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# Chelan council workshop discusses TBD options, benefits

Voter approval considered

### By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The Chelan city council workshop convened on Feb. 6 to discuss elements of the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) adopted by the city on Jan. 23. The workshop included a review of what the TBD is, its significance for city transportation projects, and what revenue options the council has open to it.

A TBD provides a new funding vehicle for roads, sidewalks, and other transportation projects, and the revenue derived from it can only be used for those projects. Of the several funding options available, the one most commonly used is a sales and use tax of 0.1 (one-tenth) percent to 0.3 percent.

The wear and tear from the high volume of tourist traffic using Chelan streets, sidewalks, parking lots, and roads has stayed ahead of city funds to keep up with infrastructure repairs. Until the TBD was approved, the city leveraged property tax dollars through grants to fund maintenance and repair projects. Chelan's six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) through 2029 reflects repair costs well in excess of what current revenues can cover. The added TBD funds could be applied directly to projects or matching funds that some grants require.

"We have a lot of projects that will never be grant fund projects," said Community Development Director John Ajax.

Similar to the one percent annual increase in property tax dollars that the city can collect without voter approval, it can do the same with 0.1 (one-tenth) percent of TBD sales tax revenues. It must receive voter approval if the city wants to maximize TBD revenues by opting for 0.2

percent (two cents/\$10) or 0.3 percent (three cents/\$10).

Comments from some council quarters favor going to voters for the 0.3 percent maximum.

In that event, Mayor Erin McCardle stressed the need for community outreach to ensure the public is on board.

"We really have to make sure our story is locked up," said McCardle. "We need to do a lot of communications so that there's an awareness and understanding within the community."

McCardle said the city has until an August 1 deadline to put the TBD measure on the November election ballot. "Before August 1... we need to have a pulse of the community on how much they support this," said McCardle, "and have council make a decision on which direction we're going."

If recent figures from the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) are any measure, the chances of voter approval appear to be in the city's favor. As of January 2024, MRSC figures show that of more than 110 cities and towns in Washington that have established TBDs, voters have approved the majority of all proposed TBD sales and use taxes.

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# Hawkins' "Walking Start to Running Start" bill approved by Senate

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OLYMPIA – Sen. Brad Hawkins' bill to expand Running Start opportunities for high school students took a major step forward Friday. As amended, the Senate approved the bill by a unanimous vote.

Hawkins is a member of the Senate's Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee and developed the amendment proposal with Committee Chair T'wina Nobles of the 28th District.

Running Start is a free tuition "dual credit" opportunity for 11th and 12th graders, allowing students to earn college credit while in high school. Students can get a head start or "running start" to college, accumulating credits during their high school years.

Some students can even complete their AA degrees while earning high school diplomas. This opportunity



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It is a great option for all, especially for students from middle-class families who sadly may not otherwise qualify for any student aid. The program provides a proven way to build credits and get students on a degree path.

Unfortunately, a full load of Running Start college coursework for high school juniors can shock the system. Allowing students to gradually begin the program during the summer months – either online or in person – could help ease them into college and help them experience success. It's an added option.

I'm calling it a "Walking Start to Running Start," and I'm thankful the Senate approved it."

In its Senate-approved form, the bill seeks to make permanent a summer term funded temporarily in the 2023-2025 budget. With this potential expansion of Running Start, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has classified students who have completed 10th grade but have not yet started 1 th grade as "Rising Juniors." The bill now heads to the House of Representatives for further consideration, with its first stop likely in the House Education Committee. If the House approves the bill before the session ends on March 7, it will advance to the Governor for consideration.

Chelan County Sheriff's Deputies arrest vehicle theft suspect

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CHELAN – Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison reports a vehicle theft incident leading to an arrest.

On Feb. 4, at around 4:21 p.m., deputies received a report from a citizen at Jerry's Auto Supply in Chelan. The citizen reported their vehicle was not returned after being loaned to a friend. The investigation confirmed another individual had indeed taken the vehicle.

Shortly after, a deputy located the vehicle in Entiat and attempted to initiate a stop. The driver failed to comply and fled. The deputy did not pursue, adhering to Washington State laws.

Further investigation identified the suspect as Joey Reyes, a 47-year-old male from Quincy. On Feb. 5, at about 11:36 a.m., Reyes was located and arrested in the 300 block of E. Wapato Ave in Chelan. He faces charges of eluding and driving with a suspended license, third-degree, along with an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. Sheriff Morrison stated, "Though state laws attempt to suppress effective law enforcement, Chelan County Deputies will continue to investigate, locate, and arrest subjects who commit crimes within our communities."

saves the students money, reduces their likelihood of debt, and advances them closer to earning a four-year degree.

Hawkins introduced Senate Bill 5670 during the last session to allow 10th graders to earn limited credits online as an introduction to the Running Start program. This form of the bill was approved last session by The Washington State Senate convenes for floor session. the Senate's Early Learning & K-12 up to 10 college c

Committee and the Ways & Means Committee.

On Friday's Senate floor, senators accepted a Hawkins' amendment that changed the bill to allow students between 10th and 11th grades to earn

up to 10 college credits during their summer term.

### Hawkins' Statement

"I'm a big believer in the state's Running Start program as a tuitionfree option for students and families.

### Annual PIT count uncovers increased unsheltered homelessness

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WENATCHEE – The latest Homeless Point in Time Count reveals a shift in homelessness trends in Chelan and Douglas counties. The count, conducted on Jan. 25, shows a 16.5% rise in the unsheltered population alongside a nearly 8% drop in sheltered individuals compared to last year.

This year's count found 141 people experiencing homelessness outdoors or in unfit habitation, marking an increase of 20 individuals from the previous year's 121. Conversely, the number of those in emergency shelters or temporary housing solutions, such as the RV Safe Parks and hotel/ motel voucher programs, decreased to 341 from 368.

Douglas County Commissioner Marc Straub emphasized the value of the Point in Time (PIT) count for resource allocation, stating, "As decision makers, the PIT count provides invaluable information on how best to use available resources to address homelessness in our two counties to move the needle in a meaningful way."

Echoing the sentiment, Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay highlighted the timeliness of this data for strategic planning. The Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force will utilize the PIT count findings to set priorities and projects for the coming years, aiming to address the root causes of homelessness in the region.

"This is timely information, as the Chelan-Douglas Homeless Housing Task Force is now beginning work toward establishing priorities and projects for the next five years,' Overbay said. "Using the PIT Count numbers, our aim is to determine the root cause of homelessness in our area. Do we make a larger investment in low-cost tools, such as diversion monies, to help move unhoused people into permanent housing options quickly? Do we also need to create a centralized case management system that works with the region's Coordinated Entry system to better track folks and give us real long-term answers and solutions? These numbers are only a snapshot in time of a larger, more complex issue we are trying to resolve."

The count, a mandate by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Washington State Commerce, assesses the need for local

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Emily Snider of the Women Resource Center's Housing and Supportive Services surveys a man in Wenatchee on Jan. 25 for the Homeless Point in Time Count.





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### **Live Music with Yotes**

Tipsy Canyon Winery in Manson wil host live music by musician Yotes on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m.

"Tipsy Canyon Winery can't wait to bring you another exciting night of live music featuring Yotes," the event page states. "Blending a wide variety of musical influences, along with the comfort on stage that comes from over two decades of performing, Yotes entertains audiences with a mix of songs from 1950's country, 1980's neo rockabilly, modern Americana, and many genres and eras in between."

For more information visit tipsycanyon.com.

### **Rhymin' Time**

The Chelan Library will host Rhymin' Time on Friday, Feb. 16 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"Join us for a fun time with the little ones in your life using chants, movement, stories, and songs that promote the development of speech and listening skills," the event page states. "Especially for babies, waddlers, and toddlers, siblings welcome.'

### **Paint & Sip Pottery Class**

Sigillo Cellars in Chelan will host a Paint and Sip pottery class with Ekenbarger Ceramics and Pottery on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 2-5 p.m.

"You will learn the techniques and skills to paint clay pieces that will exhibit your artistic expression," the event page states. "Instructions will be given to create a beautiful piece and all supplies and paints will be provided. A glass of wine is included in the cost and there will be multiple pieces to choose from! Your painted piece will be taken off-

site to be fired and pick up will be available at our tasting room on Saturday, February 24th.

For more information and to register visit sigillocellars.com.

### **Live Music with Taste of Whisky**

Succession Wines in Manson will host live music with Taste of Whisky on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 2-5 p.m.

"Taste of Whisky is a NCW band featuring well-known local artists performing classic rock at venues throughout the region," the event page states. "The band is comprised of three full-time members, Chris, Joe and Virgil, and brings in Andy and Elaine as needed. We love playing at wineries, pubs, festivals and your private events."

For more information visit successionwines.com.

### **Live Music with Joey Anderson**

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**THIS WEEK** 

Tipsy Canyon Winery in Manson will host live music by musician Joey Anderson on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 4-6 p.m. "Tipsy Canyon Winery

is excited to bring you live

music from the talented Joey Anderson," the event page states.

"Hailing from St. Augustine, Florida, this genre-spanning songwriter delivers his southern voice with a touch of class and a wealth of hardnosed grit."

For more information visit tipsycanyon.com.

### A new digital dawn for the Lake Chelan Mirror

As the CEO & Publisher of Ward Media, the stewardship of the Lake Chelan Mirror and its evolution holds a special place in our mission to serve the North Central Washington community with integrity and innovation. It is with immense

pride that I introduce to you the newly redesigned website of the

that was initiated with fervor six months ago, shortly after we were privileged to become a part of this historic publication's journey.

The genesis of this initiative was rooted in our commitment to enhancing your experience as readers and community members. We recognized the need to modernize and streamline lakechelanmirror.com to elevate its aesthetic appeal and improve its functionality and user engagement. Today, I am



From the Publisher TERRY WARD

Lake Chelan Mirror, a project



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share news tips, or announce life's milestones – be it a birth, an engagement, or a cherished anniversary - the Lake Chelan Mirror is your forum.

lakechelanmirror.com and the birth of NCW News are milestones in our ongoing journey to redefine local journalism. As we navigate this

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### East Wenatchee man arrested for arson after early morning fire

WENATCHEE – An early morning fire on February 8, 2024, led to an arson arrest in Wenatchee, Officers from the Wenatchee Folice Department were dispatched to a structure fire in the 600 block of ...

### **Annual PIT**

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and national homeless housing services. This year's effort saw participation from 22 agencies, including Chelan Valley HOPE and Upper Valley MEND, to provide a comprehensive demographic snapshot of the homeless population.

Among the unsheltered, 138 adults and three minors were



The collected data also shed light on chronic homelessness, first-time homelessness, and reluctance or inability to access shelter services due to various reasons, including health issues, overcrowding, safety concerns, and the desire for independence or to remain with partners or pets.

Demographic insights indicate a significant number of the homeless population grappling with mental health disorders, physical disabilities, substance use, and varied age and racial identities, including a small veteran contingent.



### OTHER NEWS

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reports a vehicle theft incident leading to an arrest. On Feb. 4, at around 421 p.m., deputies received a report from a citizen at lerry's Auto-

#### Chelan-Douglas Health District installs free 10.00 community health vending machine

EAST WENATCHEE - The Chelan-Douglas Health District has unveiled a Community Medical Needs Vending Machine at its 200 Valley Mall Parkway location in East Wenatchee. This vending



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### **Rediscovering Pioneer Practicality** Lake Chelan Museum volunteer

demonstrates historical soap-saving tool



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CHELAN - In a blend of historical appreciation and physical activity, Gaylen Willett, a volunteer at the Lake Chelan Museum and leader of the SAIL Exercise Program at Heritage Heights, recently showcased two unusual artifacts from pioneer times to the residents.

During the event, Willett presented an object that piqued the curiosity of many, revealing its purpose as a tool for collecting small soap fragments.

These fragments were then swirled in water to create cleaning suds for washing hands, dishes, or laundry - a clever solution from a bygone era.

The presentation served as a physical activity and a unique educational experience, offering a glimpse into the ingenuity of early settlers.



The encounter highlighted the residents' enthusiasm for rediscovering practical items from the past, illustrating the value of such artifacts in connecting current generations with historical daily living practices.

The second photo further explains the soap-collecting tool's design and function, emphasizing its simplicity and efficiency.

This initiative by the Lake Chelan Museum and Heritage Heights underscores the importance of preserving history through tangible objects, making the past accessible and engaging for all ages.

## **Heritage Heights receives** estate gift to enhance end-of-life care services

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CHELAN - Heritage Heights at Lake Chelan has received an estate gift from the Tipler Estate, marking a significant contribution to the assisted living facility's end-of-life care services.

During the challenging times of COVID-19, neighbors Norm and Janice Sturm provided crucial support to Lori Tipler and her terminally ill husband, Ron.

In appreciation of their assistance, Lori Tipler designated her home to a trust to enhance end-of-life care, trusting the Sturms to select an appropriate recipient. Heritage

Heights was chosen for its established reputation in providing such care.

Charitable The Tipler Trust's aim is to fund a nonprofit organization that can extend or introduce services for end-of-life care.

Heritage Heights plans to use the funds to improve its facilities, including remodeling a wing to offer a comfortable space for families and hospice staff and to enhance staff training.

This initiative will allow residents to remain in a familiar setting, supported by skilled care, towards the end of their lives.

Maria Jan, RN, has been appointed the Director of Well-

classes to begin in Chelan at

ness, bringing extensive clinical and management experience to the facility.

The funding will also support hiring dedicated staff and training existing personnel to strengthen the facility's end-of-life services in collaboration with local hospice agencies

Heritage Heights extends its gratitude to the Chelan community, including Adam Rynd and Shannon Kraft of Coldwell Banker, for their donation and to the Sturms for their role in facilitating the Tipler estate gift.

This contribution is expected to significantly enhance the quality of end-of-life care provided by Heritage Heights.

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- Coulee Rd & Mystic 11:34:23 Trespass, 2074
- Washington Creek Rd, 18:07:55 Theft, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 20:38:15 Theft, 106 W Manson Rd; Safeway

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### February 4

Woodin Ave

- 3:15:05 Welfare Check, 417 S Bradley St
  - 7:09:26 Suspicious, 6900blk Navarre Coulee Rd
- 10:34:00 Civil, 620 N Emerson St 10:54:08 Harass/Threat, 804 E
  - Woodin Ave

- 11:02:53 Welfare Check, Oblk Birdie Dr 12:59:50 Scam, 222 Mystic Creek
- Ln 14:12:11 Suspicious, E Woodin
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- Ave# A 17:03:24 Eluding, Kinzel St &
- Cammack Ave, Entiat 18:11:21 Suspicious, 123 N Apple Blossom Dr
- 18:57:45 Accident No Inj, Wapato Lake Rd & Sun Mount Manson
- 19:25:27 Assist Public, 53 S Lakeshore Rd
- 20:15:37 Traffic Offense, E Woodin Ave & N Sanders Sch

### February 6

- 02:51:29 Vehicle Prowl, 424 E
- Trow Ave
- 07:29:51 Burglary, 115 Crystal
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- 08:15:05 Burglary, 17001 Us Hwy 97a. Entiat
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- Mclallen Ln, Manson
- 14:01:44 Alarm, 350 Orondo Ave# 203
- 16:19:06 Civil, 24888 Us Hwy 97

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- Lake Interiors 20:50:19 Traffic Offense, 455
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### February 7

- 6:04:52 Alarm, 245 Summerset Blvd, Manson
- 8:59:10 Assist Public, 645 4th St, Chelan Falls
- 10:42:24 Traffic Offense, 1056 E Woodin Ave: Les Schwab
- 12:33:43 Suspicious, Riviera Dr & San Remo Ln

### February 8

- 12:19:37 Disturbance, 102 E Johnson Ave
- 12:58:10 Trespass, 512 E Allen Ave
- 13:44:43, Welfare Check, E Chelan Ave & N Columbia
- 20:44:36 Extra Patrol, 108 N Apple Blossom Dr.
- Crowd demands hearing on citizen initiatives

other business and should have response," Gina Medley, a citizen **By Aspen Anderson** 







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### Natures Window Museum

Hunter safety education

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CHELAN – A Hunter Safety Education Class will start on Monday, Mar. 18, and will continue through Friday, Mar. 22.

The sessions are to be conducted at Natures Window Museum of Wildlife & Art Gallery, located at 21285 Highway 97A in Chelan.

Participants are advised to enter through the designated door on the left side towards the back of the museum.

Registration is required via the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at

[https://www.register-ed.com/ events/view/208303](https:// www.register-ed.com/events/ view/208303). Attendance is mandatory for all class sessions, including a range day and testing on Saturday, March 23, to qualify for certification.

The curriculum of the hunter education classes encompasses Firearms and outdoor safety, Wildlife management, and Hunter responsibility.

To successfully complete the course, students must pass a written examination, demonstrate competent firearm handling skills, and exhibit a

constructive attitude

While there is no minimum age for enrollment in the hunter education course, instructors reserve the right to request the presence of a parent or guardian for attendees under 12 years of age during all sessions.

All courses are led by instructors certified by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, featuring lectures, video presentations, and practical training exercises.

For additional information, contact Rick Hanson at 509-682-2421.

### & MARY MURPHY Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - A sea of red, white

and blue covered the Capitol steps as hundreds of Washingtonians proudly waved American flags and demanded hearings on six initiatives that would roll back taxes, give parents more rights and police more authority.

The initiatives funded by the political action group Let's Go Washington all received the requisite number of signatures to be approved for consideration but have yet to receive a hearing from the Legislature. In all, 2.6 million citizens signed the petitions. Republicans say the Constitution demands that initiatives must take precedence over

hearings now. Democrats say they are concerned about budget impacts and as long as they act on the initiatives this session,

Constitutional rules are satisfied. "The speaker [of the house's] position is that 'take precedence means they don't have to live by the deadline,' Our position is that they go first." said Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen.

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, House Republican Leader, said Democrats aren't in a hurry to take up the initiatives. They have essentially said, "We'll think about it."

"I think it's quite an injustice that the voice of the people is not being heard and when you ask the questions of why they are not hearing us you get no

from Tacoma said. Democrats say they are studying the budget impact of the

initiatives. One rolls back the capital gains tax, another repeals the Climate Commitment Act that critics say pushes up the cost of gasoline. Both have raised millions for state programs.

"I worry about pulling us back and negating all of these incredible policy advancements that we've made," Sen. Emily Randall, D-Bremerton, said. "What the right strategies are to protect these investments I think we are still working on developing."

The other initiatives give police more leeway to start

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Sen. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, prime sponsor of SB 6009, addresses the Senate. A bill banning the use of hogtying by the police was approved by the Senate.

# Hogtying ban unanimously passes Senate

Washington State could become the first state to ban this arrest tactic

### **By Mary Murphy** Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – Nearly four years after Manuel Ellis, a 33-year-old Black man from Tacoma, died during an arrest while being hogtied, the practice that killed him is one step closer to being illegal in Washington.

Hogtying refers to the tactic where handcuffed wrists are tied to a suspect's ankles. This practice can contort bodies into a position where they are at risk for suffocation.

A medical examiner on Ellis' case ruled his cause of death as lack of oxygen. In 2021, defense attorneys argued his cause of death was more likely methamphetamine and heart conditions, but prosecutors called the claim unsubstantiated and maintained his cause of death was lack of oxygen. The officers returned to work two weeks later.

Monet-Carter Mixon, Ellis' sister, testified on behalf of the bill.

"It comes from something that was applied to pigs and animals," MIxon said. "Typically, it's when you put young four-legged animals and calves in a hogtie so they can be branded, or oftentimes when they are getting ready to be slaughtered and killed."

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the Senate unanimously passed SB 6009 to ban this practice. There was no debate on the floor, and many spoke in favor. "Regardless of how you feel about the outcomes of that particular case, I think it's important to remember that he was loved and he was somebody's family member," prime sponsor Sen. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, said. "I think any of us on the floor would not want our family member to spend the final moments of their life in this inhumane way."

Sen. John Lovick, D-Mill Creek, who served as a State Trooper for 31 years, was a cosponsor on the bill and urged fellow Senators to approve the measure.

"Dehumanizing another person costs us our dignity," Lovick said. "Hogtying is bad for the suspects and terrible for the officers involved. I have lived with the shame of watching a person get hogtied, and it is a shame that you have to live with. We know better now."

Sen. Jim McCune, R-Graham, thanked Trudeau for bringing this forward and added he looks forward to seeing officers invest in alternatives. McCune noted being shocked to hear this word is used and that he sees it as "dangerous and pathetic."

So far, no states have banned the use of "hogtying." States like Minnesota and California have banned "uses of force" similar to hog-tying during arrest.

In 1995, the U.S. Dept. of Justice warned the police this practice can kill people. In 1997, the city of LA banned hogty-ing. In 2022, Washington At-

torney. Bob Ferguson issued a model policy on police use of force which banned hogtying, but some departments continue to use it.

James McMahan, Policy Director of the Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, voiced concern regarding the bill.

"We do not celebrate the use of hogtying nor frankly do we celebrate the name that we call it," McMahan said. "We must acknowledge, however, that a restrained person can still present a danger to themselves and to others, including our officers. We do ask that the Legislature not prohibit the tools and tactics necessary to prevent a person from being a harm to our officers or themselves."

McMahan vaguely described more humane alternatives that he believes most officers would prefer to use but investing in these technologies and alternatives costs money.

"The job of our officers is to keep people safe. Sometimes that's not pretty, and we don't boast about it." McMahan said.

Trudeau said that the Attorney General's office notes four jurisdictions still use this kind of force and that one of them, without disclosing the name, is "very well-funded."

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# Legislature that could change BAC from .08 to .05

### "We need to make tougher laws"

### **By Aspen Anderson** Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – To curb traffic fatalities, lawmakers are proposing reducing the legal limit for driving while intoxicated.

SB 5002 amends the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) for driving a motor vehicle from .08% to .05%. Typically, consuming less than one standard drink per hour maintains most individuals' BAC below .05%.

Former state trooper and primary sponsor Sen. John Lovick, D-Mill Creek, who previously served as a sergeant with a DUI emphasis patrol, called on the Legislature to enact tougher laws.

"We have just tolerated drunk driving for a long time," Lovick said. "If we had a train go off the tracks, and one person died, we would shut down that industry."

Eight hundred eighteen people died on our roads last year, with more than half of the fatalities DUI-related, which is one person every single day dying in Washington because of a drunk driver, according to Lovick.

According to the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC), 32% of deaths from 2017-2021 involved drivers who tested positive for alcohol. In 2023, according to tentative projections, the number increased to 50%.

Lovick said being killed by a drunk driver should not be an accepted risk of driving on Washington's roads, which Lovick added are the most dangerous in the nation.

"Other states are looking to see what we are going to do," Lovick said. "We need to make tougher laws".

Co-sponsor of the bill, Sen. Marko Liias, D-Everett, as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, traveled to Finland this summer and learned that since 1977, Finland has maintained a BAC limit of .05, a measure that prompted locals to abstain from driving altogether when consuming alcohol.



COURTESY OF SENATE DEMOCRATS

Sen. John Lovick, is the prime sponsor of a bill to lower the legal blood alcohol level for driving.

"The single most impactful decision Finland has made to reduce fatalities over the last two generations has been to lower the BAC to .05," Liias said. "We see crashes between .05 and .08, and more fundamentally, we are just trying to change the culture. After you have 3 or 4 drinks, you become really bad at counting how many drinks you have had."

In 2017, Utah changed BAC to .05, and in 2022, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that 22.1 percent of drinkers said they altered their behavior due to the legislation. The fatality rate, measured as the number of deaths per million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), decreased by 18.3 percent.

Liias points out officers can't stop you unless you're swerving or showing signs of being impaired. While this bill may not change the number of arrests, it could change the culture of drunk driving.

"The police officer does not know your blood alcohol content until they have pulled you over," Liias said. "We should focus on enforcement. We should also remember that the people being killed right now are disproportionately from marginalized communities."

Critics say lack of enforcement is a bigger problem. Washington state is currently 50th in the nation for law enforcement officers per capita.

"You can change the laws all you want, but you are not going to have people to enforce them," Rep. Eric Robertson (R-Sumner) said. "We need to look at who is really causing these fatality collisions. Is it the people between .05 and .07? If an officer can articulate the fact that they say the person was impaired, it does not matter what that number is."

The likelihood of a crash significantly rises for drivers with a BAC between .05 and .079. In fact, the risk of being involved in a fatal collision while driving a vehicle is at least seven times higher compared to those with a BAC of zero.

Lovick said he believes despite enforcement officer numbers, this law would be enforced because of a robust public awareness campaign.

In his previous job as a sergeant, Lovick covered I-5, I-405, and 522, and they advertised a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving. and in 2004, he said they did not have a single fatality in their patrol area. Talking about it and raising awareness helped. He would tell people, "If you are drinking and you move a muscle, we are going to find you."

When asked why this bill has only garnered 12 sponsors, he said, "People hate change, but they also hate the way things are." He truly believes that this bill is going to pass this year.

According to the WTSC, drivers experience "cognitive, behavioral, and physical impairment" when their BAC level is at .05. The National Library of Medicine states: "No matter how many drinks it takes to reach .05 BAC, people at this level are too impaired to drive safely." The last time Washington

The last time Washington changed the legal alcohol limit was in 1999 when they changed the BAC level from .10 to .08.

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## Hundreds rally for rent caps and affordable housing

### **By MARY MURPHY**

Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – As budget negotiations begin in the state Legislature, calls for action on affordable housing and rent caps from the annual Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day are expected to ring in the ears of lawmakers.

Hundreds of unhoused individuals, members of non-profit organizations, and advocacy groups gathered late last month to urge lawmakers to do something about the high cost of housing.

Cheyonna Lewis, a single mother of three, sat on the steps of the Capitol with her youngest son in late January. Lewis was homeless previously and is currently on the brink again.

When one of her sons got in a car accident, the medical bills sent her family into a cycle of waiting instability. While her two oldest sons have been raised to adulthood, she still struggles with the fear of having to "start all over again."

"Where is everyone gonna go? Everyone can't be outside," Lewis said. "Having to spend more than 50% of your income on housing is insane."

It is estimated Washington will need 1.1 million more homes in the next 20 years, and over half need to be affordable for residents at the



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Protestors gather at the top of the Capitol's North steps, among them Vancouver residents Jeremy Hopkins of SeaMar Community Health Services and Duana Johnson from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance.

lowest income levels, according to the Washington State Department of Commerce. Housing revenues set aside for COVID-19 relief in Washington are gone, and average rents

have nearly doubled from \$989 a year in 2012 to \$1,866 a year in 2022. The current average rental rate is \$1,763, according to the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. At the forefront of the housing agenda are rent stabilization, affordable homes, and homelessness supplies.

HB 2114, sponsored by Rep. Emily Alvarado, D-Seattle, and SB 5961, sponsored by Rep. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, proposed companion bills that could limit yearly rent increase to no more than 5%.

Other protections in this bill include requiring a six-month notice before rent increases.

HB 2276, sponsored by Rep. April Berg, D-Mill Creek, and SB 6191, sponsored by Sen.

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but with God all things are possible."

- Matthew 19:26

### Sports





### ENTIAT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK **Monico** Valadez-Robinson **Boys Basketball**

Entiat's Athlete of the Week honor goes to Monico Valadez-Robinson, who showcased remarkable resilience during the playoff game against Waterville. Monico's stellar performance included 16 points and 15 rebounds, capping off an impressive season. Alongside the entire team, Monico demonstrated unwavering determination in a hard-fought battle against Waterville-Mansfield.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD					
Feb. 6	Chelan 57, Omak 38; Win				
Feb. 6	Entiat 54, Cascade Christian 34; Win				
Feb. 8	Entiat 34, Pateros 61; Loss				
Feb. 10	Chelan 18, Cashmere 63; Loss				
Feb.10	Manson 41, Liberty Bell 49; Loss				

BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD					
Feb. 6	Chelan 56, Omak 65; Loss				
Feb. 7	Entiat 40, Waterville-Mansfield 42; Loss				
Feb.9	Manson 46, Liberty Bell 52; Loss				

# Chelan schools forge new athletic alliance amid **WIAA** reclassification

Ward Media Lake Chelan Mirror

CHELAN - In the latest development affecting high school sports in Washington state, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) has announced its school reclassifications for 2024-2028. This adjustment has significant implications for Chelan's activities and athletics and the structure of the current Caribou Trail League (CTL). The reclassification process, which occurs every four years based on enrollment figures, has led to a necessary realignment within these leagues.

Following Quincy's departure to the 2A classification, the CTL found itself with a reduced number of schools. Efforts by the remaining CTL schools to merge with the South Central Athletic Conference (SCAC) and the NCW 2B League were not successful. Consequently,

Chelan, Cascade, and Omak have opted for a creative solution by forming a scheduling alliance with the North Central Washington B League. This alliance allows for flexibility in scheduling, permitting teams to opt out of potentially unbalanced matches.

Athletic Director Evan Reister highlighted the benefits of this new alliance, emphasizing the opportunity for competitive play and the continuation of tradition, particularly with Cashmere. "We see this as a great opportunity to compete at a high level in athletics. The North Central Washington B League continues to send multiple teams to state tournaments and state championship games every year," Reister said. He also noted the efforts made to maintain the CTL's cohesion, adding, "We worked really hard to keep the CTL together, but there were many factors that we had to consider. We will still

plan on playing Cashmere in every sport that we are able to."

The changes are driven by several key considerations, including reducing travel expenses for school districts, ensuring competitive games across all sports, enhancing student athletes' instructional time by minimizing travel, and increasing fan engagement through more accessible game locations.

Additionally, in a move that will further impact postseason play, the WIAA has combined Districts 5 and 6 for playoffs, creating a 12-team district that includes both the SCAC and the CTL. Further updates on the playoff structure for various sports are anticipated as more information becomes available. This reorganization reflects a significant shift in the high school sports landscape in Washington, aiming to maintain competitive balance while honoring longstanding traditions and rivalries.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

Phinley Teague, 2, hands the ball off to Rylee Winters, 4, against Brewster in a district playoff last Friday. The Lady Bears won the game. 70-14.

### Washington Outdoors Report AAU Basketball Hobbling off into the sunset wraps up season

**By JOHN KRUSE** Special to Ward Media

All good things must come to an end, to include this weekly column. I'll admit the last few days have been rough. I was exhibiting at the very Washington well-attended

tendon below my kneecap and I would need surgery.

That surgery is scheduled this week and both kind thoughts and prayers would be appreciated for a quick recovery which (best case scenario) has me in a knee brace extending from my right ankle

fortunately, this became the final nail in the coffin for my weekly syndicated column.

When I first started this column, covering the outdoors in Washington State, five publishers representing eight different newspapers were carrying my articles on a weekly

own \$50 to \$100 a week. Each publisher paid somewhere between \$7.50 to \$20 a week based on their circulation, netting me around \$55 a week from newspapers along with additional money earned for one or more of the columns appearing in Northwest Fish**By Mike Haerling** Youth Sports Director City of Chelan Parks Dept.

CHELAN - This year in AAU basketball, the City of Chelan Parks Department held signups for basketball in grades kindergarten through sixth grade in November of 2023. A total of 100 players registered for basketball. Twenty-one players in kindergarten were coached by Ryan Peterson and sponsored by Apple Cup. Sixteen players in first grade coached by Jennifer Lane and sponsored by Cascade Law, 15 players in second grade and coached by Christian Barbour and sponsored by Martin Custon Homes. The K-2 players worked on basketball skills on Saturdays from the first Saturday in December to the last Saturday in January.

There were 13, 3-4 grade girls coached by Arabelle Finch. Ten, 3-4 grade boys coached by Jennifer Lane; nine, 5-6 grade girls coached by Paul Zweber and 16, 5-6 grade boys coached by Don Cantor. The third through sixth graders practiced two times a week They played games on Saturdays in the Community Gym from December 7 to the last Saturday in January. They played teams from Manson and Entiat. We would like to thank all the coaches and sponsors for a great year in youth basketball.

Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup last week, accompanied by my springer spaniel, Sam. Things went very well, and the fourmonth-old puppy became very socialized in a hurry, loving every person who wanted to come up and pet him at my booth.

On the last night of the show, I walked out of my motel room to fetch some dog treats from my parked pick-up truck. Being the clumsy oaf I am, I managed to trip on the curb and fall hard on my knee.

I was immediately greeted by a wave of pain and the inability to stand on my own two feet. The hotel clerk, seeing what happened, attempted to help me up but was unable to do so.

Fifteen minutes later, two burly firemen hoisted me up and informed me I had likely torn a tendon in my leg (leaving me unable to stand on two feet).

They gave me the choice of taking an ambulance to the hospital that night or making my own way there in the morning. I chose the latter and Sam and I got a fretful night of sleep in the hotel room.

The next morning, I was helped into my pick-up truck by my friend's Bob Loomis (with Mack's Lure) and Richy Harrod (with Harrod Outdoors).

Sam and I managed to drive to a hospital in Puyallup where an emergency room doctor informed me, I had ruptured my to thigh for six weeks.

The news didn't get much better as the week progressed. One of our newspapers that has carried our column since we started in 2019 informed me that due to economic issues, they could no longer afford to pay me for my articles. Un-

The idea of writing a syndicated column was that noncompeting papers in Eastern and Central Washington could share the outdoors with their readers for a very affordable price, as opposed to paying an individual columnist of their

or part-time basis.



John Kruse and Sam, his springer spaniel.

ing's Reel Life magazine.

Unfortunately, even the low price we were offering became too much for several newspapers and with this week's news we are down to two newspaper publishers paying \$22.50 a week for this weekly column. Considering it takes me around four hours a week to write the column, proofread it and provide photo support, it just doesn't add up any more from an economic point of view where I'm working for less than \$6 an hour.

On the bright side, I'll continue to write for the Reel Life magazine and hope to begin writing again on a regular basis for Northwest Sportsman Magazine or one of their partner publications.

In fact, I have an article in this month's edition that is a tribute to a wonderful man. Mike Meseberg, the co-owner of MarDon Resort who passed away in December.

I suspect I'll also get to take those four hours every week and have a little extra fun fishing, wildlife watching and once I get this knee brace off, hiking again. So as bittersweet as it is to say goodbye, I am grateful I've been able to share the outdoors with you for nearly five years and look forward to seeing you on the trail, in the field or on the water in the future.

John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoors radio.com

### Housing

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Noel Frame, D-Seattle, create new real estate transfer taxes on properties that sell for more than \$3.035 million.

The bills direct revenues to funds that invest in affordable housing projects, such as the Washington Housing Trust Fund and the Affordable Housing for All Account.

Trudeau and Alvarado also introduced SB 5988 and HB 2095, a set of bills that require companies whose gift cards went unspent to pay a portion of that revenue to the state.

The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance says this gift card plan could generate \$255 million.

Paris Nelson, policy manager for Fourth Plan Forward in Vancouver, is the daughter of a South Korean immigrant. She comes from a low-income household and was the first in her family to get a high school diploma.

Nelson once lived in her car but now is in a position to advocate for more help for the unhoused.

"I feel the pain because I felt the pain," Nelson said. "About 25% of our community is spending two-thirds of their household income on rent alone.'

Duana Johnson, a Colville Tribal member from Vancouver, a disabled veteran, and a single mother of two living off of pensions was given 51 days' notice before her last rent increase.

"By the time I pay just my rent I have 52 dollars left," Johnson said. "I can't think about anything else unless I have rental stability.'

Vicki Loveland, from Boise, Wash., was one of eight grandmas who received rent raises of over 1,000 dollars in six months.

"When I describe that to people, they say that's criminal, and I will say, 'that's not against the law though," Loveland said.

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### Community Bulletin Board

### Shamrock Shuffle: March 16

CHELAN - The Shamrock Shuffle is coming. Get your green on and walk, run, or shuffle along with the Lake Chelan Lions Club on Saturday, March 16. This 5K event supports the Lake Chelan Lions Club program to send kids with Type One Diabetes to Camp Stix and promote local awareness about Diabetes for all ages. There will be Best Dressed prizes for male, female, child and dog. All ages are welcome on Saturday, March 16 just prior to the Top Dog Parade in downtown Chelan. Registration will be 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the the covered area at Riverwalk Park, with the run starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring your Kelly Green Beanie you received if you participated last year and receive a 2024 pin to wear on it. New Beanies and pins will also be given out. Register now at EVENTBRITE.com and search Shamrock Shuffle 5K.

### SAIL Exercise Classes: Feb. 14, 15, 16

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: Feb. 14, 21

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

### Chelan Senior Meals: Feb. 14-16, 19-21

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. Feb. 14: Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, WW Roll, Pumpkin Pie; Feb. 15: Chicken Fajitas, Southwest Salad, Tropical Fruit, Dessert; Feb. 16: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Caesar Salad, Cinnamon Pears, Garlic Bread, Dessert; Monday, Feb. 19: CLOSED )\(President's Day); Feb. 20: Roast Beef, 1/2 Baked Potato, Buttered Corn, Spinach Salad W/W/Roll Fruit Ambrosia; Feb. 21: Biscuits & Gravy, Oven Brown Potatoes, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Dessert.

### Chelan Valley Hope -Feb. 14-15, 19-22

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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 plus visitors access the pantry every month! Even more during extreme weather circumstances. If you would like to

### Local, Regional Community News & Events

### Zumba Fitness: Feb. 14, 15, 16

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.

### Household hazardous waste drop off: Feb. 14-16

### Latex paint now accepted - Drop off Saturday, March 2

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/solidwaste-management/pages/ household-hazardouswastes.

### Thrive Teen Center: Feb. 15, 20, 22

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.

### VFW #6853 Post Coffee/Donuts: Feb. 16

CHELAN – Every Friday VFW Post #6853, located at 427 S. Bradley Street is open 9-11

### Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, Feb. 14

CHELAN – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (the Log Church) in downtown Chelan, will hold an Ash Wednesday Service On Wednesday, Feb. 14 at noon. For more information call the church at 509-682-2851.

### Lions Club: Feb. 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.

### Grange Youth Fairs Program: Feb. 19

New families welcome to sign up

MANSON - The Manson Grange "Youth Fairs" program provides an opportunity for young Grange members to participate in an educational setting, designed to increase confidence, strengthen character, learn invaluable life skills and teach the importance of self-discipline. They meet the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m., at the Manson Grange Hall. The program encourages learning opportunities for the members. The Grange "Youth Fairs" program offers young members, age 5-19 the opportunity to exhibit at county fairs and expositions. This program works alongside other nationally recognized programs such as 4-H and FFA. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

### Family and friends Support Group: Feb. 19

WENATCHEE – Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name,

city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events.

To submit info call 509-682-2213 or email: ruth@ward.media

### Death Cafe Chelan: Feb. 21

CHELAN-The Death Cafe is a national organization started by Jon Underwood and the Chelan organization meets the Third Wednesday of the month at the Chelan Public Library on Emerson Street, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This month on Wednesday, Feb. 21. All are welcome. Please join them for coffee and cake. For more information: Contact Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

### Lake Chelan Health board meeting: Feb. 27

CHELAN – The board of commissioners of Lake Chelan Health Hospital will meet in person on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 1:30 p.m., in the board room at Lake Chelan Health, 110 S. Apple Blossom Drive. Those interested in attending may do so in person or via the internet. For agenda and login information to to lakechelanhealth.org

### Manson Grange: Feb. 27

MANSON – The Manson Grange will meet on Tuesday, February 27 at 5 p.m. at the Manson Grange Hall located on Wapato Way. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

### American Legion #108: March 4

MANSON – American Legion will meet Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Manson Parks & Recreation building at 142 Pedio St. All veterans are encouraged to attend. For more information: Norm Manly, 509-293-0225.

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: March 12

WENATCHEE – Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

### Cancer Support Group: March 14

CHELAN - The women surviving/thriving cancer support group will meet Thursday, March 14, 1 p.m., at the Chelan Public Library on Emerson Street. Whether you are newly diagnosed, going through treatments, a support to someone who is, or been thriving for years, please join them for this casual gathering. They will be meeting the second Thursday of each month. For more information call Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

### Chelan Museum: Closed January and February

CHELAN – The Chelan Museum will be closed January and February. They will reopen Friday, March 1. Hours then will be Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. They will be open by appointment only in January and February by calling 509-682-5644.

### Outdoor Gallery/Murals, sculptures

CHELAN – Follow the Lake Chelan Arts Council Outdoor Gallery map, available at the Lake Chelan and Manson Chambers of Commerce to discover and enjoy over 40 murals and sculptures located throughout Chelan and Manson. For information about the Arts Council, local art events and artists, with links to local and international art museums and other resources, go to artinchelan.com.

More events at www.lakechelanmirror.com



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.

## Obituary announcements

### Carol L. Burns

Carol L. Burns, 87, of Manson, Washington, passed away peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus her Savior on January 13, 2024.

Carol was born June 15, 1936, the daughter of Mancil and Bernice Gray. For many years, Carol divided her time between three homes in Manson, Washington, El Mirage, Arizona, and Tahuya, Washington. She always enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends.

Carol was blessed with a

blended family and is survived by three natural daughters, one stepson, and two step-daughters, and with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother, Frank Gray. She was proceeded in death by a stepdaughter, and her husband, Joseph Burns.

There will be a memorial service at Heritage Heights on February 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Pastor David Copp will be officiating.



### **Raymond Woodruff**

Raymond Woodruff, 85, of Chelan, Washington passed away on February 4, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

### Shirley Vaughn

Shirley Vaughn, 86, of Chelan, Washington passed away on February 9, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. a.m. for donuts and coffee and conversation. Veterans are invited to join them every Friday.

### Glass recycle: Feb. 10

CHELAN - Rotary of Lake Chelan 911 Glass Rescue is open on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, at 23235 Highway 97A across from Walmart. They are charging a small fee per pound for glass drop-off. Buckets of the materials produced, sand and aggregate, will be available for purchase at \$5 per 5-gallon bucket. City of Chelan residents are asked not to put glass into their blue recycle bins, but to bring it out on Saturday mornings. Their all-volunteer team relies on support from members of the community to make the operation run smoothly every week. They have tasks suitable for all ages and abilities. To volunteer go to www.911glassrescue.org, and click on the volunteer tab on the home page.

### Food Bank food distribution: Feb. 10, 13, 15

January numbers released CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Food Bank food giveaway takes place each Saturday and Tuesday, 9-10 a.m. Distribution is drive-thru at 417 S. Bradley Street. Families are limited to one box per week. In January a total of 33,340 pounds of food was distributed to 752 families, made up of 2,539 individuals and they served 49 new families. The need is much greater in the winter months. If you are able to help please donate online at lakechelanfoodbank.org or send to P.O. Box 2684, Chelan, 98816. Non perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lake Chelan Mirror office, 131 Apple Blossom Drive, Suite 109 (Chelan Business Center). Thank you for helping our neighbors.

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volunteer board sets a yearly budget, oversees the seasonal district manager who carries out the larvicide applications along with a couple assistants, review and approval of program expenditures, policies and procedures. To be on the board you must: 1) live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website eavenworthmosquitocontrol.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

If you are interested in joining the board please send a letter of interest to info@leavenworthmosqu itocontrol.org, or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826

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RUTH A. BABCOCK has been appointed Personal as Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be by otherwise barred any 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

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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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# Legislation would impose fines for untreated sewage discharge

**By Aspen Anderson** Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA – A proposal to fine counties and cities when untreated sewage is released into Puget Sound is part of an effort to save dwindling salmon runs.

The bill, proposed by Rep. J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm, imposes a 1-cent-per-gallon fee on municipal discharges of untreated sewage into Puget Sound. The bill, HB 2290, is part of a comprehensive five-bill bipartisan initiative to preserve salmon populations and support the fishing community.

The Department of Ecology did not oppose the bill but suggested other approaches might be more effective.

King County, the biggest offender of sewage discharge into the sound, will pay the most even though all of its plants already have comprehensive plans and are receiving state assistance to improve their systems, said Colleen Keltz with the Department of Ecology.

She also said water and sewer bills are likely to increase to cover the costs of the fines, and that if plans to fine polluters are put in place, the DOE would prefer they be statewide, not just focused on Puget Sound.

Wilcox disagrees.

"The best salmon habitat in Washington will never be recovered because of its estuaries that are underneath places like Seattle and Tacoma," Wilcox said. "We can't tear down those



ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL Overlooking the Puget Sound in Olympia, stands an acknowledgment honoring Native American tribes.

cities, we can't restore that habitat.

He said the bill is Puget Sound specific because, "That's where we have had this problem." He lives along the Nisqually River, and said those fish are exposed to more pollution than any other fish.

The bill's prime sponsor, Rep. Mary Dye (R-Pomeroy), agreed something must be done.

"The salmon are now on Prozac and birth control and every other pharmaceutical known to man," she said.

Sewage dumping into Puget Sound is not new. In the 1950s, untreated wastewater flowed into Lake Washington, Puget Sound, and nearby waterways, fouling beaches and polluting the environment.

In 1958 King County voters

created Metro, which created two treatment plants by 1966. Water quality improved and in 1994, King County took over, ensuring treatment for 34 jurisdictions.

In 2018, a No Discharge Zone status law was enacted, banning sewage dumping in 2,300 square miles of marine waters and surrounding lakes.

Despite efforts to manage sewage in the Sound, Pacific salmon populations continue to struggle.

Salmon are carrying drugs like Benadryl, cocaine, Prozac, Advil, and birth control in their tissues. These substances, known as "contaminants of emerging concern," come from human wastewater and end up in Puget Sound.

Experts say certain pharma-

ceuticals, like those present in birth control pills, have the potential to impact the growth and reproduction of salmon. This could pose a threat to salmon populations and potentially reduce essential prey for orcas.

Releasing sewage into "state waters" without a permit from The Department of Ecology is prohibited, and violators face civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day, with the penalty amount based on the violator's history and the severity of the violation. Collected fees are directed to the Salmon Recovery Account.

Questions were raised during discussions on the bill regarding the responsibility for covering civil penalties and uncertainties surrounding accidental negligence. However, no one testified against the bill.

If passed, HB 2290 would require operators of wastewater treatment plants and sewer overflow systems in the Puget Sound watershed to submit annual reports on untreated sewage discharges.

"I am focused on salmon because I represent a bunch of people whose culture depends on salmon," Wilcox said. "I represent the Nisqually tribe, and a lot of people who have generations of fishing who are not tribal."

Three other salmon related bills have been proposed to the Legislature. One allows for a sales tax exemption for salmon recovery projects and another addresses avian predation on salmon populations.

### Initiatives

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high speed chases, underscore parental rights in schools and allow people to opt out of the WA Cares long-term health care payroll tax. The final initiative would prohibit state and local governments from creating an income tax. At the rally Feb. 2, many said they showed up to push back on the narrative that this is one man's goal, a reference to Brian Heywood who was the main funder of Let's Go Washington. "Nobody put a gun to my head," signature gatherer Matthew Cook said, holding up a sign that read, "people above party. "I did not receive a single penny to sign them. These are giving a voice to Washingtonians that have not been heard."

Walsh said the Legislature has three choices. It could vote the measures into law, ignore the initiatives completely, which would send them to the ballot in November, or the Legislature could draft alternative proposals. He predicts the outcome will be mixed. "The worst-case scenario is not that bad. They could be ignored by the majority party and then they go on the ballot in November. The polling shows

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they're likely to pass," Stokes bary said. Brandi Kruse, podcast host of "unDivided," led the rally and later shared her predictions. "For sure these will be on the ballot in November," Kruse said. "I don't anticipate a scenario where Democrats would pass these only because you're talking about some of their key policy victories." Braden Cisk, a signature gatherer for Let's Go Washington in Kitsap County, said non-partisan voters he spoke to were in support of the measures. "I found that these resonated the most with people who are not registered or are apathetic to politics or voting because they feel like their vote doesn't matter," Cisk said. "So, these really caught their attention because again these look like something productive, people on all sides of the political spectrum." Dawn Land, a mother from the 31st Legislative district, filed an initiative related to the parental rights to know, which fell short of the required number of signatures. Yet, she showed up to the rally in full support of the initiative process. "They are not hearing us. They never hear us. They don't listen," Land said. "The other side needs to be heard.'



ASPEN ANDERSON / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL Washingtonians from all over the state gathered on the north steps at the capitol in Olympia, for a rally planned only a week in advance.



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