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City Council discusses tree removal, RV parking, And Fire Department strain

By **Kirk Beckendorf**
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE—Fire Chief Blake Larson announced a Certificate of Unusual Heroism to a member of the community “for averting serious injury and life-saving effort with risk to self.” This was in response to a recent call the department had received, but he provided no additional details about the incident.

Director of Operations Steve Croci announced that the city is seeking a Cashmere High School student, at least 16 years old, who is interested in

an internship with the public works department.

Steve Crossland and Joanne Carr, members of the City of Cashmere’s Tree Committee, addressed the Council and recommended that only 5 or 6 Norway spruce trees that pose a threat to the PUD substation and transmission lines be removed. Their suggestions were in response to the city’s plans to cut down all of the spruce trees along Evergreen Drive. Crossland and Carr explained that they had examined the trees with the PUD’s arborist, who assessed that the trees were healthy and that

only 5-6 posed a direct threat to PUD infrastructure. Mayor Jim Fletcher explained that the PUD had initially expressed concern that a large number of the trees posed a threat to the substation. Fletcher said that he was concerned about the city’s liability. He added that there are plans to redo Evergreen St., although the exact layout has not yet been engineered. Crossland requested that the Tree Committee be a part of the planning process. He recommended that the trees should not be cut down without a plan to replace them, and he asked that the inclusion of trees

be a critical part of the city’s planning since trees are an important part of the city’s legacy. In 1975, according to Crossland, the Cashmere City Council adopted an ordinance to encourage the inclusion of city trees in city planning. Council members suggested having a workshop to investigate the matter further.

RV Code discussion

In response to a citizen’s complaint and suggestion at a previous meeting, the Council began reviewing the code regulating the parking of RVs,

boats, and trailers on city streets and in private driveways. Fletcher seeded the discussion by asking Council members to consider several questions: What issues do they want the city’s code to solve? Do they want to address the storage of vehicles or the city’s ability to address vagrant individuals who may camp on the street. Fletcher argued that some rules are needed, but what is the right rule, and how would it be enforced?

Director of Operations, Steve Croci, suggested that if someone has an

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Brassbound Collective celebrates grand opening as part of a project to revitalize community



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An eye-catching mixed display of various locally-sourced products exhibits Brassbound’s widely varied stock.

By **Will Nilles**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE- One of a kind retail market, Brassbound Collective, opened its doors as one of the many new businesses being planned for the future of the ambitious Side Street neighborhood hub project.

Officially launched on June 15, Brassbound Collective offers the local community a unique storefront

that advertises and sells dozens of local artists and businesses. Offering a wide range of products, from locally crafted soaps to second-hand children’s clothes, Brassbound’s major focus is providing Cashmere with a single location where residents can connect to a plethora of local business owners and creators.

“The saying is, we’re better together,” manager and coordinator of Brassbound Collective, Hailey



WILL NILLES/WARD MEDIA

Dandelion Thrift’s vendor offers local families a wide range of second-hand children’s clothes, books, and toys.

Glass, shared her enthusiasm for the unique benefits that the new storefront provides, “Could this one little shop dedicated to one thing survive in Cashmere? I don’t know, [it’s] risky. But, when you have like 30 different businesses and artists involved and excited about getting people in here and wanting to sell their things and excited to be part of the group, I think that is what is gonna make it successful.”

Brassbound uses a special format to organize so many local sellers within one organic space, Glass explained, “We do rotating artists and vendors. We’ve got booth vendors, renting booths, those are on a longer contract. And then we have artisans who can apply just like a normal maker’s market, basically to consign your items in the shop

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Cashmere School District recoups over \$130,000 In funding for special needs students

By **Will Nilles**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE—As the school year has wrapped up, the Cashmere School Board applauds the district staff, who worked tirelessly to ensure that their highest-needs students receive adequate funding and resources.

Though Washington State provides some additional funding for special education, there is no question amongst educators and school administrators that special education programs and special needs students are widely underfunded across the country. Thankfully, Washington State provides what is known as safety net funding to school districts that thoroughly assess their capacity for special education as exceeding the state and federal funding levels. In other words, through safety net funding, school districts are able to receive reimbursement for any extra money used towards special education if a district is able to document the needs of their special education students and the subsequent per-minute costs of any special education programs and staff.

Cashmere School District (CSD) Business Manager, Bo Charlton, explained the safety net funding, sharing, “Ultimately it’s a program that is through the state that allows school districts to kind of recoup some of the funds that we spend over the course of the year on our highest need students.”

Understandably, this process requires a great deal of work and care. With the united teamwork of special education teachers, behavioral health specialists, and school administrators, the school district was capable of assessing the resource needs of each special education student in detail, a massive year-long undertaking. As a result, Cashmere School District received a reimbursement of \$131,000 in 2024 Safety Net Funding.

CSD Special Education Director Michelle Christensen further described the importance of this funding, stating, “The purpose behind the safety net is that it’s not extra money. We have to prove that we spent the money, and it’s a reimbursement. And it’s reserved for our students with the most significant needs.”

Christensen then explained the complex team effort it takes to sufficiently complete a Safety Net Funding request, “It starts with good staff that are really great at knowing the things that they need to have put into the paperwork, and that’s a big part of it right there. The special services secretary is instrumental in pulling the information that we need,

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Cashmere’s Rob McManus reflects on NCAA Nationals, Olympic Trials experience

By **Will Nilles**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE- Cashmere High School graduate and Montana State University Junior, Rob McManus enjoyed a well-deserved break at his parents’ Cashmere orchard after competing in Eugene, Oregon, at the NCAA Nationals and Olympic trials, feeling positive about his future in running.

McManus has been running since middle school, initially as a casual participant until his interests grew alongside the opportunities that competing in sports brought along.

“I started doing track casually, probably in seventh grade. And I was running then for a few years, but I wouldn’t say I got super invested in it until probably around my sophomore year of high school when I was really [thinking] like, ‘this is something that I want to pursue for a while,’” McManus shared. “And then, as I got older, the opportunity to run in college came around, and I was very fortunate for that to all work out.”

McManus competes in the

steeplechase, an intense running event that combines the challenges of long-distance hurdles with a unique feature of the field: a water jump.

“It’s a 3000-meter race... there are four hurdles every lap, they’re not like sprint hurdles, they’re these big beams that go a few lanes across and they don’t move if you run into them,” he explained. “And then there’s also, once per lap, a barrier and then right after that there’s a water pit. It’s like a pit in the track that they fill with water and everyone’s kind of jumping over the barrier and splashing in the pit and then trying not to fall over and hurt themselves.”

When asked about his overall experiences at the June 5 NCAA and June 21 Olympic events, McManus expressed his excitement and gratitude to compete at such prestigious events despite not performing as well as he had initially hoped.

“They do a preliminary race to narrow down the field, and then they



COURTESY OF ROB MCMANUS

McManus sports a positive attitude as he competes in the steeplechase at the Olympic Trials.

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Wenatchee Youth Circus

The Wenatchee Youth Circus will perform on Friday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Eastmont Park in East Wenatchee.

"Come see a Circus show performed by local youth members of the Wenatchee Youth Circus," the event page states. "Trapeze, high-wire, aerials, and a whole lot more. Family friendly and with local youth from our own community."

For more information visit wenatcheeyouthcircus.com.

Summer street concert

The band Umami Tuesday will perform at the Wenatchee First Fridays free Summer Street Concert on Friday, July 5 from 7-9 p.m. at Centennial Park. "Catch Umami Tuesday live at Centennial Park from

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a 21+ beer garden by The Taproom by Hellbent Brewing in the Orondo to Yakima block of Wenatchee Ave," the event page states. "See you there."

For more information visit wenatcheefirstfridays.com.

The Sound of Music

Leavenworth Summer Theater will present "The Sound of Music" on Friday, July 5 at 8 p.m.

"The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family never fails to enchant audiences at our unforgettable Ski Hill Amphitheater," the event page states. "All your favorite songs and characters make this a perfect event for the whole family."

"An iconic Leavenworth experience, join us for a magical night where the

stars come out and the hills truly are alive with Rodgers and

Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," the event page states.

For more information visit leavenworthsummertheater.org.

Summer Series Read Aloud

The Cashmere Library will host a Summer Series Read Aloud on Tuesday, July 9 from 4-5 p.m.

"Join us for an hour each week for a read aloud for school-aged children," the event page states. "Coloring supplies will be available. Reading aloud has been shown to help increase vocabulary,

reading comprehension, improve literacy skills, develop imagination, reduce stress, and more."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Musical Petting Zoo

Cashmere Library will host a Musical Petting Zoo - Special Storytime on Thursday, July

11 from 3-4 p.m.

"Come hear and explore all kinds of instruments at our Musical Petting Zoo - Special Storytime," the event page states. "Fun stories and songs to participate in and musical instruments that you can explore. Make your very own upcycle banjo at the end."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Link Transit donates surplus vans to local nonprofits

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Link Transit has awarded five local organizations with used vans as part of its new surplus van grant program. The recipients of this inaugural round of

grants include Wenatchee Rescue Mission, Plain Food Pantry and Community Church, CAFÉ, Chelan Teen Center, and Parque Padrinos/Pinnacles Prep.

The program allows Link Transit to repurpose vehicles that have reached the end

of their service life with the transit agency, donating them to qualifying non-profit organizations and government agencies instead of auctioning them off.

The awarded vehicles range from 5- to 11-passenger vans. While they no longer meet

Link Transit's operational standards, all are fully operable and serviceable.

Link Transit received twelve applications for the five available vehicles in this round. The competitive grant process is designed to support organizations that align with

Link Transit's goal of providing mobility options for community members.

The next application period for the surplus van grant program is scheduled for spring 2025. Interested organizations can find more information on Link Transit's website.



WILL NILLES/WARD MEDIA

The Summer Library Reading River overflows with young readers.

Cashmere Library kicks off the summer with series read aloud program

By: WILL NILLES
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE- Each week, the local library buzzes with activity as kids and parents gather to learn, read, and craft as part of the Cashmere Public Library's many summertime events and programs, including their debut Series Read Aloud Program.

Starting on June 18 and running each Tuesday at 4 p.m., the Summer Series Read Aloud encourages elementary and middle school-aged kids to visit the library and listen to

chapters from various books as they draw and color. The major goal of the program is to introduce young readers to various genres, helping local kids further develop and discuss their reading interests.

The Cashmere Public Library described the benefits of read-aloud programs, stating, "Reading aloud has been shown to help increase vocabulary, reading comprehension, improve literacy skills, develop imagination, reduce stress, and more!"

Lisa Lawless, Cashmere

Branch Librarian, expressed her excitement for this year's summer programs as she pointed to the Summer Library Reading River, a wall filled with hundreds of paper salmon, which each represent a participant in the library's summer programs,

"We've got over 300 signed up so far, everybody that's signed up puts their fish up, so it's a good indicator that our Summer Library Reading River is getting full. So that's great, we want it to fill up!"

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Colville Tribes purchase 11 acres near Cashmere

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NESPELEM — The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation announced the acquisition of 11.08 acres of land in traditional Wenatchi territory, marking a step toward reclaiming ancestral grounds.

The property, located near Cashmere, borders the Wenatchee River and offers potential for preservation and development to serve the Wenatchi people in their aboriginal homeland.

The Chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Jarred-Michael Erickson, said, "The Colville Tribes is always excited to restore to our people ownership of lands their ancestors walked.

Today we were able to reclaim a piece of the ancestral Wenatchi grounds. We hope that the Wenatchi will enjoy this land for many generations to come, and we will continue to restore all of our confederated tribes to their homelands."

While specific plans for the land have not been determined, officials noted its river access could make it valuable for salmon fishing, a culturally significant practice for the tribe.

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation comprises descendants from 12 aboriginal tribes, including the Wenatchi. With over 9,200 enrolled members, the confederation continues efforts to reconnect its people with their traditional territories.

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Swimmers OF THE WEEK

Shae Holmes, 10 years

This female swimmer of the week is Shae Holmes age 10. She swims her workout with 100% effort. Shae is strong and determined to improve her skills. We appreciate her hard work and the example Shae sets for her teammates.

George Stimac, 8 years

George Stimac age 8 is our male swimmer of the week. He is a returning team member after taking last year off from the team. George doesn't complain about working hard instead he takes on any challenge the coaches give him. He is improving his skills daily. He is a valuable team member.

Congratulations Swimmers of the Week!

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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 & 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
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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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June 22

14:20:23 Sex Offense, 426 Cottage Ave	Way; Hometown Mca
15:53:05 Welfare Check, 217 Chapel St	16:09:10 Runaway, 101 Cottage Ave# A
16:44:26 Civil, 8650 Dryden Frontage Rd#	16:19:51 Civil, 5351 Binder Rd
17:47:42 Property, Cashmere	17:34:10 6710 Stine Hill Rd
18:08:19 Noise, 6076 Webster Way	19:12:08 8410 Main St, Dryden
19:11:07 Malicious Misch, 6125 Hay Canyon Rd# 2	21:41:34 N Dryden Rd & Remley Rd, Dryden
22:16:23 Noise, 5240 N Cashmere Rd	

June 24

7:43:45 Accident No Inj, Elberta Ave & Aplets Way
 9:31:56 Assault, Cashmere
 18:26:47 Civil, 115 S Douglas St

June 25

3:27:45 Atl/Atc, 5607 Sunset Hwy; Picadilly
 7:12:08 Accident Unk, Us Hwy 2 Mp 108, Dryden,
 7:27:10 Suspicious, 5505 Titchenal Way; Bethle
 8:49:46 911, 303 Cottage Ave
 15:33:18 Trespass, 300 Aplets

June 26

14:40:43 Atl/Atc, 5140 Binder Rd
 16:27:22 Trespass, 1 Big Rock Pl
 17:29:27 Suspicious, 229 Cottage Ave; Village I
 23:19:54 Noise, 318 Peshastin St

June 27

12:53:26 Marine, Cottage Ave Bridge
 13:08:02 Fraud/Forgery, 6834 Dryden Ave; Tienda Me
 14:22:26 Traffic Offense, Mission Creek Rd Mp 4
 14:54:50 Suspicious, 207 Riverside Dr; Riverside
 15:03:56 Domestic Distur, 2297 Mission Creek Rd
 15:55:00 Theft, 130 Titchenal Way; Martins
 16:06:56 Warrant, 5500blk Tigner Rd

U.S. new-home sales slump to slowest pace since November

By MICHAEL SASSO
Bloomberg

New-home sales in the US slumped in May as elevated prices and mortgage rates continued to challenge the housing market.

New single-family home sales decreased 11.3% to a 619,000 annual pace last month, the slowest since November, government data released Wednesday show. The figure was below almost all estimates in a Bloomberg survey of economists and reflected declines in all four major US regions.

The sales pace is now at the low end of the range seen over the past year, suggesting limited momentum amid a lack of affordability. Mortgage rates dipped below 7% in mid June for first time since late March, but they remain more than double their levels from the end of 2021.

While high prices have scared off many buyers, a surge of inventory is helping affordability at the margin. The median sale price of a new home decreased 0.9% from a year ago to \$417,400 in May. At the same time, the supply of available homes increased to 481,000, still the highest since 2008.

BigbuildersincludingLennar Corp. and KB Home are trying to combat the affordability challenge by buying down



Houses under construction at the Toll Brothers Regency at Folsom Ranch community in Folsom, Calif., on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

DAVID PAUL MORRIS/BLOOMBERG

customers' mortgage rates or offering price breaks, and so far the strategy has kept the builders' order books full. Both companies reported profit gains in their recently completed second quarters.

Recent data indicate overall housing demand is improving this month. The Mortgage Bankers Association's index of home-purchase applications rose for the last three weeks to the highest level since early

February.

Over the long term, the US still has a shortage of new homes, Lennar Chairman Stuart Miller said last week on an earnings call, citing "over a decade of underproduction." Meantime, the supply of previously owned homes remains well below pre-pandemic levels, hampered by high borrowing costs that have discouraged sellers from listing their properties.

New-home sales are seen as a more timely measurement than purchases of previously-owned homes, which are calculated when contracts close. However, the data are volatile. The government report showed 90% confidence that the change in new-home sales ranged from a 26.8% decline to a 4.2% gain.

With assistance from Chris Middleton.

U.S. to receive first pandas in 20 years after farewell party in China

By JENNIFER HASSAN
The Washington Post

Giant panda lovers rejoice, two of the black and white fluffballs are headed to the United States from China - an operation involving a motorcade, a chartered flight, a dedicated entourage and a bespoke menu, according to Chinese wildlife officials.

Yun Chuan and Xin Bao are the first pair of pandas to enter the United States in more than two decades, and will set up home at the San Diego Zoo in California, the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance said in a statement.

Before their big move, the pair attended an elaborate farewell ceremony in their honor in China's Sichuan Province on Wednesday, which U.S. and Chinese dignitaries attended along with San Diego

Zoo Wildlife Alliance President and CEO Paul Baribault and Todd Gloria, San Diego mayor.

Three-year-old female panda Xin Bao is "gentle and well-behaved," while male panda Yun Chuan, four, is "smart and lively," the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda said in a statement, adding that the duo would enjoy "carefully prepared fresh bamboo, bamboo shoots, fruit, vegetables, and specially made steamed buns" during their flight.

The duo will also be accompanied by several experienced nutritionists and vets, and once at the zoo, the Chinese experts will stay for around three months to help the pair through the quarantine and adjustment period, the center added.

The pandas' relocation is



part of ongoing efforts between the two nations to protect the mammals, officials from both nations said. Pandas are no longer considered endangered but their status is listed as "vulnerable," according to The World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

The animals are also star attractions in zoos in the

United States - and have long been associated with China's diplomatic efforts.

China is home to the only natural habitat for pandas, and panda diplomacy can be traced as far back as 685 A.D. Since then the mammals have

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Welcome to **2024 Cashmere** *Founders' Days* 

Cashmere blossoms into summertime fun during Founders' Days celebration

By **WILL NILLES**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE- The streets of Cashmere buzzed full of life, laughter, and smiling faces as the city celebrated its annual Founders' Days weekend with a massive list of fun events.

An infectious energy ran throughout the entire town as the day kicked off with Mission Creek Community Club's widely successful car show organized by local, Nick Wood. Over a hundred impressive cars of various makes and models gathered along Cottage Avenue, their owners lining the sidewalks with camping chairs, eager to share their passion for cars with the community as live music and the smell of barbecue filled the air.

Locals Marlin and DeAnn Kruiiswyk attended the car show with their two sons, showing off their custom 1940 Ford dump trucks.

"Yeah, it's an awesome show, there's just tons of fun stuff around, it's just a lot of fun," Marlin Kruiiswyk commented before posing in front of his '40 Ford nicknamed "Black" which was originally used for work at the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery during the 1950s.

The car show also featured a touch-a-truck section, with ambulances, fire engines, and maintenance vehicles displaying their interiors and special equipment. This was a fun way of educating kids in the local community about the impressive equipment that enables first responders to complete their crucial work.

Mauricio Tellez, EMT at Ballard Ambulance, attended the touch-a-truck with one of his company's life-saving vehicles.

"I like being out here with the kids; it's really different from our usual calls. We get to show them different equipment and connect them to the oxygen, it's fun," Tellez said, explaining his excitement in being a part of the touch-a-truck program.

Just down the street from the car show, the Cashmere Public Library hosted its annual Salmon Release Parade and Family Fun Fair. Each year, the Cashmere Library, as a part of NCW Libraries, receives a crop of salmon fry from the Yakama Nation for kids and their families to release into the Wenatchee River. The central aim of the Salmon Release is to educate kids about Cashmere's local wildlife by having them interact with it in memorable hands-on experiences.

Cashmere Branch Librarian Lisa Lawless was especially thrilled about this year's salmon release.

"We had an awesome turnout! We had 127 fish, and we did one per family, that means we did like a hundred families!," Lawless shared with excitement, pleased with this



The Cashmere Royalty waves to Grand Parade onlookers, wrapping up the day of celebration.



Kids take part in the local ecosystem, releasing salmon fry into the Wenatchee River.



Marlin Kruiiswyk and his two sons pose in front of their two historic 1940 Ford trucks.



Mauricio Tellez shows off one of Ballard Ambulance's life-saving vehicles.

year's participation.

The Family Fun Fair also succeeded in providing an afternoon of fun activities for kids and their families, including a raffle for fun toys and a booth from the Cashmere Middle School Bike Repair Club, offering free bike maintenance, a bike giveaway, and lessons for beginners.

Back on the other side of town, the Cashmere Rotary Club held its first-ever pickleball tournament at the middle school, boasting an impressively high last-minute registration of 80 participants.

Mark Shorb, president of the Cashmere Rotary Club, expressed his jubilation over the success of the event.

"It's been a great day of smiles, and laughs, and learning... it's such a good way to connect the community and introduce people to Rotary and what we do," Shorb commented as he watched the semi-finals of the men's division with excitement.

The Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village celebrated the original founders of Cashmere and the NCW, inviting Wendell George, member of the Colville

Confederated Tribes and local author, to rededicate the museum's Tree of Peace, which was planted in 1989 as a reminder of peace and the crucial presence of Native American peoples in the Cashmere Valley.

George arrived with a positive message of peace for improving relations between Indigenous communities, celebrating a recent purchase of 11 acres of land by Colville members in the Peshastin area.

"I hope you came for the same reasons I did, that is to start peace," George opened his rededication speech focusing on the history of Indigenous displacement in the Cashmere area and the hope to improve awareness of Indigenous voices and cooperation with institutions such as the Chelan Douglas Department of Wildlife.

Back at Riverside Park, the Family Fun Fair had packed up to make room for the Town Toyota Center Ping Pong Ball Drop. Children ages 0-13 huddled together in the middle of the park's field, awaiting a helicopter to fly overhead and drop hundreds of ping pong

balls. Prizes were provided to everyone who participated while a grand prize was reserved for each age group. As the helicopter arrived, releasing its massive stockpile of ping pong balls onto the crowd of kids below, the field exploded into a storm of smiles and laughter.

After a fun-filled day of community celebration, the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce finished the evening off with their Crunch Pak Grand Parade. The parade rolled straight through Downtown Cashmere's central Cottage Avenue, showcasing a variety of local businesses, NCW royalty, and first responders. Crunch Pak brought back a crowd favorite to this year's parade, handing out their signature snack packages of apple slices and cheese crackers and making sure no onlooker went hungry. The Cashmere Royalty finished off the parade as they waved to onlookers from their elegant float and brought a close to yet another day of Cashmere's fantastic founders' celebrations.

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When drugs and the sun don't mix

I filled two water bottles from my kitchen sink on a bright, sunny morning in mid-July. I called over to my 6-year-old niece, Crystal, "Don't forget the bread!"

We had enjoyed a leisurely breakfast of French toast and eggs, then packed up the leftover bread to feed the ducks. Stashing the water bottles in my backpack, I grabbed my car keys off the kitchen table. Holding open the door to my apartment, Crystal proudly carried her sack of bread pieces out to the car.

Fifteen minutes later, we pulled into the parking lot of a small city park whose best feature was a mid-sized pond with friendly ducks.

The pond was next to a play area with sand, swings, and a jungle gym. Although other kids were at the pond, the ducks swam toward us when they saw us tossing small chunks of bread into the water.

Racing each other, the ducks scooped up or dived down for each piece. Crystal giggled as one duck stared at her, then nimbly caught the bread she threw to him mid-air.

Once we ran out of bread, we headed to the playground. It was noon, sunny, and getting hot. I was glad we came while the temperature was reasonable. Thirty minutes later, Crystal walked over to the table where I was sitting.

"Aunt Louise, I feel hot." When she got closer, I looked up from my magazine and gasped. Crystal's face was a deep tomato red.

I opened a bottle of water from my backpack and handed it to her to drink. As I drove back home, I felt devastated.

"How could this have happened?"

The answer was back in my apartment. When my eye caught the prescription bottle of medicine Crystal was taking for a skin infection, I checked

the label. Sure enough, a small sticker warned about exposure to the sun!

Her antibiotic plus being outside in direct sunlight in the middle of the day triggered her skin reaction.

Exposing our skin to sunshine causes it to react by "tanning" or "burning." Sunlight contains ultraviolet radiation, wavelengths called UVA and UVB, which can trigger a rash, itching, and even sunburn. This exaggerated reaction to the sun is called photosensitivity.

Regular sunlight has approximately 20 times as much UVA radiation as UVB. Sunburn, skin cancer, and accelerated skin changes such as wrinkles and spots, called photoaging, are caused primarily by exposure to UVB radiation.

UVB rays are most intense between 10 am and 4 pm. UVB radiation also helps our skin produce Vitamin D.

In contrast, UVA rays trigger photosensitivity reactions in people taking certain medicines, like Crystal.

Thankfully, Crystal's red cheeks faded over the next few hours without further exposure to the sun. Her medicine had increased her skin's sensitivity to UVA wavelengths in the sunshine, and wearing sunscreen with UVA protection would have protected her skin from that reaction.

The effectiveness of a particular sunscreen is measured by how much protection it gives you against UV radiation, called its SPF, or Sun Protection Factor. The bigger the SPF number, the better the protection. For example, if you apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 correctly, you could stay out in the sun 15 times as long without burning compared to without it.

Sunscreens come in two



main types: chemical and physical. Chemical sunscreens work by absorbing specific wavelengths of UV radiation before they penetrate your skin, while physical sunscreens reflect and scatter UVA and UVB radiation.

Here Are 4 Tips for Avoiding Sun Sensitivity to Your Medicine:

1. Cover up. AVOID direct sun and tanning beds until you finish your medicine. When outside, wear long sleeves and a hat with a brim at least 4 inches wide, or apply sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection.

2. Choose an SPF of at least 30.

But you can't just apply it once for all-day coverage. To ensure you get complete protection from your sunscreen's SPF, it's important to renew it frequently, every 2-3 hours.

3. Think ahead. To be most effective, sunscreens need time to bind to your skin.

Apply sunscreen at least 15 minutes before you expect to be in the sun.

4. Don't skimp when applying sunscreen.

Be generous when applying sunscreen. The FDA estimates that an adult in a swimsuit should use about 4 and 1/2 teaspoonfuls when applying sunscreen to their whole body.

5. Reapply frequently.

Sunscreen should be renewed frequently, especially after swimming, playing in the water, or sweating. Also, remember to reapply after drying yourself off with a towel.

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A splash of water or wine helps bring leftover tomato-sauced pasta back to life.

The best ways to reheat pasta

By **AARON HUTCHERSON**
The Washington Post

I'm pro leftovers. Cooking once and being able to eat multiple meals is like giving my future self a timesaving gift. While there are certainly dishes that are best eaten immediately, many others are just as enjoyable - if not more so - a day or three later. Pasta is a prime example. I'd argue that in most instances leftovers can taste just as good as the day they were made as long as they're reheated properly.

The issue with pasta is that it tends to dry out once you put it in the fridge. So, naturally, the solution is to add liquid as you're heating it to return the noodles and sauce to their former glory. The liquid can be whatever makes sense given the dish - water, wine, milk or cream - and you'll want to add a tablespoon or two per

servicing. To reheat the dish, consider how it was finished in the first place: either on the stove or in the oven. (Yes, you can zap it in a microwave, which I've certainly done in the past, but the pasta may reheat unevenly.)

For tomato-based loose pasta dishes, such as spaghetti with meat sauce, put the pasta in a skillet over medium to medium-high heat, add some water or wine and cook, stirring regularly, until the pasta has loosened up and is hot.

For cream-based loose pastas, such as fettuccine Alfredo, you'll want to do pretty much the same, but use your choice of dairy and a much gentler heat, low or medium-low, to keep the sauce from separating.

For baked casseroles, such as lasagna, add a splash of liquid, cover it tightly with foil

and bake in a 350 degree oven until warmed through, 15 to 20 minutes.

There are a handful of dishes that you want to eat immediately as their essence is ephemeral. Spaghetti carbonara is the first that comes to mind, with its silken sauce of eggs and cheese. As recipes editor Becky Krystal wrote, "If you have leftovers, you can frizzle it with a little butter and/or olive oil in a skillet until warmed and slightly crispy in spots, but it won't be the same as when you first cooked it."

All of this sage advice is based on the assumption that the pasta is already dressed and it's not plain noodles. (Reminder: It's always best to finish cooking pasta in a sauce.) But if you do have plain pasta that you want to reheat, you can simply give it a dip in boiling water.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF COMMERCIAL LOAN PURSUANT TO THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER 61.24, ET.SEQ.

Grantors: Erle Terrell IV
 Grantee/Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Balec REI, LLC and Flynn 69 Investments, LLC
 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Rainier Trustee Services, Inc.
 Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: Balec REI, LLC and Flynn 69 Investments, LLC
 Reference number of the Deed of Trust: 2572134
 Parcel number(s): 222010590050

I.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, Rainier Trustee Services, Inc. will on July 12, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Chelan County Courthouse, 350 Orondo Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Chelan, State of Washington, to wit:
 The Southeasterly 50 Feet of Lots 20, 21 and 22, Block 21, Amended Great Northern Plat of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington, according to the Plat Thereof Recorded in Volume 1 of Plats, Page 15.
 Chelan County Tax Parcel No.: 222010590050
 Property Address: 315 Oregon St, Wenatchee, WA 98801
 Which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust recorded in the real property records of Chelan County, Washington on August 19, 2022 under Recording No. 2572134, in which Erle Terrell IV, is Grantor, Gary P. Shuetz, Attorney, is the original Trustee, and Balec REI, LLC, a Washington limited liability company (as to 50%); and Matthew P. Flynn and Bethany P. Johnson, a married couple (as to 50%), are the original Beneficiaries. Balec REI, LLC and Flynn 69 Investments, LLC are the current holders of the obligation secured by the above referenced Deed of Trust.

II.
 No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust 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.

III.
 The Default for which this foreclosure is made is as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:
 Failure to pay the following past due amounts, which are in arrears:

Note and Deed of Trust are due in full:

Unpaid Principal Balance:	\$72,000.00
Accrued Interest through 4/01/2024:	\$10,056.60
Extension Fee:	\$ 720.00
Servicing Fees:	\$ 450.00
Trustee's Fees/Costs:	\$ 4,888.75

TOTAL: \$88,115.35
 Default other than failure to make payment due: N/A

IV.
 The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$72,000.00 together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and 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 said Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on July 12, 2024. The defaults referred to in paragraph III must be cured before the sale on July 12, 2024 to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the sale the defaults as set forth in paragraph III are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time before the sale, by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the principal and interest plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI.
 A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Trustee to the Borrower, Grantor, Guarantors and other interested parties at the following addresses:
 Erle Terrell IV
 5000 LK WASHINGTON BLVD NE, #E301
 RENTON, WA 98056
 Erle Terrell IV
 315 Oregon St
 Wenatchee, WA 98801
 by both first class and certified mail on February 28, 2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on March 1, 2024, with said written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real properties described in paragraph I above, and the Trustee has in his possession proof of such service or posting.

VII.
 The Trustee whose name and address is set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

VIII.
 The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-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 R.C.W. 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 20th 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.

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On this day before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared JOHN A. MCINTOSH, to me known to be the Vice President of the corporation that executed the foregoing NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and on oath stated that he is authorized to execute the said instrument.
 Given under my hand and official seal on April 3, 2024.

/s/ Karen L. Linde
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Rob McManus

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do a final race a few days later, and I ended up being one of the first out of the final race, which was too bad. But it was a really cool experience just competing at Nationals, and they have a really, really great facility and track down at the University of Oregon. So it was a great time."

However, McManus looks forward to his next track and field seasons positively, thrilled to continue participating in national competitions while pursuing his studies at Montana State University.

"I'm excited for the next few years of track and getting those opportunities that only come around every so often to compete at NCAA national championships. So, it's a lot of fun and a great experience always." Mcmanus continued, thinking about the idea of running after college, "I've got two more years of college eligibility left. I know I'll probably be in the NCAA for a little longer, but after that, who knows? I don't know what the future really holds for running, but I think I'll always be involved in the sport, whether it's as a competitor or a fan, or hopefully maybe a coach someday. That would be really cool."

McManus rested in the Cashmere area after his long season of training and competition, helping his family with their orchard and enjoying the hometown love of the Cashmere Valley.

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School District

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and it's a matter of getting with all the teachers that serve these students and making sure that they are filling out the [information] correctly."

Cashmere School District Superintendent, Glenn Johnson, reinforced the importance of safety net funding, commenting, "We honor providing a quality education for each and every kid. That means that we've got to serve different needs... Some kids come with more challenges, and we embrace that. But, the fact is that those safety net funds are critical to provide for the needs that are there."

Thinking about the positive growth the district has undergone in successfully attaining Safety Net reimbursement, Christensen added, "I feel like each year we do it, we're getting a little more efficient at understanding the process. I feel like our district is very supportive of doing what we need to do for kids. I think that's what I love about Cashmere, because kids are at the center of everything. All the decisions that are made, it's kid centered. And so, if we have a student with a need, the district will do what's necessary to meet that need."

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Library

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The organizer and presenter of the Summer Series Read Aloud program, Ashley Harrod, commented on the Series Read Aloud and its aims, saying, "It's something that we're trying for the first time this summer. The books that we're reading are different genres. So, the idea behind it is to introduce young readers, one: to the joys of reading, and two: to different authors and genres and types of books that they might not choose on their own just to sort of expand their reading horizons."

Pandas

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been sent to nations around the world, serving as strategic goodwill ambassadors, attempting to soften China's image abroad. In recent decades, China has lent pandas on renewable 10-year contracts for a fee, with all cubs born abroad to be sent back before they turn four.

The bears often become celebrities in the process - while the departure of three pandas from the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington last year triggered tearful farewells and fears the United States would eventually be left with no pandas.

Council

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RV on the street, it encourages others to do the same. He explained that the current city code restricts vehicles from being unattended on city lots and streets for more than 24 hours. He added that the city has not actually towed vehicles, unless they were abandoned. Typically, the city informs citizens when complaints are received that someone is not in compliance. Croci told the Council that most people comply once they have been informed of a code violation. The sheriff becomes involved when enforcement needs to occur. Some people want the city to enforce the code, and others do not, Croci said.

Council member Jeff Johnson said he understands that storing RVs on streets is a safety issue, but he questioned

Brassbound

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for four months... So they're mixed in also with items that we curate, so Brassbound as a brand is also like a vendor in the shop basically, it allows us to create really engaging displays that change. And [the artists are] responsible for managing their inventory in the backend of our system, it's super intuitive and it even tells you when things sell... Yeah, we're trying to make it super efficient and uncomplicated."

A notable business within Brassbound is Dandelion Thrift, a vendor that offers affordable second-hand children's products such as

Another major focus of the Series Read Aloud is encouraging young readers to engage further with the books and genres that they enjoy. The final fifteen minutes of each read-aloud event are open for kids to discuss their reading needs and interests with library staff, who are there to help them find resources for reading aloud and more books to explore.

Harrod further described her aim for encouraging engagement amongst young readers and their families, mentioning a problem that many older kids run into, "With a children's storytime,

Yun Chuan is the son of Zhen Zhen, who was born at San Diego Zoo in 2007, the San Diego Wildlife Alliance said.

The pandas will be given "several weeks" to adjust to their new surroundings before going on display to members of the public, alliance said, adding that the zoo would share information about how to see the duo once health care teams deemed the pandas ready to meet the public.

WWF estimates that just 1,860 giant pandas remain in the wild, facing threats that include climate change, loss of food supplies and habitat fragmentation.

"Although the conservation status of the giant panda is

why the city would restrict someone from parking an RV in their own driveway. Croci responded that in some cases, people are living in RVs in the yard. Fletcher added that the land use code, not the parking code, restricts RVs in driveways or the lawn, but the code could be amended by the Council.

Council member Shela Pistoressi said she is leery about telling people what they can do on their own property and argued that the city is not an HOA. Pistoressi told the other Council members that she is not opposed to people leaving their RV or boat on the street if it is not a safety issue.

Council member Jayne Stephenson expressed her view that the code is outdated and revealed that she is currently out of compliance since her boat is on the street. But, according to Stephenson,

clothes, shoes, toys, and books. Brassbound is also partnering with Infused Organics to provide a package-free refill station for bath salts, soaps, and body scrubs.

Brassbound Collective is just one of the many planned businesses at Railroad Avenue's Side Street, a project that has been years in the making for building owners Lana and Andy Thomas. Their vision is to create a vibrant hub for the Cashmere community by linking together small businesses into a cornucopia of local industry.

Andy Thomas described the community needs that he hopes to fulfill at Side Street. "We have a four-year-old now, and we're gonna be here for the

like my coworker does for the zero to five age group, that one is fun because you can do the rhymes and the songs with the stories to get those kids engaged at times. For older kids, I think they lose a little bit of that engagement at times because a lot of it is like silent reading or reading that they're doing on their own, and if they're having a hard time with that book, that can be discouraging as a reader."

Harrod continued, revealing her focus, "So, the idea is that we can read books together, and, of course, I encourage families to come as well. So, if parents are interested in any

improving, there is still much work needed to ensure they remain on the path to recovery with healthy and flourishing populations," the statement said.

Chinese wildlife officials said the loan of the two pandas would open a new round of panda conservation cooperation between the United States and China. The China Wildlife Conservation Association added that it hoped conservation efforts between the two countries would also lead to improvements in managing panda diseases, and help promote "friendship between Chinese and overseas peoples."

It is not just San Diego that is eagerly awaiting a panda

as a law-abiding citizen she is working to get the boat off the street. She further explained that although the city may not actually issue a ticket she felt that one person complaining has resulted in the sheriff coming to her house.

The mayor asked Council members to review and provide comments about the current code, and to also review other local city's codes. He added that to change Cashmere's code will be a multiple-step process and the Council's feedback about the codes would be used to start the process. Croci recommended that council members think about what direction they want to go with the code and enforcement.

Fire Chief Larson provided the Council with a status report of operations. The department recently acquired a brush truck from the WA Department

next twenty years. I genuinely feel like I stumbled upon the greatest place on Earth. But, there's not a lot of places to get dinner. There's not a lot of places to hang out with your kids. There's not a lot of family friendly restaurants. There are some holes that we can all admit exist... So let's fill those holes in."

The Thomases don't just plan on renting space to any businesses, but have instead been diligently planning their spaces for the businesses and industries which will best serve the community.

"I genuinely believe that when arts thrive, people thrive. So it's a very meticulously planned space. We're different from other towns in the

of our read-aloud resources, they're more than welcome to take some of those with them."

The read-aloud resources provided at each of the Tuesday events are sourced from readaloud.org, a website that spreads awareness about the benefits of reading aloud with children. Resources include a range of helpful materials, from read-aloud calendars and bookmarks that help families track their reading to informational worksheets for parents to help their children further explore the opportunities of literacy.

Harrod concluded her thoughts with an important

delivery. Later this year, two new giant pandas will arrive in Washington, the Smithsonian's National Zoo announced last month. The move came as a surprise, given the tense relationship between the United States and China, which owns and leases all giant pandas in U.S. zoos, The Washington Post reported at the time.

In fact, China's pandas are so popular in Washington that one Chinese ambassador previously joked: "Many people don't realize it, but there are actually two Chinese ambassadors in Washington: me and the panda cub at the National Zoo."

of Natural Resources and are working on rebuilding a water tender. The demand on the department is growing. According to Larson, about 400 calls were received in 2004, compared to about 700 in 2023. This places an increased demand on the volunteers, which can result in nobody being available when some calls are received. He said that the Department has about 30 volunteers, and about 25 are EMTs. He expressed his admiration for some volunteers who drove to Chelan 2-3 times a week to receive their EMT training, which requires about 100 hours.

He asked the Council to consider what they want for the future. Responding to questions from the mayor, Larson said that in 2023, 45 of the calls were for fire and, 6 were structure fires, 586 calls were for EMS services. Larson explained that the city does

valley." Thomas explained. "We're community first, tourism second, and it's really been like that from the ground up; we haven't given up any of those spaces to somebody just for the money yet."

Brassbound Collective has been open from Friday to Sunday each week, Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm, and Sunday from 12 pm to 6 pm. However, by the second week of August, Brassbound is planned to run seven days a week following the August 3 opening of their Side Street neighbors, Yonder Cider.

The Side Street building currently has opened businesses centered around serving the community, including the Dispatch

statement, saying, "Even fifteen minutes of reading aloud a day is incredibly beneficial to helping expose children to different words and vocabulary to build those critical thinking skills and those language skills, and it doesn't take a lot of time to do that."

For more information about the Cashmere Public Library's Summer Series Read Aloud and their Summer Library Program as a whole, visit ncwlibraries.org or call (509) 782-3314 ext. 272.

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have contracts with other fire districts and municipalities to allow each to assist when necessary. According to the Chief, about half of the calls received are to provide support for Fire District 6. He also suggested that the Council consider funding options to hire a volunteer coordinator or other in-house staff. However, he explained that if the funding would be from a grant, the funding for the position would stop when the grant ends.

An agreement with Chelan County for investigating fire, explosions and the release of hazardous materials was unanimously approved by the Council.

Following a public hearing, at which no public comment was given, the Council unanimously approved an ordinance establishing a master cable service agreement.

Mailroom, NCW Woodshop, Eastside Rebuild reclaimed materials shop, and the Small Change secondhand art supply shop. Future businesses in the process of opening at Side Street include Yonder Cider, a grocery and deli, and a coffee shop that Thomas hopes will become "Cashmere's living room."

To learn more about Brassbound Collective and the other businesses seeking to revitalize the community at Side Street, visit sidestreetcashmere.com or reach out with questions at info@sidestreetcashmere.com or (509) 741-4493.

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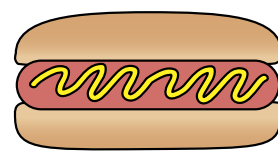
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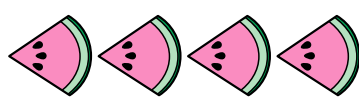
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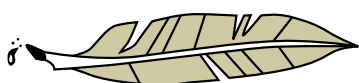
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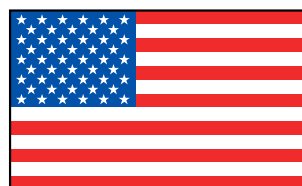
Amount of money spent on watermelon for the July 4th holiday:

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Number of people who signed the Declaration of Independence:

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- million



Percentage of Americans who own an American flag:

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- %

Sources: History.com, WalletHub.com

America's Independence Day

Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, signed on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

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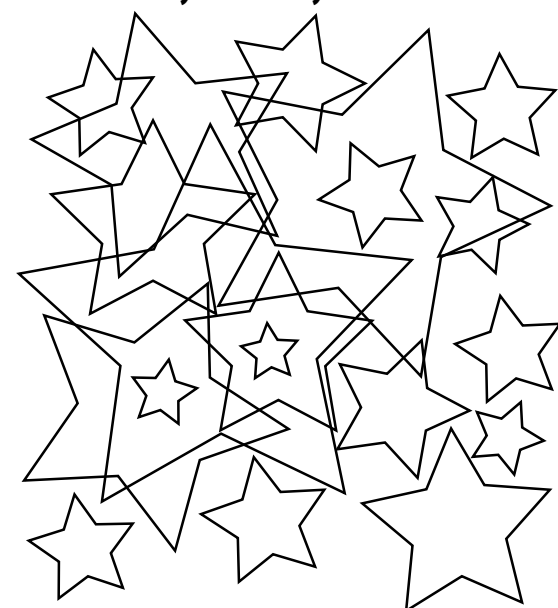
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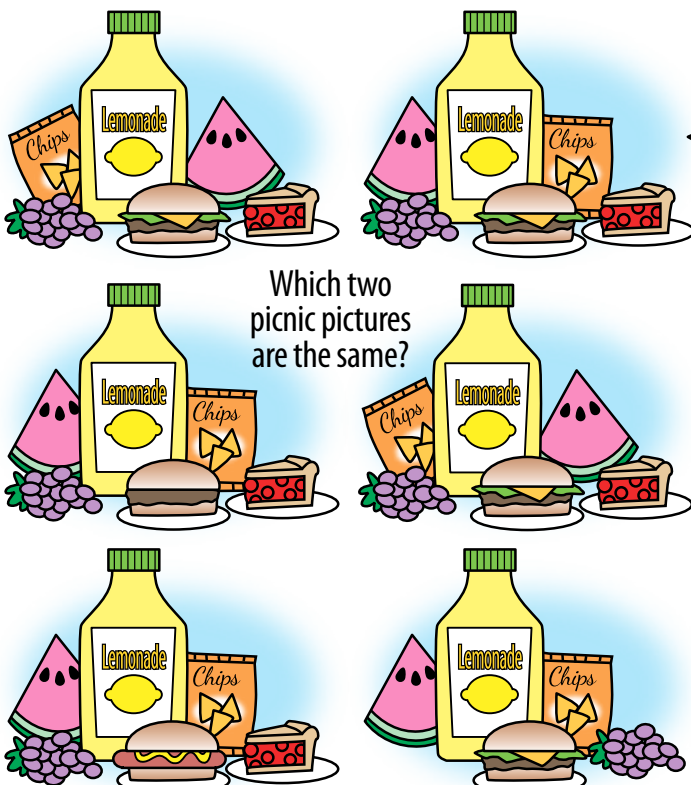
Can you find the letters L-I-B-E-R-T-Y hidden here?



How many stars can you find below?



BONUS: How many stars can you find on this page?



Which two picnic pictures are the same?

Extra! Extra! POP! BOOM! ZING!

Onomatopoeia describes words that sound like the sound they make when you say them. For example, when you say, "Pop!" it sounds a bit like a pop. Look through the newspaper. Can you find three to five examples of onomatopoeia?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary development.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Founding Father Favorite Food

One of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence visited Europe and fell in love with pasta. He brought back a machine to make macaroni and later, he became the first president to serve macaroni and cheese as part of an official state dinner. Which Founding Father was this? Circle every fourth letter to find out!

ASDTFJKHDZMOVWYMLNR
 AQMPSLWBJVCTEKOLFQDN
 FTRYELOSRGBXSUTROMBWN

★ ☆ T H ☆ ★

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- MACARONI
- ENGLAND
- SIGNERS
- PARADE
- FATHER
- CHEESE
- GEORGE
- PEOPLE
- RULES
- PASTA
- EQUAL
- WORDS
- KING
- FREE
- LIFE

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

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This week's word: **INDEPENDENCE**
 The noun **independence** comes from the adjective independent meaning not under the control or rule of another.

America gained **independence** in 1776.

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

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