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## Cashmere Chamber of Commerce hires new office manager and events coordinator

By **QUINN PROPST**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – The Cashmere Chamber of Commerce hired Jackie Rector as Office Manager and Events Coordinator.

Rector's first day in the position was Monday, Feb. 19.

Rector comes from a background in real estate and was looking to transition into something new.

"I've been in real estate for the last ten years, and I moved to the Wenatchee Valley in 2020 from the Seattle area," Rector said.

"Somebody just suggested I apply for the job. A friend of mine sent it to me and thought it would be a great fit."

Cashmere itself was also part of the appeal for Rector.

"I love the small community and the tight-knit support for the local businesses and enthusiasm for the community and the area," she said. "I really like their Find a Gnome program that they have. I really think that's a cute idea to get people to walk around the downtown area and get to know the area a lot better and the different businesses and the offerings."

Rector said that she has always enjoyed being a part of her local community, which is what she most looks forward to in her new role.

"I have a background with Junior League of Seattle and Rotary Clubs in Wenatchee," she said. "And so I just love being part of the community and the events, being enthusiastic about what the area has to offer."

Rector enjoys yoga, hiking, paddle boarding, and snowshoeing in her free time. She also enjoys all the live music the area has to offer.

"I love how many local music artists we have that make the rounds throughout the greater Wenatchee Valley here in Cashmere and Leavenworth, and actually, we have some great local talent, so it's always fun to catch a show on a Friday or Saturday at a winery or brewery or something," she said.

Rector is also a fan of the hiking trails around Cashmere.

"I love the hiking trails here," she said. "There's a little bit of everything in this small town."

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COURTESY OF CASHMERE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Cashmere Chamber of Commerce hired Jackie Rector to fill the position of Office Manager and Event Coordinator.

## Community celebrates Austyn Robinson's crowning as Chelan County Rodeo Queen



COURTESY OF THE CHELAN COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Chelan County Fair and Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson was officially crowned on Saturday Feb. 10 at her Fundraiser and Coronation Kickoff Party at the Mission Creek Community Club Building in Cashmere. Pictured left to right are: Benton Franklin Fair & Kennewick Rodeo Queen Lexi Hagins, Moses Lake Round Up Rodeo Queen Alexis Shoults, Othello Rodeo Queen Milie Cobb, Center Chelan County Fair and Rodeo Queen Austyn Robinson, Coulee City Last Stand Rodeo Queen Kaylee Stump, Appleatchee Riders Queen Izzy Black, Caribou Trail Junior Rodeo Queen Camri Peterson (not pictured Omak Stampede Rodeo Queen Eryne Anderson).

By **QUINN PROPST**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

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The Chelan County Fair and Rodeo Queen Fundraiser and Coronation Kickoff Party was held at the Mission Creek Community Club Building in Cashmere.

Kristen Mattson, a member of the Chelan County Fair Board and the Chelan County Rodeo Queen Committee, said the event was a success.

"It was a packed house," Mattson said. "Filled with local supporters, friends, and family who came to support Austyn."

Other area rodeo queens attended the event to support Robinson. Rodeo queens in attendance were Benton Franklin Fair and Kennewick Rodeo Queen Lexi Hagins, Moses Lake Round-Up Rodeo Queen Alexis

Shoults, Othello Rodeo Queen Milie Cobb, Coulee City Last Stand Rodeo Queen Kaylee Stump, Appleatchee Riders Queen Izzy Black, Caribou Trail Junior Rodeo Queen Camri Peterson and Omak Stampede Rodeo Queen Eryne Anderson.

As a rodeo queen, Robinson serves as an ambassador for the sport of rodeo, the fair, and her community. With this role there will be a lot of travel to promote the fair and rodeo and support other rodeo queens.

"Funds were raised to help Austyn travel to other rodeos this year representing the Chelan County Fair and Rodeo," Mattson said. "There was a 50/50 raffle, silent and live auction, and also a desert dash."

On Feb. 16 and 17, Robinson and her horse Cookie attended the first rodeo in the Columbia River Rodeo Circuit, the Yakima Showdown at the Sundome.

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## Cascade Medical Clinic meets patients in their communities



COURTESY OF CASCADE MEDICAL

The Mobile Clinic is complete with an exam room, waiting room, and restroom, and is built to reach patients in inclement weather.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – For just over a year, Cascade Medical has been working outside its traditional brick-and-mortar, bringing the clinic to patients by way of wheels. The Cascade Mobile Clinic stations itself in Plain or Peshastin every Tuesday, so patients don't have to make the trip to downtown Leavenworth.

"We're increasing access to care, especially to those that have barriers to access, whether it's transportation needs, financial needs, scheduling needs. We have to open up more opportunities so people can work around their daily schedule," said Pat Songer, Cascade Medical's COO and Chief of EMS.

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sam Linn, PA-C (physician assistant, certified), will treat patients inside the Mobile Clinic, an ice-

cream truck-shaped vehicle complete with a restroom, waiting room, exam room, and all the equipment needed to perform basic medical care.

"It's just kind of a first line, simple way for patients to get in for things that are urgent but might not require an emergency room. It wouldn't require any kind of imaging, but just need to get in and be seen," said Linn.

For the Mobile Clinic, convenience and visibility is the key to promoting

a healthy community. When Linn parks in Peshastin, she can treat patients at the fruit packing facility on their lunch break. The Mobile Clinic's team is bilingual, which has allowed them to start conversations about healthcare with Spanish speakers who have avoided the hospital due to language barriers.

"So we kind of get their foot in the door so to speak and see them, and then we can get

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COURTESY OF CASCADE MEDICAL

The Mobile Clinic team is seeking community feedback about time, locations, and care. Upper Valley residents can complete a short survey for the clinic by scanning the QR code.



COURTESY OF CASCADE MEDICAL

Left to right: Sam Linn, PA-C, Medical Assistant Oasis Avina Diaz, Medical Assistant Lucy Sanchez see patients inside the Mobile Clinic every Tuesday in Plain or Peshastin.

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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

**Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314**  
 You can order your books online at [ncwlibraries.org](http://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](mailto: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



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 16

10:06:12 Assist Agency, 63 Todd Ln  
 10:27:23 Parking/Abandon, 200blk River St  
 12:38:19 Civil, 6030 Sunburst Ln

### February 17

2:52:34 Diversion, 98 S Douglas St  
 5:09:35 Fraud/Forgery, 116 Mission Creek Rd  
 13:09:45 Disturbance, 108

Pioneer Ave# 1  
 14:50:59 Theft, 229 Independence Way

### February 18

12:56:06 Rec Stolen Veh, 100 Elberta Ave  
 13:35:56 Suspicious, 100 Elberta Ave  
 19:36:50 Diversion, 301 Sullivan St# 4  
 23:28:17 911, 200 River St

### February 20

8:05:19 Burglary, 1473 Halvorson Canyon Rd  
 9:17:05 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 113 Eb  
 14:49:45 Miscellaneous, 101 Pioneer Ave; Vale Elementary  
 15:57:31 Assist Public, 6204 Hay Canyon Rd

### February 21

13:37:02 Trespass, 8650 Dryden Frontage Rd

15:21:56 Juvenile Problem, 329 Tigner Rd, Cashmere High  
 16:15:48 Harass/Threat, 101 Pioneer Ave; Vale Elementary

### February 22

7:31:13 Animal Problem, 3770 Eels Rd  
 1:28:17 Suspicious, 5736 Vale Rd; Happy Crops  
 6:53:44 Welfare Check, 8000blk Nahahum Canyon Rd

## Commissioners, county directors plan March community meetings

### Events set in each of the county's 3 commissioner districts

NCW News  
 Ward Media

WENATCHEE -- The Chelan County team is coming to a community near you. In March, Chelan County commissioners and various department directors will hold community-led discussions in each of the three districts commissioners represent.

### The community events will be:

- District 2: 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, at Leavenworth Fire Hall, 228 Chumstick Highway. Commissioner Shon Smith

will host the meeting.  
 • District 3: 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, at Chelan City Hall, 135 E. Johnson Ave. Commissioner Tiffany Gering will host the meeting.  
 • District 1: 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at Wenatchee High School (new commons area), 1101 Millerdale Ave. Commissioner Kevin Overbay will host the meeting.  
 Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison and county directors will be joining the discussions, representing the following departments: Community Development, Public Works, Natural Resources, Economic Services, and the Regional Justice Center. Each of the

meetings will have different directors attending.  
 "The commissioners and department directors will not present any presentations but rather will open up the community-led discussions with questions from the public," said Jill FitzSimmons, public information officer for Chelan County. "It is our hope that these meetings focus on the individual concerns of the people living in each district. It's an opportunity for the public to drive the conversations."  
 In the past, each commissioner has hosted meetings in their districts throughout the year. This year, the county is planning a joint outreach effort, with individual district meetings planned in March and

then again in September.  
 "If we find we need more than 90 minutes, or people would like a more formal approach to the meetings, we will adjust for those September meetings," FitzSimmons said. "If you have a topic you'd like to hear more about, or a concern or question, I encourage you to attend an event in your district."  
 The three-member Board of County Commissioners each represents a district in Chelan County. District 1, represented by Commissioner Kevin Overbay, consists of the Malaga area and most of Wenatchee. District 2, represented by Commissioner Shon Smith, consists of parts of the Sunnyslope area north to Leavenworth, Plain, Lake Wenatchee, and the northern parts of the county. District 3, represented by Commissioner Tiffany Gering, consists of parts of the Sunnyslope area west to the Entiat, Chelan, and Manson areas. The district maps are available on the county website.

## Legislature to hear three citizen-led initiatives amid debate on Police Pursuit, Parental Rights, and State Income Tax

By MARY MURPHY, ASPEN ANDERSON  
 Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Three citizen-led initiatives will receive hearings in this session of the Legislature, said Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig, D-Spokane, and Speaker of the House Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma.  
 The Legislature will debate I-2113 on reasonable police pursuit, I-2081 on restoring parent's "right to know," and I-2111, on prohibiting a state income tax.  
 "Washington voters will hear a lot between now and November on any initiatives that end up on the ballot," Billig and Jinkins said in a press release. "It will be up to them to decide what sort of state they want to live in."  
 If not adopted by March 7, lawmakers could propose alternatives to be put on the ballot in November.  
 Three other initiatives won't get hearings in the Democrat-controlled Legislature and instead will go straight to the ballot this fall. They are I-2117,

a partial repeal of the Climate Commitment Act, I-2109, a repeal of the capital gains tax; and I-2124, which allows people to opt out of Washington's long-term care retirement program.  
 Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, helped write the initiatives and advocated for hearings throughout the session. On his Facebook page, Walsh said:  
 "Resist tyranny. Do it happily. Our beautiful state deserves to be defended by free people. Peaceful non-compliance with bad government action is a powerful tool for change."  
 Walsh and other Republicans are not satisfied with hearings on just three of the initiatives. They said they believe the public deserves to hear the arguments by lawmakers both against and for the other three initiatives, particularly with capital gains and the Climate Control Act.  
 "We are not going to have a hearing on the capital gains tax or the Climate Commitment Act repeal. Both of those will take our state dramatically in the wrong direction," Billig said, adding the Democrats

think that repeal of those two initiatives would be "devastating to the people of Washington State."  
 Democrats say the capital gains tax repeal could take away \$5 billion from early K-12 education.  
 Republicans reject that view.  
 "They're trying to fearmonger," Braun said. "They're counting on you only hearing the word devastating, \$5 billion, and not being experts."  
 For the initiatives to become law, Gov. Jay Inslee does not need to sign them. Despite this, Inslee offered his opinion on what he would do if initiatives came to his desk.  
 "Life is too short to have to think about those difficult things," Inslee said. "Obviously there are some I would not sign...there are some I possibly could sign...Is that sufficiently obscure?" Inslee joked.  
 The Washington State Journal is a non-profit news website funded by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation.

## Chelan County Auditor announces ballots have been mailed for the March 12 Presidential Primary

NCW News  
 Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Chelan County Auditor Skip Moore announced that ballots for the March 12 presidential primary have been dispatched. Voters must ensure their ballots are postmarked or placed in an official ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on March 12.  
 For more details, visit the website at [www.elections.chelancountywa.gov](http://www.elections.chelancountywa.gov). If you haven't received your ballot, please call the elections office at 509-667-6808.

### Chelan PUD

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it would provide certainty and transfer the funds immediately," said Ireland.  
 However, the allocation would not allow time to apply for grants and would not allow for other community projects to receive funding. Similar considerations were presented in option two, which would plan for lump sum funding in the 2025 allocations, which is estimated to be only \$6 million.  
 Commissioners were unanimously in support of utilizing PBB funding and largely in support of option three, which would align the funding allocation with the capital project schedule and allow time to seek out grant funding.  
 "My recommendation is to use Public Power Benefit to begin that process with a clean slate, not ask for any adder of any kind, and to give our staff as well as the community just a clean foundation. You know, welcome to the PUD utility group; you're going to pay what everybody else pays... And we're going to run a great program for that community as we do in other communities," said PUD Commissioner Steve McKenna.  
 Both Ray Schmitt and Shawn Cox of Blue Bird Inc. and Hi-Up Growers expressed gratitude and favorability to the new proposals. Both had attended a majority of the recent meetings to voice

their concerns about the rate adder.  
 "We feel listened to. We feel like the community of Peshastin had some concerns. They voiced their concerns. We were allowed to express the way we felt it should be, and it feels good to see the

process work," said Schmitt.  
 Commissioners decided to defer funding decisions to a later date in order to better study the options at hand.  
 "Hopefully one of the takeaways is that this commission really does care about Peshastin as a

community, and we want to do what's right and fair for not only Peshastin, but for all of our customer owners," said PUD Commissioner Kelly Allen.  
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# Leavenworth's Carolyn Phillips wins at National Master Skier Championship

By **MARLENE FARRELL**  
Special to Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - Carolyn Phillips has racked up many podium finishes over her long racing career—in skiing and triathlons—but this year is significant. Phillips is now the reigning national champion in her age group in three events! She is a versatile racer, which equipped her for success in giant slalom, parallel giant slalom, and super G. She also won first in a separate super G race in the 2024 A Racer's Edge National Speed Series.

The first foray of Phillips, now 84, into the arena of national circuit master's ski racing was in 2001. Over 300 competitors converged on Sun Valley for Nationals for a week of training runs, elimination rounds, and finals. Back then, skiers had to qualify to be part of the quota allowed to represent each region. It hooked Phillips. When she retired from teaching in 2004, she and her husband Jim made ski racing a part of every winter.

The scene has shrunk to less than 100 at this year's Nationals, Phillips lamented, partly due to pandemic derailment but also because younger masters are not renewing the ranks. And Phillips' age class—originally eleven strong and full of fierce competitors—is down to four, with two traveling rarely.

So at Nationals, Phillips found herself in a battle with longtime

friend and rival, Lilla Andrews, in the technical slalom, giant slalom, parallel giant slalom, and the two speed-oriented super Gs. Andrews bested Phillips in the slalom, while Phillips claimed victory in the remaining events.

Master's Nationals were held at Granite Peak Ski Area in Wisconsin, one of the oldest ski areas in the country, and, with snowmaking, it could host these races even with unseasonably warm and dry winter weather in the Midwest.

Phillips liked the snow conditions. "The snow was very firm and icy on [the ski run] Exhibition. That's good for racing because ruts don't develop." While Phillips says she lacks the flexibility of younger racers—one won't see the same extreme angles in her body—she's as focused as any racer on carving, which is apparent when the ski bases are visible, and there's no trail of spray.

Thinking back on her races, Phillips said, "I was really happy with the super G." The course alternated between flat and steep sections. Each racer did it twice for a cumulative time because Granite Peaks lacked the vertical for one long super G. A former pro skier complimented Phillips' final run, saying her line was perfect with no spraying of snow. Each of her course preview times had gotten consecutively faster, and while she felt almost out of control for the final run,

Phillips said that is the edge all racers seek.

Attending Nationals and other races is also about friendships forged in competition that are warm and affable off the slopes. When organizers delayed the slalom races by four hours, Phillips and other women racers instinctively chose to head to town together for brunch.

She has been skiing for over 60 years. Skiing is in the family's "blood," and Phillips occasionally gets to cheer for grandkids who have taken up the mantle of ski racing.

"I'm lucky. My knees are holding up." However, it's more than luck because Phillips' quality training prepares her for racing and prevents injury. Most winter days, she exercises on a skier's edge machine, an ergometer, and her bike, which is attached to a trainer. She works with a racing coach at Snoqualmie Pass on Tuesdays and at Mission Ridge on some Wednesdays. Summers will find Phillips making time to run, bike, and hike with Jim.

Attending races comes with a lot of equipment; Phillips explains she has four pairs of skis, slalom, giant slalom, super G, and all mountain, which Jim tunes for her.

Phillips will keep ski racing because she loves the community and the challenge. "I'm always thinking about technique, being centered on my skis." She added, smiling broadly, "Carving—you go really fast!"



COURTESY OF KAREN KILIAN  
One of the several times Carolyn Phillips got to stand atop the podium, this time for winning Overall Combined National Champion, with Lilla Andrews in second.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Phillips's hardware collection won at Nationals.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Carolyn Phillips carves a tight line near a gate in her slalom run at Nationals.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Phillips, in yellow, with other racers, awaits her turn to race slalom.



COURTESY OF KAREN KILIAN  
Phillips drops onto the course to start her slalom run.

## Snowmobile accident near Leavenworth claims one life, injures another

Cashmere Valley Record  
Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH — A snowmobiling accident in the Mo Ridge area, roughly 12 miles from Eagle Creek Road SnoPark, resulted in one fatality and one injury on Feb. 22, according to Sheriff Mike Morrison. RiverCom dispatch was alerted to the incident around 2:00 p.m. after a rental company received information from a rider at the scene.

Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Chelan County Fire District 3, Cascade Medical Center, and Airlift Northwest responded. Two air medics were transported to the site by Fire District 3, arriving

approximately at 2:45 p.m. to attend to the victims. A 51-year-old woman suffered severe chest and leg injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. A 14-year-old girl sustained leg injuries.

Investigations revealed both

victims, who were from the Seattle area, were on the same snowmobile when it veered off the trail and descended an embankment, colliding with a fallen tree. The impact caused fatal injuries to the older victim.

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	<b>CASHMERE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 213 S. Division • 509-782-3811 In-person Service, Sunday, 11 a.m. until further notice. Pastor Lilia Felicitas-Malana cashmerecommunitychurch@gmail.com	<b>CORNERSTONE CHURCH</b> Leavenworth Grange Hall 621, Front St. info@cornerstoneleavenworth.com Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
	<b>CHRIST CENTER</b> Sunday Worship Service at 10 am Lead Pastor Steve Haney • 5800 Kimber Rd., Cashmere • 509-295-8006 christcentercashmere.com	<b>LEAVENWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 418 Evans Street • 509-548-5619 10 a.m. Sunday Service, Pastor Jo Dene Romeijn-Stout leavenworthumc.org leavenworthumc@outlook.com
	<b>GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> • 509-860-0736 • 401 Elberta Ave., 9 am Formation of Faith, 10 am Worship. Combined service with St. James Episcopal Church. Pastor Rob Gohll	<b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA</b> "Reconciling in Christ Congregation" 224 Benton Street • 509-548-7010 Worship 9:30 a.m. w/coffee following Eva Jensen, Pastor https://www.flcleavenworth.com
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# LEGISLATIVE Coverage

## Foster parents rally for change in state law amid rising fentanyl crises

By ASPEN ANDERSON  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - As the prevalence of fentanyl rises, so too does the frequency of critical incidents related to parental substance abuse among foster children, often resulting in fatalities or near-fatalities. This alarming trend spurred foster mothers from across the state to gather and protest on the steps of the capitol.

They say a recently adopted state law makes it harder to remove children from homes for the evidence of substance abuse alone, and that is putting children in danger. They are backing a new law that would allow children to be removed from homes where the use of high-potency synthetic opioids like fentanyl are used.

"The bill's goal was to keep families together, said foster parent Tristan Fujita, referring to the current law. "But you are permanently severing the ability for a family to be together."

The Keeping Families Together Act went into effect in July 2023. Known by its bill number 1227, It prevents the state from removing children from their families due to substance abuse alone. The



A handful of foster moms and foster kids came to the state capitol's north steps in Olympia, urging legislators to put foster children first.

PHOTO BY ASPEN ANDERSEN

law was adopted with strong bipartisan support and was vetted by foster parents on both sides of the aisle and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCYF).

"Before 1227, there have been child fatalities, and after 1227, there will be child fatalities," Prime sponsor of the act, Lillian Ortiz-Self (D-Mukilteo), said. "And that is a shame on us."

Fifteen foster parents and two foster kids came to the

capitol steps in Olympia with their umbrellas, rain jackets, and colorful signs that said things like, "HB1227 belongs in the grave, not our kids," and "It's a grown-up's job to keep kids safe." They were always planning to testify against HB 1227, but felt after several tragedies, they needed to act now.

According to Fujita, the recently adopted bill's goal was to reduce the removal of children in foster care by

25%, and it was successful in doing that. However, she said that the number of "critical incidents," where there is a near fatality or fatality, has increased by 54%.

According to DCYF's 2023 report on the Keeping Families Together Act, since 2018, there has been a 35.6% decrease in the number of children in foster care. However, since 2020 they have reported an increase of high-risk cases, with 48 fentanyl related critical incidents in 2023, compared to 41 cases in 2022.

Ortiz-Self said a disproportionate number of Black, brown, and Native American children are removed from homes statewide, and that's another reason to be careful about removing children from families.

"The generational trauma

that has been caused to families is irrevocable," Ortiz-Self said. "We cannot continue to operate on a 100-year-old child welfare law that removes children without proving they are in danger."

Fujita said race is not the issue. Individuals of any race or economic status can safely parent their children if they aren't using drugs. However, she emphasized that if parents are using drugs, they cannot safely care for their kids.

Fujita noted that while Ortiz-Self argued the newly adopted law didn't alter everything, after attending all of the training sessions from DCYF, she said she believed it "changed everything."

Fujita usually picks up children and babies from hospitals while their parents are getting help for substance abuse and has had the delight of returning them to their biological parents when they are ready. She says sometimes this can take days and other times years.

"Imagine trying to parent a newborn that is not sleeping, when you do not have any healthy coping mechanisms - when your coping mechanism has been [drug] use," Fujita said.

Ortiz-Self argues that removing children from homes without proving imminent danger constitutes government overreach. She highlights that one-third of the children removed from home are returned within 30 days. That suggests there was insufficient danger initially. She said it is not the government's role to predict potentially dangerous situations.

Tracie Jefferson, a foster mom and key event organizer, opposes family separation but said families are not being kept together when kids are dying.

Jefferson reports that in the past six months, DCYF documented 45 critical incidents, mostly linked to substance abuse, placing children under two, our most vulnerable, in high-risk situations without advocacy.

Stacy Hulse, a foster mom of 15 years and protestor, recently adopted a little girl after a two-and-a-half-year case. The girl, sporting a pink puffer coat, held a sign that read: "Kids first every step."

"Habitual illegal drug use plus parenting equals not safe for kids," Hulse said. "It's like a math equation. You add those two things together, and it's a disaster waiting to happen."

Ortiz-Self admits judicial ambiguity exists regarding the dangers of fentanyl, prompting the drafting of a new bill this legislative session to provide clarity on when children should be removed from families due to this drug.

SB 6109 clarifies child removal procedures for high-potency synthetic opioids, linking child abuse and neglect to parents using opioids to assess imminent physical harm. It mandates services for affected children, with a 90-day enactment period after passage. Having passed the Senate, it awaits a public hearing in the House.

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### POINT OF VIEW

## My "Walking Start to Running Start" bill will provide more options for students and families

The Washington State Legislature is quickly approaching its adjournment date of March 7. I'm pleased to share that my Senate Bill 5670, expanding the state's Running Start program, is successfully moving through the process. It was unanimously approved by the Senate on Feb. 2 and received a public hearing on Feb. 15 in the House Education Committee.



SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

### Running Start is a "dual credit" program

Running Start is a free tuition "dual credit" opportunity for 11th and 12th graders, which was first implemented in Washington in the 1990s. The program allows students to earn tuition-free college credits while in high school. The credits earned count towards a student's high school and college degree requirements.

Students can participate in Running Start as part-time or full-time students, dedicating some or all of their school days to their college courses. This program provides students a "running start" to college by allowing them to accumulate credits during their high school years. State funding mostly follows students to their Running Start college, but some funding is retained by their high schools.

### Senate Bill 5670 approved by Senate

My Senate Bill 5670, first introduced during the 2023 session, would expand Running Start opportunities for high schoolers by allowing students who have completed 10th grade but haven't yet begun their fall term in 11th grade to earn up to 10 credits during their summer term. The bill took a major step forward on Feb. 2. As amended, the Senate approved the bill unanimously.

I'm a member of the Senate's Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee and support the Running Start program because students can complete their two-year degrees while also 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.

### Bill advancing in House of Representatives

My bill received House Education Committee hearing on Feb. 15. It was great to return to the committee room, as a former committee member, to advocate for my Senate bill.

Wenatchee Valley College President Faimous Harrison testified in support of the bill along with Running Start seniors Ella Crawford from Eastmont and Anthony Zavala from Cashmere.

The bill would make permanent a summer term funded temporarily in the 2023-2025 budget. I strongly support the Running Start program as an option for students and families, especially for students of middle-class families who may not otherwise qualify for financial aid. The program provides a proven way to build credits and put students on a

degree path. For new Running Start students starting the program as juniors, a full load of college classes can shock the system and be very stressful. Allowing students to gradually begin the program during the summer months would help ease them into college and help them experience success. You have to walk before you run, so I'm calling my bill a "Walking Start to Running Start."

Brad Hawkins is State Senator for the 12th District. He serves on both the Senate's Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee and the Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#### Athlete: Tobie Larson, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Reason:** Tobie Larson has worked very hard this season and has shown tremendous growth. Tobie started the season playing JV basketball, but quickly worked his way up to the varsity team. By season's end, he was playing starter minutes and helping our team on both ends of the floor. Tobie is a great defender that can guard quicker players or use his length to guard bigger players. On the offensive end he has a soft touch around the basket and the ability to hit the three as well. Tobie proved to be one of better



rebounds using his strong work ethic and athleticism. Watch out for Tobie Larson the next two years, he is going to be an outstanding basketball player and has all of the qualities off the court that make us proud that he is a Bulldog.

**Coach:** Levi Heyen  
**Parents:** Kimberly and Blake Larson

**Sports:** Cross Country, Basketball and Trace & Field  
**Future Plans:** I would like to attend college and get a degree to become an Athletic Trainer or Physical therapist.

#### Student: Ellie Weber, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Reason:** I am proud and honored to nominate Ellie Weber as student of the month. Ellie puts max effort into everything, she does not give up, and is not afraid to ask for help. Ellie's cheerful personality will turn any frown upside down, if you saw the musical Mamma Mia you witnessed the positive energy firsthand. Ellie is friendly, respectful and kind to her peers and teachers. Ellie is



also a hard-working active member of the FFA, the love of animals is shown throughout her work.

**Teacher:** Wendy Tankersley  
**Parents:** Karen & Don Weber

**Activities:** Cashmere Musicals and FFA  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of CARMEN A. JENSEN, Deceased. No. 24-4-00049-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)**

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 21, 2024 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Maggie D. Norris ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Thomas D. Overcast ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Thomas D. Overcast 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 24-4-00049-04 Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA No. 14486 Attorney for Personal Representative Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 21, 28, March 6, 2024. #7302



**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**

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: February 21, 2024 Personal Representative: Richard Premro Attorney for the Personal Representative: David J. Bentsen Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 24-4-00051-04 RICHARD PREMRO Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: DAVID J. BENTSEN WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Published in the Leavenworth Echo/ Cashmere Valley Record on February 21, 28, March 6, 2024. #7290

**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING TIME AND PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Planning Commission has changed the March meeting date to March 13, 2024. This meeting will include three public hearings on amendments to City of Leavenworth Code. 1. Cottage Housing Options: AmendmentstoCityofLeavenworth Code Chapter 21.90 Definitions; Chapter 18.36 Supplementary Regulations; Chapter 18.25 District Uses; and Chapter 18.30 Dimensional Standards. All amendments related to proposed cottage housing development options.

AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 TS No.: WA-22-946999-BB APN No.: 222010525090 Title Order No.: 220595983-WA-MSW Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24.130(4) Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2495162 Parcel Number(s): 222010525090 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: KRISTY N RIEVE, AN UNMARRIED PERSON Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: NewRez LLC, f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing As the federal bankruptcy stay has been lifted, this an amended notice as to the Notice of Trustee's Sale recorded 5/10/2023 under CHELANCOUNTY AuditorInstrument Number 2581220. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 3/8/2024, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CHELAN, State of Washington, THE EAST 60 FEET OF LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 2, COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ADDITION TO WENATCHEE, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 OF PLATS, PAGE

2. Code Consistency: Amendments to City of Leavenworth Code Chapter 21.90 Definitions; Chapter 21.03 Administration; Chapter 17.14 General Subdivision Development Standards; Chapter 17.04 Boundary Line Adjustments; Chapter 15.04 Building Codes; Chapter 14.28 Lighting Standards; Chapter 14.12 Off-Street Loading and Parking; Chapter 18.36 Supplementary Regulations; Chapter 18.30 Dimensional Standards; Chapter 18.52 Conditional Uses; and, Chapter 14.08 Old World Bavarian Architectural Theme. Additionally, amendments include creation of new Leavenworth Municipal Code Chapter 12.18 Streets, Sidewalks

97. More commonly known as: 520 SPOKANE ST, WENATCHEE, WA 98801-2949 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/25/2019, recorded 4/29/2019, under Instrument No. 2495162 records of CHELAN County, Washington , from KRISTY N RIEVE, AN UNMARRIED PERSON, as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY , as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING , the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2571595 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$36,243.92 . IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$175,763.09 , together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2022 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 3/8/2024. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 2/26/2024 (11 days before the

& Public Property Construction, Repair & Maintenance; Chapter 12.50 Traffic Impact Analysis; and, Chapter 14.50 Fees, Bonds, Development Agreements and Cost Sharing. Amendments are intended to address consistency in processing permits, correct code conflicts, support clarity of regulations or provide minor amendments to regulations. 3. Flood Regulation: Amendments to City of Leavenworth Code Chapter 21.90 Definitions and Chapter 14.24 Flood Damage Prevention Standards and Chapter 15.04 Building Codes. All amendments related to flood regulations. These public hearings will be held March 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the

City Hall Council Chambers, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington and via ZOOM Webinar, see City Calendar <https://cityofleavenworth.com/your-city-hall/calendar/>. The City of Leavenworth has determined that these amendments are procedural exempt from SEPA determination, per WAC 197-11-800(19). Interested citizens are encouraged to comment and/or attend the public hearing. Questions may be directed to Community Development within City Hall, phone 509-548-5275 or email [ivespier@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:ivespier@cityofleavenworth.com). Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 28, 2024. #7314

described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20 th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan, in which case this letter is intended to exercise the Note holders right's against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-22-946999-BB. . Dated: 1/8/2024 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Robert McDonald, Vice President Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-22-946999-BB Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0190348 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/ Leavenworth Echo on February 7, 28, 2024. #7147



Cascade Mobile Clinic made a stop at the 2023 Oktoberfest. COURTESY OF CASCADE MEDICAL

**Cascade Mobile**

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them transferred to establish care with a provider long-term at Cascade, at the main clinic," said Linn. As the Mobile Clinic overcomes time and language barriers, it also actively educates people about how to access care more affordably. While the Mobile Clinic isn't a free clinic, it gives Linn and her team an opportunity to educate the public about Cascade Medical's financial assistance program, which can help patients receive affordable care at the Mobile Clinic and beyond. In Plain, parents will take their kids to the Mobile Clinic for minor injuries or immunizations after picking them up from Beaver Valley next door. On snowy days, patients can make the short trip

to the clinic instead of taking a winding, icy road into town. Its small operation also offers patients the benefit of privacy. "We really enjoy being the front desk, and being the medical assistants, doing the check in and doing the appointment from start to finish just to get people in and out. It's a more personal experience, I think," said Linn. The Mobile Clinic team is small, but its impact has been mighty, thanks to enormous help from the community and team at Cascade Medical. Mike Pirotto, who assists Plain residents with tasks like shoveling or grocery deliveries, will coordinate visits to the clinic when he notices a community member in need of medical attention, such as unusually high blood pressure. When Linn prescribes medicine, he'll drive patients to pick it up. "It's just been really great

to get to know more of the community up there and know that we can get eyes on someone or listen to their lungs or listen to their heart or things like that from so much closer to where they live," said Linn. At the hospital, a team of departments helps ensure the Mobile Clinic has everything it needs each Tuesday. Family Clinic Director Whitney Lak ensures the team has all the necessary medical equipment stocked, the housekeeping team sanitizes the rooms, the maintenance team is checking the vehicle and emptying the sewer tank, and IT is making sure the team has remote access to the medical system. That way, all Linn's team has to do is find a level parking spot, set up the sandwich board signs, plug into a generator or Fire Station power, unlock cabinets, log into the remote desktop, and see patients.

**How the Mobile Clinic got its Start**

The idea for the Mobile Clinic started a few years ago, when CEO Diane Blake saw the area's staggering poverty levels in a Community Health Assessment (CHA).

The 2019-2021 CHA looked at federal poverty levels, as well as households that earned above those levels, but not enough to afford "a barebones household budget," which is labeled as ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). Federal poverty and ALICE rates in Peshastin were 50 percent, rates in Dryden were 64 percent, and rates in Leavenworth/Plain were 40 percent in 2018.

"And that, coupled with feedback we had about the challenges with transportation and other ways to connect with services in general, really put us down the road of starting to think differently about how we best serve the community and whether there were opportunities to take our services on the road, so to speak, and meet patients where they're at," said Blake. Cascade Medical Foundation (CMF), which has purchased \$1.8 million in medical equipment for the hospital since 1992, rallied behind the idea. The foundation raised over \$200,000 through grants and community fundraising events, helping make the Mobile Clinic a reality. "We did a lot of advertising before we went out, through social media, through letter

campaigns, and things like that, and it was very favorable. I mean, the people community really, really felt like we needed something like that, especially for the surrounding areas outside of Leavenworth," said Bob Adamson, one of CMF's board members at large.

**How to Get Treatment:**

As the Mobile Clinic continues to gain traction within the communities it operates, Cascade Medical hopes to expand its services and hours of operation. Currently, services are provided between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on alternating Tuesdays in Peshastin (Fire Hall, 8493 Main St.), or in Plain (Lake Wenatchee Fire Station, 19015 Beaver Valley Road). For those interested in seeking care, the Mobile Clinic accepts walk-ins, or appointments can be made by calling 509-548-5815. The team advises new patients to reach out prior to visiting in order to establish care and streamline the visit.

The Financial Assistance Program is available to patients seeking care both at the Mobile Clinic and the main clinic. More information can be found by speaking to a financial counselor: 509-548-3436. "It's available for people who are uninsured or who have insurance, but maybe they have a high deductible or a regular deductible that they're struggling to meet," said Blake. More information about the Mobile Clinic and financial

assistance can also be found at [cascademedical.org](http://cascademedical.org).

Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or [taylor@ward.media](mailto:taylor@ward.media)

**Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society announces hybrid meeting**

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society is set to host a hybrid meeting on Monday, March 11, at 2:00 p.m., featuring a special presentation by Erin Fonville from the Chelan County Assessor's Office. Fonville will delve into the "Historic Records in Chelan County," providing attendees with insights into the area's rich history through its archived documents.

Participants can choose to attend the meeting in person at the FamilySearch Center, located at 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee, or join virtually via Zoom. Those interested in the online option are encouraged to contact the society at [Library@wags-web.org](mailto:Library@wags-web.org) for the necessary Zoom details.

The event is free and open to the public. For general information, please call 509-782-4046.

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## Fun With Money!

Finley, Fabian and Fiona Frog each have \$30 to spend at the Spring Blossom Festival. They each made a list of things they want to spend money on at the Festival.



Take a look at the prices of the items each frog wants to buy. Then, use your math skills to answer the following questions:

1. Which frog will have the most money left over after buying everything on their list?

2. Which frog won't have enough money to buy everything on their list?

3. What items could this frog remove from their list to stay at or under \$30?

How many blossoms can you find on this page?

The Spring Blossom Festival is lots of fun, but you have to watch your spending! Help your froggy friends!

### Fiona's List

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Honey Cookies	\$3.50
Tulip Train	\$4.00
Pond Popcorn	\$2.75
Swamp Cocoa	\$2.50
Buggy Balloons	\$3.25
TOTAL	\$

### Finley's List

Lily Pad Launch	\$5.00
Dragonfly Hat	\$4.50
Puddle Coaster	\$6.50
Muddy Maze	\$5.25
Leafy Boats	\$6.50
Pond Popcorn	\$2.75
TOTAL	\$

### Fabian's List

Tulip Train	\$4.00
Honey Cookies	\$3.50
Daisy Wheel	\$6.50
Pond Popcorn	\$2.75
Dandelion Shake	\$4.50
Petunia Chips	\$3.25
TOTAL	\$

### Muddy Money Maze

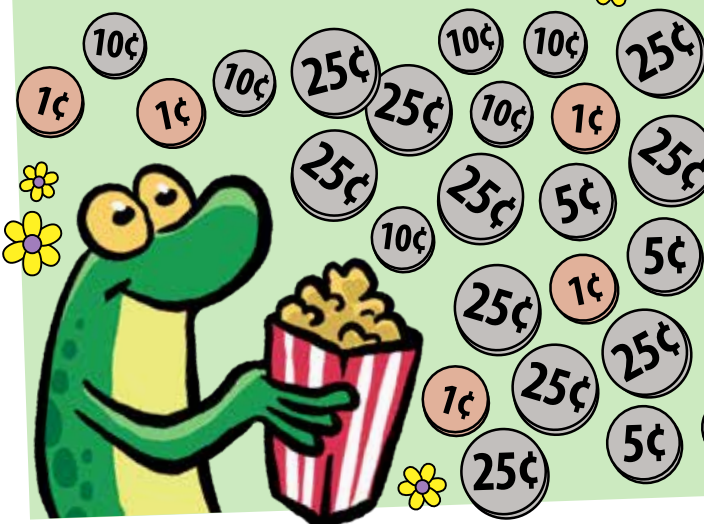
Do the math to find out which path has the highest value.



Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

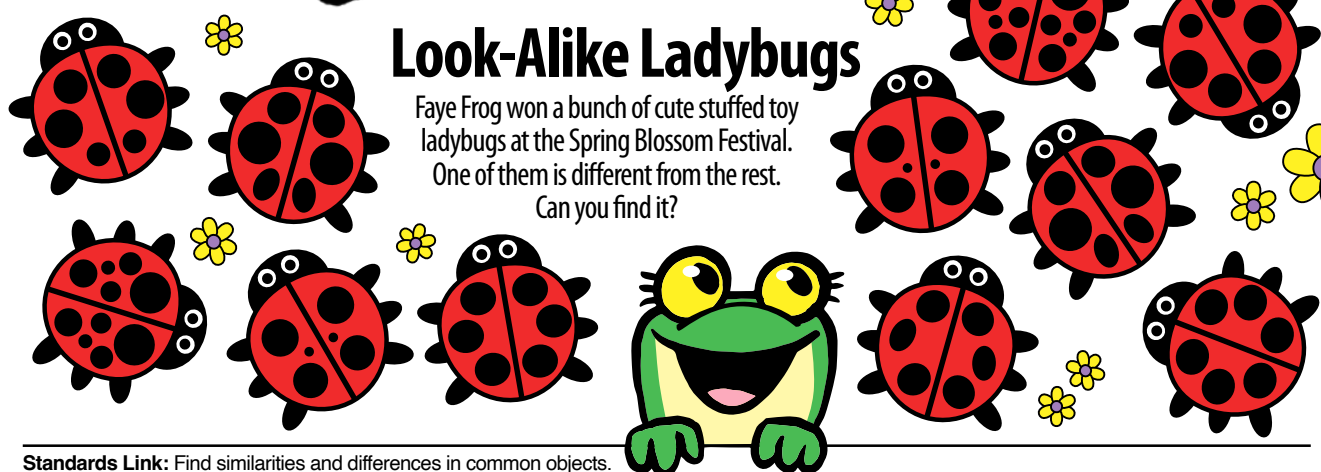
## Spending Spree

Frankie Frog LOVES munching on pond popcorn at the Spring Blossom Festival. A box of it costs \$2.75. Circle the coins that add up to that amount.



## Look-Alike Ladybugs

Faye Frog won a bunch of cute stuffed toy ladybugs at the Spring Blossom Festival. One of them is different from the rest. Can you find it?



Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra!

## Signs of Spring

Look through the newspaper and find five things that let you know it is springtime. Write the name of each in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Frieda Frog wants to buy a treat at the Spring Blossom Festival, but she can't remember how much is in her piggy bank. Can you count it for her?



Frieda has \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in her piggy bank.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate money amounts.

## Double Double Word Search

BLOSSOM  
BOATS  
BUY  
DANDELION  
FROG  
HAT  
HONEY  
LIST  
MATH  
MONEY  
MUDDY  
PRICES  
SPRING  
TULIP  
USE

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

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

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

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SPEND**

The verb **spend** means to pay out money to purchase items.

I plan how much money I'll **spend** before I go shopping.

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

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