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Chelan schools maintenance and custodial staffers are innovating ways to save maintenance dollars.

Chelan School Board discusses minor water damage, celebrates savings initiatives

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The bitter cold snap that recently passed through the region almost spared Chelan High School – almost.

In a report delivered to the Jan. 22 bi-monthly meeting of the Lake Chelan School Board, Maintenance and Operations Director Rosey Burkhard said a burst sprinkler pipe caused by an HVAC unit outage resulted in some water damage isolated to classroom 163. “We were hoping that with the moving of some tiles to create some airflow, we would be able to get by until a part was replaced,” Burkhard said.

The damage was contained to a single classroom. Subsequent tests for the presence of water in the walls showed that no moisture spread to other rooms. Burkhard said there was no structural damage, the dryout was complete, and the classroom was ready for occupancy.

The water system is back on and charged except for the small portion damaged by the break. Burkhard said she opened an insurance claim due to the difficulty getting the specialized sprinkler system replacement parts. Repairs will involve several adjacent rooms, and will have to wait for an attendance break to avoid class disruptions.

New lighting cuts costs

Burkhard said a changeover to more energy-efficient lighting with the help of Chelan PUD is paying off.

“It is a very generous and appreciated program sponsored by the PUD,” Burkhard told the Mirror later. “They have been great to work with on this project, and they have allowed us the time to do the installs, which saves money for the district when we use our

own people. It might take longer, but it doesn’t mean additional costs.” Burkhard said that the estimated annual utility savings will be \$2,864 after one year, which exceeds the \$2,481 spent on the entire project. “Unfortunately, not all counties had this opportunity, so I’m glad we were able to take advantage of this,” Burkhard said.

Garbage Can Cost Saving Initiative

One would not think a small thing like garbage bags could result in significant savings, but the numbers tell a different story. When Burkhard asked her custodial crew to look for additional savings ideas, they came up with what they call the Garbage Can Cost Saving Initiative.

The custodians noticed that multiple garbage cans in a room were only partially filled. The suggestion to remove one can from each of the 34 elementary classrooms had surprising results.

“It costs a little more than \$4,000 just to buy the bags,” said Burkhard. “By removing just one can saved \$2,000 and that is just classrooms in one of our buildings. That does not include common spaces. It does not include offices.”

The elementary school was selected as a pilot project for the garbage savings so that strategy should produce equivalent results in other buildings.

Burkhard said she was also able to sell about \$18k worth of surplus items on the GovDeals auction site.

OPMA/Public Records training

Dr. Michelle Price, Superintendent of the North Central Educational Services District, addressed the board about the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and

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Manson Apple Blossom Royalty crowned

Queen Isabelle Harris, Princess Liliana Narvaez, and Princess Natalee Reyna to reign over 2024 festival



COURTESY OF SULLIVAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY

During selection festivities, the 2024 Manson Apple Blossom Festival royalty were crowned Saturday evening, January 27, at Manson High School. Left to right, Princess Liliana Narvaez, Queen Isabelle Harris, and Princess Natalee Reyna. This year’s festival, ‘Into the Wilderness’, will be held Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, in downtown Manson. More photos are on page A3.

Chelan City Council approves Transportation Benefit District

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The Chelan City Council voted to create a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) following a public hearing to allow comments on the proposed ordinance at its regular bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Council members discussed a TBD at their Sept. 30 strategic retreat last fall and again during a council workshop on Nov. 1. The council adopted the TBD ordinance last Dec. 12 and scheduled last week’s public hearing.

The Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) specifies that a TBD can raise revenue for specific transportation projects, usually through

vehicle license fees or sales taxes. It has the authority to impose a fee of up to \$20 per vehicle without voter approval. It can also, with voter approval, impose a vehicle renewal fee of up to \$100 per vehicle or seek other sources of funding.

“It’s important to note that no funding is currently proposed or requested to be authorized by the action to form the TBD,” a city administration overview said. “The rationale behind... the TBD lies in its potential to provide the city with an alternative revenue stream. Specifically, it can enable the collection of sales tax, which can be dedicated to funding transportation projects and improvements within the city limits.”

2024 Priority Projects

Councilmembers also discussed 2024 priorities during their September retreat. Those were discussed and further narrowed down at the Jan. 2 council workshop Council. On Jan. 9, the prioritization continued.

Councilmembers discussed priorities they would like to focus on in 2024 during the September 30, 2023 Strategic Retreat. During the Jan. 2 City Council Workshop Council reviewed the projects they wish to prioritize for either legislative direct appropriations or grant funding.

On Jan. 9 Council reviewed a list of top projects and funding sources they wish to accomplish. They included:

1. Stormwater Comprehensive Plan.
2. East Chelan Reservoir (TIF District).
3. Northshore Trail.
4. City Hall.
5. Imagine Downtown.
6. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access.
7. Electrical upgrades for the RV Park.
8. Ballfield improvements and lighting.
9. Golf course irrigation.
10. Street Corridors (pedestrian access in the downtown core).

It was then decided that evaluation of the state of the City Hall building and options for its future would be the project that is earmarked for

legislative funding.

RCO park grant

The council authorized the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant application in September 2023. RCO awarded a \$100,000 Local Parks Maintenance Grant to the Parks and Recreation Department to address deferred maintenance on several of the park’s parking lots. The city’s application ranked 17th out of 57 awarded grants. The grant requires no matching contribution from the Department. Work will proceed as soon as the weather permits next spring of 2024.

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Swing dance lessons

Tsillan Cellars in Chelan will host swing dance lessons on Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the main pavilion.

"Grab your dancing shoes and join us for swing dance lessons with the spectacular Jen Phillips," the event page states.

"Whether you are new to dancing, looking for a date night idea or just want something fun to do, get your tickets now."

Tickets are \$45 per couple.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit tsillancellars.com.

Open mic night

Sigillo Cellars in Chelan will host open mic night on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 5 - 7 p.m.

"You are welcome to attend and listen to local musicians or get up on stage and perform," the event page states. "We will be offering happy hour prices during Open Mic every Wednesday."

For more information visit sigillocellars.com.

Chelan Library Reimagining Our Space

The Chelan Library will hold a town hall presentation Reimagining Our Space on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce.

"The Chelan Library needs your input," the event page states. "A refresh is coming to the interior spaces of your library and your input is important to NCV Libraries. Join us for a town hall

presentation to find out more and provide your input on design directions."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Live music

Tipsy Canyon Winery in Manson will host live music by musician Ray Glover on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 4 - 6 p.m.

"Topsy Canyon Winery is excited to bring you live acoustic music from the talented Ray Glover (Dimestore Prophets)," the event page states. "Come pull up a chair, enjoy some award winning wine, and listen to some great live music."

For more information visit tipsycanyon.com.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Art for adults

The Manson Library will host an Art for Adults Valentine's Day mug decorating event on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

"Participants will choose from a variety of 'Valentine' designs and learn how to etch,

and paint a design on the clear, glass mugs," the event page states.

"Step-by-step instructions will be given, and all supplies are provided."

Please call the library at 509-687-3420 to register, as class size is limited.

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.

At this stage in the process, if bills have not been approved by their committees, they are likely unable to advance further.

Also, since this is the second year of the biennium, the two-year legislative period, bills that do not advance will not be eligible again unless they are reintroduced next session.

"Floor cutoff" is February 13

February 13 is the "floor cutoff" date, which is the deadline for the Senate to pass bills that were introduced in our chamber, except for budget-related bills.

Once the floor cutoff has passed, my Senate colleagues and I will return to committee meetings to focus on bills approved by the House of Representatives.

The House will similarly consider Senate-approved legislation in its committees as well.



BY SENATOR BRAD HAWKINS

State Senator, 12th Legislative District

Major session topics

This year's session is shorter since the legislature approved 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. This year, the Legislature is meeting for a 60-day session with a primary focus of updating the operating, transportation, and capital budgets. Modest updates, rather than major changes, are expected for each of the three budgets.

- **Initiatives to Legislature:** Several initiatives have been filed to the legislature related to the capital gains tax, climate commitment act, police pursuits, long-term care, and other policies. These measures were a result 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.

- **Special Education Funding:** Washington has a state constitutional obligation to provide ample funding to our educational system. Many school districts struggle with the increasing costs of special education staffing and compliance. The legislature took significant steps during the 2023 session to enhance funding for special education and more measures are being considered this session. Helping schools meet their special education needs continues to be a bipartisan effort.

- **Transportation Cost Escalations:** The legislature approved a 16-year, \$17 billion transportation investment plan in 2022, known as "Move Ahead Washington." Since its approval, several major 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.

- **Climate Commitment Act:** The legislature approved the Climate Commitment Act in 2021, which is also subject to repeal this November. It established an annual cap on greenhouse gas emissions and an allowance auction program. 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

The Legislature provides resources at leg.wa.gov, which include voting calendars, committee schedules, bill tracking, roll call votes, and official agendas.

For more information, you can contact the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Television Washington or TVW.org provides live and on demand access to committee hearings, press conferences, and floor debates.

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Letters to the Editor

Vote yes to fill the gap in school funding

As chairman of the Enhancing Education Chelan Committee, I am asking all voters in the special election coming up on Feb. 13 to support the important Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) and Capital Technology levies. Proposition #1 and #2 provide the important operational funds plus extras the Lake Chelan School District needs.

These essential ballot measures will support every student in the district, providing K-12 support beyond what the state provides. From day-to-day operations, programs and services, technology, and crucial staff, this amount is approximately 23 percent of the district's total budget.

A recent article in the Wall Street Journal stated, "Kindergartners now arrive less ready for school than before the Covid-19 pandemic." They have weaker math and reading skills, according to new data. So, it's more important than ever that these levies pass.

From early childhood education to counseling and mental health services, art and music programs, to safety and security, plus a school resource officer, we need your support to fund every student in the Lake Chelan school system. The current job market for our graduates requires more knowledge and technical skills than ever before. Therefore, every student needs a hand up - with better skills for a bright

future and a successful life.

With a focus on being responsible, these two measures are actually less than the expiring levy. In addition, Lake Chelan School District already has the lowest tax rate around. The replacement levies are designed to meet the academic programs and operations, plus upgrade safety and security measures in all four schools.

I have seen the actual proof that Proposition #1 and #2 are necessary. Trust me, it is vital that the school measures are successful. Vote yes to fill the gap in school funding.

Terry J. LaBrue, APR

Chelan

Vote yes to enhance education and keep our schools safe

When you consider Prop 1 and 2, Chelan schools' EP&O and Maintenance levy, I urge you to VOTE YES! State and federal funds alone do not meet the needs of our students. These measures provide college classes in high school, saving our students thousands in tuition and allowing some to graduate even a year early!

Programs like construction management, floral design, FFA, ag science, pre-nursing, and welding provide students with post-graduate careers. Preschool, counselors, special education, clubs, and athletics allow ALL students opportunities to grow. Prop 2 provides security systems and HVAC controls for our aging infrastructure. It also provides essential technology tools our students

Manson Apple Blossom Royalty *Crowned*



COURTESY OF SULLIVAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY
Left to right: candidate Lexi Cesar, candidate Aniyah Galdarisi, Princess Natalee Reyna, Queen Isabelle Harris and Princess Liliana Narvaez.



Princess Natalee Reyna, Queen Isabelle Harris, and Princess Liliana Narvaez pose with Mona Miller Ferguson, Manson Apple Blossom Festival royal crown maker. Ferguson is the great-granddaughter of Edna Bennett, one of three Bennett women to create crowns for Manson Apple Blossom royalty.



COURTESY OF SULLIVAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY
Queen Isabelle Harris was awarded the Edna Bennett Congeniality Scholarship. She is pictured with Susie Fox great-granddaughter of Edna Bennett.



COURTESY OF SULLIVAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY
2023 Manson Apple Blossom Queen May Juarez crowns Isabelle Harris as queen of the 2024 Manson Apple Blossom Festival.



COURTESY OF SULLIVAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY
2023 Manson Apple Blossom Queen May Juarez crowns 2024 Princess Natalee Reyna as Princess Liliana Narvaez.



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2023 Manson Apple Blossom Queen May Juarez crowns 2024 Princess Liliana Narvaez.



COURTESY OF SULLIVAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY
Queen Isabelle Harris will reign over the 2024 Manson Apple Blossom Festival along with her princesses.



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Neighbor's Blend Event raises \$30,000 for Chelan Valley Housing Trust

By **ELAINE COOPER**
Chelan Valley Housing Trust

CHELAN - Searchlights lit up the night sky as The Landing rolled out the red carpet to welcome guests to an elegant evening.

This black-tie event celebrated the second vintage release of "Neighbors Blend II," a varietal blend created in collaboration with Tippy Canyon Winery and Navarre Coulee Vineyards.

The two wineries blended one barrel of each of their wine to a great, delectable, full-bodied blend of 50% Syrah and 50% Cabernet France.

The Landing served a gourmet 4-course dinner paired with wines from the respective wineries. Several local businesses donated silent auction items, and many of the 80 attendees contributed by "raising the paddle."

"We are very grateful for the support that our local business owners and residents are contributing to "Framing the Future of Our Valley",



COURTESY OF CHELAN VALLEY HOUSING TRUST
Enjoying Chelan Valley Housing Trust's black-tie event on Jan. 18, left to right are: Brandon Lucas, The Landing; Mark Garvin and Lexi Garvin, Tippy Canyon Winery; and Paul Taylor, Navarre, Coulee Vineyards.

said Scott Meyers, Executive Director of the Chelan Valley Housing Trust.

Our non-profit community land trust builds affordable homeownership for local wage earners in the Chelan Valley

who earn 80% to 120% of the area median income.

To create affordable housing, only the home is sold. The trust retains ownership of the land by granting a 99-year lease. When the owner sells, it must

be sold to another eligible family. This ensures that the home will always be affordable for future buyers.

For more information or to donate, please visit <https://chelanvalleyhousing.org>.



COURTESY OF MANSON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Carla Everett, shown above, has put together a "History of the Manson Community Library" display, which includes a picture painted by former librarian Dory Starr.

Manson Library showcases rich history on art wall, invites community input

By **CINDY SIMMONS**
Manson Community Library

MANSON - Stop by the library to see the "History of the Manson Community Library" that is displayed on our art wall.

Board member Carla Everett put together the display, which includes a picture painted by former librarian Dory Starr.

The painting is of the old library next to the downtown Manson dental clinic. Dory painted the picture for her good friend, Pauline Anderson, who actively volunteered at the library.

The library was moved to its current location in 1972 when the Lake Chelan Reclamation District's new building was built and invited the library to use part of the space.

The Art Wall includes lots of pictures, information regard-

ing programs, biographies of former librarians, and more.

A highlight is the story of Anna Coffin, who moved from Seattle to Manson in 1921 and decided that Manson needed a library. Read about how she made that happen. Carla has combed through many pictures, old library board meeting notes, and just about anything she could find regarding the history of the library.

There are a few gaps in the history, and some people in the pictures are not identified, so she has placed a clipboard near the display and is asking the community to share any information they may have.

Stop by the library and see this wonderful display of history during our regular open hours: Tuesdays: 9:30a.m. - 6p.m., Wednesdays: 11a.m. - 6p.m., Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 9:30a.m. - 2p.m.

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SAIL Exercise Classes: Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2

CHELAN - SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life) fitness classes are offered at Chelan Senior Center on Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m. and are taught by Beth Shaw and Jocelyn Rich, Occupational Therapist and Pelvic Floor Health Specialist. Evening SAIL classes are Monday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m., also at the Chelan Senior Center, and are taught by Ann Cooper. A SAIL class is offered to residents of Heritage Heights Assisted Living in Chelan on Mondays and Fridays

at 2 p.m., taught by Gaylen Willett and Steve Davis.

Free Blood Pressure Checks: Jan. 31, Feb. 7

LAKE CHELAN VALLEY - The Chelan Valley Community Nurse program does not require insurance or a physician's orders and is available to provide blood pressure and medication checks to vulnerable seniors and others who need assistance and guidance with medical needs. They also provide referrals to additional community resources. The nurses are currently providing free, weekly blood pressure checks to the public starting

at 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue. The Chelan Valley Community Nurse program wishes to acknowledge the generosity of our Beautiful Valley through its people and resources. If you have questions about their organization, please call Catharine at 509-679-9059 or email them at chelanvalleycommunitynurse@gmail.com. Donations are gratefully accepted; PO Box 2987, Chelan 98816 or at facebook.com/ChelanValleyCommunityNurse. They wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Household hazardous waste drop off: Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2

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

WENATCHEE - Drop-off Saturday is Feb. 3 at the Chelan County Moderate Risk Waste Facility on Highway 97A. The facility is open the first Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every week, they are open Tuesday through Friday at the same hours. Drop off your household hazardous wastes and latex paint. This is a free service to Chelan County residents. For a full list of items that the facility does and does not accept, go to the facility's website: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/solid-waste-management/pages/household-hazardous-wastes>.

Chelan Senior Meals: Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2, 5-7

Donation prices have changed CHELAN - The Chelan Senior Center at 534 E. Trow Avenue, hosts Senior Meals Monday-Friday. Suggested donation for seniors over age 60 is now \$5. Fee for persons under age 60 is now \$12. Please call 509-888-4440 to reserve meals 24 hours in advance. For information about Home Delivered Meals call 509-470-0522. You can visit their website at www.octn.org and follow them on Facebook. Donations can be mailed to: OCTN P.O. Box 471 Okanogan, WA 98840. Jan. 31, Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Veggie Blend w/Corn, Carrot Raisin Salad, Orange Quarters, Biscuit, Dessert; Feb. 1: BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli Normandy, Spiced Salad, Apple Crisp; Feb. 2: Beef Stew, Spinach Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Biscuit, Cereal Bar; Feb. 5: Teriyaki Beef, Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Asian Style, Slaw, Mandarin Oranges, Egg Roll, Dessert; Feb. 6: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Marinara, Steamed Broccoli, 7 Layer Salad, Berry Crisp;

Chelan Valley Hope - Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 5-8

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CHELAN - Chelan Valley Hope feels especially grateful to be part of such a wonderful and caring community. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Hope. During the recent cold front, volunteers, and other community members all worked hard to make sure the Little Essentials Pantry was filled with food, water, and cold-weather gear. Did you know Hope's Little Essentials Pantry is accessible 24/7? Hope stocks the pantry so families can have access to meals, blankets, water, books, and more. The pantry is located to the left of the building entrance. An estimated 100+ visitors access the pantry every month! Even more during extreme weather circumstances. If you would like to donate to the Little Essentials Pantry, we currently need food and meal items such as noodles and sauce, bread and deli meat, peanut butter and crackers, etc. Donations are welcome and can be left during business hours. Or call us at 509-888-2114, and we'll gladly make arrangements.

Zumba Fitness: Feb. 1-2

MANSON - Zumba Fitness Class, every Tuesday and

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

Thrive Teen Center: Feb. 1, 6, 8

CHELAN - The Thrive Teen Center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October-May. The hours are 3:30-6:30 p.m. and dinner is served each night. The Teen Center is located in the basement of the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church and is available to all middle and high school students in the valley. There are volunteers to help with homework, pool tables, board games, air hockey, craft supplies, foosball, free clothing and hygiene closets, and more. If you have any questions, email stefani@thrivechelanvalley.com.

Lions Club: Feb. 1, 15

MANSON - The Lake Chelan Lions Club holds bi-monthly meetings at the Manson Parks Building at 142 Pedoi St. in Manson. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 9 a.m.

More events at www.lakechelanmirror.com

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We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to reach out to inform you of an important update regarding our association with Farmers Insurance and its affiliated companies.

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public records training. The board is required to hold training on both topics within 90 days of adding any new board members. At its Dec. 9 meeting, the board swore in new members Barb Polley, District 2, Kim Thorpe, District 4, and Christy Nielsen, Position 5 (At Large).

Levy ballots mailed

Superintendent Brad Wilson reminded the board that ballots for the 2024 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy and the Capital Technology Replacement Levy went into the mail to voters on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Ballots are due by Feb. 13.

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ENTIAT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Shannon Bell
Girls Basketball Senior

Entiat High School is proud to announce Shannon Bell as the Athlete of the Week, showcasing her exceptional skills and leadership on the basketball court. As a Senior Captain, Shannon not only contributes with her impressive on-court performance but also serves

as a vocal leader for the team. In the last three games against Cascade Christian, Pateros, and Moses Lake Christian, Shannon demonstrated her versatility as an all-around player, amassing an impressive stat line of 20 points, 19 rebounds, 11 steals, and 3 blocks. Her dedication, skill, and leadership make her a stand-out player for Entiat High School's basketball team, and her achievements are truly commendable.



BOYS WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Feb. 3	Entiat at Okanogan Tournament, 10 a.m.
Feb. 3	Chelan at Quincy, 10 a.m.
Feb. 3	Manson at CTL & CNW District Tournament, 10 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 1	Chelan vs. Cashmere, Home at 5:45 p.m.
Feb.6	Chelan vs. TBD District 6 Tournament, Home at 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 1	Chelan vs. Cashmere, Home at 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 1	Entiat vs. Wenatchee, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Feb.6	Chelan vs. TBD District 6 Tournament, Home at 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Jan. 25	Chelan 38, Zillah 59; Loss
Jan. 25	Manson 14, Okanogan 64; Loss
Jan. 26	Entiat 24, Waterville-Mansfield 65; Loss

BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Jan. 25	Chelan 53, Zillah 85; Loss
Jan. 25	Manson 61, Okanogan 41; Win
Jan. 26	Entiat 44, Waterville-Mansfield 55; Loss

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Hockey

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 period by banking in another Woo shot from the point, and Ashton Brown picked up an orphaned puck in the right-wing circle and wired it to the top of the Thunderbirds' net with nine seconds left in the stanza for a 7-1 lead at intermission.

Seattle changed goaltenders at the break, but Kenta Isogai still beat Scott Ratzlaff with a shot down the slot 7:43 into the third, and another Wood one-timer at 11:12 briefly made it an eight-goal game. Lovsin scored to break up the run 20 seconds later, and Jeremy Hanzel went coast-to-coast on the power play with 1:06 to go, closing out the scoring for the night.

"From the opening drop of 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.

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

wrister with 3:32 on the clock. Miles Cooper rushed a short-handed 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 wrister 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 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 score sheet in the loss.

The game was the sixth in as many meetings between the teams this season in which the home team has come away with the win.

Daniel Hauser became one of just 25 goaltenders in WHL history with 95 career wins, making 36 saves for his 16th victory of the season, while Kelsey made 28 saves in the loss for the Americans.

Tri-City finished 1-for-4 on the power play while the Wild were turned away on their only power play of the night, an abbreviated chance in the first period.



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.



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.



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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



COURTESY OF THE CHELAN COUNTY FAIR

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

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.

Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or quinn@ward.media.



COURTESY OF THE CHELAN COUNTY FAIR

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

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 long-term,” said Commissioner Carnan Bergren. “It

gives us a tremendous amount of options going forward.”

Commissioner Steve McKenna weighed the purchase’s significance against several factors: cost, future power requirements, environ-

mental impact, and the potential for energy production.

“Are we setting ourselves up for 40 to 50 years into the future?” McKenna said. “What will it be used for? We don’t know that. Just like our forefa-

thers years and years ago, they took a risk but they took local control. As we talk about large entities coming in, we want to make sure we’re doing the best we can to promote local control.”

Chelan County Sheriff Report



January 19

- 2:57:18 Malicious Misch. 317 E Nixon Ave
- 5:22:16 Alarm, 2038 Entiat Way; Entiat
- 7:10:12 Welfare Check, 7390 Navarre Dr
- 12:09:14 Domestic Disturbance, 744 Wapato Way# C, Manson
- 19:08:18 Accident No Inj, 116 W Gibson Ave
- 20:02:27 Assist Agency, 55 McLallen Ln, Manson
- 20:15:37 Vehicle Theft, 610 Sr 150; Red Apple Market
- 23:58:38 Suspicious, 112 E Woodin Ave; Senor Frogs
- 0:15:02 Accident Unk, Swanson Gulch Rd & Boyd
- 0:53:16 Alarm, 246 W Manson Rd#

January 20

- 0:53:16 Alarm, 246 W Manson Rd# 2
- 0:57:20 Traffic Offense, Winesap Ave & Sr 150, Manson
- 8:51:12 Parking/Abandon, N Washington St & E Woodin
- 9:04:12 Parking/Abandon, 300blk E Iowa St
- 9:31:41 Welfare Check, Tumwater Campground, Stehekin
- 13:43:06 Noise, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd
- 14:52:55 Parking/Abandon, 620 Gorge Rd; Rows Towing
- 17:48:53 Animal Problem, 300blk Anglers Creek Ln, Peshastin
- 18:43:20 Hazard, W Manson Rd & Spader Bay Road
- 19:06:52 911, 320 Park Ave; Mountain Meadows

- 22:16:08 Traffic Offense, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 22:18:57 Hazard, 8300blk Icicle Rd

January 21

- 9:01:49 Accident No Injury, 37 Loop Ave, Manson
- 10:40:38 Accident Unk, 216 N Wilson St, Chelan
- 11:03:25 Property, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 13:58:02 Parking/Abandon, 56 Hurds River Ranch Ln, Manson
- 18:11:25 Traffic Offense, Whitman Way & N Chelan Ave
- 20:48:45 Warrant, 400blk E Woodin Ave

January 22

- 6:56:19 Stab/Gunshot, 1655 Navarre Coulee Rd
- 7:13:29 Hazard, Chase Ave & Division St
- 8:13:43 Bomb Threat, 407 E Woodin Ave; Morgen Orchards
- 9:14:32 Parking/Abandon, 0blk Washington Creek Rd
- 9:49:53 Theft, 595 Division St, Manson
- 14:06:21 Court Order Vio, 142 Walnut St, Chelan Fall
- 18:38:13 Harass/Threat, 1019 S Sanders St
- 21:45:41 Theft, 1000 Totem Pole Rd; Manson

January 23

- 7:51:59 Domestic Distur 744 Wapato Way# C, Manson
- 8:31:03 Suspicious, 0blk First Creek Rd
- 10:50:39 Sex Offense, 675 Rosemary Ct

- 11:36:03 Burglary, 5381 Crum Canyon Rd, Entiat
- 17:48:08 Trespass, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 20:37:07 Theft, 275 Boyd Loop Rd

January 24

- 9:08:41 Theft, 2681 Washington St, Manson
- 9:29:31 911, 104 W Woodin Ave; Campbells
- 10:54:49 Fraud/Forgery, 190 Grandview Ln,
- 11:56:51 Traffic Offense, N Apple Blossom Dr & Sunset
- 12:41:09 Accident No Inj, Sr 150 & Crystal Dr
- 17:32:34 Civil, 1345 Washington St, Manson
- 20:00:13 911, 2711 Washington St, Manson

January 25

- 8:23:29 Trespass, 2710 First Creek Rd
- 9:45:57 Theft, 106 W Manson Rd; Safeway
- 10:19:00 Extra Patrol, 2650 Entiat Way; Entiat
- 11:31:12 Juvenile Problem, 409 W Manson Rd
- 12:42:22 Civil, 153 Mystic Creek Ln
- 13:45:58 Malicious Misch, 2117 Lakeshore Dr; Entiat
- 14:23:54 Assault, 2650 Entiat Way; Entiat
- 16:02:10 Alarm, 115 W Webster Ave



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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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The State of Washington to the said JONAS PETTIT AND GRETCHEN PETTIT; A MARRIED COUPLE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TOM STANFORD, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GENE V. DOBBS, DECEASED; JEAN C. DOBBS, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND ALL OTHER PERONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 3rd day of January, 2024 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Wright-Wapato, Inc. and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff Wright-Wapato, Inc., at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action is entry of an order terminating defendants' Sublease Agreements due to their default in the form of unpaid assessments issued by Yacinde Condominium Association and/or Wapato Point Community Association, an award of damages for said breach, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and pre- and post-judgment interest to the fullest extent allowed by law.
Dated: December 21, 2023
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In Re the Estate of: **RAYMOND MERLE BABCOCK, Deceased.**
No. 24-4-00354-9 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
RUTH A. BABCOCK 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.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In Re the Estate of: **SHARON LEE FINLEY, Deceased.**
Cause No. 24-4-00005-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
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.
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Personal Representative: Andrew Clayton Finley
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Robert S. Morse, Esq. WSBA 9627
Address for Mailing or Service: Andrew Clayton Finley
12114 Summit View Ext., Yakima, WA 98908
Court of probate proceedings: Marty Young, Chelan County Superior Court Clerk
350 Orondo Ave., Suite 501, Wenatchee, WA 98801
Prepared and presented by: Robert S. Morse, Esq. WSBA 9627
/s/ Dated: January 8, 2024
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CITY OF CHELAN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
Date: January 31, 2024
Lead Agency: City of Chelan
Agency Contact for Comments: John Ajax, Community Development Director, 135 E. Johnson Avenue/PO Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816; jajax@cityofchelan.us, (509) 682-8017
Project Contact for Information: Travis Denham, City Engineer, tdenham@cityofchelan.us, (509) 682-8055
Lead Agency File Number: SEPA2024-03
Project Description: The City of Chelan (City) had been experiencing wastewater surcharge in a gravity sewer main that runs along the northeast side of State Route (SR) 150. This gravity sewer main ultimately leads to the City's wastewater treatment facility near the Columbia River. The existing sewer main will remain in place and approximately 510 linear feet of new 21-inch sewer main will be installed to the northeast of the existing pipeline. The project aims to enhance the capacity of the existing gravity sewer system, alleviating the observed surcharging issues. All work is located within the existing right-of-way.
Project Location: The project limits exist in the northeast shoulder of SR 150 beginning near the intersection of SR 150 (also known as Chelan Falls Highway) and Willmorth Drive and continuing northwest approximately 600 feet. The project location is within the NW D Township 27 North, Range 23 East. For a map of the project area, please contact the City of Chelan Planning Department at jajax@cityofchelan.us
Project Applicant: City of Chelan
The City of Chelan has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030. The City of Chelan has reviewed the project Environmental Checklist, available by contacting the City of Chelan Planning Department at the address below. This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions: The project is entirely situated within the existing public right-of-way. It has been designed by professional engineers and will incorporate on-site construction management, along with a plan for any inadvertent discoveries. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on February 15, 2024 at 5 p.m. Responsible official: John Ajax
Signature: /s/ John Ajax
Date: January 31, 2024
Appeal process: Please contact the Planning Department for SEPA appeal procedures. Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror on January 31, 2024. #7207

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1619 of the City of Chelan, Washington
On the 23rd day of January 2024, the City Council of the City of Chelan, Washington, passed Ordinance No. 2024-1619. A summary of the content of said Ordinance provides as follows: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHELAN, WASHINGTON ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 12.24 OF THE CHELAN MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "CHELAN TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT"; ASSUMING THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, IMMUNITIES, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING BYLAWS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS AFFAIRS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.**
The full text of the Ordinance will be mailed upon request.
DATED this 24th day of January, 2024.
Peri S. Gallucci
City Clerk
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CITY OF CHELAN - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS for SANDERS STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
The City of Chelan solicits interest from consulting firms with expertise in Civil and Engineering Design. This agreement will be for approximately 1-2 years in duration with the option for the City of Chelan to extend it for additional time and money if necessary. Consultants will be considered for the following project.
The City of Chelan reserves the right to amend terms of this "Request for Qualifications" (RFQ) to circulate various addenda, or to withdraw the RFQ at any time, regardless of how much time and effort consultants have spent on their responses.
The Project includes the installation of crosswalks, curb bulb-outs, ADA ramps, illumination, and improvements to bike lane striping for improved pedestrian and bike safety along Sanders St. corridor at Okanogan Ave. and Wapato Ave. Qualifications will only be accepted from firms that can demonstrate having had a broad background and extensive experience in the field of transportation engineering. For additional details the complete Request for Qualifications can be found on the City of Chelan Public Works Administration and Engineering website (<https://cityofchelan.us/253/Admin-and-Engineering>). Additional information, beyond that of the Request for Qualifications may be provided upon request. Phone: (509) 682-8055 or email: tdenham@cityofchelan.us
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF OKANOGAN Estate of THOMAS C. RYAN, Deceased.
No. 24-4-0000324
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
The above Court has appointed Patrick Ryan as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Date of First Publication of this Notice: January 31, 2024
/s/Arian Noma, WSBA #47546
Attorney for Patrick Ryan, Personal Representative
North Cascades Law Group
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Kid Scoop Together

How to Draw a Groundhog

FEBRUARY 2 IS GROUNDHOG DAY

For hundreds of years, people have thought that the groundhog can predict the weather. It's believed that if the groundhog sees its shadow when it leaves its burrow on the second day of February, the winter will last another six weeks.

But, if the sun isn't shining, then there are no shadows to be seen. People say when this happens, spring will arrive soon.

The Most Famous Groundhog

In the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, there is a special groundhog called **Punxsutawney Phil**.

Each year on the morning of February 2nd, people in the town wait patiently for Punxsutawney Phil to come out of his burrow. News shows and newspapers around the country will tell everyone whether or not he sees his shadow.



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.

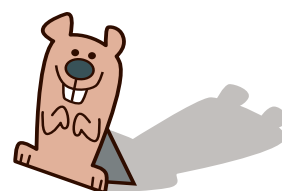
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Make a Groundhog Weather Detector

Color and cut out this little groundhog. Glue it onto some heavier paper and cut out the groundhog again. Stand your little groundhog outside and see if it casts a shadow.



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**.

USE THE SECRET CODE: What is another name for a groundhog?

C =
 D =
 H =
 K =

N =
 O =
 U =
 W =



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.

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.

Extra! Extra!

Weather Words

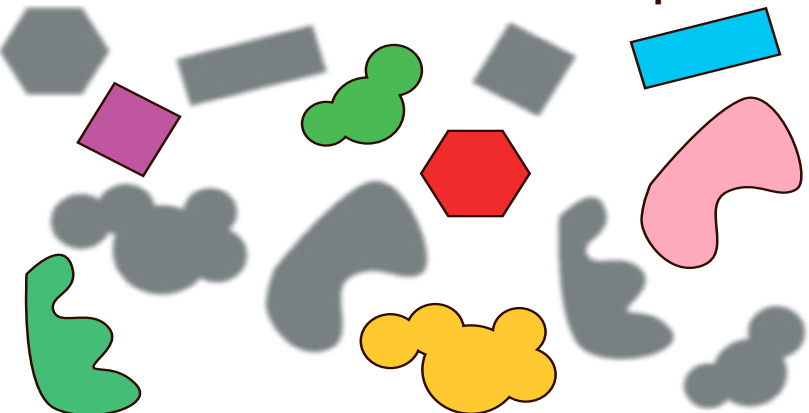
Look outside. What is your weather like today? Look through the newspaper for five words that describe your weather. Circle each word.

Standards Link: Science: Identify different kinds of weather.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Light travels in a straight line from its source. When light reaches an opaque (solid) object, the light is prevented from moving through the object, leaving an area of darkness on the other side (a shadow).

Find the shadow for each of these shapes.



Standards Link: Science: Understand physical properties of light.

Double Double Word Search

AUGUST
 BURROW
 CASTS
 CURL
 EATS
 END
 FOOD
 GROUNDHOG
 LIGHT
 PHIL
 SHADOW
 SLEEP
 SUN
 TOWN
 WINTER

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



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

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This week's word: **hibernate**

The verb **hibernate** means to sleep through the winter in a den or burrow to save energy.

The groundhog **hibernates** about six months a year.

Try to use the word **hibernate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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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.



What's round, covered in cheese and tomato sauce, and is very sleepy?

ANSWER: A P I Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

Write On!

Hello, Spring!

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

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



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A late-night summer sun sets over Puget Sound in West Seattle at 8:44 p.m.

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

By **MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

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.

“It’s hard to hear 10% is too hard a number when we know how much farther we need to go,” said Noha Mahgoub, senior policy advisor for Housing and Homelessness from the Governor’s office.

City administrators and

planners agree there is a need for affordable housing and easy options for transit, but many said builders will balk at the long-term affordability requirements and not all cities have the same level of public transportation.

“We support the contention that there needs to be an affordability requirement,” said Carl Schroeder, of the Washington Association of Cities. “We would like to 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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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.

Trump to stay on primary ballot

By **ASPEN ANDERSON & MARY MURPHY**
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.

In the end, Judge Mary Sue Wilson made short work of the request by Port Orchard Middle School teacher Frankey 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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Tribal members confront fentanyl crisis

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – Tribal members in Washington State are four times more likely to overdose and die on opioids than the state average, and advocates are pushing for state programs to address the crisis.

“A dark undercurrent, threatening the fabric of society, requires us to stand united and say, you're not alone,” said Rep. Debra Lekanoff, D-40th District. “Tribal wellness centers are at the forefront of Washington healing for over a decade, offering a beacon of hope.”

Lekanoff, the sole Native American woman in the Legislature, made the comments at a press conference at the Capitol Jan. 22 with a response plan called “Heal One Washington.”

Two task forces and one

youth awareness campaign are proposed at a cost of \$1.65 million.

In 2022, the Lummi Nation declared a fentanyl crisis and brought tribal members together for the inaugural State Tribal Opioid Summit at Lummi.

“In our history, from our elders, from our ancestors, we have learned to take care of ourselves to stand up against any threat to our way of life, any threat to our well-being,” said Chairman of Lummi Nation Anthony Hillaire. “This is the most devastating threat we have seen.”

Makah Tribal Council Member Nate Tyler observed the impact of addiction on himself, friends, and family. The Makah tribe declared a state of emergency last year, recognizing it as an epidemic. He added tribes in rural locations often have trouble getting access to behavioral health,



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Rep. Debra Lekanoff, D-Bow, addresses a crowd at a press conference in Olympia. With tribal leaders, Lekanoff is pressing for state help to counter the opioid crisis among tribal communities.

mental health, and detox programs.
Nisqually Tribe Chairman

Willie Frank III celebrates a decade of sobriety from opioids.
“Fentanyl does not discrimi-

nate on race, age, color, whatever you might be,” Frank said. “Local governments and federal governments really can come together to help heal and bring this great state together.”

State tribes are calling on Governor Jay Inslee to officially recognize the fentanyl epidemic as a crisis. Officials say he is working closely with the Biden Administration on next steps.

“The tribes are standing forward and saying we are here to help,” Lekanoff said. “There are over 17 to 21 tribal facilities in the state of Washington.”

Lekanoff emphasized a comprehensive approach to address the crisis, advocating for prevention through public information campaigns, K-12 education, drug task force initiatives, and substantial investments in detox, recovery, inpatient/outpatient services,

along with aftercare support encompassing housing, jobs, and counseling – an integrated strategy for healing.

In concurrence with Washington State tribal partners, four bills are proposed to address alcohol use disorder and substance use disorder among tribal members.

HB 1877: Revitalizing Washington's Behavioral Health System.

HB 2305: Enhancing Cross-Jurisdictional Cooperation

HB 2372: Supporting Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services

HB 2075: Streamlining Licensing for Indian Health Care Providers

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Genocide education bill sparks high emotions in hearing

Some say Holocaust education bill falls short

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OLYMPIA – As they waited to tell the stories of loved ones lost to genocide, people waiting to testify held hands between armrests. Few showed smiles.

Almost every seat in the hearing room was filled, and 67 people were scheduled to speak. Prime sponsor Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, and co-sponsor Sen. Jesse Solomon, D-Shoreline, approached the podium to introduce the bill.

“For me and many in the Jewish community, this is not just an academic matter. This is an intimate and deeply personal matter that has affected our families,” Solomon said, pausing to gather his emotions. “I was hoping to avoid the tearjerker moments.”

Solomon then recounted his family's story of escaping the

Holocaust. “The legacy of discrimination continues today, and following the attacks on Oct. 7, I perceived a rise in antisemitism not just from the right but also from the left on campuses and in our streets,” Solomon said.

Solomon spoke in favor of the bill, which would designate April as “International Genocide Prevention and Awareness Month” and make a Holocaust curriculum mandatory in public schools. A bill passed unanimously in 2019 encouraging adoption but did not require it. The 2019 bill also did not explicitly name “other genocides.”

Paul Regelbrugge, Director of Education for the Holocaust Center for Humanity, said it is time to require the teaching of the Holocaust. “We've only gotten so far, however, with strong encouragement,” Regelbrugge said. “Passage of this bill

will send a clear signal that the state of Washington has zero tolerance for hatred and that the best way to recognize humanity in all of us and confront hatred born of ignorance is through proven quality education about the consequences of unchecked hatred.”

Braun and Solomon said the generational gap in knowledge is wide. Braun cited a 50-state survey which found 63% of millennials and Gen Zs were not aware that “six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.”

While few opposed educating people on the horrors of genocide, many pointed out the Jewish people are not the only ones to have suffered atrocities.

“I propose an amendment that explicitly names other genocides worldwide that should be taught in our schools without giving priority to one over another,” Selma Porca, a survivor of the Bosnian genocide, said. “This amendment is not meant to reduce the significance

of teaching about the Holocaust by any means. It just aims for representation and inclusiveness in our education approach, acknowledging all communities impacted by genocide.”

Other genocides mentioned by people were the Bosnian genocide, Darfur genocide, Cambodian genocide, Rohingya genocide, Rwandan genocide, as well as current ongoing wars.

“I'm particularly concerned about this bill because it only talks about the Holocaust, and as a Jew, I am concerned that never again is now,” said Rebecca Arev, a former public school teacher. “What is happening in Palestine, the Israeli genocide of Palestinians, is what we always said would never happen again.”

In light of recent movements away from “Eurocentric” ideas, other people asked not to label this curriculum as ‘ethnic studies,’ given the Holocaust happened in Europe. Others asked that the bill mention U.S.

history when teaching of genocide.

“If anything should be called out, it should be the genocide of the Indigenous people of the Americas committed by the U.S. government,” Dr. Tracy Castro-Gill of Washington Ethnic Studies Now, said.

A South Seattle Jewish parent, Hanna Lidman, also recalled her own experience with antisemitism. She remembers a Holocaust survivor coming to speak at her high school.

Lidman noted that only after this educational experience did her peers stop asking if her Star of David necklace meant “she worshiped Satan” and stopped drawing swastikas on her locker.

Others suggested asking other community stakeholders to help develop a curriculum since the Holocaust Center for Humanity was the only organization involved in building the curriculum in 2019.

Also testifying was Cindy

Corrie, mother of Rachel Corrie, a former Olympia resident and activist for Palestinians who was tragically killed by a bulldozer in 2003 while protesting the destruction of Palestinian homes.

“In principle, I'm very supportive of an education bill that brings genocide and what that is all about to students at appropriate age levels,” Correy said. “I thought it was important to emphasize that there are multiple ones, Bosnian, Cambodian, Rohingya, and currently Palestinian, so I just want to make sure that as we go forward, we have a curriculum for our students that really addresses all of the genocides.”

At the end of the hearing, one person yelled “Free Palestine” as they left the room.

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trients they need. Some probiotics produce lactic acid and other compounds that discourage the growth of other organisms and keep your intestines in balance.

Taking powerful antibiotics killed off the bacteria in Maria's bladder, relieving her from her urinary urgency and burning. But while doing that, those medications also killed off her “good” intestinal bacteria, leaving room for the “bad” bacteria to take over. This caused her to have diarrhea, called antibiotic-associated diarrhea. Luckily, taking probiotics can decrease the risk of diarrhea by up to 70%.

The three most common probiotics that help keep our intestines in balance are Lactobacillus, Bifidobacteria, and the fungus Saccharomyces. Some probiotics work by secreting antibacterial compounds like hydrogen peroxide, lactic acid, and acetic acid.

Lactobacillus makes lactic acid, which increases the acidity of vaginal tissue. This helps protect you from both bacterial

and yeast vaginal infections. The bacteria Gardnerella is an organism that usually lives in your vagina.

An antibiotic can disrupt that balance and allow overgrowth of certain bacteria, causing inflammation and an infection called bacterial vaginosis. Lactobacillus bacteria secrete hydrogen peroxide inside the vagina, which is deadly to Gardnerella and helps keep it under control.

The helpful fungus Saccharomyces, available without a prescription as Florastor®, has been shown to help prevent antibiotic-associated diarrhea. There is also evidence that combining Lactobacillus and Bifidobacteria bacteria when treating antibiotic-associated diarrhea is more effective than either organism alone.

Some strains of Lactobacillus are better than others at attaching to the lining of your intestine. Other strains are best for re-establishing themselves when the “bad” bacteria are already in place. One of the best at adhering to your gut lining is Lactobacillus GG, available over the counter as Culturelle®.

There is a lot of interest in using probiotics as well as prebiotics to help your intestines and vaginal tissue stay healthy. Prebiotics differ from probiotics because probiotics are actually living organisms, while prebiotics are carbohydrates.

Prebiotics work as support staff to your probiotics, feeding them and encouraging their growth by the way they change your intestinal environment. Prebiotics work like “Miracle Grow®” to establish and support ideal conditions for beneficial bacteria and fungi growth. Prebiotics are less expensive than probiotics because they don't have to be protected from excess heat and preservatives.

Here Are 5 Tips on Maintaining a Healthy Intestinal Environment:

1. Eat yogurt with live, active cultures.

Eating yogurt can be an excellent way to get Lactobacillus into your intestine, but only if it contains live organisms. Most commercial yogurt brands are processed, which kills off any live bacteria. Check the label before you buy.

2. Avoid taking acid-blocking medicines.

Stomach acid is an essential defense against overgrowth of unfriendly bacteria in your intestine. Acid blockers like omeprazole (Prilosec), lansoprazole (Prevacid®), and pantoprazole (Protonix®) help tame heartburn by decreasing the amount of acid pumped into your stomach, but at a cost. Less acid increases your risk of getting diarrhea when taking antibiotics.

3. Choose probiotics containing more than one organism.

There is good evidence that using both Lactobacillus and Bifidobacteria bacteria to treat antibiotic-associated diarrhea works better than taking either organism alone.

4. Store probiotics properly.

Probiotics are living organisms and need controlled conditions to stay viable. Whether at room temperature or in the refrigerator, be sure to observe any storage recommendations and avoid extreme heat, like in a parked car in the summer on your way home from the store.

5. Eat fermented foods.

Fermented foods are some of

the best and least expensive prebiotics. If you like sauerkraut or kimchee, eating it regularly can help support a healthy balance of intestinal bacteria.

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E. Donald 'Don' Pitts

Don Pitts, 87, of Chelan, Washington passed away on January 22, 2024. Chapel of the Valley is handling the arrangements for the family.

Donald Hart

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