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## Planning Commission proposes parking, RV park code changes

By Kirk Beckendorf  
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE - At the Cashmere Planning Commission meeting on Feb 5, Director of Operations Steve Croci, announced that the Commission had completed its tasks and that the proposed changes to the city's off-street parking regulations will be sent to the City Council for review and potential approval at the Feb 26th Council meeting.

Three Commission member's terms ended in Dec., as a result, Zak Steigmeyer and Matthew Walgren were selected to be the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, respectively. Commission seats are still vacant, and anyone interested in serving on the Commission should

contact Mayor Jim Fletcher at City Hall.

The Commission members gave approval for city staff to move forward with revisions to the city's codes that regulate RV Parks and Campgrounds. Christina Wollman, Contract Planner with Perteeet, Inc., explained that a public meeting and public comment period are required before changes can officially be made. Croci explained to Commission members that the changes are necessary because portions of the current code include incorrect language. Describing the error in more detail, he told the Commissioners that the current code for RV parks built in a commercial area includes requirements only applicable to residentially zoned locations. Croci added that the issue

arose, and the error became apparent when the city received a request from someone interested in building an RV park on the east end of town. Wollman clarified that the process of permitting RV parks will change. The revised code would allow RV parks in public use areas, such as the fairgrounds and city property, and in commercial light industrial areas, but they must have at least 2 acres of land. Croci said a written management plan would also be required for a proposed RV park. The topic generated significant discussion among the Commissioners, who deliberated about where RV Parks and Campgrounds should be allowed. Based on the recommended changes, RV Parks will no longer be allowed in any residential zone, but the Planning Commission recommended

that the topic be revisited when the city updates its Comprehensive Plan.

Planning for a joint meeting of the Commission and City Council, members revisited topics that they had previously proposed, which included:

- Possible changes to the Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries
- The location of future development in the UGA.
- Aesthetics and Cosmetics of the city.
- Reviewing city codes to determine if they are limiting business development.
- Reviewing city codes to determine if they are deterring the small-town appeal of Cashmere.
- Potential expansion of water/sewer lines into UGAs.
- Spaces for small business in town.
- Recreational opportunities.

Steigmeyer also recommended that the city take a geographic approach to city improvement and look closely at individual small areas within the city. For example, he pointed to the area of "parking lots, dumpsters and (the) back of buildings" along Aplets Way. He suggested that the city should then consider if the City's codes are standing in the way of improvements. Croci said the joint meeting will be held on either Feb 26th or March 11th at 6:00 at City Hall.

Croci told Commissioners that the development of the Spears and Fruitful Place (adjacent to the Christ Center Church) properties are moving forward with about 10 houses planned for the Spears parcel and about 20 houses on the Fruitful Place development.

## Dispatch Mailroom: simplifying shipping for Cashmere residents



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Cashmere's Dispatch Mailroom is a local, family-owned business offering essential mail and package services to the community. Owner Bonnie Phipps plans to expand its offerings to include more shipping and mail services and even a bookstore in the near future.

By Quinn Propst  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE — Located in Side Street Cashmere, the Dispatch Mailroom aims to be a convenient hub for locals, saving them the trip to Wenatchee for their shipping needs.

The family owned and operated business offers mail and package shipping, receiving, holding and other business services.

"So in addition to the shipping and receiving, we have 90 Private mailboxes for those to rent out because Cashmere's post office currently is at capacity for mailbox rentals," owner Bonnie Phipps said.

The Dispatch Mailroom was one of the first businesses to open in Side Street Cashmere, with a soft opening in October. Since then, Phipps has been systematically expanding services as the business grows.

"We have incrementally been starting," she said. "We got approved by the postmaster back in July as a commercial receiver to be able to receive mail and packages here like third party receiving. And then in October we got approved by UPS to be an access point. So packages can get rerouted. So they're not sitting on community residents' porches or if they need a signature for those over you know, somebody over 21"

Besides shipping needs, the business also offers packaging supplies and professional packaging and business services such as a Notary, Content Creation, copying, printing, and more.

Around the holiday season, the Dispatch Mailroom held a gift-wrapping fundraiser to benefit the Cashmere High School and Santa letters for kids. Phipps hopes to offer the same events again this year.

In the near future, Phipps hopes to add virtual mail services, professional packing and organizing, and a virtual notary service.

Coming soon, the Dispatch Mailroom will add a mini bookstore

featuring local authors and artists from North Central Washington. The bookshelves located in the mailroom will be part of a bigger partnership with Pearl Street Books out of Ellensburg, which will be opening a bookstore in Side Street in the near future.

For now, the bookstore's bookmobile regularly visits the Dispatch Mailroom monthly.

Phipps hopes that the mailroom can serve as a community hub and that people will hang out and stay local.

"I think like the most fun for me at least it's just been getting to know the community and the customer service part, which I'm loving, kind

of delivering on," Phipps said. "Just because I know like when I go to the UPS store, it's kind of a drag."

"So trying to offer quality service and get to know people and each time somebody comes back, it's gonna be that much easier because I already have them in the database and so kind of a combination, focusing on customer service, and efficiency," she said.

The Dispatch Mailroom is located at 109 Railroad Ave. in Cashmere and is open M-F from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment on Saturdays.

Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or [quinn@ward.media](mailto:quinn@ward.media)

## Annual PIT count uncovers increased unsheltered homelessness



COURTESY PHOTO

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. See article Page A 2

## Cashmere High School sophomore serves as Washington State Senate Page

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OLYMPIA - Isaac Zavala, a 10th grader from Cashmere High School, spent a week working as a page for the Washington State Senate at the Capitol in Olympia. Zavala was one of 13 students who served as a Senate page for the fourth week of the 2024 Legislative session.

Zavala was sponsored by 12th Legislative District Senator Brad Hawkins, who represents Chelan and Douglas Counties and parts of Snohomish and King Counties on the west side of the state.

"I'm excited to have Isaac at the Capitol this week as a Senate Page. His brother Anthony was a Page last session and enjoyed himself. Like his older brother, Isaac is an outstanding student and mature beyond his

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COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

Cashmere High School sophomore Isaac Zavala (left) stands with 12th Legislative District Senator Brad Hawkins at the Capitol in Olympia, where Zavala served as a Senate page during the fourth week of the 2024 Legislative session. Isaac, who was sponsored by Senator Hawkins, gained firsthand experience in the legislative process, participating in floor voting and learning about parliamentary procedures.

### Inside The Record this Week

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# 5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

### Happy Smiles Storytime

Cashmere Library will host Happy Smiles Storytime on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 10:30-11 a.m.

"A fun, interactive time at the Cashmere Library with action songs, fingerplays, rhyming and awesome stories by your favorite librarians," the event page states. "Following storytime we often have a craft or bring out special toys for playtime and for families to socialize."

### Magic the Gathering Night

The Wenatchee Library will host Magic the Gathering Night on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m. in the Den on the lower mezzanine.

"Calling all Magic The Gathering fans," the event

page states. "Every month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday our community members break out their decks and play each other. Bring a 60-Card or Commander Deck to test your mettle. Never played before? We will have beginner decks and someone to teach you. Everyone is welcome. Snacks and drinks provided."

For more information visit [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).

### Stay & Play Saturday

The Cashmere Library will host Stay and Play Saturday on Feb. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Drop into the Cashmere Library for Stay and Play Saturdays," the event page states. "Every Saturday you can choose between creating your own unique LEGO builds, trying out a LEGO Build Challenge, or playing a variety

of board games at the library during our open hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m."

For more information visit [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).

### No School Public Skate

The Town Toyota Center Community Rink in Wenatchee will host a No School Public Skate on Monday, Feb. 19, from 1-3 p.m.

"Get your skates on for fun," the event page states. "Whether you're a seasoned skater or just starting out, our rink welcomes everyone. With admission priced at just \$10, it's the perfect opportunity to bring along your whole crew."

For more information visit [towntoyotacenter.com](http://towntoyotacenter.com).

### Teen Poetry Slam

The Cashmere Library will host a Teen Poetry Slam on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Riverside Center in the BSA Fireplace Room

"Come support our teens," the event page states. "Enjoy an evening of poetry by the fifteen top scoring Cashmere Teens. They will present

their original compositions on the theme "My Future Me". Vote for your favorite and send a positive note."

Prizes will be awarded to all participants and one student will win a \$100 Grand Prize. Light Refreshments will be served.

For more information visit [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).

# A new chapter for the Cashmere Valley Record

When we acquired the Cashmere Valley Record six months ago, we did so with a promise to uphold its storied tradition of community journalism while steering it into the future. Today, I am delighted to announce a significant milestone in that journey: the launch of the newly redesigned website for the Cashmere Valley Record at [cashmerevalleyrecord.com](http://cashmerevalleyrecord.com).



From the Publisher

**TERRY WARD**

This initiative was born from a clear objective: to transform our digital presence into one that mirrors the quality, integrity, and community focus of our print edition. The new [cashmerevalleyrecord.com](http://cashmerevalleyrecord.com) stands as a testament to this vision, crafted to enhance your experience with our content, make our community's voices more accessible, and extend the reach of our journalism.

In redesigning the website, we prioritized user-friendliness and functionality. Subscribing

to the Cashmere Valley Record is now an easier, streamlined process, accessible to all who wish to stay informed and engaged with our community's happenings. For our existing subscribers, we've introduced convenient online tools for managing subscriptions, including updates to your address, addressing delivery concerns, and handling vacation stops directly through the website.

Our commitment to fostering a vibrant community dialogue is stronger than ever. The new platform enables you to submit letters to the editor, share news tips, and celebrate life's milestones, from births and engagements to anniversaries and obituaries. We are dedicated to making [cashmerevalleyrecord.com](http://cashmerevalleyrecord.com) a hub where your stories are shared and valued.

The website now offers "web extras"—exclusive con-



tent not found in our print edition. This, along with the ability to place classified ads, submit calendar items, and enjoy an improved E-edition of the newspaper, enriches your digital interaction with us.

The unveiling of the new [cashmerevalleyrecord.com](http://cashmerevalleyrecord.com) is just one part of our broader mission. We are also thrilled to introduce NCW News (www.

ncw.news), a comprehensive news platform that will serve the entire North Central Washington region with in-depth coverage and insights. This expansion underscores our dedication to keeping you informed and connected, not just to local events but to the wider community we are all a part of.

The launch of the redesigned

Cashmere Valley Record website and the introduction of NCW News mark a significant step forward in our ongoing commitment to excellence in journalism and community service. I invite you to explore these new platforms, engage with our content, and join us as we embark on this exciting chapter in the Cashmere Valley Record's history.

## 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 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.

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# Community Calendar

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

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

## Sunday

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

## Monday

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

## Tuesday

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

## NCW Libraries

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**Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village**  
 Call for more information 509-782-3230  
**Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m.,**  
 Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)  
**Note:** Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

## Annual PIT

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Among the unsheltered, 138 adults and three minors were counted, with the minor count remaining unchanged from 2023. The survey revealed varied living situations, including streets, vehicles, and other non-conventional settings, with 101 participants disclosing their last permanent residence.

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.



# Mobile Pantry to serve Peshastin community on Feb. 26 with AmeriCorps volunteer support



The Chelan Douglas Community Action Council Mobile Pantry, pictured here with its staff of AmeriCorps volunteers in Bridgeport, will be at 8396 Main Street in Peshastin on Monday, Feb. 26, from 1-3 p.m.

MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

# Chelan County Sheriff's Report



This report is compiled from records provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office and RiverCom. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.

## February 2

8:18:02 Accident No Inj, Chase Ave & Olive St  
 14:19:25 Welfare Check, Riverfront Dr & E Parkhill  
 14:28:19 Fraud/Forgery, 6555 Pioneer Dr  
 17:05:14 Suspicious, 117 Aplets Way  
 20:45:47 Animal Problem,

4800blk Old Monitor Rd

## February 3

6:14:34 Hazard, 400 Aplets Way  
 14:00:04 Sex Offense, 849 Mission Creek Rd  
 18:15:29 Traffic Offense, School Ln & S Division St  
 20:58:28 Traffic Offense, Us

Hwy 2 & Cotlets Way  
 21:02:39 Harass/Threat, 5974 Wohlers Rd

## February 4

4:51:51 Domestic Distur, 6828 Smith St  
 14:50:03 Domestic Distur, 7272 Deadman Hill Rd

## February 6

08:42:50 Parking/Abandon, 5240 N Cashmere Rd  
 10:54:28 Property, Sleepy Hollow Rd & Lowers  
 11:43:28 911, 3109 School St; Sunnyslope  
 12:37:08 Vehicle Prowl, 300 Sunset Hwy; Crunch Pak  
 16:17:13 Scam, 300blk Tigner Rd  
 17:53:43 Welfare Check, 3272 School St# Office

## February 7

2:39:41 Suicide Threat, Cashmere,  
 6:35:58 Malicious Misch, 355 Malaga Alcoa Hwy  
 9:50:27 Civil, 6030 Sunburst Ln

10:36:03 Civil, 100 North St# 212  
 10:42:30 Trespass, 130 Titchenal Way; Martins  
 11:13:11 Hazard, Stemilt Loop Rd Mp 4  
 11:15:25 Theft, 3012 Kona St, Malaga  
 11:36:12 Animal Problem, 5050 Red Apple Rd  
 11:36:49 Suspicious, 101 Chase Ave  
 12:35:38 Scam, 3044 Tahoe St, Malaga  
 13:01:12 Drugs, 305 Woodring St# 3  
 14:55:45 Assist Public, 4555 Joe Miller Rd, Malaga  
 22:35:10 Weapons Violati, 177 Sunny Meadows Loop  
 23:23:26 Atl/Atc, 917 Pioneer Ave# B314  
 23:47:04 Welfare Check, 500blk Cottage Ave

## February 8

10:59:50 Sex Offense, 420 Norman Ave  
 12:48:43, Disturbance, 103 Cottage Ave; Ncw Realty  
 16:43:03 Traffic Offense, Sunset Hwy & Mill Rd

# Legislation would impose fines for untreated sewage discharge



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

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 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.

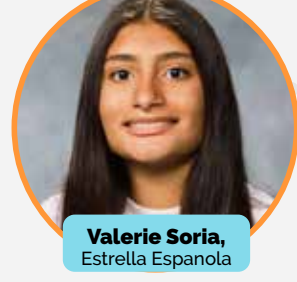
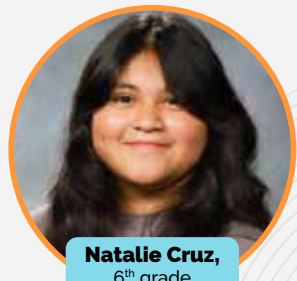
Salmon are carrying drugs like Benadryl, cocaine, Prozac, Advil, and birth control in their tissues. These substances, known as "contaminants of emerging concern," come from human wastewater and end up in Puget Sound.

Experts say certain pharmaceuticals, 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.

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# LEGISLATIVE Coverage

## 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 Lias, 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.

"The single most impactful decision Finland has made to reduce fatalities over the last two generations has been to lower the BAC to .05," Lias 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.

Lias 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," Lias 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-Summer) said. "We need to look at who is really causing

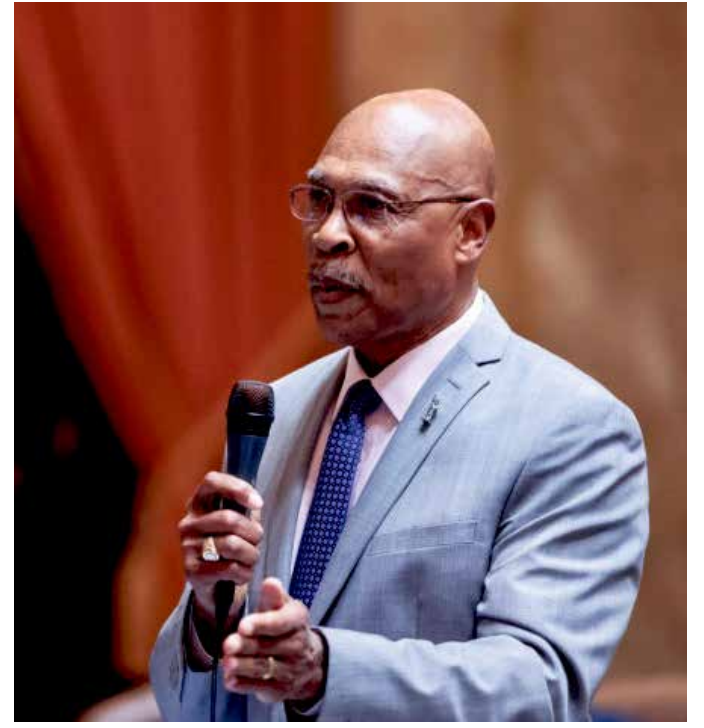
these fatality collisions. Is it the people between .05 and .07? If an officer can articulate the fact that they say the person was impaired, it does not matter what that number is."

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.



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

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

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## Cashmere High School to join South Central Athletic Conference

Cashmere Valley Record Ward Media

CASHMERE - Cashmere High School will join the South Central Athletic Conference (SCAC) in August 2024, following a period of statewide athletic reclassification. The reclassification resulted in Quincy High School moving to

the 2A classification, leaving the Caribou Trail League (CTL). Efforts to consolidate the remaining CTL schools with either the SCAC or the NCW 2B League were unsuccessful, prompting Cashmere to seek a new league alignment.

The transition to the SCAC, a 9-team, District 5 League, offers Cashmere High School

several benefits, including competition with familiar teams, enhanced sub-varsity program opportunities, reduced travel costs for non-league games, and improved varsity-level competition.

Jeff Carlson, Athletic Director at Cashmere High School, stated, "While we cherish our history with the

CTL, our commitment to our students' athletic growth necessitated this change." He emphasized the SCAC's role in providing stability, more scheduling opportunities, and a competitive environment conducive to student-athlete development.

The SCAC includes schools such as Royal, Connell, Zillah,

Wapato, Naches Valley, Wahluke, Kiona-Benton, and College Place, offering Cashmere students new competitive opportunities. The move is also expected to reduce travel distances compared to competing against 2B schools in the North, further benefiting the school's athletic programs.



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# Washington Outdoors Report

### Hobbling Off Into The Sunset

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 well-attended Washington Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup last week, accompanied by my springer spaniel, Sam. Things went very well, and the four-month-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 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 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. Unfortunately, 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 or part-time basis. The idea of writing a syndicated column was that non-competing 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 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 Fishing'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.

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John Kruse and Sam, his springer spaniel.

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COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS  
Cashmere High School sophomore Isaac Zavala (sitting) with 12th Legislative District Senator Brad Hawkins at the Capitol in Olympia, where Zavala served as a Senate page during the fourth week of the 2024 Legislative session. Isaac, who was sponsored by Senator Hawkins, gained firsthand experience in the legislative process, participating in floor voting and learning about parliamentary procedures.

### Senate Page

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years. I'm sure he'll continue succeeding in school and life," Hawkins said.

The Senate Page Program allows Washington students to spend a week working in the Legislature. Students are responsible for transporting documents between offices and delivering messages and mail. Pages spend time in the Senate chamber and attend page school to learn about parliamentary and legislative procedures. Students also draft their own bills and engage in a mock session.

"Isaac did an outstanding job serving as a Senate Page and he came at a great week. The Senate was involved in multiple days of 'floor voting,' so hopefully he enjoyed observing the debates we had in the chambers," Hawkins said.

Scott Simmons, Zavala's teacher at Cashmere High School, said: "His maturity shows in his academic effort and GPA. He is a responsible student who handles multiple extra-curricular activities without interfering with his schoolwork. His attitude is excellent, and all his teachers appreciate his mindset. Isaac will make an excellent Senate Page and greatly benefit from the experience."



COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS  
Cashmere High School sophomore Isaac Zavala (right) stands with 12th Legislative District Senator Brad Hawkins at the Capitol in Olympia, where Zavala served as a Senate page during the fourth week of the 2024 Legislative session. Isaac, who was sponsored by Senator Hawkins, gained firsthand experience in the legislative process, participating in floor voting and learning about parliamentary procedures.

Cashmere High School principal Craig MacKenzie also shared the following about Isaac: "Isaac is an outstanding representative of Cashmere High School, and I am sure he will benefit from and add value to the page experience."

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week-long service during the legislative session, occurring January-April in odd-numbered years and January-March in even-numbered years.

For more information about the Washington State Senate Page Program, visit the Senate Page Program website.

# LEGISLATIVE Coverage

## 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 confound 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 co-sponsor 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 hogtying. In 2022, Washington Attorney



COURTESY OF SENATE DEMOCRATS

**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.**

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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## 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 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. 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



MARY MURPHY / WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL

**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.**

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

Cashmere Valley Record  
Ward Media

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 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 Senate's Early Learning & K-12 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 tuition-free option for students and families. 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 11th 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.



COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

**The Washington State Senate convenes for floor session.**

## Crowd demands hearing on citizen initiatives

By MARY MURPHY & ASPEN ANDERSON  
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 other business and should have 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 response," Gina Medley, a citizen 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 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 they're likely to pass," Stokesbary 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."

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COURTESY OF ASPEN ANDERSON

**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. Protesters displayed signs that read "We want hearings," and "Follow the constitution."**



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**In the matter of the estate of Carol Ann Sunada, Deceased.**  
**No. 24-4-00032-04**  
**Notice To Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)**  
The person 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 her attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the 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 this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: February 7, 2024. Lisa Earhart, Personal Representative Attorney for the Personal Representative: Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991 Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111 Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 24-4-00032-04 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo on February 7, February 14, and February 21, 2024. #7227

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN**  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION / NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Name of Applicant:** Melissa Mc Clendon  
**Property Owner:** Melissa Mc Clendon  
**Application Number:** CUP #01-2023  
**Date of Application:** December 1, 2023  
**Description of Proposal and Project Permits:** An application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a single-family home zoned, Mixed Commercial / Lt. Industrial and is in the High Intensity Shoreline designation. Where the District Use Chart, CMC 17.64.030 (A) (B) "Nonconforming use of land", and CMC 17.64.040 "Nonconforming structures" apply. The Applicant request that the existing SF home be allowed to do repairs to the foundation and roof that exceed the 80% of the assessed value and increase the 856 sq feet home by 600 square feet. The property is located at 411 Aplets Way, Cashmere, also identified by Chelan County Assessor's parcel # 23-19-33-330-200.  
**Other Permits Not Included, To the Extent Known:** Building Permit, Shoreline Exemption  
**Statement of Public Comment Period:** The 14-day comment period commences on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and lasts through Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Any interested person/party has the right to comment on the proposal, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, request a copy of the decision once it is made, and may appeal the decision subject to the requirements of the CMC Title 14 Development Code Administration.  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY**  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN**  
**JAMES C. GRAY AND DEBORAH L. GRAY, husband and wife, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**DUANE P. STEWART AND DEBORAH A. STEWART, husband and wife; and ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.**  
**NO. 24-2-00037-04**  
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to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 31st day of January, 2024, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorneys of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, at their office below stated; and, in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title in Plaintiff to real estate in Chelan County, Washington, described as: The East half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the

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guarantees thereof to construct the Glacier Parking Lot (P6) Improvements. The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the time and date stated above. Proposals are to be submitted only on the form provided with the Bid Documents. All Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, cashiers check, or Proposal bond payable to the "City of Leavenworth" and in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total Proposal amount. The major items of work include Grading, HMA paving, sewer force main, water main, stormwater improvements, striping, signing, illumination, a

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dual bus pullout along US Highway 2, a multi-user flush-restroom facility, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, parking ticket kiosks, bicycle storage, and construction of a sheltered parking info center. Storm water improvements include installation of storm sewer main, catch basins, bioswales, bioretention planters, oil/water separator, and connection to existing storm network. The Work shall be physically complete within 100 working days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. All bidding and construction is to be performed in compliance with the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans

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**Sewage**

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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. *The Washington State Journal is a non-profit news website funded by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation.*

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**First African American Newspaper**

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**1847**

Frederick Douglass started a newspaper called *The North Star* in 1847. This was a newspaper where black people could write about their news, ideas and share opinions.

Use the code to find out what Frederick Douglass said about reading.

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— FREDERICK DOUGLASS

**Chicago Defender**

so popular that he became one of African American newspaper.

Abbott started the newspaper about \$7.30 today. His paper was

In 1905, Robert Abbott founded Chicago's first Black millionaires.

with 25¢. That's the same as *The Chicago Defender*. It was an

**SUNDAY CHICAGO BEE**

Twenty-one years after Robert Abbott founded *The Chicago Defender*, Anthony Overton, an African American millionaire, started *The Chicago Bee* to compete with *The Chicago Defender*. It was a remarkable business as the staff was mostly women. That was very unusual in 1926. Olive M. Diggs was one of the newspaper's managing editors. Other female editors included Ida B. Wells. She helped start the civil rights organization known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

What year did Anthony Overton start *The Chicago Bee*?

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**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

**1964**

*The Washington Informer* is a weekly newspaper published in Washington, D.C. It is owned by a woman and reports on the African American community in the D.C. area.

The publisher is Denise Rolark Barnes. Her father, Calvin W. Rolark, founded the paper in 1964.

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

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

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**Make a Timeline!**

Look at the timeline dates below. Next to each one, write something you learned from today's *Kid Scoop* page on the lines next to each date.

1827 \_\_\_\_\_

1847 \_\_\_\_\_

1861 \_\_\_\_\_

1905 \_\_\_\_\_

1926 \_\_\_\_\_

1952 \_\_\_\_\_

1964 \_\_\_\_\_

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