tracy SchAAF
Tracy SchAAF, Administrator
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause No:
See Caption Above
Date of First Publication: January 17, 2024.
Attorney for Administrator: Joshua G. R. Curtis, WSBA No. 42034
Address for Service and Mailing: Beresford Booth PLLC 145 Third Avenue South Edmonds, WA 98020
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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR PIERCE COUNTY In the matter of the Estate of: KATHLEEN RENEE WILSON, Deceased. No. 24-4-00069-3 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
The Administrator named below has been appointed and has qualified as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claim against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 24, 2024
ADMINISTRATOR: JASON K. WILSON
Attorney for the Administrator: Brianne M. Kampbell, WSBA# 34483
KAMPBELL LEGAL PLANNING, PLLC
Address for Mailing or Service: 2501 North Alder Street Tacoma, WA 98406
Court of Probate Proceeding and Cause Number: See caption above. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on January 24, 31, February 7, 2024. #7151

Public Notices

CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
On the 9th day of January, 2024, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinance. A summary of the contents provides as follows:
Ordinance 1687: An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, adopting the City of Leavenworth Comprehensive Plan amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan. A full copy of the ordinance is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on January 24, 2024. #7150

Public Notices

Superior Court of Washington for Chelan County In the matter of the estate of Lonnie C. Davis, Deceased. No. 24-4-00008-04 Notice To Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
The person named below has been appointed as 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 her 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 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: January 24, 2024.
Joy L. Hall, Administrator
Attorney for the Administrator: Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991
Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111
Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 24-4-00008-04
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CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!
Solve the code to discover words related to slow cooking. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = E)
A. 12 9 10 12 23 Clue: Vessel
B. 18 19 10 8 Clue: Opposite of fast
C. 18 3 20 20 16 9 Clue: Liquid kept below boil
D. 1 16 15 17 16 9 3 21 16 Clue: Soften fibers
Answers: A. crock B. slow C. simmer D. tenderize

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Most people agree that doing kind things for others makes them feel good.

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Kindness is Catching!

When you do something kind for another person, it is catching. The person you are kind to will likely go out and do something kind for someone else.

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Five Weeks of Kindness Experiment

Two scientists at Ohio State University asked students who were feeling worried or sad to do three small acts of kindness twice a week for five weeks. The students did things like:

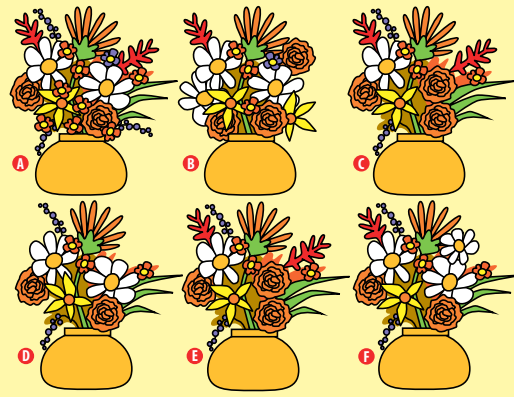


At the end of the five weeks, students reported feeling less worried and much happier. **Being kind makes people feel good!**

Standards Link: Language Arts: Read informational text.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How kind! Someone surprised the teachers at Main Street Elementary School with flowers. Can you find the two arrangements that are exactly the same?



Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

- COOKIE
- DOG
- EDITOR
- FRIEND
- GOOD
- GROCERIES
- HAPPIER
- KINDNESS
- LESS
- NOTES
- OHIO
- PERSON
- SIGNS
- SMILE
- VOLUNTEER

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 G J K H A P P I E R
 N T B I Z C K E R O
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 O M G T Q D V D O E
 L Y I D B O N Y N R
 S S E L O O V E O I
 O I H O E G B H S E
 V O L U N T E E R S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together Kindness Quiz

Answer these questions after you've read this Kid Scoop page. Have a family member check to see if you answered them all correctly.

- A study at Ohio State University found out that doing acts of kindness made people feel**
 - lonely
 - hungry
 - silly
 - better
- When you do a kind act, it often causes other people to do acts of kindness, too.**
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
- A student at Ohio State University put these all around the campus:**
 - flowers
 - apples
 - sticky notes with kind words
 - jokes
- Opening a door for someone is an act of kindness.**
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
- To feel happier and less worried, it helps to help others. You can:**
 - smile at someone new
 - carry someone's groceries
 - give someone a cookie
 - walk a neighbor's dog
 - shovel a snowy sidewalk for a neighbor
 - give compliments
 - volunteer to help someone
 - open doors for others
 - let someone cut in front of you in line
 - all of the above!
- Kindness is catching.**
 - TRUE
 - FALSE

Standards Link: Write descriptively.

Notes of Kindness

One student at Ohio State spread kindness around the entire campus. She wrote positive and kind words on sticky notes and stuck them to doors, signs, mirrors, and walls around campus.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some kind words to share.

Y _ U _ A R E
W _ S _ M E !

H _ V _ A
F _ N T _ S T _ C
D _ Y !

I ' M P R _ D
T _ B E Y _ R
F R _ N D !

Y _ _ A R E
S _ P _ R
S M _ R T
_ N D
S _ P _ R
F _ N N Y ,
T _ _ !

D _ N T D _ _ B T
T H _ P _ W _ R
O F K _ N D N _ S S

T H _ N K Y _ _
F _ R B _ N G
Y _ _ !

Extra! Extra!
Thanking a Local Hero
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 Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using letter format.

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Schools

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"I think it's important for people to know that because we're considered a property poor district, meaning that our assessed valuation of our district property and facilities and buildings were a fraction of like Leavenworth's Cascade School District property value

or Chelan," Johnson said. "Because we don't have hotels or lakefront property or those kinds of things."

"And so, the bottom line is, in the property poor district, we get what's called levy equalization," Johnson said. "So while we may collect fewer dollars, compared to other districts, the state recognizes that being property poor that they provide what's called

levy equalization and it kind of equalizes the playing field for us."

The projected tax rate for the upcoming EP&O levy replacement is \$2.10 per thousand assessed value. This represents a 7¢ increase from the 2024 rate, resulting in a yearly rise of \$38 for a \$400K homeowner. Concurrently, existing bond tax rates are decreasing, leading to a

reduction in total school taxes compared to previous years.

The district chose to flatline the cost of the levy for the four years with a consistent rate of \$2.10 per thousand assessed value. The state maximum is \$2.50.

"For the four years, we at the board felt it was very important to have consistency," Johnson said.

Johnson "So we did not

run this thing up to the max," Johnson said. "We felt like it was best to be conservative."

The 7¢ increase is to cover the cost of inflation, Johnson said.

"We want to be mindful of our community members and basically just asked for the amount that we feel is going to be able to keep us where we're at, and that's just, you know, the reality of it," Bessonette

said. "We're trying to be mindful and good stewards of our community's taxpayer's money."

Ballots for the special election were mailed to voters on Tuesday, Jan. 23. If approved on the Tuesday, Feb. 13 special election ballot, the levy would run through 2028.

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Wildlife

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activities. Fishing attracted 17% of state residents, while hunting, away-from-home wildlife watching, and around-the-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 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 region.

Wildlife watching, defined broadly from observing to photographing wildlife, drew immense interest, with 4.3 million participants indulging 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 cherished pastime.

These findings will inform

the implementation of various strategic plans, including the Washington Hunting and Angling Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) Plan and the 10-Year Recreation Strategy for WDFW-Managed Lands. It underscores the multifaceted ways Washington residents enjoy the outdoors and the critical role of wildlife-

related recreation in state conservation and economic strategies.

Washington's rich natural resources and diverse wildlife continue to be a significant draw, offering myriad recreational activities that contribute substantially to both the state's economy and the well-being of its residents and visitors.

Victims

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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

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 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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LEGISLATIVE Coverage

Newhouse building rises on Olympia's capitol campus

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. The building when

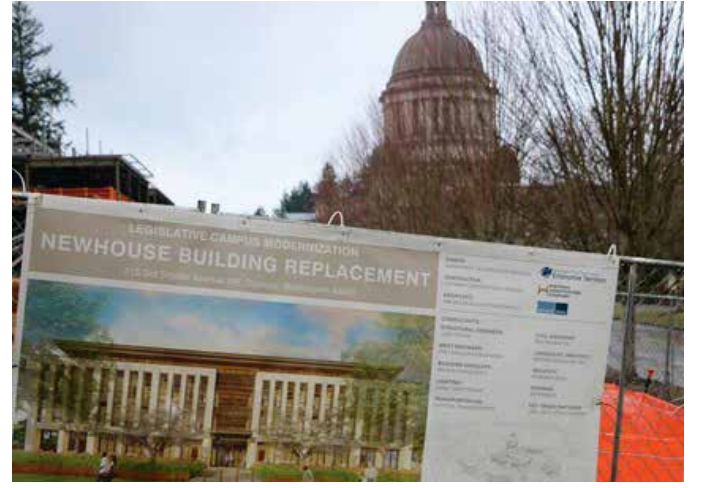


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The Newhouse building is currently under construction as part of the Legislative Campus Modernization for its replacement.

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



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A sign on the edge of the construction site shows what the new Newhouse office building will look like.

anticipated in late 2024.

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

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Low turnout 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 co-sponsor 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 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 to even-year elections doubles or more than doubles voter

turnout," Hajnal said.

Hajnal 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.

Rep. Leonard Christian, R-Spokane Valley, and Rep. Greg Cheney, R-Battle Ground, 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 Villeneuve has found a ratio of 2-1 support in favor of even-year elections for localities.

Why has the seemingly impactful shift to even-

numbered 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. "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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Election turnout for local races would increase if they ran in even numbered years with state and national elections.

Legislation to bolster landslide preparedness and safety introduced in Congress

Ward Media / Cashmere Valley Record

WASHINGTON, DC - In a move to enhance national preparedness and response to landslide hazards, U.S. Representatives Kim Schrier (WA-08), Suzan DelBene (WA-01), and Marie Glusenkamp Perez (WA-03) have introduced the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act (H.R. 7003).

This bipartisan bill, if passed, will reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act through fiscal year 2028, building upon the foundation set by the original act enacted in 2021.

The 2021 legislation empowered the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program. Its core mission is to identify and understand landslide risks,

mitigate losses, protect at-risk communities, and enhance communication and emergency preparedness strategies.

Washington state, a region with a history of devastating landslides, including the 2014 State Route 530 landslide — the deadliest in U.S. history — is particularly vulnerable. The increasing severity and frequency of wildfires across Washington and other western

states exacerbate this threat, leaving burn areas highly susceptible to landslides.

Congresswoman Schrier remarked on the urgency of the bill, recalling the 2014 landslide that claimed 43 lives. "Nearly ten years ago, our community felt the devastating impact of landslides firsthand as the SR 530 Landslide claimed 43 lives, making it the deadliest in U.S. history," said Rep. Schrier. "This bill will make

crucial investments to further our understanding of landslides, improve our preparation for these natural disasters, and ultimately safeguard our communities."

The proposed legislation would enable the USGS to develop a national landslide strategy, a comprehensive hazard and risk inventory database, expand early warning systems for debris flow, and establish

rapid response protocols for significant landslide events. It also aims to improve subsidence and groundwater resource accounting and establish a 3D elevation program.

The bill also provides for grants to support research, mapping, data collection on landslide hazards, and the National Science Foundation may offer grants for landslide research.

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CASHMERE

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
303 Maple Street • 509-782-2431
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Call for activities: Pastor Charles Clarke
www.cashmerepres.org

CASHMERE COMMUNITY CHURCH
213 S. Division • 509-782-3811
In-person Service, Sunday, 11 a.m. until further notice.
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana
cashmerecommunitychurch@gmail.com



Sunday Worship Service at 10 am
Lead Pastor Steve Haney
5800 Kimber Rd., Cashmere
509-295-8006
christcentercashmere.com



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
• 509-860-0736 • 222 Cottage Ave.,
Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist.
Services, 10 a.m.
Pastor Rob Gohl

DRYDEN

DRYDEN COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hwy 2 at Dryden Ave. • 509-782-2935
Sunday Worship at 11 am.
• Prayer Meeting Wed. at 6 pm. Pastor Bill Clem

MID-VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
8345 Stine Hill Rd. • 509-782-2616
Worship Service, 10 a.m.,
Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Pastor Mike Moore
www.midvalley baptist.org

LEAVENWORTH

CASCADE MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH
Office: 509-548-4331
11025 Chumstick Hwy.
Please join us Sunday mornings
9 a.m., Sunday School
10:30 a.m., Worship Service

CORNERSTONE CHURCH
Leavenworth Front Hall
621 Front St.
info@cornerstoneleavenworth.com
Sunday Worship – 10 a.m.



LEAVENWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
418 Evans Street • 509-548-5619
10 a.m. Sunday Service, Pastor
Jo Dene Romeijn-Stout
Leavenworthumc.org
leavenworthumc@outlook.com

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
10170 Titus Rd. (across from middle school)
Church: 509-548-7667
Meetings: Sunday - 10 a.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
"Reconciling Works Congregation"
224 Benton Street • 509-548-7010
Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following
Eva Jensen, Pastor
https://www.flcleavenworth.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEAVENWORTH, SBC
429 Evans Street, 509- 470-7745
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Website: www.leavenworthbaptist.com
Email: info@leavenworthbaptist.com

LEAVENWORTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
111 Ski Hill Drive • 509-548-5292
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Lead Pastor: Greg Appleby
Youth Pastor Paige Derosssett
Worship Pastor-Jacob Mitchell
www.LCN.org

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
10600 Ski Hill Drive • 509-548-4345
Saturday Services • Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. • Fred Smith • 509-860-3997

SPIRIT LIFE CENTER
210 Benton Street • 509-548-7138
Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Prayer 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Russell Esparza

MONITOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3799 Fairview Canyon • 509-782-2601
In-person service, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana

LIGHT IN THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
8455 Main Street
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. • Pastor John Romine
www.lightinthevalley.org

NEW LIFE FOURSQUARE CHURCH
7591 Hwy. 97 • 509-548-4222
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
Pastors, Darryl and Mindy Wall
Email: newlifeleavenworth@gmail.com
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