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Cashmere residents vote to support schools in special election

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – Cashmere voters turned out in support of Cashmere schools, with 71.22% of voters casting their ballots in favor of the replacement levy.

Of the 1,501 who voted on the Feb. 13 special election, 1,069 voters were in favor of the levy, and 432 or 28.78% voted against it.

“This levy was about sustaining the programs we currently have for our students,” school board member Aaron Bessonette said. “The old levy is expiring, and we needed to renew the source of funds to keep moving ahead. I am extremely grateful to our voters and their support to get this passed.”

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

With approval of the EP&O Levy, the district will receive an additional \$1.1 million in state funding.

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

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

Levy funds are used to support a lot

of different programs in the schools, such as special education, arts, drama, music, athletics, and even the district’s safety and security programs. They also help pay for textbooks, supplies, curriculum, and more.

“A great community and a productive school district is a symbiotic relationship,” Bessonette said. “Especially in a small town, it’s very difficult to have one without the other. This continues to be a big reason why people want to live and raise their kids in Cashmere. And many community members that made the same decision a long time ago continue to support our schools and the kids we currently serve.”

“I am happy for our students, and I’m extremely proud of the

Cashmere community,” he said. “Go, Bulldogs!”

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

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

“For the four years, we at the board felt it was very important to have

consistency,” Johnson said.

“So we did not run this thing up to the max,” Johnson said. “We felt like it was best to be conservative.”

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

“We want to be mindful of our community members and basically just asked for the amount that we feel is going to be able to keep us where we’re at, and that’s just, you know, the reality of it,” Bessonette said. “We’re trying to be mindful and good stewards of our community’s taxpayer’s money.”

Election results will be certified on Feb. 23.

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Plain Valley Ski Trails: breaking down barriers for youth skiing



COURTESY OF PLAIN VALLEY SKI TRAILS

Plain Valley Ski Trails in Plain works to make skiing more accessible to local youth by helping to remove financial barriers. All net proceeds from the group go to fund their ski education programs, Plain Valley Nordic Team.

By **QUINN PROPST**
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PLAIN - A local nonprofit, Plain Valley Ski Trails (PVST), works to make skiing more accessible to area youth by helping to remove financial barriers.

PVST created and now maintains a high-quality trail system for the community. All net proceeds from

PVST help fund their youth ski education program, the Plain Valley Nordic Team.

“PVST is committed to removing barriers to kids participating in our programs,” director Christie Saugen said. “It’s been a very exciting last few years as our team continues to grow, both in numbers and goals.”

“We empower all goals from the Little Shredders, our preschool program,

through our development layers who are outdoors learning how to be active and good teammates, all the way through to the highest levels of racing opportunities,” she said.

The team is currently preparing for the 2024 Cross Country Skiing Junior Nationals in Lake Placid, N.Y., on March 11-16.

“Last year, at the 2023 Cross Country Skiing Junior Nationals in Fairbanks, AK, we had our first skier become a national champion and many All-American (top 10) skiers,” Saugen said.

“As you can imagine, these trips are expensive for our skiers and families,” she said. “We are launching a fundraiser this week to help offset costs and remove those financial barriers for these hard-working young people.”

Competing at junior nationals costs about \$3,000 for each athlete.

The fundraiser runs through Feb. 27 and can be found at skiplain.com/donate.

PVST holds three fundraisers a year. This particular one is to help with the costs of junior nationals.

“Fundraising is about 60% of our needed funds to serve our mission, which is, you know, obviously a huge undertaking,” she said. “However, every year, we’ve been unbelievably blown away by people’s generosity with not only just individual donors, but then we have business donors and founding club members.”

Saugen said there are many pieces of the puzzle that help support PVNT, like the landowners that allow trails on their land, local business sponsors, and the community support they have received through the years.

“I just think it’s so integral to our program that it’s really supported by so many people,” she said.

In 2011, Plain Hardware owner Rob Whitten started the ski trails with the help of local landowners. His goal was to provide a winter activity for youth.

“Look around, Plain,” she said. “There’s not a ton to do in the winter, and people love skiing and so it kind of started with this vision of, like, what can we do to build community

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Ellie Bessonette named WIAA Athlete of Week



COURTESY OF CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ellie Bessonette

CASHMERE – Ellie Bessonette, a junior on the Cashmere High School girls’ varsity basketball team, has been named WIAA Athlete of the Week for 2024 Week 6 for her performance in the Feb. 1 District 6 1A title-winning game against Chelan. Bessonette scored 30 points,

grabbed 12 rebounds, made six steals, and three assists in the 64-24 win over the Goats for the Caribou Trail League trophy. The junior playmaker averaged nearly 15 points and eight rebounds per game together with three steals and three assists for the season.

Goehner bills related to ADUs senior citizens tax exemption and impact fee deferrals pass House before cutoff deadline

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OLYMPIA - With a few hours to spare before the house of origin cutoff deadline on Tuesday, Rep. Keith Goehner had two bills pass the state House of Representatives.

The House unanimously passed Goehner’s House Bill 2375, related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and tax exemptions, and his House Bill 1468 related to impact fee deferral fees.

“House Bill 2375 would add ‘detached’ ADUs to property that qualifies for the senior citizen and disabled persons property tax exemption,” said Goehner, R-Dryden. “Attached ADUs are already exempt. Anything we can do to provide more affordable housing for low-income individuals is a must, given our state’s housing crisis.”

House Bill 1468 relates to contractor impact fees.

“This legislation is the result of a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee study. The legislation would make housing development more feasible by reducing the up-front costs to builders and allowing the fees to be paid at closing, when

they receive funds from the sale of their homes,” said Goehner. “The bill would remove the requirement that a lien be put on a property when there is an impact fee deferral.”

Earlier on Tuesday, Goehner’s legislation that would create the Backcountry Search and Rescue Account also passed the House unanimously.

All three bills are now in the Senate for consideration.

The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn on March 7.



Rep. Keith Goehner

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Stay & Play Saturday

The Cashmere Library will host Stay and Play Saturday on Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Art in the Park

The Wenatchee Library will host Art in the Park on Monday, Feb. 26 from 4-5 p.m. at Memorial Park in Wenatchee.

"Get your art on," the event page states. "Every month

(weather permitting) we will be meeting in the park to try out a new art technique or style. All you need to bring is yourself and your creativity."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Dinosaur World Live

The Numerica Performing Arts Center in Wenatchee will host Dinosaur World Live on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

"A brand new dino-mite adventure," the event page states. "Dare to experience the dangers and delights of Dinosaur World in this interactive new show for all the family. Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a prehistoric world of astonishing (and remarkably

life-like) dinosaurs."

For more information visit numericapac.org.

Happy Smiles Storytime

The Cashmere Library will host Happy Smiles Storytime on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 10:30-11 a.m.

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

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Wednesday birding

The Wenatchee River Institute will host a birding walk around Walla Walla Point Park and the Horan Natural area in Wenatchee on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 7:30-9 a.m.

"All birding skill levels are welcome," the event page states. "Need binoculars? We

have loaner binoculars that you can borrow. This is a great opportunity to learn about eBird, the largest biodiversity-related community science project in the world, and utilize it to record our observations of local wild birds."

For more information visit wenatcheeriverinstitute.org.

Celebrating six months of growth and gratitude at the Cashmere Valley Record

As we mark the six-month milestone of Ward Media's stewardship of the Cashmere Valley Record this month, I find myself reflecting on the journey we've embarked upon since that pivotal day on August 11, 2023. It's been a period of growth, learning, and, most importantly, community engagement. I am immensely grateful for the warm welcome and unwavering support we've received from you, our readers and advertisers. Your positive notes, encouraging phone calls, and emails have been

a source of inspiration for our team each week. Furthermore, the steady increase in new subscribers and the loyalty of those renewing their subscriptions have solidified our belief in the value of community journalism.

The past six months have been transformative for the Cashmere Valley Record. We embarked on a redesign of the print newspaper, modernizing



TERRY WARD

Ward Media CEO / Publisher

its look while preserving the essence that makes it a cherished part of our community. This refresh was not just about aesthetics but also about improving readability and enhancing the overall reader experience.

In addition to the newspaper's redesign, we launched a new website, offering a more dynamic and user-friendly platform for our readers. This digital expansion

aims to complement our print edition, providing immediate access to local news, features, and community events. The website underscores our commitment to keeping our community informed and engaged wherever they are.

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to intensely local news coverage. We believe in the power of local journalism to inform, educate, and unite communities. Our dedication to covering the stories that matter most to you, from local government and school

board meetings to community celebrations and individual achievements, remains unwavering.

As we look to the future, we do so with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. Our journey thus far has been incredibly rewarding, and it's a journey we don't take for granted. The success of the Cashmere Valley Record is a testament to the strength and support of our community.

Thank you for being an integral part of our story. Here's to many more milestones together.

Chelan County launches short-term rental monitoring system

Cashmere Valley Record Ward Media

WENATCHEE - Chelan County has launched a 24-hour monitoring system for short-term rentals, contracting with Deckard Technologies, a San Diego-based company specializing in real estate data analytics and technology. This new system aims to improve regulation and address community concerns by offering a 24/7 complaint hotline and an online reporting platform.

The initiative, set under a five-year contract worth \$60,000 annually with Deckard Technologies, is designed to enhance short-term rental oversight in conjunction with existing Code Enforcement services provided by the

Chelan County Sheriff's Office. This move introduces a comprehensive approach to managing noise, parking, and illegal rental activities, particularly in the county's unincorporated areas.

Kirsten Ryles, assistant director of Community Development, emphasized the significance of this development. "Establishing a short-term rental monitoring service for better regulation has been a long time coming - and one Community Development has been working on for over a year," Ryles remarked. "This addition to our toolbox provides citizens another avenue for reporting issues around the clock."

Residents facing issues with short-term rentals now

have three reporting options: an online complaint form that allows for the upload of supporting evidence, a hotline staffed by Deckard Technologies, and direct engagement with the county's Code Enforcement. These tools streamline the complaint process and ensure rental owners uphold community standards.

Ryles also urged residents to use the designated reporting channels for non-life-threatening complaints rather than emergency services. "With three options for reporting short-term rental violations, I encourage people to use these tools," she stated. "The tools are in place to encourage short-term rental owners to be good neighbors."

Three options for reporting a short-term rental violation

Online: Go to the online Short-Term Rental Complaint form at <https://complaints-str.deckard.com/chelan-wa-str-complaints>. Fill out the form and submit up to five photo, video or audio files to support the complaint. The complaint will be forwarded to Community Development and Code Enforcement and a record of complaint is made on the property.

Hotline: Call the hotline at 509-293-4577. The hotline is monitored by a Deckard staff member who will reach out to the short-term rental's local contact and ask that the complaint be addressed. If the issue is not abated within an hour, people are encouraged to call the hotline again so it can be documented that a

verified complaint was not addressed. The matter then will be turned over to Code Enforcement. In addition, a hotline report is sent daily to Community Development.

Code Enforcement: Complaints can be made directly to Code Enforcement at www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/code-enforcement. From the county website, download and complete the fillable PDF and then email it to cd.code.enforcement@co.chelan.wa.us. Or call Community Development at 509-667-6225 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Chelan County has three Code Enforcement deputies who work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays

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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
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 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

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

NCW Libraries

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You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).
 Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6. Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org
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.

Chelan County Sheriff's Report



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February 9

13:05:43 Theft, 130 Titchenal Way; Martins lga
 14:46:04 Welfare Check, Sunset Hwy & Mill Rd
 15:26:05 Hazard, 5607 Sunset Hwy; Picadilly
 15:36:51 Suspicious, Number 2 Canyon Rd Mp 1
 16:36:00 Suspicious, 102 Titchenal Way
 17:49:46 Fraud/Forgery, 809 Pioneer Ave# 222

February 10

11:17:20 Assist Public, 917 Pioneer Ave# A204
 11:39:56 Malicious Misch, 1761

Cross St
 14:02:27 Welfare Check, 201 Aplets Way; Jerrys Auto
 19:51:01 Atl/Atc, 5610 E Cashmere Rd

February 11

20:19:59 Welfare Check, 5703 Evergreen Dr
 23:15:59 Assist Public, 241 Independence Way
 23:44:34 Noise, 305 Woodring St# 3

February 12

4:44:40 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 2 & Hay Canyon Rd

11:14:31 Welfare Check, 2430 Halvorson Canyon Rd

February 13

9:40:03 Trespass, 5607 Sunset Hwy
 10:52:10 Assist Agency, 118 Parkhill St
 12:47:20 Suspicious, 7743 Stine Hill Rd, Dryden
 15:21:11 Abuse, 101 Pioneer Ave; Vale Elementary
 17:13:48 Traffic Offense, 6659 Johnson Rd, Dryden
 17:20:55 Domestic Distur, 5693 E Cashmere Rd
 17:30:40 Traffic Offense, 5607 Sunset Hwy; Picadilly

February 14

14:14:38 Suspicious, 6434 Hay Canyon Rd
 17:35:25 Theft, 702 Pioneer Ave; Pioneer
 18:11:03 Sex Offense, 700 Cotlets Way; Rustys Dr

February 15

15:23:50 Accident No Inj, Olive St & Chase Ave
 15:42:32 Civil, 101 Pioneer Ave; Vale Elementary
 23:00:57 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 111

Senate confirms JC Baldwin to Washington State Transportation Commission



Commissioner Baldwin

COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

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OLYMPIA - JC Baldwin, a Chelan County resident, was unanimously confirmed by the Washington State Senate to serve on the Washington State Transportation Commission on Feb. 12.

The commission, a seven-member body appointed by the Governor, serves as a public forum for transportation policy development, assessing the performance of the state's entire transportation system and issuing the 20-year Washington Transportation Plan. Baldwin's appointment is in line with the commission's mission to provide oversight and policy direction statewide.

Baldwin brings a wealth of experience to the commission, having previously served on the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council and the State Public Works

Board. She is also a current commissioner of the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority.

Senator Hawkins, who played a pivotal role in Baldwin's confirmation process, both in committee and on the Senate floor, expressed his satisfaction with the Senate's swift action. "I'm grateful the Senate was able to move Commissioner Baldwin through the process so promptly," Hawkins stated. "She has a lot to offer with experience on the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council, State Public Works Board, and Regional Port. She will do a great job on the Transportation Commission. I'm glad the Senate completed its confirmation process this session, so that she's not hanging out there for multiple years like many other gubernatorial appointees awaiting confirmation."

Upper Valley Scholarship now open for applications

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LEAVENWORTH - P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth, is now accepting applications for the Upper Valley Scholarship to support women seeking higher education. This needs-based scholarship is designed for women in Chelan or Douglas

County who are returning to an accredited university, college, or technical school in Washington.

The scholarship targets women aged 30 or above, especially those resuming their education after a gap of at least two years. It will cover school expenses and be paid directly to the educational institution in the Fall of 2024.

Eligible institutions include any fully accredited colleges, universities, or technical schools in Washington. The scholarship is also open to those attending out-of-state online accredited schools. Successful applicants must confirm their enrollment for the funds to be released to the school's financial department. Applications must be

submitted by April 30, 2024. Recipients can reapply annually until they complete their education programs.

For more information and to request application forms, interested applicants should contact the Scholarship Committee at peoleavenworth@nwi.net.

Sports

Wheeler wins state title

By Jeff Carlson Cashmere High School Athletics

CASHMERE - Cashmere High School senior Hugh Wheeler capped off his Bulldog wrestling career with a State Championship on Saturday at the Tacoma Dome. Wheeler becomes the first CHS wrestler

to win a state title since 2010 (Roman Velasquez).

Wheeler started the day with a semifinal victory over Keeven Gifford (Kiona Benton). Wheeler pinned Gifford in the 2nd round to earn a spot in the finals in the 157 lb. bracket.

In the Championship match, Wheeler faced Daniel

Washburn from Mount Baker. Washburn entered the state final with an impressive 47-2 record on the season. Wheeler and Washburn went the distance before Wheeler claimed the title with an 8-4 decision.

Wheeler's individual state title is the 41st in school history, and he is one of 27 CHS athletes

to win an individual state title in wrestling. Wheeler ends his impressive CHS wrestling career as a two-time Caribou Trail League Wrestler of the Year, and the 2024 1A State Champion at 157 lbs.

For the latest information on the Cashmere Bulldogs, visit cashmerebulldogs.com.

Lady Bulldogs secure spot in 1A State Tournament opening round

Cashmere Valley Record Ward Media

CASHMERE - The Cashmere Bulldogs advanced to the opening round of the 1A State Tournament following a victory over the Medical Lake Cardinals, with a final score of 53-32, during their CTL/NEA Crossover Game at Ron Doane Gymnasium on Saturday.

The game began with the Bulldogs trailing, as the Cardinals took an early lead,

ending the first quarter up by four points and maintaining a lead of 21-17 at halftime. However, the momentum shifted dramatically in the second half. Cashmere initiated the third quarter with a 16-0 run, overtaking Medical Lake and concluding the quarter ahead by 10 points.

Senior Brianna Talley was pivotal in the Bulldogs' second-half performance, scoring 17 of her total 20 points, the highest in the game, after the break. The

Bulldogs' defense also played a crucial role, significantly limiting the Cardinals' scoring opportunities in the second half and holding them to just 11 points. Cashmere's strategic defense was particularly effective against Medical Lake's standout guard, Charde Luat, limiting her to seven points.

Contributions also came from Ellie Bessonette, a junior, who added 11 points to Cashmere's tally, and senior Katie Piepel, who scored 9

points. This win marks a significant achievement for the Bulldogs as they proceed to the state tournament, demonstrating their resilience and capability to overturn a halftime deficit into a decisive victory.

The Bulldogs will compete against Cedar Park Christian (Bothell) in their next game. This crucial matchup is scheduled to take place at Wenatchee High School on Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m..

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Exploring Washington's Beauty: Photography gallery set to open in downtown Leavenworth this spring



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Photographer Peter James has spent decades photographing Washington State, but has recently dedicated his time to capturing the beauty surrounding Leavenworth.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH — Downtown will be welcoming its newest gallery this spring. Peter James Photography will feature nature photography specific to Washington State showcased on “larger than life” metal prints.

“I think most people have had at least one experience in nature where they were just really deeply moved. And that’s actually the goal of all my photography, is to recreate that, like let them viscerally have that experience on a daily basis,” said Photographer Peter James.

The 2,200 square foot showroom will be located at 633 Front Street, demarcated by a mural of Mt. Rainier and a photographer in lederhosen above its doors. The real showpiece, however, will be a six-foot by nine-foot print of Colchuck Lake and Dragontail Peak, displayed for visitors to see as they first walk in.

“My vision for the gallery is to be like a sanctuary for Washington State’s beauty, where people can come in and just actually have their spirits lifted,” said James.

The gallery will be designed for visitors to stay awhile, with a consultation lounge, an outdoor balcony overlooking the river, and a gift shop. The photos are incredibly high

resolution, allowing for some prints to be custom-made up to eight feet tall by 30 feet wide. For smaller walls, two feet and smaller prints will be available to take home or shipped from the gallery. The metal print allows for extra durability and can be given a finish that makes it suitable for an outdoor space.

Early in his career, James realized that many photographers were traveling the world to take the same photos as everyone else. When he moved to Bellingham in 2002, he decided to dedicate his time to only photographing Washington, looking for hidden gems and new takes on iconic locations.

James has had a gallery in Bellingham for the last five years but was looking to grow. During one of many visits over the decades, he decided that Leavenworth would be the perfect place for a second gallery. He spent the last year walking up and down Front Street, talking to shop owners, and waiting for an opening.

“Honestly, I would have waited three years. I would have waited as long as it took. I knew in my heart that it was meant to happen. Washingtonians and visitors to Washington love the nature here and they get lit up by it, and want to see more of it,” said James.

Over that year, James dedicated time to photographing

the Upper Valley, which will be prevalent in the gallery. James has unique shots of the Cashmere Hills, Icicle Creek, and Tumwater Canyon. His favorite spot, however, is in the heart of town.

“I actually really love Waterfront Park, because it’s such a gem and it’s just right there. You have that beautiful view of mountains, you get the river, and you see the families having fun and feeding the ducks, and it’s just a really special place,” said James.

It is anticipated that the gallery will open on April 1. The gallery will be open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

“Long term, we’d love to stay open late every night, because we feel like going through the galleries is the perfect thing to do after dinner and in the evenings, when most of the shops are closed and people are looking for something to do,” said James.

A grand opening for the community is tentatively scheduled for May, which will be the first of many events that will be hosted in the space, including nature talks and a Valentine’s Day Ball. For more information, visit peterjamesphotogallery.com.

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COURTESY OF PETER JAMES

A mock up of the gallery storefront at 633 Front Street, which is slated to open April 2024.

How to make medicine taste better

Have you ever had to take a liquid medication that tasted awful?

Sometimes, a medicine NEEDS to be taken, but you dread swallowing it. Or, your 5-year-old is fighting you on taking a liquid antibiotic.

Many years ago, I had just clocked into my night shift when I was paged to the Emergency Department. A four-year-old had swallowed some of his grandmother’s sleeping pills, and they had just flushed out his stomach. I found Betty, the charge nurse, trying to entice her pint-sized patient to swallow some black sludge. He was having none of it.

“I added water to the activated charcoal the doctor ordered to make it more liquid, but he refuses to drink it. We need to get this into his stomach ASAP. Can you do something to it to make it taste better?”

“Betty, I’ll be right back,” I reassured her.

Returning to the pharmacy, I opened the refrigerator and grabbed a dark brown squeeze bottle from inside the door.

Hustling back to the ED, I showed Betty my secret weapon for making gritty, gross medicines easier to swallow: Hershey’s Chocolate Syrup. The two of us eventually coaxed her patient to swallow enough charcoal to neutralize the dangerous drug.

Every few years, I set up a “Taste Test” for family medicine doctors in training to give them an appreciation of the challenges parents and caregivers face in administering liquid medications.

I prepared 5 antibiotics and 5 commonly prescribed medicines, labeled them, and then handed out scoring sheets to each resident physician to use on each one.

The first time we did this, everyone had a stomach ache afterward, so ever since then, I kept a big trash can nearby as a spittoon, warning my evaluators to “Spit, don’t

swallow.”

Each liquid medicine was evaluated on its smell, texture, taste, and aftertaste. In the spirit of wine tasting, I renamed the 4 qualities as Bouquet (smell), Body (texture), Gustatory Merit (taste), and Finish (aftertaste). Each scorecard had a scale of 1 to 5 for each attribute, with a score of 1 score being the most negative, 3 as neutral, and 5 as the most positive.

On the table were 10 bottles of liquid medication, each with a small clear plastic medicine cup filled about halfway in front of it.

The first aspect assessed was the medicine’s smell. The judges were instructed to pick up the cup holding the liquid drug, swirl it a few times, and inhale to get the “Bouquet.” Once they marked their scorecard, they moved on to Taste and Texture.

The judge dipped a clean plastic spoon into the liquid, then put it in their mouth to evaluate its texture (“Body”) and taste (“Gustatory

Merit”). Once those were scored, the final element considered was the aftertaste left in the mouth by the medicine (“Finish”).

As my judges bravely worked through all 10 liquid samples, there were plenty of photo ops of scrunched-up faces, tongues sticking out, and gagging. You could hear comments like:

“I had NO IDEA this stuff tasted like THIS!”

“Gaaaah!”

“I remember this one when I was a kid...”

Afterward, we brainstormed ways to help parents reduce the “Yuck” factor of the sampled medicines. Some were already parents and shared what worked for them to help mask the taste and texture of bitter, gritty liquid medications.

Here Are 4 Tips to Help Liquid Medicines Taste Better:



1. Mix it.
Add it to something else to dilute the taste and texture. Most foods will improve the taste, but my favorite is Hershey’s chocolate syrup. The squeeze bottle is inexpensive and can mask a bitter taste and gritty texture. Other flavors, like caramel and butterscotch, are now available as sundae toppings.

2. Chill it.
Try storing the bottle in the refrigerator between doses, even if it doesn’t have to be refrigerated. The taste and aftertaste will be less noticeable when cold.

3. Chase it.
Follow up quickly with a spoonful of a favorite food or beverage; the thicker, the better. Ice cream, pudding, fruit jams, jellies, or sundae toppings can be used. Avoid soft drinks as chasers. When I offered ginger ale and club soda to my taste test judges to “cleanse their palate” between each liquid medicine, they reported that those options didn’t work.

4. Hold Your Nose.
If you can pinch your nose closed while swallowing a spoonful of medicine, it helps you avoid tasting it. Unfortunately, the taste will “bloom” when you start breathing again through your nose. I suggest having a chaser ready nearby.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 44-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can’t Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2024 Louise Achey

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Cashmere FFA celebrates National FFA Week



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Cashmere FFA members Kyla Neal, Lila Sanchez and Andrea Hernandez plant zonal geraniums.



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Cashmere FFA members Alia Kenoyer, Katie Piepel and Layne Varrelman plant ivy geranium baskets.



COURTESY OF RUSTY FINCH

Cashmere horticulture students constructed Valentine's Day Arrangements.

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE - Each year, FFA chapters nationwide celebrate National FFA Week, a time to highlight what FFA is and its everyday impact on members.

It is also an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture.

This year, National FFA Week is Feb. 17-24.

The tradition dates back to 1948 and is always celebrated during the week of George Washington's birthday to honor his contributions to agriculture.

FFA helps members grow their confidence and leadership skills and explore future careers in many different pathways related to agriculture through hands-on experiences.

The organization's motto is Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve.

Washington state has about 14,500 FFA members. With more than 900,000 members nationwide, FFA is the largest student-led organization in the U.S.

Cashmere FFA is a robust chapter with more than 80 members. Advisors for the group are Rusty Finch and Jed Odenrider. Officers are Ivette Alvarado, President; Dru Heyen, Vice President; Sophia Batanoui, Secretary; Sophie Hill, Treasurer; Alia Kenoyer, Reporter; and Seth Martin, Sentinel.

FFA helps students with the application of what they've learned through hands-on learning and experiences, Finch said.

"I think education is, if they can apply it, I think it's more valuable," he said. "I think there's more retention. There's more buy in, if they can apply what they've learned whether it's a skill or some knowledge."

"The other thing I think they learn is some grit and how to work hard," he said. "You know, and from the neck up. I mean, I love sports, but you know, a lot of times students aren't talented that way. So it allows those kids to be gritty with their brain, you know, I mean, these are high level academic competitions that they're participating in. And not every kid is going to be a gifted athlete, but they can certainly be a scholar in a way that allows them to compete academically."

Members also learn to work well as a team and grow their communication skills, Finch said.

"I think the kids have to work as a team a lot," he said. "It teaches, well I'm big on team chemistry and to work with others and that all ties with communication."

"I mean, my kids, I hope they leave my program all pretty effective communicators," he said. "A lot of the competitions have a speaking component. So hopefully they can have some discourse and dialogue with future employers or their peers, you know, educated dialogue, be able to look them in the eye and answer questions and communicate well, communicate effectively."

To celebrate National FFA Week Cashmere FFA celebrated with a pizza party, trivia and a school wide scavenger hunt, Cashmere FFA advisor Rusty Finch said.

Highlights

Highlights for the group this year include four champion animals at the fair, great success at the National Convention and high scores at the state Apple Judging Competition.

At the National Convention in Indianapolis Cashmere FFA were the national champions out of 44 states with their Environmental Natural Resources team. In the Meats Evaluation, they won 2nd place out of 43 states. In the Milk Quality and Products Evaluation, Cashmere placed 3rd out of 37 states. And they brought home over \$6,000 in scholarships.

Cashmere FFA Teams finished 2nd and 3rd in the State FFA Apple Judging Contest in December and four individuals placed in the top ten.

Upcoming

Cashmere FFA has a supportive boosters club that puts on a prime rib dinner in the fall, which is a big fundraiser for the group.

Their other big fundraiser

is the spring plant sale slated for the end of April and the beginning of May. Finch said the plant sale helps the group fund a lot of their activities.

The plants will be on sale online starting on Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. And those who want to shop in person may do so on May 4 at 9 a.m. Finch said he retains 25% of the plants for the in-person sale.

Most of the plants at the annual sale are bedding plants, including petunia baskets and geraniums.

In the spring, Cashmere FFA will acquire their fair projects, about 40 market hogs and 20 market lambs.

Caring for the animals and preparing them for the Chelan County Fair will be a lot of work for students.

"But you know what, that's where the kids really learn by owning something and, like I said, doing stuff and applying what they've learned," Finch said. "I mean, it's that they can get their hands on it and demonstrate it, then I think they're learning better."

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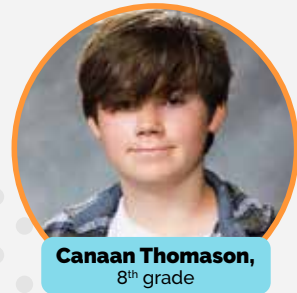
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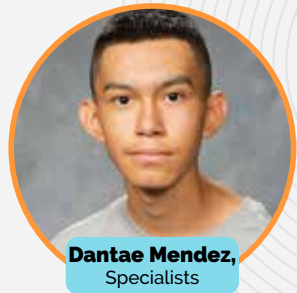
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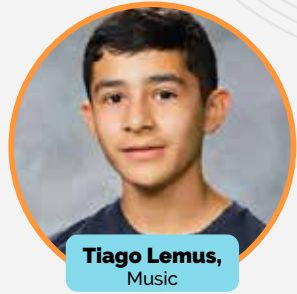
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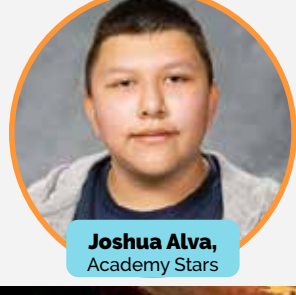
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LEGISLATIVE Coverage

Inslee reflects in his final year as governor

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - On the second level of the white and gray marbled Capitol building stands the Governor's office, guarded by a State Patrol trooper stationed outside. On the interior walls are portraits and paintings showcasing past Washington Governors.

In the heart of the conference room stands a grand dark wood table surrounded by twelve bulky wood and brown leather chairs, and the one at the head of the table, where Jay Inslee sits, has leather detailing of Washington's State seal at the top. The oval table is empty except for a caffeine-free gold and red Diet Coke can.

"We don't need any more caffeine in here," Inslee joked.

Inslee, the longest-serving current governor in the nation, is overseeing the last weeks of his final legislative session and eyeing the end of his third and final term.

He said he feels like "one of the luckiest people in the world," looking forward to finishing strong and passing the torch as he celebrates 52 years of marriage to his close partner in work and life Trudi and prepares with her and his three sons and six grandchildren for their next adventure.

Reflecting on the path that got him to Olympia, Inslee said it may not have been possible without Trudi.

"That took courage," he said, in the way she supported him through the career changes, election campaigns and the relocations—leaving the apple orchards in Selah for meet-and-greets in Washington D.C., and back again.

A graduate of the University of Washington and the Willamette University College of Law, Inslee began his political career in the Washington State House of Representatives and served from 1989 to 1993. In 1993, the Inslees left behind the deep snow of Selah, Wash. where they raised their children and headed to Washington D.C., where he served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 1995. He served only one term representing Eastern Washington's 4th

Congressional district. He made his first run for governor in 1996 but lost in the primary to fellow Democrat Gary Locke. Under President Bill Clinton, Inslee then served as regional director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Having relocated to Western Washington, he returned to Congress from 1999 to 2012, representing King, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties. He was successful in his second run for governor in 2012.

None of it would have happened, he said, if Trudi didn't believe as much as he did in the policy changes; they have worked side by side all along to advance. It has been a decades-long partnership. The Inslees became a pair when they were just 16-year-old high school students.

"I feel closer to her than I have at any other time in my life," Jay Inslee said. "I don't know how she feels about it. You would have to ask her," he laughed.

In Olympia, Inslee said he loves that he gets to see Trudi almost every day.

Trudi has been active in supporting gun safety, early childhood education, and child homelessness. She was instrumental in establishing the first childcare facility on the Capitol campus in Olympia.

"No spouse has ever been more resilient and courageous in American political history than Trudi Inslee," he said.

Inslee has been a champion of the fight against climate change for decades, and it was his central focus when he campaigned for the presidency. Just a few days ago, he said he tracked his passion back to 1988 after coming across an old junk box that housed his very first political flier that he handed out when going door to door. "We need to defeat climate change," it read.

And when he spends time with his grandchildren, he said it re-ignites his fire to beat the threat of a warming climate.

"I have always felt in my life and my family's life, that we have always been connected to the natural world," Inslee said. "Whether it's hiking, biking, skiing...or just looking at a

bird in the backyard. Things that were so important to my life... deserve to be protected."

He said he is committed to continuing work to expand the clean energy economy after he leaves office. He said his motivation will only increase as the damage of a warming climate becomes more apparent. His Twitter bio reads: "On a mission to defeat climate change. Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell, and organize."

"I will still be pushing the ball up the hill," Inslee said.

Inslee's Climate Commitment Act, which took effect in January of 2023, has a goal to reach "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The act was recently targeted by Initiative 2117, a proposal that seeks to repeal parts of the act to lower taxes and business expenses.

Inslee believes state residents from across the political spectrum want to protect the state and its natural resources and ultimately will come to celebrate the results the act delivers.

"They do not want their families to breathe in pollution,

kids getting emphysema. They don't want to see us ravaged by forest fires," Inslee said.

Inslee advises the next governor, whoever that is, to build a great team and preserve what the state has already accomplished.

"You have to be willing to constantly try to improve, which is also a recognition that you are not perfect from day one," he said. "You have to accept that you are going to improve, which also recognizes there are some things that need improvement."

Inslee said he and Trudi

are happy to pass the keys to the next residents of the governor's mansion.

Being governor is "the best job in public life," Inslee said, "because it is such a rare opportunity to know your whole state and become engaged in your whole state. You get to know people's lives like you have never known before."

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Clergy members could become mandatory reporters of child abuse

By **MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - When Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, learned how Jehovah's Witness elders in Spokane had covered up child sexual abuse for years, she looked to the law for answers.

Frame found that, under Washington State law, clergy members have no responsibility to report what they suspect to be child abuse. Washington is one of five states that has yet to change this rule.

Frame says she experienced abuse as a child, and it was only once after her teacher, a "mandatory reporter," said something to her guardians that the abuse stopped.

If SB 6298 passes, clergy members will be required to report their suspicions to either the Department of Children, Youth or Families (DCYF) or law enforcement. Teachers, law enforcement, medical professionals, therapists, and more are already designated as mandated reporters in Washington.

Following objections from Catholics, an amendment was made to the bill that now exempts clergy members from having to report information obtained "solely" during confessions. If they learn of abuse outside of confessions, they are required to report.

In committee, Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, said

she was not able to support the bill until that amendment was added.

"We don't want to encourage people to hide behind the clergy cloak, but we are taking steps to protect our children," Warnick said.

Sen. Mike Paddon, R-Spokane, and Phil Fortunato, R-Auburn, as members of the Catholic Church, pleaded for additional changes that remove the consideration of information obtained during confession altogether, as they feel it still violates the "seal of confession."

"This is a big deal to me personally, and a big, huge deal in the Catholic church," Fortunato said. Additional changes were not adopted. The bill passed with a 44-5 vote.

Only seven of the 45 states that regard clergy members as mandatory reporters have mandated that information obtained from confession must be reported.

"I am wildly uncomfortable with this compromise, with the exemption for penitential communication," Frame said. "But I am doing it because I have been asked by survivors to not let perfect be the enemy of good."

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COURTESY OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE
Jay and Trudi Inslee wear red for #WearRedDay to support women's heart health in 2022.

Condom use requires partner consent, proposal says

By **MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Testifying before lawmakers, Mina Hashemi recounted how, three years ago, she was shocked to see that the condom she had explicitly asked for during sex had been removed.

"I felt deeply violated," Hashemi said. "While I was lucky not to get an STI or pregnant, there are many stories of women who did. Stealthing is a very specific type of sexual violence that does not neatly fit within existing definitions of sexual assault in Washington. We must close the loophole on assault."

"Stealthing" refers to tampering with or removing any kind of sexually protective device without the consent of a partner. It is commonly referred to as a form of sexual assault.

HB1958 could make this practice punishable by law in Washington State. It has already passed the House with bipartisan support in a 64-33 vote.

The bill also stipulates that action can be taken when stealthing is done purposely, but also when a partner has knowledge of a condom breaking during intercourse and continues without informing their partner.

California and Maine are the only other states to have already passed legislation on "stealthing," but no other states have included devices outside of condoms, such as dental dams or spermicide.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline categorizes stealthing as a means for "control" and explains that "unexpected pregnancy could be a way for a partner who is abusive to manipulate their partner into staying in the

relationship," using a possible child as leverage.

The addition of long-term birth control devices in the bill has sparked debate.

"I think the underlying principle we can all agree is positive for everyone," Eric Pratt, concerned citizen, said. "But what I don't like is that it doesn't go far enough in that it doesn't encompass oral contraceptive birth control and diaphragms."

Rep. Michelle Calder, R-Gig Harbor, agreed, explaining women sometimes stop taking oral contraception or remove an IUD without telling a spouse.

"The sad part is I actually wanted to vote for it," Calder said. "I agree that for a man to remove a protective device and inadvertently get a woman pregnant, that is awful. That is absolutely awful. But at the same time, we also have to think about the other side."

To this argument, prime sponsor Rep. Liz Berry, D-Queen Anne, said a large part of this bill's goal is to protect from sexually transmitted diseases. Non-physical forms of birth control, like birth control pills, do not offer disease protection, which is outside the scope of the bill.

Berry also said the bill's main goal is to protect women, and changing the bill could undermine that effort.

"Broadening the definition to beyond a physical barrier device would open up unintended consequences -- where this would be weaponized against victims of this nonconsensual act," Berry said. "This is a very intentional definition that has been stakeholdered with key community advocates to protect people, particularly women, from this type of behavior."

Critics also noted concerns with "establishing intentionality" and proving allegations in court.

"I have been involved in litigating some of these cases, and sometimes it comes down to somebody poking a hole in a condom to get pregnant," said Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia. "It goes both ways in terms of how you can tamper, but a lot of this is unfortunately 'He said, she said,' or we don't have any proof, or the proof has already been disposed of."

Elizabeth Hendren, a Seattle-based attorney at the Sexual Violence Law Center, explained this is not a new issue in sexual assault litigations.

Hendren said that under Washington law, testimony is a valid form of proof, as is considering the credibility of both parties. Hendren said proof can also sometimes be in emails, text messages, and

photos.

Yet, concerns regarding the 'He said, she said' dilemma carried over into the floor's debate.

"When we pass laws, we need to be careful that they are enforceable and not ambiguous," Rep. Cyndy Jacobson, R-Pullyap, said, as she urged a no vote. "I think that what this may create, unintentionally, is a morass of 'he said, she said' and things that we can't prove in court."

Penalties for those convicted of stealthing could result in statutory damages of up to \$5,000 per violation, and prevailing plaintiffs would be awarded costs and compensated reasonable attorney fees.

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Plain Valley

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and get kiddos outside in the winter? And so it started very, very small, with the owner of the hardware store asking his neighbor if he could groom some trails across the street (from the

hardware store)."

"And it just started to build momentum because it met this wonderful need in the community," she said.

Eventually, the group hired a full-time coach, which many organizations don't do for various reasons. But the goal was to empower the youth,

Saugen said.

"So the youth component of the trail has always been the heart of it," she said. "It is our mission to encourage and fund barrier-free ski education programs. And what that looks like to us is we want to make sure that we're not a pay-to-play sport. We want to make sure

any kid out in the valley that wants to come can come."

PVNT provides coaching, skis, team jackets, wax for their skis, and more.

PVNT now has three coaches and reaches over 100 kids up and down the valley. Students even come from Leavenworth, Wenatchee, Entiat, and Seattle.

"So the development layers, the exposure layers are really important to, like the whole thing is important, what we want to do is provide opportunities to youth that empower them to become individuals that are able to now function well in society and have friendships and create goals and strive to get them,"

she said. "We view it as more of an education program and then focus on skiing."

"Skiing is the avenue that we use," she said. "But we want to provide for kids's goals of all ages and abilities."

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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
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: All persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 31st day of January, 2024, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorneys of the Plaintiff, James C. Gray and Deborah L. Gray, at their office below stated; and, in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The object of this action is to quiet title in Plaintiff to real estate in Chelan County, Washington, described as: The East half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter, Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, Chelan County, Washington, lying westerly of the westerly right-of-way of Mission Creek Road, except Parcel E depicted on Boundary Line Adjustment No. 2587, recorded July 7, 1992, under Chelan County Auditor's File No. 920707006. against the claim of the Defendants and any one of them. DATED this 25th day of January, 2024. DAVIS, ARNEIL LAW FIRM, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Superior Court of Washington for Chelan County 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.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY In re the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT LYNN SALMON, Deceased (June 25, 2023). NO. 23-4-00281-04 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL REPORT APPROVAL OF FINAL ACCOUNT, AND DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION TO HEIRS (RCW 11.76.040)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD PREMRO, Deceased. 24-4-00051-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

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FLOW SHAPED RUNNY
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The corn flour doesn't dissolve in the _____. Instead, it becomes "suspended" in the water.

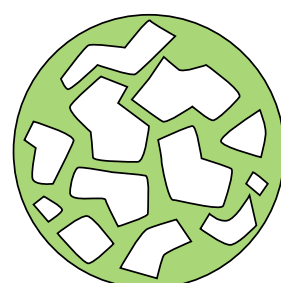
Corn flour is made up of billions of tiny, irregularly _____ grains of starch.

When water is added, the liquid flows around each grain of starch, and the little grains _____ around each other.

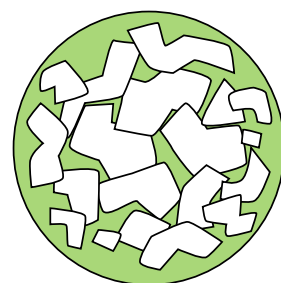
This makes your mixture runny as particles slip over and around each other.

When a sudden _____ force is applied, the starch particles lock together, and the mixture _____ and acts like a solid.

As soon as the force is removed, the water surrounds each of the grains again, and the mixture becomes _____ once more.



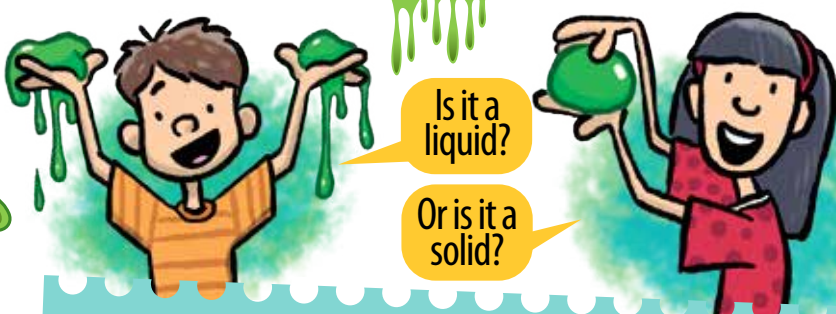
Particles without force.



Particles when Oobleck is squeezed together.

Oobleck

Oobleck acts like both a liquid *and* a solid! Make some yourself and feel this crazy substance!



Scientist's Notebook

What to do with your goo?

TRY THIS:

After your Oobleck is well mixed, gently feel the top.

What does it feel like?

Next, pick up a handful of Oobleck and squeeze it into a ball. What does it feel like now?

Can you pick up any other liquids and make them into a solid ball?

Open your hand with the Oobleck ball sitting on your palm. What happens?

Scientist's Notebook

Make Goopy Oobleck

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup of cornstarch
- ½ cup of water
- Food coloring (just for fun)
- A bowl
- Your hands



DIRECTIONS:

1. Measure ½ cup of water and pour into a bowl. If you have food coloring, add a few drops to the water.
2. Measure 1 cup of cornstarch. Pour into your bowl.
3. Mix the water and cornstarch for 10 minutes to make it just right. You might want to take turns with a partner.

Standards Link: Conduct simple science experiments; understand suspensions.

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It's raining Oobleck!
Can you find at least 10 differences between these two pictures?

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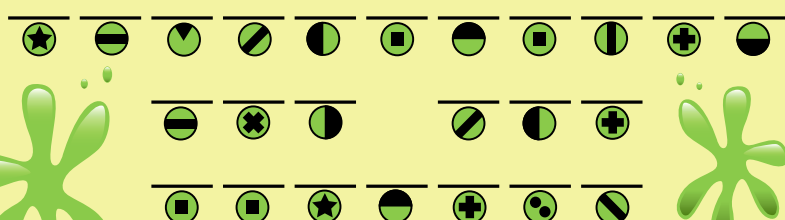
Look for an advertisement in the newspaper that you like. Rewrite the advertisement to make an ad to sell Oobleck.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write persuasively.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Oobleck gets its name from a book by Dr. Seuss. In the book, sticky green gobs of goo fall from the sky. They call it Oobleck.

Use the code to discover the name of the book.



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| A = | E = | M = | R = |
| B = | H = | N = | S = |
| C = | K = | O = | T = |
| D = | L = | P = | W = |

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTS
- BALL
- BOWL
- CRAZY
- CUP
- DROPS
- FEEL
- HAND
- LIQUID
- MIX
- OUBLECK
- OPEN
- POUR
- SOLID
- WATER

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