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Cashmere City Council votes for water and wastewater rate increases

By **KIRK BECKENDORF**
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE - The Cashmere City Council, in its Feb. 26 meeting, approved rate hikes for water and wastewater services, sanctioned the vacation of parts of Spring Street, and authorized significant amendments to the city's off-street parking regulations.

With a 3:2 split vote, the Council authorized a 7% increase in water utility rates, effective on March 1, 2024, with a 7% increase annually through 2026. Mayor Jim Fletcher clarified that in 2024 the 7% is in addition to the 4% increase, that was effective Jan. 1, and will result in a total 11% rate hike in 2024.

Jeff Johnson, Shela Pistoresi and

Jayne Stephenson voted for the increase. John Perry and Chris Carlson voted against the 7% bump, but they argued that an even greater increase is needed to build the city's capital fund reserves. Perry suggested that a 10% increase would be required to stay ahead of inflation and to build the reserves. He told the other Council members that based on his calculations, the city is charging less to produce the water than it costs to clean and distribute the water. He added that historically, the city would make \$1, which could go into the capital fund, for every 1000 gallons of water it sold, but that last year it only made about 30 cents.

At previous City Council meetings, Mayor Jim Fletcher recommended the

increase in rates and explained that the city had not adequately funded the water capital reserves during the last few years. The reserves, he said, need to be addressed, as well as required and unanticipated repairs or equipment replacements. According to Fletcher, the city is covering the costs of producing water, but has not been covering the cost of future improvements or replacements. Carlson stated that he agreed with Perry that a 10% rate increase is needed for the next three years. Council member Shela Pistoresi replied that she would vote against that much of an increase.

As the result of another 3:2 vote, Cashmere's wastewater rates will rise an additional 1% on March 1, 2024, and

then 3% in both 2025 and 2026. Fletcher clarified that the 1% rise is in addition to the 2% increase that was effective Jan. 1, resulting in a total 3% rate hike in 2024. Perry and Carlson voted against the increase, again arguing that they felt the rate increase should be higher. Perry said a 5% jump is needed, explaining that he calculated a 4.6% annual increase in costs for the life of the wastewater plant. He stated that the revenues from wastewater services are down about \$500,000 from five years ago. Johnson pointed out that inflation rates are projected to be decreasing over the next few years, potentially decreasing the operating costs. Perry responded that he would prefer to look at how the city's expenses have changed historically. Carlson asked

Dorien McElroy, Wastewater Plant Manager, her views. She replied that the plant is still fairly new, but it is getting to the point where maintenance is anticipated for some portions of the plant. She said a huge upsurge in the costs for chemicals used at the plant has significantly impacted expenses in the past year. Responding to Perry, who asked if she anticipated the need for more capital projects, she said, yes.

Fletcher expressed his view that it is necessary to raise rates to build reserves for future costs, but to find a balance that is tolerable for the city's customers, who are buying water and paying for sewer services. He stated that the combined monthly cost of

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Cashmere student spreads joy with Happy Letters, book drive for cancer patients

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE - Vale Elementary School 5th grader Paelyn Lueondee, 11, wants to bring joy and smiles to local people facing cancer.

Paelyn is teaming up with Happy Letters founder Traci Pierson to collect Happy Letters for cancer

patients in March and April. The duo has a goal of collecting 1,000 letters.

Local schools and businesses are helping make Happy Letters.

"We are also planning a Book Drive," Pierson said. "We are collecting new and gently used books for birth to 12 years old and writing journals for teens."

Books and Happy Letters, along with fun writing supplies, will be included in Happy Letter Book Packets. These book packets will be donated to Seattle Children's Hospital and Seattle Children's Wenatchee Clinic.

Happy Letters is a local nonprofit organization focused on spreading happiness and kindness to those who need it most.

Happy Letters provides a template for children to draw a picture about what makes them happy and can include a message for the recipient. Through Happy Letters, children are able to use their talents and creativity to spread happiness and let people



COURTESY OF TRACI PIERSON

Vale Elementary 5th grader Paelyn Lueondee, is on a mission to spread happiness through a local nonprofit called Happy Letters. Paelyn is pictured with her mom, Alysa, and dad, Plaimanus.

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Happy Letters Book Drive locations

CASHMERE LOCATIONS:

- Weeds Cafe**
201 Cottage Ave #5
- Cashmere Library**
300 Woodring St.
- That Pizza Place**
107 Cottage Ave

WENATCHEE LOCATIONS:

- Simply Unique**
201 S Wenatchee Ave
- NCW Foundation**
9 S. Wenatchee Ave

Cashmere homeschooled student serves as Senate Page in Olympia

OLYMPIA - Senator Brad Hawkins of the 12th legislative district recently welcomed Alaina Cecil, a homeschooled student from Cashmere, to serve as a Senate Page in Olympia. Cecil's inclusion in the program followed an unexpected opportunity that arose after her mother contacted Senator Hawkins during a legislative session.

Upon learning Cecil was of eligible age and that her family was previously unaware of the Page program, Hawkins acted swiftly to ensure her participation, filling the last available slot. Cecil distinguished herself during her tenure, demonstrating a maturity level that impressed her peers and the program coordinators.

During her week in Olympia, Cecil engaged in various activities integral to the Senate Page program. She interacted with other Pages from across the state, participated in a

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COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS
Alaina Cecil joins Sen. Brad Hawkins at the lectern in the Washington State Senate chamber. Her time as a Senate Page included interactions with state leaders, contributing to her firsthand understanding of the legislative process.

Cashmere teens shine at annual poetry slam event



COURTESY OF THE CASHMERE LIBRARY

Cashmere Teens presented their original poetry to the public on Feb. 22 at the annual Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam. All presenters received gift cards to their favorite places in Cashmere.



COURTESY OF THE CASHMERE LIBRARY

Jared Noyes was the \$100 Grand Prize winner for his original poem at the Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam in February.



COURTESY OF THE CASHMERE LIBRARY

Sophie Hill won a \$50 2nd place grand prize for her original poem at the Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam.

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE - The 4th annual Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam was a well-attended success and organizers are making plans to expand the event for next year.

The Feb. 22 event gave teens the opportunity to present their original poems to the public. This year's theme was "My Future Me".

"With over 100 in attendance, our 4th annual Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam went off very smoothly and was successful once again," Cashmere Branch Librarian Lisa Lawless said.

"I'm so excited to continue this,"

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COURTESY OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS
Governor Jay Inslee is pictured with Alaina Cecil, a homeschooled student serving as a Senate Page, during her time at the state Capitol in Olympia.

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Mermaid movie and craft

The Cashmere Library will host a mermaid movie and craft event on Thursday, March 7 from 3:30-5 p.m.

"Drop into the Cashmere Library to watch the newest Little Mermaid movie and make your own unique painted sand dollar," the event page states.

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Friends of the library meeting

The Friends of the Cashmere Library will meet on Friday, March 8 from 2-3 p.m. in the great room.

"Are you interested in joining the Cashmere Friends of the Library? Join one of our monthly meetings for more information on operations, duties, and responsibilities of Friends of the Library members, as well as weigh

in on upcoming events and programming for the library," the event page states. "We welcome new members to our Friends of the Cashmere Library Group."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Benevolent night

München Haus will host Benevolent Night to benefit Upper Valley Connection on Tuesday, March 12 from 4-8 p.m.

"The München Haus will donate 25% of all sales 4-8 p.m. to our fundraising partner," the event page states. "Come help us support Upper Connection."

"Upper Valley Connection is a non-profit organization that envisions communities that embrace and provide life-long support for specially-abled individuals and their families by providing an environment that cultivates compassion, in

which all people are seen, heard, and loved for their unique gifts," the event page states.

For more information visit munchenhaus.com.

Birding by the River

The Wenatchee River Institute will host birding by the river on Wednesday, March 13 from 8-9:30 a.m.

"Go birding with knowledgeable WRI staff around the WRI campus," the event page states. "All birding skill levels are welcome. 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," the event

page states.

Meet outside the River Haus at 8 a.m. The event is free. No registration is needed.

Group ukulele lesson

The Cashmere Library will host a group ukulele lesson on Thursday, March 14 from 5-5:45 p.m.

"Learn ukulele at the library," the event page states.

"Take a one-on-one or small group introductory ukulele lesson with volunteer ukulele teacher, Tim Morrison."

The library has a limited number of lender ukuleles available for check out. Contact the Cashmere Library to find out if there is a ukulele available at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org or (509) 782-3314.

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Strengthen brand recognition and loyalty with consistent brand building

In the world of marketing, where trends come and go, one principle remains constant: the importance of consistency. This is true whether you're a multinational corporation or a family-owned business in our NCW community; consistency across your marketing channels is key to building a strong brand presence with continued customer loyalty. In this article, we'll look at the concept of Top of Mind Awareness (TOMA) and explore how consistency can place your brand at the forefront of customers' minds.

Understanding Top of Mind Awareness (TOMA)

TOMA isn't a new concept for this column; we discussed it in January, and at its core, it means consistently occupying a prominent space in the minds of your audience. It's not just about having a presence; it's about being the go-to option when a need arises. Regularly engaging with your audience through a variety of tactics, be it billboards, radio, social media, email campaigns, or digital or print advertising, reinforces your brand presence. The more frequently your audience sees your brand, the more likely they will remember and choose you when making purchasing decisions.

The Role of Consistency in Brand Building

Consistency is key when we talk about TOMA. It's about presenting a unified brand image and message across all touchpoints, from your website and social media profiles to your advertising campaigns and customer interactions. Consistency breeds familiarity, and familiarity breeds trust. Customers who encounter a consistent brand experience at every interaction develop a sense of confidence and reliability in your brand, making them more likely to choose you over competitors.

Strategies for Maintaining Consistency

Achieving consistency requires careful planning and execution. Consider these key strategies to help you maintain consistency across your marketing channels:

Create Brand Guidelines: This isn't as scary as it seems; you've probably already done it; just get it down on paper. Outline your brand's personality, voice, tone, and visual identity. These guidelines serve as a roadmap for all marketing efforts, ensuring a consistent brand experience across all channels whether it's radio, print, digital or social media.

Implement a Centralized System of Organization: Again, not scary. Keep track in a spreadsheet or in a planner of all tactics you're using, how long they are running and your investment spend. This will streamline the creation, approval, and distribution of

marketing materials and keep you moving forward. It also ensures all content aligns with your brand guidelines, maintains consistency across channels, and that you are reaching all segments of your audience.

Regularly Audit and Optimize: Conduct regular checks of your marketing materials to identify any inconsistencies or deviations from your brand guidelines. Take proactive steps to address these issues and optimize your marketing efforts for maximum consistency and performance.

Train Staff: Train your staff to uphold your brand standards in all customer interactions, whether in-person, over the phone, or online. Consistency in customer service is just as important as consistency in marketing materials.

Leveraging Multichannel Engagement

Consistency is not limited to a single marketing channel; it must be maintained across all channels to create a cohesive brand experience. Whether it's your social media profiles, email marketing campaigns, website, or traditional print and digital advertising channels, consistency is key to reinforcing your brand message and identity.

Case Study and Example

During the 2008 recession, McDonald's made a bold

decision to stick with its advertising strategy and budget, maintaining consistency in its messaging and brand image despite economic uncertainty. Meanwhile, competitors like Burger King and Taco Bell did the opposite. The results were telling: in just 13 months, McDonald's not only weathered the recession but also grew its market share by 5%, demonstrating the power of consistency in branding and customer assurance. Remarkably, McDonald's stock only experienced a minor 3% drop during this period. In contrast, Burger King's stock plummeted by 25%, while Taco Bell's dropped by 29%. These differences underscore the importance of creating certainty for customers in uncertain times. By maintaining consistency in branding and messaging, businesses can instill confidence and trust in their customers, ultimately leading to long-term loyalty and success.

Measuring the Impact of Consistency

Measuring the impact of consistency on brand recognition and loyalty is key for evaluating the effectiveness of your marketing efforts. Metrics such as brand awareness surveys, customer retention rates, and social media engagement metrics can provide valuable insights into the success of your consistency



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COO of Ward Media

initiatives.

Consistency is not just a buzzword in marketing; it's a fundamental principle that can make or break your brand. By maintaining consistency across your marketing channels, you can strengthen brand recognition, foster customer loyalty, and ultimately achieve Top of Mind Awareness. In today's competitive landscape, where consumers are inundated with choices, consistency is the key to standing out and winning the hearts and minds of your target audience whether they are here in the heart of Washington or across the globe.

Your Homework

Assess your current branding strategies and identify areas where consistency can be improved. Whether it's updating your brand guidelines, optimizing your content management systems, or training your staff, take proactive steps to ensure consistency across all marketing channels. Your brand's success depends on it.

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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
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

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 (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 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 23

13:03:36 Suspicious, Goodwin Rd & Sunset Hwy
 13:53:37 Warrant, Maple St & Riverside Dr
 10:02:43 Assist Public, S Division St & Aplets Way
 13:54:58 Suspicious, Nahahum Canyon Rd & Swakan
 22:50:37 Harass/Threat, 4371 Bardin James Rd, Monitor

February 24

2:13:52 Alarm, 5809 Pioneer Dr
 12:26:26 Civil, 917 Pioneer Ave# A204
 13:09:40 Harass/Threat, 701 Pioneer Ave
 18:21:37 Assist Agency, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 13
 23:21:55 Noise, 3717 Bridge St, Monitor

February 25

02:13:52 Alarm, 5809 Pioneer Dr

February 26

15:18:35 Civil, 6030 Sunburst Ln
 16:24:26 Property, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 3

February 27

8:57:03 Alarm, 5862 Sunburst Ln
 13:25:58 Domestic Distur, 5710 Goodwin Rd
 17:42:19 Traffic Offense, S Division St & School Ln

Chelan County Detective to lead scam awareness session at Cashmere Library

By QUINN PROPST
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – Chelan County Sheriff's Detective Cy Bowthorpe will present about common scams on Tuesday, March 12 at 6-8 p.m. at the Cashmere Library.
 "We feel privileged and lucky that Detective

Bowthorpe was able to set time aside out of his busy schedule to come here on the evening of the twelfth of March at the Cashmere Library," Cashmere Branch Librarian Lisa Lawless said.
 "With all of the scams that plague everyone these days, we feel his presentation is very timely and needed," she said.

The presentation SCAMS and Scam Prevention with Detective Bowthorpe will cover common scams seen today.
 Bowthorpe will discuss how to recognize and avoid common scams, including credit card scams.
 He will also discuss what to do if you fall victim to a scam.

Detective Bowthorpe will be happy to answer any questions along the way and welcomes discussion, Lawless said.
 Light refreshments will be served at the event courtesy of the Cashmere Friends of the Library.
 Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or quinn@ward.media.

Chelan PUD billing statements delayed due to cybersecurity event

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WENATCHEE – Chelan Public Utility District announced that billing statements might arrive late this month following a cybersecurity event affecting its billing statement vendor.
 The utility typically sends about 2,000 billing statements daily through a national service provider. Due to the incident, the vendor could not issue statements for the last week electronically or via mail.
 Chelan PUD shares customer names, mailing addresses, services, amounts owed, due dates, and account numbers with the vendor to facilitate billing. The utility is assessing if this data was compromised during the cybersecurity event. It confirmed that the vendor does not hold payment method details or other sensitive, personally identifiable information.
 "We apologize for the inconvenience," said Customer Utilities Manager Lindsey Mohns. "Once this is resolved and billing resumes, we will adjust any due dates to correspond with the new billing date. Our priority is to support customers and avoid any unintentional impacts."
 Customers can still view their current balance and pay bills through the usual channels, including online, mail, and payment kiosks and drop boxes in Leavenworth, Chelan, and Wenatchee. However, access to previous billing statements is currently unavailable.
 Chelan PUD has directed customers to contact Customer Relations at (509) 661-8002 for account-related inquiries.

Chelan County property tax bills delayed; expected mid-March

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County officials have announced a delay in mailing 2024 property tax statements. According to the Chelan County Treasurer's Office, residents can anticipate receiving their tax bills by mid-March.
 The Treasurer's Office assures that the county's parcel search website will be updated with the new 2024 tax amounts as soon as they become payable.
 As per state law, specifically RCW 84.56.020, the deadlines for property tax payments remain unchanged. Property owners are required to pay the first half of their taxes by April 30 and the second half by Oct. 31.

February 28

2:32:25 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 2 Mp 110
 9:24:35 Littering, 6010 Sunset Hwy
 11:32:28 Trespass, 6994 Brender Canyon Rd
 13:22:09 Traffic Offense, Kimber Rd & Evergreen Dr
 14:11:49 Welfare Check, 504 Cottage Ave
 16:09:17 Assist Public, Stine Hill Rd & Wescott Dr

February 29

2:32:25 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 2 Mp 110
 8:11:39 Theft, 3559 Pioneer Way, Monitor,
 8:27:53 Harass/Threat, 917 Pioneer Ave# A204
 15:13:08 Suicide Threat, 410 S Division St
 15:38:37 Trespass, 206 Washington St
 19:15:08 Weapons Violati, 5950 Sunburst Ln
 23:41:18 Diversion, 101 Woodring St# 200

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Learn to Landscape with Native Plants: free virtual workshops offered in March

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Registration is now open for a series of free virtual workshops aimed at helping individuals learn how to incorporate native plants into their landscapes, whether they have a compact city patio or a vast rural homestead. The "Native Planting 101" workshop will take place via Zoom every Wednesday evening in March at 7:00 pm.
 Local experts will guide participants on starting or expanding their use of native flora. The sessions are designed for all levels of gardening enthusiasts, from beginners to those looking to deepen their existing landscaping practices.

The expert speaker lineup includes:

- Mel Asher**, kicking off the series on March 6 with "Native Plantings: Getting Started!" This session will provide foundational knowledge for newcomers to native planting.
- Betsy Dudash**, on March 13 will delve into "Using Native Annuals in Your Landscape," offering insights into how annuals can enhance and diversify garden ecosystems.
- Don Schaechtel** shares his extensive experience on March 20 with "Lessons Learned From 14 Years of Native Plant Gardening," providing valuable tips

and personal anecdotes from over a decade of gardening with native plants.
Al Murphy concludes the series on March 27 with "Using Plants Adapted to Our Changing Climate," focusing on selecting plants resilient to climatic shifts, ensuring sustainable gardening practices.
Interested participants can register at <https://tinyurl.com/mu54uksy>. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your gardening skills and contribute to local biodiversity by thoughtfully integrating native plants into your landscape.

Farm-to-School meet-up planned in East Wenatchee

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EAST WENATCHEE — A meet-up designed to foster connections between local farmers and school food service directors will take place on Monday, March 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Eastmont Community Center, located at 230 N. Georgia Ave.
 The event, supported

by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's market program, aims to share insights into successful farm-to-school partnerships. Attendees will gain access to valuable resources, information on grants, and regulatory guidance pertinent to the procurement of Washington's agricultural products by local schools.
 This gathering presents an invaluable chance for local

agriculturists to engage with potential buyers from schools, paving the way for enriching the local food ecosystem and supporting community-based agriculture.
Participants are encouraged to preregister for the event. For additional details, contact Margaret Viebrock of the WSU Extension at 509-745-8531 or via email at viebrock@wsu.edu.

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Local ag co-op nurtures tree fruit industry from bud to box



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By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

Since the 1930s, Northwest Wholesale, Inc., a locally owned agricultural cooperative, has been an impactful part of the tree fruit industry in North Central Washington.

Cooperatives of all kinds are a vital part of rural America, and agricultural co-ops are no exception as they work to maximize buying power and benefits for their members.

NWW is uniquely tailored to the tree fruit industry in North Central Washington and serves growers and packers “from bud to box.”

NWW CEO Rodney Van Orman said the fruits grown in NCW include pears, cherries, and apples.

“We’re pretty unique in our co-op in that we do the pre-harvest side, and we do the post-harvest side,” Van Orman said. “And it’s all related to tree fruit where a lot of other co-ops have other types of business activities, like retail or they do fuel products like propane, gas, diesel, petroleum products, and then some a lot of other co-ops in this region also work with grain growers. So essentially, we’re pretty unique in the co-op world.”

The co-op is headquartered in Wenatchee, with branch locations in Brewster, Cashmere, Chelan, Omak/Okanogan, Oroville, Tonasket, and Royal City.

“With those branches, we service growers in the orchard, and we call that the pre-harvest side of the business, which we have 10 PCAs or what we call field staff that will go out and go through the orchard with growers and write recommendations for crop protection, as well as nutrients for the for the trees, the orchard,” he said.

“And then the other side of the business we call post-harvest,” he said. “And on that side of the business, we work with the packaging warehouses, and we supply them with the consumable goods, boxes, trays, bags, and post-harvest chemicals so that the fruit can get to the market in the packaging.”

In a co-op business model, members are essentially the owners.

“With the co-op model, what it does is it brings volume from the growers, which helps improve the buying power that the co-op has, so the more the members buy from the coop, the more buying power the coop has that saves the grower money,” he said.

“And as a co-op, we’re essentially a nonprofit, and the co-op keeps the money that it needs to pay for the operating expenses, and then whatever’s leftover, it pays back the growers at the end of the year,” he said. “The profitability goes back to the growers in what we call equity.”

NWW offers incentive programs for members buying from the co-op. On the packaging side, they have volume incentives, so the more they buy, the more they get back. On the grower side of the business, they offer a large grower discount.

“So essentially, the growers are the owners of the co-op and buy, and then those growers are combining the volumes of the products that they’re buying, which in turn helps with the buying power of the co-op with vendors and suppliers to get the best pricing and pass that on to our members,” he said.

“The other benefit of the co-op is the money stays locally,” he said. “So that money that’s spent with the co-op stays locally with the growers, the employees, or the co-op and then also within the communities of the co-op as well.”

Van Orman said a challenge the co-op faces is that as new people come into the industry or younger generations come up, they don’t necessarily understand the co-op model.

Another challenge they face is that now people want savings upfront when they are buying.

“So they’re looking for the best price upfront, and they want to see that versus waiting till the end of the year when they get their equity check,” he said. “And then they’re getting

that savings back at the end of the year versus immediately. People want satisfaction now versus waiting, and that’s part of the challenge of people not understanding the co-op model.”

That opens an opportunity for competition to come in and look like a better deal than co-op but in the long run, the co-op is actually better if they are patient, he said.

“I think that’s a challenge for all agricultural co-ops these days,” he said.

NWW was started in 1937 by a group of bankers looking for ways to come out of the Great Depression and support the struggling fruit industry. The group sought to consolidate their purchasing to get better pricing for growers.

Today, the co-op has just under 300 members.

In the future, Van Orman hopes to continue to expand sales in the Wenatchee area and to expand into the Yakima market, and they are always looking at different business segments that would complement what they are doing now, he said.

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Write on the River and NCW Libraries announce High School Writer’s Competition

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WENATCHEE — Write on the River, in collaboration with NCW Libraries, has announced the 13th annual High School Writers Competition. The competition is open to students in grades 9-12 who are within the service area of NCW Libraries, encompassing Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Grant, and Ferry counties.

“It’s been really heartening to see submissions grow every year. In conversations with the winning writers, I sense a lot of confidence and pride, and for some of these high school students, the competition is an affirming boost toward their future writing careers,” said Susan Lagsdin, Emeritus Board Member, Write on the River.

The competition offers \$200 in cash prizes across three categories for original fiction. Entries can be either a complete short story or the first chapter of a novel, with a length requirement of 500-2,000 words. There is no fee to enter.

Eligibility extends to public, private, and home-schooled students, as well as those in the Running Start program. The submission period is from March 1, 2024, to April 15, 2024. Details and submission guidelines are available at www.writeontheriver.org.

Initiated by New York Times bestselling author Chelsea Cain in 2011, the competition is part of Write on the River’s efforts to support and nurture the regional writing

community by providing learning opportunities in fiction, nonfiction, and publishing.

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Area drug task force sees success in fight on drugs

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

The Columbia River Drug Task Force had a successful year in 2023 in the fight against the drug epidemic.

The mission of the CRDTF is to combat illegal drug activity, current law enforcement issues facing the community, and to help promote successful and thriving communities in both Chelan and Douglas County.

Last year, members of the CRDTF seized nearly 5,500 grams of methamphetamine, 750 grams of cocaine, 24,970 fentanyl pills, and 74.6 grams of pure fentanyl powder.

It is impossible to quantify the number of lives saved by these drug seizures. However,

it is important to note that two milligrams of fentanyl powder can be lethal, the task force said in a recent press release.

Chief Ryan Moody said it is hard to measure preventative enforcement.

"I think we can easily say that some lives were saved based off the amount of fentanyl and pills that were taken off the street," he said.

Other drug seizures included heroin, marijuana, and a variety of illicit prescription-type drugs.

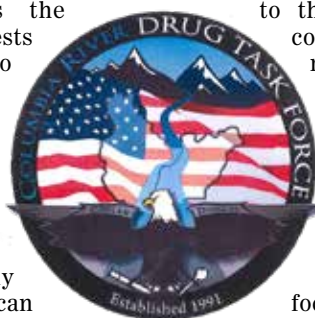
The CRDTF served 56 search warrants that resulted in the recovery of 21 firearms, many of which were stolen.

In 2023, the CRDTF opened 119 new cases. Out of those cases, they made 104 arrests

and seized over \$76,000 in cash and \$175,000 in bank accounts.

"As far as the other effect that we have on the community is the number of arrests that we do make, it makes it harder for people that want to come here to deal drugs," he said.

"I mean, they'll basically go where they can get away with doing it and if we can try and put a dent in it, and in showing that this isn't an easy place for them to deal drugs. I think that that'll affect the community as well."



The CRDTF not only combats the drug epidemic but also remains flexible in the cases they work and how those cases relate to the needs of the community.

As a result, they also work cases that relate to firearms, gangs, violent crimes, and serial offenders.

This combined focus had a positive impact on juvenile gang violence, in addition to the increasing drug use and fentanyl overdoses.

The CRDTF worked a case that led to the arrest of a resident of Safe Park

1 in the City of Wenatchee. That investigation led to two additional arrests of drug dealers who were supplying drugs to residents of the Safe Park locations.

Additionally, the CRDTF met with all the principals from Eastmont School District to educate them on youth gang trends and fentanyl. CRDTF members also did presentations at two other local schools and participated in the WPD Citizen's Academy.

One of the biggest challenges the task force faces is funding. Currently, the task force is funded by the Byrne JAG grant through the Washington State Department of Commerce. However, that funding will

end after 2024.

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs asked Washington legislatures to continue funding drug task forces. So the task force will be funded through next year, but after that, they don't know where their funding will come from, Moody said.

Moving forward into 2024, the CRDTF aims to continue to reduce crime rates, help community members feel safe, and continue Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Chelan, and Douglas County's reputations as great places to raise families and live for generations to come.

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Link Transit charts future with electric buses and innovative services

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – Nick Covey, CEO of Link Transit, addressed the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Chelan city council on Feb. 27 with a presentation that included everything short of driving an electric bus through the council chamber doors.

Covey began with some background details.

- First day of service was Dec 16, 1991.
- 13-member Board of Directors and 188 employees, give or take. Councilmember and former mayor Bob Goedde served on the Link board for 19 years, a position now filled by Mayor Erin McCardle.
- Service Area of 3,600 square miles covering all of Chelan County and one-third of Douglas.
- Largest public transit service area in the state.
- Serves a population 128,000, seven days a week and travels 2.4 million miles annually.
- More than one million boardings for the first time since 2015.
- Link has service options to cover every commuter need.
- Fixed route involves the big busses seen driving through town daily.
- DART is same-day Dial-A-Ride service in Chelan and Wenatchee. Riders can use a phone app or call in for same-day service. Additional DART is planned for Chelan Falls and Apple Acres/Airport (2025).
- LinkPlus is a complementary paratransit service for the fixed route that provides door-to-door service for ADA-qualified users.
- TripLink is a new service for those out-of-service-area users without personal vehicles. They can have friend or neighbor transport them and Link will reimburse mileage costs for a limited number of monthly trips.
- Rideshare is a monthly fee service for three or more riders via a provided Link van. For example, workers from Wenatchee going to Grand Coulee or Wells dams find Rideshare a good fit.

The Link fleet provides a variety of vehicles, and all are ADA-compliant.

- 23 battery-electric BYD-manufactured buses with nine more arriving spring 2025. Link contracted with BYD largely for the beneficial battery arrangement.

"Batteries usually last about half the life of the vehicle," said Covey. "The big busses are 12-year, 500,000-mile vehicles. BYD warranties their batteries for 12 years. If something goes wrong, they replace them for us."

Covey explained the benefit of not having to replace batteries that can cost half the price of a bus. BYD also buys the used batteries back from Link, eliminating the need for battery disposal.

- Twelve 40-foot Gillig-manufactured (diesel) busses that travel about 600 miles daily, a distance not yet capable for electric models.
- 22 Cutaway mini busses.
- 24 Paratransit vans
- 18 staff vehicles.

To help keep some of its vehicles charging while in service Link employs a series of wireless inductive charging locations.

"This is in-ground charging the bus drives over," said Covey, "It's 300 kilowatts. One minute of charging gives us about two additional miles."

For some downtown and urban Wenatchee routes of 200-250 miles with bus ranges of 130 miles, the wireless chargers provides busses with enough extended range to operate 15 hours a day. Link has four of the grant-funded \$500,000 chargers, three at Columbia Station and one in Leavenworth. One will be installed in the East Wenatchee Park and Ride and another in Manson.

Link capital projects for 2024 include:

- A 41,000 sq. ft enclosed and heated electric bus parking garage at the Olds Station operations base.
- A park and ride in Entiat and another at Rock Island.
- Bus stop improvements for destinations including Mill Bay Casino.
- Four new purpose-built busses for Mission Ridge and Waterville.

Other projects include the Apple Blossom Center for



Link Transit staff members pose in front of two of their clean quiet electric busses.

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a possible park and ride as that area population grows. Another park and ride at Leffler Field in Manson will include a wireless charger.

Link is working with TREAD, that Covey describes as "a local area nonprofit that has been very instrumental in bike pathways," on Chelan-to-Manson, Wenatchee-to-Leavenworth, Wenatchee-to-Rock Island, and Wenatchee-to-Malaga pathway designs.

"Part of those pathways will hook up to bus stops and pullouts so you can put your bike on the bus, or we can drop you off so you can ride on the pathway safely," Covey said.

Vision 2020 recap

Based on a successful 2019 campaign that raised additional revenue, Link embarked on a six-year Vision 2020 plan including 30-plus projects in Chelan and Douglas counties. As of Covey's report the plan is ahead of projections with about 74 percent completed ahead of the 63 percent estimated at this stage. Just one of those is a new Sunday service implemented for the first time in agency history.

A word about free fares

Link weathered the 1999 I-695 excise tax measure approved by voters that rolled back vehicle excise taxes to \$30.

"Half the funding for transit was in that motor vehicle excise tax, so we lost that," Covey said.

In 2020 Link moved into its new building at Olds Station and laid off half its staff.

"It was a tough time," said Covey, "so we implemented fares to try and regain some of that revenue. At best we got about five percent of our revenue from fares."

"When Covid hit everybody in the state went fare free," said Covey. "Once Covid got over we decided to keep it that way."

"Fares displace the folks who really need it most," said Covey who explained that the two-way fare costs for a low-income family with children was unaffordable for many.

Link's free fares also meet nearly half a dozen Federal criteria that qualify the transit service to receive more than a half-million dollars per

incentive.

"Right now, we are receiving five of those," said Covey. "That's a substantial chunk of money that fares would never come close to replacing. It's better for us to keep it fare-free and to keep those incentives."

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Public Notices

SUMMARY OF CITY OF CASHMERE RESOLUTION 04-2024
On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Resolution 04-2024. A summary of the content consisting of the title provides as follows:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 09-2020, AMENDING WASTEWATER RATES OF THE CITY EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2024.
A copy of the full text of this resolution detailing the rates is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to City Clerk, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6, 2024. #7361

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Public Notices

The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District board will hold their first public meeting of the 2024 season on Monday March 18th at 7 p.m via ZOOM. Meetings are scheduled at 7 pm on the first or third Mondays of each month (generally March-Oct). For meeting date confirmations, additional details and Zoom links, see: <https://leavenworthmosquitocntrl.org/notices-updates/> For up-to-date information call Jenny Mullins at 509-548-5904 or email to info@LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org Details concerning pesticides used (mostly Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis), treatment site locations, and other important information are posted at our website www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org Published in the leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 6, 2024. #7388

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Public Notices

Superior Court of Washington for Chelan County
In the matter of the estate of **Diann Arlene Loya, Deceased.**
No. 24-4-00058-04
Notice To Creditors
(RCW 11.40.030)
The person named below has been appointed as administrator 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 administrator 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 administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of First Publication: February 28, 2024.
Deborah A. Jorgensen, Administrator
Attorney for the Administrator: Joseph C. Brown, Jr., WSBA# 17991
Address for Mailing or Service: J.C. Brown Law Office, PLLC 200 Aplets Way, P.O. Box 384 Cashmere, WA 98815 (509) 782-1111
Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause Number: 24-4-00058-04
Published in the Cashmere Valley Record and Leavenworth Echo on February 28, March 6, and March 13, 2024. #7331

Public Notices
CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1325
On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1325. A summary of the content provides as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, VACATING CERTAIN UNIMPROVED PORTIONS OF SPRING STREET; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION, AND SETTING AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6, 2024. #7379

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Guess Who?
I am an actor born in Connecticut on March 8, 1977. I was in an all-male a cappella group in high school, but wanted to try professional acting. I am best known for a breakout role on a popular television show about four teens in a coastal town in which I was the titular character.
Answer: James Van Der Beek

Public Notices

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

Public Notices

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

Public Notices

CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.1326

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1326. A summary of the content provides as follows: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 17.54 OF THE CASHMERE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND AND UPDATE OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6, 2024. #7381

Public Notices

CITY OF CASHMERE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.1324

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Ordinance No. 1324. A summary of the content provides as follows: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, VACATING CERTAIN UNIMPROVED PORTIONS OF SPRING STREET; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Effective date of this ordinance is five days after publication. A copy of the full text of this ordinance is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Kay Jones, City Clerk-Treasurer, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo of March 6, 2024. #7378

Public Notices

Invitation to Bid

Notice is hereby given that the City of Leavenworth will receive sealed bids either in-person at the City of Leavenworth City Hall Reception Desk (700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826) or by US Mail (PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826) at 11:00:00am, local time on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 for the project hereinafter referred to as: Leavenworth Front St Park Restrooms & Stairway Expansion Project 2022-020 At said time all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in the form of a cashier's check or a bond issued on a form acceptable to the City of Leavenworth for a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. No bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal deposit. Incomplete proposals and proposals received after the time stated above will not be considered. Faxed or emailed responses are not acceptable. The work to be performed under these specifications consists of furnishing all labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for construction of the Leavenworth Front St Park Restrooms & Stairway Expansion Project and all related work, all in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications, Project Manual, and Addenda (if any). Specific work includes, but is not limited to, 1,200 SF addition/renovation to an existing public park restroom & stairway. The estimated construction cost for this project is in the range of \$1,150,000 to \$1,250,000 excluding sales tax. City of Leavenworth will not sell bid packages. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Bidders may download the digital plan set for \$22.00 by entering Quest project #8913375 on the website's Project Search page.


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Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance with free registration, downloading, and working with this digital information. A review set will be at the Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826. City of Leavenworth in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. Questions regarding this project shall be submitted in writing to the Architect, Jeff Wandasiewicz, via email at wandasiewicz@arcarchitects.com. Bidders shall submit questions no later than 5pm local time on Friday, March 15th, 2024. Answers to questions received by this deadline shall be posted in an addendum no later than Monday March 18th, 2024. City of Leavenworth reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in the bidding, and to make the award to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder as best serves their interests. No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 28, March 6, 2024. #7329

Public Notices

SUMMARY OF CITY OF CASHMERE RESOLUTION 03-2024

On the 26 day of February, 2024 the City Council of the City of Cashmere, Washington passed Resolution 03-2024. A summary of the content consisting of the title provides as follows: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION 08-2020, AMENDING WATER RATES OF THE CITY EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2024.** A copy of the full text of this resolution detailing the rates is available at Cashmere City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to City Clerk, City of Cashmere, 101 Woodring Street, Cashmere, WA 98815. Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on March 6, 2024. #7357



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Happy Letters

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know that someone cares about them.

Paelyn knows firsthand what it is like to receive a Happy Letter when you need encouragement. She has a blood disorder called Thalassemia, which requires her to get blood transfusions every three weeks. Pierson has been bringing Happy Letters to Paelyn when she receives treatment.

"Oh, just like joy that somebody made this to make me smile, to make anybody smile," Paelyn said about how she feels when she gets a Happy Letter.

Paelyn also finds happiness in making Happy Letters for others.

"I'm just really happy that somebody's going to get it and smile, you know," she said.

Paelyn and Pierson met at school when Paelyn's class was making Happy Letters for others.

"I met Paelyn last year when Vale school was making Happy Letters," Pierson said. "Paelyn told me about her blood disorder and how she has a blood transfusion every three weeks."

"I was thinking 'What a positive girl, always smiling and happy,'" Pierson said. "I started giving her Happy Letter packets on the day she had to go to the hospital for her transfusions."

Paelyn then invited Pierson to visit her at the hospital on her transfusion days.

"On one of my visits, Paelyn asked me if we could start making Happy Letters for kids at Seattle Children's Hospital,"

Pierson said. "I was really touched by this. Here is a girl who has been fighting her illness since she was a baby, and as she is hooked up to her IV, she is asking me if we can make Happy Letters for other kids. Of course I said yes."

Thalassemia is a blood disorder in which the body does not make enough protein hemoglobin. Hemoglobin enables red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body. Some of the side effects are anemia and fatigue.

Paelyn's mom, Alysa Lueondee, said that Paelyn was diagnosed at birth. Doctors watched her hemoglobin levels until she was four, when they started to drop. Since she was four years old, Paelyn has been getting blood transfusions every three to four weeks. Paelyn also has to take a medication that helps take the iron out of her blood. Her body does not make enough iron, but when she gets a transfusion, it has too much iron, which can cause organ issues, Alysa said.

In 2023, gene therapy was FDA approved for treating Thalassemia. The treatment involves taking her own blood stem cells and altering them in the lab.

"And then the lab alters her own cells and changes them to be making the right kind of hemoglobin and then they put those back in her body," Alysa said.

"So we're really excited about that because actually since she was born, and we found out that she had Thalassemia, it's been in trials, so it was just recently FDA approved," she said. "So it's

something that we've been like hoping for and watching out for her whole life."

Paelyn is now in the beginning stages of the treatment. She will spend three to four weeks at Seattle Children's Hospital. After the initial stage, Paelyn will return home while her cells are altered in the lab, which takes about three to four months.

When they are ready, Paelyn will return to the hospital.

"She'll stay for four months then," Alysa said. "So it'll be six weeks inpatient including the chemo and then the transplant and then they watch, keep a close eye on her for about a month to watch out for anything and then she has to stay three months at Ronald McDonald post transplant."

"When Paelyn goes to Seattle Children's Hospital for her Gene Transplant, she plans to take a supply of blank Happy Letters to make for the nurses and doctors who will be caring for her while she is there," Pierson said. "This was Paelyn's idea!"

The Happy Letters that are collected this month and next will be shared with local organizations that provide

services for people with cancer, like The Wellness Place, Our House, and Confluence Health Oncology Dept.

"I was introduced to Rueben Mayes, Philanthropy Officer for Seattle Children's Hospital," Pierson said. "Rueben introduced me to the awesome staff at Seattle Children's Wenatchee Clinic. We are excited to share Happy Letter Book Packets with them."

"Paelyn will also take Happy Letter Book Packets to share with kids when she goes back to Seattle Children's Hospital for her gene transplant," she said.

Drop-off locations for the book drive in Cashmere are Weeds Cafe, Cashmere Library, and That Pizza Place. Locations in Wenatchee are Simply Unique and NCW Foundation.

If your school or organization would like to make Happy Letters contact Traci Pierson at makehappyletters@gmail.com.

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Senate Page

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Senate floor session, and had the opportunity to meet with the Governor in his office, experiences that underscored the educational and experiential value of the program.

Senator Hawkins highlighted the Page program's role in providing young individuals with a unique insight into the legislative process. "Paging is such a great opportunity, and kids learn so much while here," Hawkins said. "Alaina was perfect for it. She is mature beyond her years and really enjoyed herself. She met many Pages from other parts of the state. She also worked during one of the Senate floor sessions and even met the Governor during a visit to his office. It's been a memorable week, which is what Paging is all about."

Cecil's experience in Olympia serves as a testament to the Senate Page program's effectiveness in fostering a deeper understanding of civic duty and participation among young people.

Poetry slam

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she said. Lawless hopes to expand the event next year by offering a workshop to help teens learn presentation skills before the event.

Out of 71 entries, the top 15 were selected to present their original poetry to the public. A panel of judges scored the poetry entries for creativity and connection to the theme.

"We were privileged to hear from 14 teens that attend Cashmere High," Lawless said. "They all had wonderful poetry, which our audience enjoyed."

Because of community support, each presenter received a prize, she said.

Prize donations came from local businesses, the Cashmere Friends of the Library group, and an anonymous donation funded a second-place Grand Prize.

"We want to congratulate all our teen presenters which were: Kennedy Walgren, Grace Hodges, Emanuel Urrutia, Sophie Hill, Juliana Mora, Mackenzie Hernandez, Jared Noyes, Mia Lopez Bastida, Emmanuel Hernandez, Alexa Damian-Chamu, Brooke Chalmers, Zoe Caruso, Kaleb Thayer, Tamia A Guerrero-Chamu," Lawless said.

The teens won gift cards to their favorite places in Cashmere. Jared Noyes won the \$100 Grand Prize, and Sophie Hill was awarded the \$50 second-place Grand Prize.

The event is through a collaboration between the Cashmere Library and the CHS English Department.

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City Council

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water and sewer being over \$150 creates a hardship for families.

With a 4:1 split vote, the Council approved the city vacating portions of Spring St. and selling the property to Al Kennedy, Blaine, and Jaqueline Smith. Fletcher explained that "vacating a portion of city right of way is intended to return land to the adjacent private property from which the right

of way was obtained." The vote followed a public hearing, a result of a petition to the city from Kennedy and the Smiths. During the hearing, Blaine Smith told the Council that some portions of his property are not really useable because of the road, which goes through the middle of his property. Kennedy explained that the street dead ends into his property, which surrounds 3 sides of the street. He continued that the road is very steep and not useful.

Fletcher added that the road can't connect to anything, and Johnson said that the location of the road doesn't make sense for the city to keep it. Perry, who voted against the Ordinance, described his concern that the rate of compensation the city would receive was about 25 times less than what the city paid for the property as part of the Sunset Highway improvements. Cashmere's Permit Specialist, Tammy Miller, outlined how the city's code dictates the

compensation rate. Perry also expressed concern that the Ordinance stated, "the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to vacate", but stated that he did not see how selling the property met that criterion. Council member Jayne Stephenson replied that she understood his point but that the city also needs to keep in mind the best interests of its residents. Changes to the city's parking code and requirements were

updated with a unanimous vote. The changes will reduce the amount of off-street parking required by commercial enterprises, allow businesses to utilize additional city lots as part of their required parking, and the new code will provide an avenue for a business to request a reduction in the amount of required parking. Director of Operations Steve Croci had previously described the changes as pro-business.

Cashmere Planning Commission (CPC) Chair Zak Steigmeyer told the Council that the CPC was thinking long-term about the future of the city and welcomes input from the Council about topics that should be investigated. He recommended that the city and Commission begin looking at city codes to determine if any of these were hindering development within the city.

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Kid Scoop Together:

Lookalike Leprechauns

Each leprechaun below has a twin. Draw a line between each twin but remember: Leprechauns can be VERY tricky! Look closely.



Standards Link: Research: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

St. Patrick's Day Exclusive! "Leprechaun Lips" Tells All!

NEWS FLASH! We found a leprechaun to answer questions about these mysterious little people! He wouldn't really show himself to us. Mostly what we saw during the interview were his lips, oversized sunglasses and his hat.

Q: How do leprechauns get all that gold?

A: We make shoes for the fairies. Silly fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. We are always busy making new shoes for them. They pay us with gold. Lots of gold!



Q: How big are leprechauns?

A: Wee folk are we. Three feet tall at most.

Can you read inches of the newspaper columns that are equal to 3 feet?

How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Measurement: Use standard measurement. Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate materials.

Q: How do you catch a leprechaun?

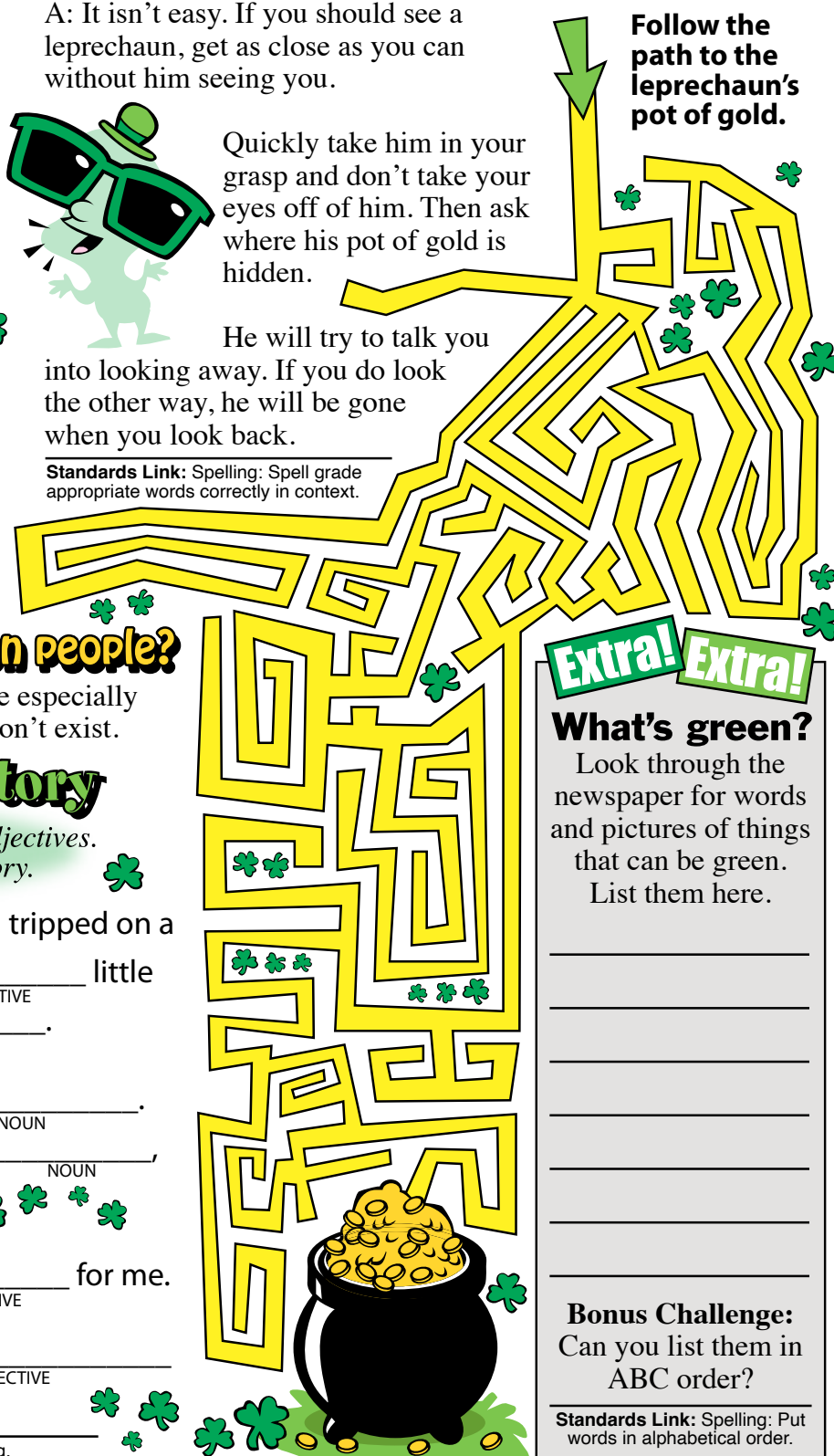
A: It isn't easy. If you should see a leprechaun, get as close as you can without him seeing you.

Follow the path to the leprechaun's pot of gold.

Quickly take him in your grasp and don't take your eyes off of him. Then ask where his pot of gold is hidden.

He will try to talk you into looking away. If you do look the other way, he will be gone when you look back.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly in context.



Extra! Extra!

What's green?

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures of things that can be green. List them here.

Bonus Challenge:

Can you list them in ABC order?

Standards Link: Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.



Leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects; identify matching attributes.

Q: Why do leprechauns play tricks on people?

A: We play tricks on people who don't believe in us. We especially like to bother teachers who try to tell children that we don't exist.

Leprechaun Lips Tricky Story

Ask your teacher or a friend for verbs, nouns and adjectives. Use these words to fill in the blanks of this story.

One fine morning, I went for a walk in the woods. I tripped on a _____ . When I looked down, I saw a _____ little _____ with a green _____ .

" _____ ," he said. "My name is _____ . I'm a leprechaun. If you want my _____ of _____ you'll have to _____ me first!"

I tried to _____ him, but he was too _____ for me.

He just laughed and called out to me, " _____ St. Patrick's Day!"

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing.

St. Paddy's Patterns

Which leprechaun comes next in each row? Circle it.

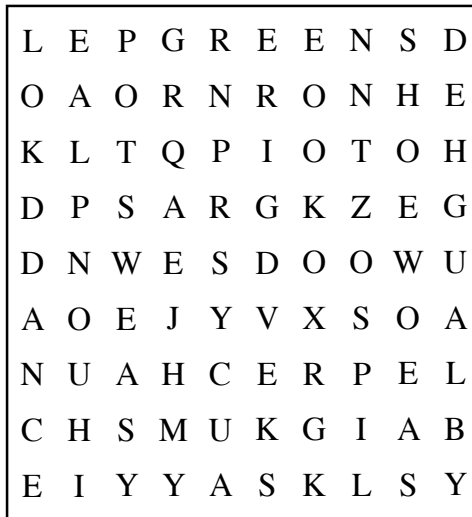


Standards Link: Writing Applications: Relate ideas of an experience.

Double Double Word Search

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

- LAUGHED
- LOOKING
- LIPS
- GOLD
- PAY
- SHOE
- DANCE
- GREEN
- GRASP
- WOODS
- EYES
- EASY
- GONE
- ASK



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 phrase: **GIFT OF GAB**

If someone has the "gift of gab," it means the person is a good talker. The word *gab* comes from *gob*, the Irish word for mouth.

Katie had the gift of gab, which sometimes got her in trouble for talking too much during school.

Try to use the phrase gift of gab in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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