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Potential water rate increase and Library relocation top agenda at Cashmere City Council meeting

By Kirk Beckendorf
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE - A potential rate increase for water usage and the move of the library to the Riverside Center were primary topics of discussion during the Jan. 22 Cashmere City Council meeting.

Director of Operations Steve Croci informed the Council that during the extremely cold weather, the new water meters were able to detect water line bursts or leaks on the private property side of the meter, including one that was undetected by the property owner, leaking at a rate of 4,000 gallons per hour. He said that city staff could quickly contact property owners with up-to-date phone numbers on file with the city.

He emphasized that residents should contact the city to confirm that the city has their correct contact

information since it is super helpful for city staff to make timely contact in the event of a water issue at the house or business.

Mayor Jim Fletcher told the Council that everyone in town knows that wastewater rates are high and that we want the public to know we are discussing the wastewater and water rates and the city's budget needs. He explained that he and city staff had been examining the capital project needs for the next six years, what projects to plan for, and what will be needed to maintain the facilities.

Fletcher reminded council members that the city's policy is to increase the wastewater rate by 2% each year. He added that no change is anticipated with those rates for the next couple of years. However, Fletcher told the Council that the wastewater capital fund is gradually being depleted, so at some point, it will get to a point

where we do not want it to drop any lower. Fletcher suggested that \$1,000,000 would be a good level to cover unseen expenses, adding that some of the pumps at lift stations can be \$50,000 - \$60,000 each and that repairs to underground sewer lines can be very costly.

"Water is a different story," Fletcher said. He explained that the city has not adequately funded the water capital reserves for the past couple of years. The Mayor continued that he and city staff are looking at water revenues and expenses to determine what it will take to sustain water capital reserves. According to city policy, water rates increase by 4% per year. According to Fletcher, that is not enough to build or maintain the reserve funds. He told council members that the minimum amount he would like to have in the reserve budget is \$500,000 or greater. He warned that repairs and

replacements could be costly, and the city could quickly go through a half million dollars. According to Director of Operations Steve Croci, rehabbing, adding, or moving a pressure-reducing valve can cost \$250,000.

During their discussion, the Council utilized a spreadsheet to examine the impacts of different rate increases on reserve funds and resident's water bills. Using an 8% water rate increase as an example, he showed the Council that the reserve funds would diminish over time.

Council member Jeff Johnson asked what rate would be needed to reach a sustainable balance. Fletcher replied that an annual 8% increase would get there in a couple of years. Croci added that inflation is part of the issue and that during part of the COVID pandemic, the annual rate increase was postponed, which did not allow the city to keep up with

costs. Fletcher clarified that operating budget costs are fine but that building and maintaining the reserve funds that will be needed for maintenance and large projects is the issue.

Fletcher wrapped up the discussion by stating that the planning was still a work in progress and that discussions would continue before he makes a final recommendation.

Barbara Walters, Executive Director of North Central Washington Libraries (NCWL), provided the Council with a description of the library's plans for moving into the Riverside Center. Council members all expressed their support for the library.

According to Walters, the partnership between the city and the NCWL began in the early 1980s when city residents voted to join the library district that had begun in

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Chelan County Rodeo Queen coronation and fundraiser set for February 10

By Quinn Propst
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE - The Chelan County Fair and Rodeo will host a Rodeo Queen Fundraiser and Coronation Kickoff Party on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Mission Creek Community Club Building at 4724 Mission Creek Rd. in Cashmere.

The event will honor Chelan County Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson. Robinson was crowned the first-ever Chelan County Rodeo Queen in November.

Since November, Robinson has been busy meeting community leaders, supporting other rodeo queens, and representing the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo, fair board member Kristen Mattson said.

"She's doing great," Mattson said. "She's taking the lead on this, and she's just making the most of every single moment."

"It's been going really good," Robinson said. "I've had a couple appearances. I've gone to a couple other coronations. I have my first rodeo coming up. So I've been staying busy just getting everything prepared for this upcoming year."

Robinson said her favorite part of being queen so far is meeting people.

"I'm just getting to meet everyone because every year, at the beginning of every year, there's new queens," she said. "I'm excited. It's really nice to get to know everyone I'm gonna be traveling with this year."

The coronation ceremony will give Robinson a chance to publicly step into her role as queen.

"It's just kind of giving Austin her moment to officially be named Chelan County Fair Rodeo Queen, even though she has already been given the crown and has been doing public events," Mattson said. "So it's just kind of a time to recognize her."

Robinson is a 2022 Cashmere High School graduate and the daughter of Nick and Casey Hollenbeck and Ryan and Leslie Robinson.

Robinson, who grew up on a small family farm in Prosser, often rides her two horses Roany and Cookie. She plans to pursue a degree in Equine Dentistry.

At CHS Robinson was active in the volleyball program, 4-H and FFA. She has been riding horses for as long as she can remember and has competed in barrel racing. She even competed in barrel racing in the Washington State High School Rodeo Association.

The Kickoff party starts with happy hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, live auction and a dessert dash.

Tickets are \$25 each. A table is \$250 and seats six.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at ticketleap. The link for ticketleap can be found on the Chelan County Fair Facebook event page.

Robinson was crowned at the Nov. 12 pageant, where prospective queens competed in several segments, including personal interviews, horsemanship skills, modeling presentations, speech delivery, and impromptu questions.

Organizers hope to make the pageant an annual event, showcasing and honoring local young women with an enthusiasm to compete for the title.

"Our rodeo is now sanctioned with the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association or PRCA, so we are hopeful that having a rodeo queen out promoting our rodeo at other events will draw more attention to the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo," Mattson said.

The 2024 Chelan County Fair is scheduled for Sept. 5-8.

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Chelan County Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson attends the 2024 coronation for Omak Stampede Rodeo Queen Eryne Anderson.

Chelan County Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson attends the 2024 coronation for Last Stand Rodeo Queen Kaylee Stump in Coulee City.

Small Change, secondhand art supply shop in Cashmere, nears grand opening



COURTESY OF HAILEY GLASS

Hailey Glass is the owner of Small Change, a second hand art supply and craft materials shop in Cashmere.



Small Change has everything from beads, yarn, and paint, to seashells, stamps, and corks. Everything is donated and sold at a low price.



COURTESY OF HAILEY GLASS

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE - Small Change is one of the newest additions to Side Street Cashmere, selling secondhand art supplies and craft materials for every imagination. The store hosted a soft opening on Jan. 20 but will have its official grand opening at 10 a.m. on Feb. 3.

"I feel like it's a combination of all my skills and my passions. I've always been an artist, and I've always been the kind of artist that will try anything once. Then, on the other hand, I majored in merchandising and business, which is like the analytical side of retail, so I've always known like I was going to use that to open some kind of store," said Hailey Glass, the shop's owner.

Makers can find supplies for nearly every occasion in the shop. Painters have access to canvases, paints, and brushes. Knitters have a selection of yarn. Sewers can find thread, fabric scraps, and patterns. Artists of every

kind will find their fix of supplies, including scrapbookers, jewelry makers, and embroiderers.

For those with a more abstract vision or looking for inspiration, the shop has a wide variety of random supplies, such as glitter, shells, bottle caps, and vintage postage stamps.

Small Change is self-serve, so shoppers can pick up a basket, pick their supplies, and tally up their total at the self-serve station anytime the building is open. Supplies are donated, which keeps costs low.

"It's to make sure everyone has access to creativity and the magic of art, whether that's trying something new or getting supplies that you regularly need," said Glass.

Glass is an artist and runs her own jewelry business, Lynn Mineral. She was hired to open the mercantile space, Brassbound Goods, in Side Street Cashmere, a community hub owned by Andy and Lana Thomas.

The idea for Small Change came

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Nutrition and cooking class

The Peshastin Library will host Every Bite Counts with WSU Extension on Thursdays from Feb. 1 - 22 at 4:15 - 5 p.m.

host Energy Extravaganza on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10 - 11 a.m. "Bring the whole family for hands-on science experiments at 10 a.m. every Saturday in February at the Rocky Reach Discovery Center..."

Make one for yourself and one to give away. Every design is unique. All supplies provided. Everyone is welcome.

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Romance book club

The Cashmere Library will host the Sugar and Spice Romance Book Club on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 6 - 7 p.m.

"This club is a place for romance readers to come together for positive discussions surrounding romance novels, empowering more people to read and enjoy them..."

If you are interested in joining this book club, please reach out to the Cashmere Library staff by phone at (509) 782-3314 or email at Cashmere@ncwlibraries.org.

Calling all Lego Masters

The Peshastin Library will host a Lego Masters challenge that started on Tuesday, Jan. 30 and runs through Sat., Feb. 10. "Show off your lego skills

at the library," the event page states. "You'll have 2 weeks to complete your creation during library open hours. We'll have legos available for participants to use. Completed projects will be displayed at the library during the month of February."

The challenge is to create a lego character or scene from a book or movie of your choice

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

POINT OF VIEW

The legislative session is approaching its halfway point

The Washington State Legislature's scheduled 60-day session is progressing smoothly. My colleagues and I are approaching the halfway point of session. Senators will spend the majority of time during the middle days of session in the full Senate chambers, considering bills approved from committees.



By SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

the 2023-2025 budgets during last year's long session. Regardless of length, each session inevitably involves many items and key topics. Things have been very busy, with over 3,000 bills initially under consideration for this session. Here are some of the major topics of the session:

- State Budget Updates: The legislature meets annually each January but alternates between longer sessions of 105 days when developing the state's two-year budgets and shorter sessions of 60 days when updating those budgets.
Initiatives to Legislature: Several initiatives have been filed to the legislature related to the capital gains tax, climate commitments, long-term care, and other policies.
Transportation Cost Escalations: The legislature approved a 16-year, \$17 billion transportation investment plan in 2022, known as "Move Ahead Washington."

of citizen signatures collected in 2023. The legislature can either approve the initiatives as delivered or propose alternatives. If an alternative is approved, both measures advance to a statewide vote. If no action is taken, the initiative itself advances directly to the ballot.

transportation projects have experienced significant cost escalations due to recent inflationary factors, staffing shortages, and supply chain issues. Legislators are seeking solutions related to supplemental funding for its transportation plan and how to complete its timeline.
Capital Gains Tax Revenues: A new capital gains tax was approved in 2021, which is subject to repeal this November. The 7% tax applies to gains of more than \$250,000 in stocks, bonds, and certain real estate. The first year of revenues collected totaled nearly \$900 million. Approximately \$400 million was collected in excess of what was anticipated. The additional funds must be spent on school construction projects. Legislators are considering what to do, if anything, with these excess funds this year.
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Auction revenues exceeded \$1.8 billion in its first year of implementation, far beyond what was forecasted. Analysts estimate Washington gas prices have increased between 25 - 50 cents per gallon as a result of the program. Debate continues about spending the excess auction revenues.

How to follow legislative activities

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator.

Brad Hawkins serves as State Senator for Legislative District 12.

Chelan PUD Board approves purchase of nearly 5,000 acres of undeveloped land

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WENATCHEE — Chelan Public Utility District commissioners have greenlighted the purchase of a substantial parcel of undeveloped land, spanning

4,910 acres, in the foothills above Malaga for \$5.325 million from Ravenwing Ranch, LLC.

The deal, which breaks down to about \$1,100 per acre, is in the middle of a 90-day investigation period to fully assess the land's value.

Following this due diligence, the transaction is set to be finalized within two months.

The land is not involved in a current dispute between the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife, Chelan County, and the seller, Ravenwing Ranch LLC.

Plans for the newly acquired acreage are still in the brainstorming phase as Chelan PUD begins a strategic planning process to navigate the district's direction over the next 50 years, focusing on long-term preparation for utility services.

Several commissioners have publicly backed the purchase, pointing to the strategic plan's vision and the land's potential for future energy solutions and environmental conservation.

"It positions this utility for the

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Washington Outdoors Report

Looking Ahead To March Fishing

By JOHN KRUSE
Special to Ward Media

It's hard to think of fishing for most of looking at iced-in boat ramps and/or iced-over lakes, but the ice will likely thaw by the beginning of March, and you'll have some great opportunities for fishing when it does. Looking for some early-season trout and walleye ideas? Here's a few for you:

LATE WINTER WALLEYE:

The Columbia River is the place for walleye in February and March as the big females get ready to spawn. In fact, this is the time of year to land a true trophy walleye. Traditionally, the bigger females have been targeted near the Tri-Cities, but quality walleye can be found in The Dalles and John Day pools as well as the Upper Columbia near HydroPark in East Wenatchee, and in Rufus Woods Reservoir as well as the upper end of Lake Roosevelt.

When it comes to catching late winter walleye, try trolling a small spinner worm harness like a Mack's Lure Slow Death Rig at a very slow speed (around 1 to 1.2 MPH). Once you find a school of fish, you can jig for them. In addition to jigging for walleye with soft plastics on jig heads, you can also use metal blade baits

or vertical jigs like a Mack's Sonic Baitfish.

QUINCY LAKES TROUT FISHING:

The Quincy Lakes trout opener on Mar. 1 is either a boom or a bust depending on the amount of ice remaining on this chain of lakes between Quincy and George, which lie in a sizeable state wildlife area. The most popular lakes to fish are Quincy and Burke Lakes, which are both well-stocked with rainbow trout. There are also several small walk-in lakes southwest of these bodies of water that are stocked with smaller numbers of trout but receive less pressure.

The opener often finds crowds of both day anglers and overnight campers congregated close to the shore of the main two trout lakes, many of them in a festive mood, especially when early spring weather and sunshine is present. That isn't always the case, though, The Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce, which has hosted an annual trout fishing derby with prizes for kids and adults in the first half of March, is hedging its bets this year (as to whether the lakes will be ice-free) and will wait until Mar. 22 and 23 to hold their event at Burke and Quincy Lakes.

TUCANNON LAKES TROUT:

The Tucannon Lakes, nestled in the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area and the Blue Mountains of Southeastern Washington, offer another March destination. Speaking with Kim Andersen at The Last RV Resort (the closest resort to these lakes), I learned two small lakes (Blue and Spring) are actually open all year and have historically received plants of 24,000 and 15,000 trout, respectively.

Four additional lakes open on Mar. 1 (Deer, Watson, Rainbow, and Big Four), though Andersen says since the area flooded a few years ago, Big Four Lake doesn't really exist as such and should not be considered as a viable option. Asked which lakes fish best in early March, Andersen said Spring, Deer, Rainbow, and Watson Lakes all fish well when ice-free.

The Last RV Resort near Pomeroy has cabins, RV, and tent sites available, along with a coffee bar. Andersen says they still have openings available for the popular Mar. 1 opening day of trout fishing. www.thelastresortrv.com

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW REMINDERS:

The state's biggest sportsman show is taking place Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 at the State Fair Center in Puyallup. This year's focus will



COURTESY OF THE LAST RESORT RV
A very happy young angler with a big trout from Rainbow Lake



COURTESY OF WENDY BOYER
Wendy Boyer, owner of Gorge Outfitters Supply, with a quality Columbia River walleye.

be not only on the hundreds of exhibitors present but also on seminars given by experts, the most impressive ones offered by Randy Newberg, a very well-known DIY, public lands elk hunter from Montana. Additional experts will be giving seminars about hunting, fishing, and survival, and I will also be giving a seminar about some lesser-known places to go fishing in the Pacific Northwest in 2024.

That seminar takes place on Saturday, February 3, in the Blue Adventure Theatre from 11 a.m. to noon.

Having said that, there will be plenty of attractions to draw your attention, including the Wall of Kings big game trophy display, the Head and Horns Competition, where you can see how your trophy measures up, the Mack's Lure Walleye Tank, the Fistful of Cheaters promotion/giveaway

by Toyota, a free kid's trout pond and the premiere screening of a new film by Addicted Fishing, "Steelhead Alley." Find out more about the show, including information about show hours and discount coupons, at www.thesportshows.com

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Small Change

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about one day when they were deciding what should be done with the small corridor space near the building entrance, which was at the time dark and full of old scrap wood. With its proximity to the Dispatch Mailroom, the idea of a stationary shop was thrown around.

"I immediately, like in the middle of working on

something else, just raised my hand. Like, I have an idea!" said Glass.

Glass pitched Small Change, and Andy Thomas was sold on the idea and helped Glass build the walls.

"She's been integral in making this all work. She's been my right hand. She's phenomenal at her job. So, part of it is just making sure that she feels valued and that her ideas can come to fruition as well as not just mine. This is Side Street; it

is a collaborative effort," said Thomas.

The construction of the shop itself is a testament to Side Street's reign of creativity. Thomas used the various wood already sitting in the corridor and windows from a previous project to construct the walls.

"That corridor from the Co-op to Gaucho [coffee shop] is kind of the main focal point when people come in, so it's a nice way to kind of show that we are living our brand, right? Like, it needs to be a creative

corridor, if that's the image that we're portraying," said Thomas.

Small Change is intended to not only serve as a low barrier of entry for the community to engage in art and creativity but also to support the artists using the maker space downstairs by providing affordable supplies and showcasing their artwork.

Glass had a vending machine built into the wall, which sells artwork by local artists and playful items such

as mystery books covered by paper. The machine accepts \$1 and \$5 bills, which is the typical range for the artwork pricing. Artists receive 100 percent of the profits.

Once complete, Brassbound Goods will promote artists on a larger scale just down the hall from Small Change. The mercantile will sell curated local goods and rent vendor booths to artists and local businesses.

"You can kind of imagine what Hailey's done with Small

Change exemplified with a 2,000 square foot space with nine vendor spaces, plus tablespaces and wall space... Hopefully, this is just a little teaser to what's to come for our retail area," said Thomas.

Small Change is located at 109 Railroad Ave. in Cashmere. Those looking to donate can find a list of accepted items and schedule a donation time at smallchangereuse.com.

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Jan. 25:	Cashmere 59, Quincy 16; Win
Jan. 26:	Cashmere 37, Okanogan 61; Loss
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25:	Cashmere 49, Quincy 70; Loss
Jan. 26:	Cashmere 54, Okanogan 43; Win
Jan. 30:	Cashmere XX, Cascade XX; Win/Loss

Sports Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Feb. 1:	Cashmere vs. Chelan, Away at 5:45 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Feb. 1:	Cashmere vs. Chelan, Away at 7:15 p.m.
GIRLS WRESTLING	
Feb. 3:	Cashmere Away Ephrata WIAA Regional at 10 a.m.
BOYS WRESTLING	
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Addi Talley
Freshman
Cashmere Girls Basketball

We are thrilled to announce that Addi Talley, a talented freshman on the Cashmere Bulldogs basketball team, has been named Athlete of the Week for the second time this

season. Addi's exceptional performance on the court has truly set her apart, showcasing her dedication and skill. In the last two games played, Addi demonstrated her prowess by securing an impressive total of 19 rebounds, a feat that undoubtedly contributed to her team's success. Her commitment to excellence and



unwavering determination make her a standout player, and we congratulate Addi on this well-deserved recognition. The Cashmere Bulldogs are proud to have such a remarkable athlete on their team, and we look forward to witnessing Addi's continued success in future seasons.

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Bulldogs secure fifth place at Mat Animal Invitational

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QUINCY - The Cashmere Bulldogs finished fifth in the Mat Animal Invitational at Quincy High School, competing against 22 other schools. Othello

claimed the team title, followed by Eastmont, Tonasket, Cascade Christian, and Cashmere. Senior Hugh Wheeler secured the 157-pound title in individual performances, winning all four matches by pin. Freshman Jance Novak

emerged victorious in the 150-pound category, maintaining a 5-0 record for the day. Freshman Marshall Pell, competing in the 120-pound bracket, reached the finals with a 3-1 record but was bested by Dennis Hernandez from Royal,

Additionally, freshman Grey Jacobson (175 pounds), Zane Pace (106), Mack Pell, and senior Owen Graves (157) each secured three wins. Cashmere's performance was bolstered by Kaiden Huber (113), Caden Flick (138), Ian Garzon (190), Ulysses Betancourt (215), and Cruz Hesselschwardt (285), who each won two matches.

Cashmere Wrestlers outclass opponents, eye Caribou Trail League title

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QUINCY - The Cashmere Bulldogs traveled to Quincy High School for Caribou Trail League dual matches. The CHS boys' team defeated the Chelan Goats 75-6 and

overcame the Quincy Jacks 49-19. These wins place the Bulldogs at 6-0, leading the league standings. In the match against the Goats, Cashmere's wrestlers demonstrated their skill with several victories. Mack Pell (113), Garrett Edwards

(138), Wyatt Weatherman (144), Hugh Wheeler (157), Zennon Cortes (190), and Ulysses Betancourt (215) each won their bouts by pin. Jance Novak (150) achieved a technical fall, and Owen Graves (165) earned a major decision. Additionally,

Cashmere gained victories in five weight classes by forfeit. Against Quincy, the Bulldogs continued their strong performance, securing six pins from Mack Pell (113), Logan Lindsay (132), Jance Novak (150), Hugh Wheeler (157), Ulysses

Betancourt (215), and Cruz Hesselschwardt (285). Garrett Edwards (138) and Wyatt Weatherman (144) both won by decision, and Zane Pace (106) won by forfeit. Cashmere has guaranteed at least a share of the CTL title with these outcomes.

Wild charge ahead early in 7-4 win over Tri-City

Shcherbyna Nets Two as Wenatchee Adds to Impressive Second-Period Haul

By **AUSTIN DRAUDE**
Wenatchee Wild

WENATCHEE. - The Tri-City Americans may have had the stronger finish to last Wednesday's Western Hockey League game at Town Toyota Center, but the only concern the Wenatchee Wild had in the U.S. Division matchup was finishing the game in front. They did just that, riding a red-hot start to a 7-4 win, their league-best 18th victory on home ice this season. Wenatchee bumped its overall record to 26-15-4-0 for the season, while the Americans fell to 17-24-2-1.

Wenatchee opened the game with all of the first eight shots over the opening four-and-a-half minutes, and all of the

evening's first five goals. Kenta Isogai opened the evening by taking a pass off the wall and rushing it to the net, pitching a forehand shot past Kyle Kelsey just before the halfway mark of the first period. Luka Shcherbyna tallied the first of his two goals with 2:36 remaining, turning around on the right wing after a pass up the wall, and sneaking a shot past Kelsey to double the lead. The lead only grew in the second, with three goals in a little over two minutes - Evan Friesen and Sam Ward both banged in second-chance goals at 7:17 and 7:41, respectively, for a 4-0 Wild advantage. Maddix McCagherty slipped a shot through at 9:28 of the period, putting the hosts ahead 5-0. Wenatchee now has 75 second-period goals this season, second only to Medicine Hat's 80 goals in the middle stanza.

Tri-City did its best to get back into the game, starting with Deagan McMillan's wraparound goal at 10:10 and Jackson Smith's back-post wrist shot with 3:32 on the clock. Miles Cooper rushed a shorthanded chance past Kelsey at 9:30 of the third period, but less than a minute later, Cash Koch collected a rebound off the iron and tossed it in from the slot for a 6-3 game. Parker Bell's low wrist shot with 7:49 to play got the Ams back within a couple, but Shcherbyna skidded a long-distance chance into the empty net to seal the win with 2:06 left.

"Right off the start, I thought the guys had good legs and a good jump early," said assistant coach Andrew Sarauer. "We told the guys that we've had a few too many turnovers the last few games at the blue line, so we told



COURTESY OF RUSS ALMAN/WENATCHEE WILD
Wenatchee Wild forward Luka Shcherbyna displays a grin as he skates by the Wild bench after scoring his second goal in last Wednesday's 7-4 Western Hockey League win over the Tri-City Americans.

the guys to play a quality 60 minutes and don't take your foot off the gas. The guys came out flying, and we really drove the pace of the play most of the night, especially off the start."

Just 72 hours after getting 14 players onto the score sheet, the Wild put a dozen players on it again Wednesday - Shcherbyna led a group of five Wenatchee players with more than one point in the game. No Tri-City players finished with more than one point, but eight found their way to the

Wild set new season-best with 9-3 win at Seattle

Eight Players Tally Goals as Wenatchee Dominates for First Win at Thunderbirds

By **AUSTIN DRAUDE**
Wenatchee Wild

WENATCHEE. - With the Wenatchee Wild trying to shake off home losses in their last three games, head coach Roy Sommer had his eye on a total 60-minute team effort in their Western Hockey League game at the Seattle Thunderbirds.

He's no longer looking for it - he found it in Wenatchee's 9-3 win at accesso Showare Center that saw eight different Wild players send pucks to the back of the net, starting barely two minutes out of the gate, and covering all four of the team's forward lines. Wenatchee has now won back-to-back games against Seattle, including a home win on December 31, and heads into the final three games of January with a 25-15-4-0 record for the year. Seattle

slipped to 14-23-2-0, continuing their schedule at Town Toyota Center Friday against the Wild. The nine-goal game marks a season-best for the Wild, and a new high-water mark for the WHL club's brief history in Wenatchee.

Rodgers Bukarts opened the scoring 2:03 into the contest, zipping a shot past Spencer Michnik after a stop-and-start move in front of the net - two minutes later, Karter Prosofsky set Ty Fraser up for a left-wing one-timer, and Fraser hammered it in to double the lead.

Simon Lovsin sneaked a chance past Daniel Hauser from below the goal line and into the net with 8:09 left in the period to put the Thunderbirds back within one, but it was the last momentum boost

Seattle would enjoy. Jonas Woo caught Maddix McCagherty for a redirect on a right-point shot at 1:35 of the second period, bumping the Wild lead back to two goals.

That was only the beginning - Briley Wood hammered home a sharp-angle one-timer from Miles Cooper at 6:47 of the period, followed by a long-range snipe from Dawson Seitz two minutes later. Hayden Moore closed a brief power play for the Wild with 4:58 left in the



COURTESY OF BRIAN LIESSE/SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS
Wenatchee Wild defenseman Sam Ward surveys the play at center ice in Sunday's 9-3 win over the Seattle Thunderbirds in Western Hockey League play. Ward was one of eight Wild players to post more than one point in the game, notching three assists.

the puck, I thought we had a good compete in our game," said Wild head coach Roy Sommer. "We went to the net, had some good zone time, and every single line contributed, which was a big part of it. We had one point in a three-game losing streak, but we weren't scoring any goals, so hopefully that jump-starts us a little bit."

Wood led the way with two goals Sunday, including the eventual game-winner, and an assist on a night that saw 14 of Wenatchee's 18 skaters post at least one point - eight would finish with more than one. He also extended his point-scoring streak to eight straight games, while Isogai extended his run to seven in a row. Hauser earned his 16th win of the season, stopping 32 of Seattle's 35 shots on net.

The two sides were even on special teams, with each posting a power play goal on two chances. Michnik exited the game with 21 saves on 28 Wenatchee shots, while Ratzlaff took the no-decision in relief, going 7-for-9 in net in his 20 minutes of work.

Council meeting

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the 1960s. Based on statistics cited by Walter, Cashmere is one of the top 5 most utilized branches out of the 30 NCWL locations. Over 20,000 patrons visited the Cashmere Library in 2023, checking out over 40,000 physical items. The local librarians led 220 programs and participated in over 34 off-site events with 15+ partners.

She said the library is excited to move into the 5000 sq. ft. Riverside Center, which is about 2000 sq. ft larger than the existing site.

In response to questions from Mayor Fletcher about the types of programs that may be planned, Walters responded that the space will be designed to provide flexibility. This would include mobile shelving that can modify the physical space for larger events like community gatherings or smaller meetings. She added that libraries are no longer just about books; they also provide a place where people can use and come together.

Fletcher also asked about the time frame. Walters replied that a team is working on that and that there will be communication with the city and at least two community engagements to obtain information about what the community wants. She said the design would be a very collaborative approach.

She explained to the Council that as part of an existing agreement between the library and Cashmere, NCWL reimburses the city \$4.00 per square foot to assist with some of the maintenance costs for the city-owned facility. John Perry expressed his support for the library but also his concern about the business arrangement. He explained that the rate the library would be paying for the use of the building is the lowest revenue the city has had for the Riverside Center in a decade. He said his family uses the library, but he is struggling with how the cost makes financial sense for the city.

The Council unanimously approved a bid for the repair of the Riverside Center's HVAC system. Croci told the Council that the repair should be completed by mid-June.

Mayor Fletcher updated the Council about the Athletic Field Study that is promoted as part of the potential regional aquatic center. The study identified Riverside Park as a potential location for a sports field. Fletcher had previously explained that the park is built on an old landfill and would not be a good location. Fletcher suggested that the project is putting out neat projects in locations around the area so that people will vote for the regional sports complex.



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1) live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org
2) regularly attend board meetings on the 1st or 3rd Mondays throughout the mosquito control season, March through October, with possibly a few meetings outside of this timeframe. Since 2020 the meetings have been held on Zoom and typically last about an hour or less. If you are interested in joining the board please send a letter of interest to info@leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org, or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826

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NO. 24-2-00037-04
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: All persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 31st day of January, 2024, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorneys of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, 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 to quiet title in Plaintiff to real estate in Chelan County, Washington, described as: The East half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, Chelan County, Washington, lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of Mission Creek Road, except Parcel E depicted on Boundary Line Adjustment No. 2587, recorded July 7, 1992, under Chelan County Auditor's File No. 920707006, against the claim of the Defendants and any one of them. DATED this 25th day of January, 2024. DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

By **STEVE D. SMITH**
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN
In the Matter of the Estate of GARY DONALD MORSE Deceased.
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RCW 11.40.030

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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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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY
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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
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LEGISLATIVE Coverage

End to daylight saving time in the sights of "Ditch the Switch" advocates



ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL
A late-night summer sun sets over Puget Sound in West Seattle at 8:44 p.m.

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Washingtonians may lose their cherished ultra-late-night sunsets in the summer if Washington state opts for permanent Pacific Standard Time (PST).

"If Congress had acted, we would not be here with this bill," remarked Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley.

The U.S. Senate, in March 2022, passed the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 that would have made daylight saving permanent, but it has not been approved by the House.

The measure now under consideration in the Legislation would have Washington switch to permanent Pacific Standard Time with the stipulation that if the United

States Congress adopts year-round DST, Washington state would switch.

Tired of waiting for action from the United States Congress on Washington's 2019 proposal to adopt permanent daylight-saving time (DST), Padden urges the state to "Ditch the switch."

"Spring forward, fall back. We have done that now, eight times since we were here in 2019 and voted for year-round daylight time," said Padden. "The house has not acted, and from all indications, has no intention of acting in the foreseeable future."

Transitioning to full-time PST would mean sacrificing an hour of summer evening sunlight while maintaining the status quo in winter.

Padden argues that Washington's biannual clock adjustments are detrimental to the health of Washingtonians.

Various medical and sleep organizations, including the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the American Medical Association, the National Sleep Foundation, the Sleep Research Society, and the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms, support the implementation of permanent PST.

Co-sponsor Manka Dhingra (D-Redmond) agrees it is time to stop switching times each year.

Under the Uniform Time Act passed in 1966, federal law prohibits states from observing DST year-round. However, states can opt out of

daylight saving and adhere to permanent standard time.

If the bill passes, Washington would join Hawaii and Arizona in adopting permanent standard time.

Horacio de la Iglesia, biology professor at the University of Washington, testified in favor of the bill, providing expertise on sleep and circadian rhythms. Over the last decade, he researched Seattle residents' sleep, studying how daylight influences their sleep quality.

"Standard time is our natural solar time," said de la Iglesia. "That is very beneficial for us because humans still use daylight to align their sleep and daily activities. Particularly for Washingtonians, it's highly beneficial to be in PST."

Jay Pea, grandson of farmers and president of the nonprofit

Save Standard Time, urges the Legislature to pass this bill.

"Standard time is the real-time, defined as the sun's position in the sky. Some call it God's clock for its connection to nature," Pea said. "It's the best clock for our mental health, our physical health, our safety, our well-being, our productivity, the economy, and our children's education. There is broad bipartisan consensus for this."

Steve Calandrillo, a law professor at the University of Washington, passionately pleaded for the Legislature not to pass this bill. Calandrillo studied DST for the past 20 years and testified in front of the U.S. Congress against permanent standard time.

"Right now, we have eight months of the year on DST and four months of the year

on standard time," Calandrillo said. While he agrees with sleep specialists that living by the sun would be ideal, he said the reality is different with modern technology and home lighting.

"If you pass this bill, the sun is going to rise at 4 a.m. in June in Seattle. I don't know very many people who wake up at 4 a.m. Right now in January, some of the darkest days of the year, the sun is setting at 4:30 p.m., and the hour right after that sunset, from 4:30 to 5:30, is now two to three times as fatal for bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers as it was before we went to the switch. Darkness kills, and darkness is two to three times more fatal at 5 p.m. than it is at 5 a.m."

After Washington passed its original bill in 2019, California and Oregon have taken steps

to align with Washington's standard. Godlewski claims that if Washington switches to Pacific Standard Time, California and Oregon will likely follow.

Since 2019, 19 states have passed legislation in an attempt to adopt permanent daylight time, but Congress has not allowed the change.

"My preference and the preference of the Legislature would be to have year-round daylight time," Padden said. "Unfortunately, that does not appear to be our choice because it requires Congress to act, and they have had four years."

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Trump to stay on primary ballot

By MARY MURPHY AND ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - It was still dark outside when people with MAGA hats and anti-Trump signs gathered outside the entrance of the Thurston County Courthouse on Jan. 18.

A court filing that would push former President Donald Trump off the primary ballot in Washington State was the issue that drew them.

Alexis Wallace showed up

early displaying a cardboard sign that read, "What happened to: 'Our democracy?'" Ha Ha Ha." Wallace is a precinct committee officer from Thurston County.

"All the progressives and Democrats are always screaming, 'Our democracy, our democracy,' and here they are taking away our democracy," Wallace said. "We are here supporting our President, President Trump."

Neil Peck, an artist from Olympia, stood outside of the

courtroom bright and early with a sign that displayed the former president's mugshot with a large red X painted over it. "Donald Trump is the greatest criminal that has ever set foot in the United States," Peck said. "No insurrectionist shall hold any office under the United States. This is the time to exercise what the Constitution says to follow the democratic framework. If enough people think it's OK, we should disregard the Constitution and allow

an insurrectionist to run for president? No."

The issue in the case is similar to other actions brought across the United States. The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution bars from federal office any officer of the United States who participates in an insurrection. The amendment was adopted following the Civil War to bar people from the Confederacy from serving.

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Find the shadow for each of these shapes.

Standards Link: Science: Understand physical properties of light.

Kid Scoop Together

How to Draw a Groundhog

1. Draw an oval for the head.
2. Add a small circle for the eye.
3. Draw the body and legs.
4. Add a tail.
5. Draw the front paws.
6. Add a small tuft of hair on the head.

Do Not Disturb!

Each August, the groundhog starts eating a lot. It eats and eats. A layer of fat forms under its skin.

As the weather gets colder in the fall, the fat groundhog goes to its little underground bedroom with its cushion of grass to curl up and sleep.

It falls into such a deep sleep that it appears dead. This is called hibernation.

Double Double Word Search

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

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CURL	I	C	P	E	E	L	S	A	J	D
EATS	G	B	U	H	N	O	H	S	Q	L
END	H	Y	K	R	I	D	A	T	U	A
FOOD	T	N	R	S	L	L	D	S	A	N
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

News Photo Pose

Find a newspaper photo with one or more people in it. Mimic the pose of a person. Can you hold it for 10 seconds? Find another photo and repeat.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Apply syllabication rules.

Write On!

Hello, Spring!

What does spring look like where you live? Write a description of some of the signs of spring in your area.

How do animals know when to hibernate?

Scientists have found a special chemical in the blood of hibernating animals. The chemical is called HIT or Hibernation Inducement Trigger. Although scientists do not know what this chemical is, they do know that it appears when one of three things happen:

The days become shorter and there is less light.	There is a big drop in temperature.	Food is scarce.
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One summer day, blood with HIT taken from a hibernating groundhog was injected into a lively one. Result: **Hibernation!**

If you were the scientist—what would be your conclusion about this experiment?

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that humans and animals have structures that aid in survival.

Weather Words

Look outside. What is your weather like today? Look through the newspaper for five words that describe your weather. Circle each word.

Standards Link: Science: Identify different kinds of weather.

Is Phil correct?

Punxsutawney Phil is not right about the weather every year. Circle every other letter to see how often Phil is right about the end of winter weather.

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Proposal allows deadly force cases to be handled by AG's office

By MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Following the concerns over police brutality in 2020, Gov. Jay Inslee directed the Attorney General's office to form an Office of Independent Investigations to take on cases of death by law enforcement officers.

Now Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, is building on that effort with HB 1579, which gives the Attorney General's Office authority to handle the prosecution of police officers in addition to ordering investigations.

The primary goal is to avoid conflicts of interest at the county prosecutor level. Local prosecutors often have close connections to law enforcement agencies and their employees, and if conflicts are found, the Attorney General's office can step in.

"Transparency and process is really important for families to heal and for law enforcement officers to have confidence in that decision so it's not a question that is hanging over them as they leave the room after that decision," Stonier said.

Many Republicans oppose the bill, claiming it discounts

the credibility of county prosecutors. They also argue the bill is unconstitutional and conflicts are too infrequent to create a budget for the program.

"I don't think it sends the right message that we don't believe our county prosecutors can be impartial in prosecuting these cases," said Rep. Chris Corry, R-Yakima. "When we look at the numbers, they are so low, which not only speaks to the actions of our first responders, our police officers, but also the county prosecutors in handling these appropriately."

In response to Republican concerns, spending for the bill was trimmed to \$9 million for the years 2024-2027.

Twenty-three people were killed in Washington State by police officers in 2023, according to Mapping Police Violence, a non-profit research group founded in 2013. It is not clear how many cases might have conflicts and be forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

Stonier said constitutional worries by Republicans are addressed by a provision that says if no conflict of interest is found, county prosecutors can

still handle the case.

The Washington Coalition for Police Accountability, as well as families of victims of police violence, strongly support the bill.

"A young man was killed at the hands of law enforcement in Vancouver, just blocks from my house," Stonier said. "The county prosecutor at the time came to me and said: 'I think there could be a conflict of interest here, and prosecutors would be pressured by their local law enforcement.' I took that to heart, the fact that a county prosecutor is saying, 'we need to look more closely

at who is doing these cases.'" Stonier also said small counties often choose not to handle these cases and transfer them to larger counties with broader expertise and resources.

"Unfortunately, what that means is there is not an opportunity for the state to help spread the cost, and that has huge implications for a county budget," Stonier said.

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Demand for affordable homes near transit hubs faces hurdles, critics say

By MARY MURPHY
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OLYMPIA - Washington cities could soon be required to block off zones near public transit for multifamily housing if new regulations are approved by the state Legislature.

Some regulation is necessary, backers say if cities want to provide affordable housing and make it easy for people to get to work.

"I ran for office because of the enormous challenges that people of my generation,

people in their 30s and 40s, face in finding a home in this state," Rep. Julia Reed, D-Seattle, said.

As Reed spoke, city planners and real estate representatives in the audience grimaced and whispered to their counterparts. When they testified, they made their objections clear.

"Our concerns with the bill include the fact that the zone density levels are lower than what a number of cities already have, and the affordability requirements are

much higher," Bill Clark of the Washington Realtors said.

The proposed law requires builders to make room for more people and keep rents on 10% of the housing units for the next 50 years affordable for lower-income wage earners through complex formulas that consider incomes and housing density.

Rep. Jake Fey, D-Tacoma, co-sponsor of HB 2160, said many public transit users are low to middle-income demographic earners. By clustering affordable housing

near transit centers it gives people a chance to build a life instead of being priced out of the market or forced to make long commutes.

The measure also reduces greenhouse gasses by making public transit convenient and cars unnecessary to get to work. The bill was requested by the governor's office and is a high priority this session.

"This bill ensures that newly upzoned areas are truly building mixed-income communities so that transit and walkable communities are not limited to the preserves of the rich," Reed added.



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Pedestrians wait to board an Intercity transit bus in downtown Olympia. State officials say that affordable homes near transit hubs are needed, but regulations might cause developers to back away, critics say.

Survivors speak out against child marriage

"We're here to remind people that girls matter"
By ASPEN ANDERSON
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Kate Yang (middle right in the first row) protested child marriages in Olympia, wearing a colorful wedding dress to honor her Hmong heritage.

OLYMPIA - Twenty women sporting wedding gowns and lustrous veils, with chains around their wrists and tape over their mouths, gathered in protest of Washington State law that allows children to be married if they have permission from their parents.

A bill now being debated in the state Legislature, HB 1455, would end child marriage in Washington State.

Between 2000 and 2021, 5,048 children were married in Washington, and 83% of these involved girls wed to adult men, according to a study by Unchained At Last, an organization that pushes for social and legal change. Most of these girls were aged 16-17, but some were as young as 13.

Fraidy Reiss, the founder of Unchained At Last, established the organization in 2011 after escaping her forced marriage. Reiss was coerced into a violent marriage with a stranger and forced to bear two children. When she finally escaped, her family retaliated, and the community shunned her.

bank accounts, credit cards, or even a driver's license, escape is nearly impossible.

"I really just wanted to be free," Yang said. "I did not want to be physically abused every day. I did not want to be raped. I called the police for the first time after a bad beating, and I left. A year ago, I decided to share my story. I found my voice."

Yang, married in middle school and was restricted from having friends outside the Hmong community. At 22, Yang had two sons, aged five and eight. Now divorced for 14 years with a restraining order against her ex-husband, she still struggles with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

"I kept myself in a bubble because that was the only way to survive. If I were to sit around and rehash my past every day, it would lead me to suicide," Yang said.

Yang no longer has a relationship with her parents or with the Hmong community.

Tasneem was forced into a child marriage with a 28-year-old man.

"My dad forced me to marry to control my sexuality," Tasneem said. "I was introduced to a man one morning, then I was forced to marry him that same night in a spiritual marriage. He started raping me from that night on."

Tasneem was showing a baby bump when she showed up in court to get a marriage certificate at 16 years old.

"I was visibly pregnant," Tasneem said. "That was evidence of the rape that was

happening, and instead of entering my abuser into jail, they put the handcuffs on me, and that's why we are here with chains on our hands because minors who enter into a marriage are basically entering them into a prison sentence because we cannot leave."

Tasneem, after a seven-year effort, left her marriage, bringing her two children. She is set to provide in-person testimony for the bill on Jan 31.

Reiss said no one has come forward to oppose the child marriage ban for religious or other grounds. She said she believes that ending child marriage aligns with modern religious views.

"Legislators are not accustomed to prioritizing girls' issues," Reiss said. "We're here to remind people that girls matter."

Rep. Monica Stonier (D-Vancouver) presented HB 1455 in 2023, gaining unanimous approval in the House. On the opening day of this session, the bill passed with a 98-0 vote through the House and is now in the Senate.

"Child marriages do not last and shouldn't exist," Stonier said in a press release. "If there are problems in the marriage, they can't file for divorce because they're not legally an adult. They can't seek a protection order, either."

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Kate Yang was forced into a marriage when she was 12. For Sara Tasneem, it was 15. Fraidy Ross was 19 and trapped in an abusive marriage for 15 years.

"They declared me dead," Reiss said. "More than a decade later, they still consider me dead. That's why I founded Unchained At Last, to end forced and child marriage in the United States."

"I am a survivor, not a victim," Reiss said. "I was born in a very fundamentalist religious cult where that [forced marriage] is the norm."

Women who are forced to marry often come from cultural communities where arranged marriages are common. Child brides often are tightly controlled by an abusive husband. Without

see a goal of 50% of the units and we know we need 500,000 units, but we don't think that is realistic for the private market to fulfill all of that."

Redmond Mayor, Angela Birney, said her key issue was the need for flexibility from city to city. Development Director for City of Sumner, Ryan Windish, added that he feels this bill "does not take into consideration smaller cities" that have limited public transportation.

"Some of us live in a rural area where we don't have a robust transit system, so it's really hard to gauge, and for

us, it's not a one size fits all," Sen. Nikki Torres, R-Pasco, said.

Other development experts said the requirement of 10% affordability would stop construction altogether.

"The 10% requirement in my experience in working with developers, they won't build, is what you're going to find," Dan Bertolet, from Sightline Institute, said.

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In the end, Judge Mary Sue Wilson made short work of the request by Port Orchard Middle School teacher Franky Ithaka. "The court is denying the request of the petitioner electors to take any action that would direct the Secretary of State to remove former president Donald J. Trump's name from presidential primary ballots," Wilson said in her ruling.

Explaining her verdict, Wilson cited arguments from GOP lawyer Joel B. Ard, who argued the 14th Amendment

is not applicable. Wilson also said the amendment could not apply to primary elections, only general elections. "The court is going to dismiss the case without prejudice today, reflecting that there is no dispute to go forward any further in this court, but that is subject to petitioners, or other petitioners when it is ripe potentially pursuing issues related to the general election ballot," Wilson said.

Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, speaking for the state GOP chair, called the lawsuit a "silly action."

"The spirit of this is bad," Walsh said. "This is

antidemocratic and is an attempt to use an eccentric reading of the law and a lawsuit to mess with the democratic process, and we are very strongly opposed."

The suit filed here is similar to others filed around the United States. Two states have issued decisions to remove the former president from the ballot. Those decisions await a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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