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COURTESY OF CASHMERE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The graduating seniors of 2023 posing behind Bob Wildfang (center right) on scholarship night. A total of \$82,000 was given out that night to support the students in their post-high school journey to college.

## Cashmere Schools Foundation Scholarship creates opportunities for graduating students

By JADA WOOD  
Ward Media Intern

CASHMERE—Cashmere High School showed its dedication to its students on Wednesday, November 6, when it held its annual scholarship night. It was a time for seniors to learn more about applying for college and scholarships as their graduation approaches.

Over 15 scholarships were introduced to the incredible turnout of 70 people in attendance. Each has different requirements that have to be met in order to receive it, but students

were provided with resources to start planning their college journey now in order to receive enough help along the way. Seniors were also reminded of the FAFSA and WAFSA that are open to students in need of financial aid.

An emphasis of the night was the Cashmere School's Foundation Scholarship, which is open to all high school seniors. Applications open on January 1 and end on March 1. The scholarship was founded by Bob Wildfang along with Ron Doane, who together started the scholarship program in 1999. The board of

trustees includes Josh Stendera, Alex Garcia, Pat Henning, Tracy Franklin, and Glenn Johnson. All are people who have donated money to support the students in their community, and Garcia was even a recipient of the scholarship.

[The scholarship] helps them financially, to pay for their tuition when they go to college," Wildfang said. "And every little bit helps."

Every year the Foundation hosts events to raise money for the scholarship. The board hosts an

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## Cashmere FFA earns national recognition at Indianapolis convention

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CASHMERE – Cashmere FFA brought home two top-four finishes and \$2,500 in scholarships from the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, marking the group's fourth consecutive year competing at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Eight students represented Washington in two Career Development Event (CDE) competitions, earning recognition on the national stage at Lucas Oil Stadium. The two teams were the Environmental Natural Resources team and the Milk Quality and Products team.

Students earned the sole right to represent Washington in each of the events, Cashmere FFA advisor Rusty Finch said.

After hours of practice and preparation, Cashmere placed all eight of its competitors in the Gold Tier, meaning they finished in the top one-third of the individuals competing.

Both teams were recognized at Lucas Oil Stadium since they qualified in the "Final Four."

Cashmere's Environmental Natural Resources team beat 43 other teams to end up 2nd in the Nation. Tony Bumgarner finished 3rd individually out of 171 contestants and won a \$900 cash award. Jesse Hall won a \$400 award.

The Milk Quality and Products team placed 3rd in the nation out of 41 total teams. Aztlan Oropeza finished 10th individually out of 164 competitors. Oropeza, Sophie Hill, and Anna Flick each won an individual \$400 award.

Members of the Environmental Natural Resources team took a 50-question environmental science test, tested surface water for nitrates, temperature, and pH, identified natural resource equipment and species, navigated a GPS course, and evaluated a section of soil and land, recommending erosion prevention strategies.

To further prepare for the competitions, the Environmental Natural Resources team toured and worked with professionals from Purdue University's Soil Science Department and the curator from the Vertebrate Museum in the Natural Resources Department.

Prior to departure, the team visited Robbette Schmit at Winton Compost Works for an in-depth tour of a local compost facility. This proved to be a very valuable field trip as the team activity portion of the competition asked the students to solve a scenario involving solid waste and landfills.

The Milk Quality team had to identify 20 potential cheeses and their

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COURTESY OF CASHMERE FFA

Cashmere FFA members display their awards from the National FFA Convention at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. In the front row is Aztlan Oropeza, Brianna Castro, Eliana Thomas, Sophie Hill, and Tony Bumgarner. In the back row is Anna Flick, Jesse Hall, and Ivette Alvarado.



COURTESY OF CASHMERE FFA

The Milk Quality and Products team members Sophie Hill, Anna Flick, Brianna Castro, and Aztlan Oropeza tour Dandy Breeze Jersey Dairy north of Indianapolis to prepare for their team activity presentation.

## Brick and Rafters brings coworking option to Cashmere



COURTESY OF BRICK AND RAFTERS

The Cashmere event space Brick and Rafters is now offering coworking space during the work week. The space features tables for working, a comfortable living room space and a kitchenette.

By QUINN PROPST  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – Brick and Rafters, an event space owned by Lisa and Tom Kriskovic, has expanded to offer coworking space for local residents during the week.

Venue manager Leisa Osburn said the space, known for hosting celebrations and events over the weekends, now offers a quiet, welcoming atmosphere for people needing a productive workspace.

"During the week, we have Wi-Fi and it's real quiet in there," owner Lisa Kriskovic said. "And we thought, well, what could it be used for during the week? So we kind of thought we would try this, and we've had a really good response."

The space, which features an outdoor courtyard, a private meeting room, and a kitchenette, offers a rustic, coffee shop-inspired vibe without the noise and distractions. Osburn said they also plan to get a printer and espresso machine for the space.

The coworking area provides flexible seating, including a larger communal table for group work, private tables, and a conference-style table. Osburn said a private

room is also available for phone calls or confidential meetings.

As coworking grows in popularity, the Kriskovics hope to provide a useful space in an area where reliable internet access can be limited, especially in canyon areas.

Since COVID, as many people began working from home, coworking spaces have gained popularity. This trend seems here to stay, as many find that coworking environments work well, Kriskovic said.

"I think the need for it is for two reasons," she said. "Some people have a really hard time concentrating at home. They need to actually get out into a space where it feels like they can be really productive. The other reason why I think a coworking space is important is the fact that sometimes you can meet people there, and you can collaborate, and you can even share ideas."

"I'm drawn to it personally, because I have worked from home for many years, and I sometimes need to get out of my home to be more productive, being at Brick and Rafters, and I've used it personally,

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COURTESY OF BRICK AND RAFTERS

The Cashmere event and coworking space Brick and Rafters features a cozy living room area.

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**5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK**

**Imagination Station - Bristle Bots**

The Cashmere Library will host Imagination Station—Bristle Bots for kids, tweens, and teens on Thursday, November 21, from 3 to 5 p.m.

"Make a Bristle Bot that moves," the event page states. "Then use our Keva planks to create an obstacle course for the Bristlebots to explore. This activity teaches how to make an electrical circuit using batteries, a mini engine, and connecting wires.

Recommended for Kids 8 years and up. Sign-ups are required. For more information and to register, visit newlibraries.org.

**Festival of Spirits**

The Numerica Performing Arts Center will host the Festival of Spirits on Thursday,

November 21, from 5-8 p.m.

"This cocktail competition features six of the area's best local restaurants and bars competing for the Best Holiday Cocktail - and the guests are the ones to vote for the winners," the event page states. "This is the opening night of the Numerica Festival of Trees, so attendees get the first chance to view the Grand Trees, Mini Trees, Wreaths, and more - participate in the Silent Auction and enter to win raffles."

For more information, visit numericapac.org.

**Friendly Feud**

Ground Control will host Friendly Feud on Friday, November 22, from 7-10:30 p.m.

"Gather your friends and unleash your competitive spirit with Friendly Feud, an exciting

game that takes bar trivia to a whole new level," the event page states. "This interactive experience pairs the thrill of classic game shows with lively conversation and laughter."

Teams of five will compete to guess the best answers to fun and quirky questions.

For more information, visit groundcontrolwenatchee.com.

**Fowl Play 5k**

The Thanksgiving Day Fun Run Fowl Play 5k tradition returns to Leavenworth on Thursday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The race starts and ends at the downtown gazebo. Proceeds from the race will benefit the

Cascade High School Cross Country team. "Costumes, pets, strollers, walkers, runners all welcome in all weather," the event page states.

Entry is \$10 for students and \$20 for adults. For more information and to register, visit https://

cascadecrosscountry.weebly.com/fowl-play-5k.html.

**Holiday Market at Pybus**

Pybus Market will host their Holiday Market November 22-24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

For more information, visit pybuspublicmarket.org.

# The strength in vulnerability, embracing our shared challenges

North Central Washington has always been a place where strength is measured in visible metrics: the size of the harvest, the height of the dam, the acres of orchards, the megawatts generated. Our region prides itself on tangible achievements, on the concrete ways we've shaped the Columbia Basin into one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

Yet beneath this veneer of achievement and self-sufficiency runs a deeper current of interdependence that we rarely acknowledge. Our orchards depend on irrigation districts working in concert. Our power grid relies on countless workers coordinating across hundreds of miles. Our communities survive wildfire seasons through mutual aid and shared resources.

This push and pull between independence and interconnection defines us. We celebrate the rugged individualism of our pioneers while knowing that no barn was ever raised alone, no



From the Publisher

**TERRY WARD**

orchard planted without helping hands, no wildfire fought by a single crew.

The challenges facing our region today - from water rights to affordable housing, from agricultural succession to climate adaptation - cannot be solved in isolation. They demand a new kind of strength: the courage to admit we don't have all the answers individually, and the wisdom to seek them collectively.

In our small towns and rural communities, vulnerability has often been seen as weakness, something to overcome or hide away. Yet paradoxically, it might be our greatest untapped resource for building stronger communities and fostering genuine solutions to shared problems.

The orchardist who admits uncertainty about the future of family farming opens the door for crucial conversations about agricultural preservation. The young family expressing their struggle to find affordable housing in Leavenworth or Chelan creates space for

community-wide discussions about sustainable growth. The rancher voicing concerns about water availability leads to innovative approaches to conservation.

What if we reimagined vulnerability not as a liability, but as a bridge? What if we saw our shared challenges not as threats to our independence, but as opportunities to strengthen the connections that have always been the true foundation of our regional resilience?

As we face unprecedented changes in our landscape, economy, and way of life, perhaps this is the moment to recognize that our individual strength grows when we acknowledge our shared vulnerability. After all, the mighty Columbia itself draws its power not from any single tributary, but from countless streams flowing together.

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**Sofia Ferrer-Sierra, 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Monserrat Arrieta Pacheco, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

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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  
**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

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**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 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. (3rd Thurs.)  
**Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.**

## Chelan County Sheriff's Report

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

### Nov 8

6:06:34 Accident No Inj, 7400blk Stine Hill Rd, Cas  
 7:20:47 Scam, 6747 Flowery Divide Rd, Ca  
 8:39:23 Parking/Abandon, 118 Parkhill St# C, Cashmere  
 9:15:50 Traffic Offense, 5300blk Binder Rd, Cashmere  
 9:34:29 Assist Agency, 5140 Binder Rd, Cashmere,  
 10:36:02 Property, Devils Gulch Th, Cashmere,  
 11:10:18 Suspicious, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa  
 16:05:02 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Hay Canyon Rd;  
 18:00:18 Theft, 3601 Selfs Motel Rd# 19,  
 19:32:41 Welfare Check, 104 Cedar St, Cashmere, Wa

### Nov 9

0:34:03 Noise, 305 Woodring St# 10, Cash Ca  
 21:43:52 Noise, 5640 N Cashmere Rd, Cashme 5

### Nov 10

0:34:03 Noise, 305 Woodring St# 10,  
 8:29:31 Suspicious, 4988 Old Monitor Rd; Across  
 15:40:38 Juvenile Prople, 4870 Mission Creek Rd, Cas  
 20:41:55 Domestic Distur, 305

Woodring St; Woodring  
 21:12:09 Welfare Check,  
 300blk Valley St, Cashmere

### Nov 11

11:36:16 Parking/Abandon,  
 Olive St & Railroad Ave, C  
 14:15:50 Trespass, 102 Titchenal Way; Bjs Cas  
 15:29:31 Accident Unk, Hay Canyon Rd Mp 1; Area,  
 22:21:12 Welfare Check, 106 Titchenal Way; Cashmere

### Nov 12

11:15:26 Suspicious, 329 Tigner Rd; Cashmere Hi  
 14:21:55 Suspicious, Nahahum Canyon Rd Mp3, Ca

### Nov 13

20:20:05 Suspicious, Cottlets Way & Titchenal Wa  
 23:58:21 Burglary, 229 Cottage Ave; Village I

### Nov 14

8:40:28 Parking/Abandon,  
 Pioneer Dr & Wescott Dr, C 5  
 10:15:27 Welfare Check, 707 Pioneer Ave, Cashmere, Ca  
 15:22:37 Accident No Inj, 329 Tigner Rd; Cashmere Hi Ca  
 16:00:24 Animal Problem, 4783 Valley St, Cashmere, 5

## OBITUARY

# Dennis Dean Frost

Dennis Dean Frost was born on June 17, 1953 in Leavenworth, WA to Steven Cyrus Frost and Dessie Orpha Frost. He often joked about how he was born in a Sanitarium, which seemed fitting. He grew up in Cashmere, WA at the mouth of the Nahahum Canyon and spent afternoons running in the hills which prepared him for his many activities. He loved growing up in the small town of Cashmere, eventually playing football in high school and graduating in 1971. After high school he was going to school in Portland, OR when he received his draft notice and enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard. He found out he

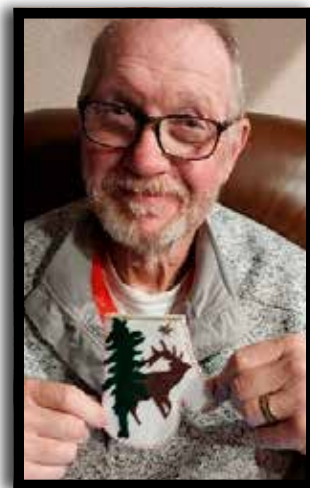
loved the military life and attempted to transfer to the Active Army, unfortunately they were downsizing at the time, so he transferred to Wenatchee, serving a 6 year hitch.

He decided to reenlist and go to Officer Candidate School in Ft. Benning, GA and graduated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and retired as a Captain. During his time in the National Guard, he traveled to Japan, New Zealand, and helped with the cleanup after Mt. St. Helens. After 21 years of dedicated service, he retired from the Guard.

During his service in the Guard, he also worked at the Alcoa Plant in Wenatchee and retired after 34 years. He kept busy by

working at a few other jobs afterwards, Bethlehem and then Chamberlin because he knew if he didn't, Marna would have plenty of "honey-do" jobs around the house to keep him busy. He was a life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, an avid elk hunter, and loved being out on his fishing boat.

He married Marna Wallace on July 18, 1981 in Richland, WA and moved to Cashmere, where they lived in the same house for over 43 years. They raised a daughter and two sons. He was preceded in death by his parents, an older half-brother and a stillborn brother. He is survived by his wife, Marna, a daughter, Stephanie (Kevin),



granddaughter, Madelyn, grandson, Bennet, two sons, Isaac (Ashley) and Phillip (Bree) along with his son from a previous marriage, Shane, and older brother, Stephen.

There is a planned Celebration of Life service at the Cashmere High School community center on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

## Boeing strike drives WA job losses in October

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OLYMPIA — Washington state's economy shed 35,900 jobs in October, primarily due to a major strike by Boeing machinists, while the unemployment rate slightly decreased to 4.7%, state officials reported Wednesday.

The substantial job losses were largely attributed to the aerospace sector, which saw a reduction of 31,000 jobs during the month. The drop marked an unusual shift from recent trends of minimal employment changes.

"October shows an unusually high drop in jobs, unlike the relatively small changes over the past several months," said Anneliese Vance-Sherman, chief labor economist for the Employment Security Department. "This is largely a reflection of the now-resolved strike by Boeing machinists."

Despite the significant job losses, several sectors showed growth. Government employment increased by 2,400 positions, while education and health services added 1,800 jobs, with notable gains in ambulatory health care services.

The leisure and hospitality

sector experienced the second-largest decline, losing 5,400 jobs. Other services (-1,500), transportation and warehousing (-1,200), and construction (-800) also reported losses.

The state's labor force contracted by 6,924 workers to 3,995,931 in October. The number of unemployed individuals decreased from 190,150 to 187,951.

Year-over-year data showed mixed results, with Washington gaining a net 9,100 jobs since October 2023. While public sector employment grew by 4.1% (24,300 jobs),

private sector employment declined by 0.51% (15,200 jobs).

The national unemployment rate remained steady at 4.1% in October, compared to Washington's 4.7%. Both figures represent increases from October 2023, when unemployment rates stood at 3.8% for both the state and nation.

Employment Security paid unemployment benefits to 57,057 people in October, an increase of 3,143 from September, with manufacturing and construction sectors contributing significantly to the rise in claims.

## Wenatchee Bighorns to give away 100 Thanksgiving turkey vouchers

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WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Bighorns basketball organization announced plans to distribute 100 free turkey vouchers to community members as part of its #CommunityFirst initiative.

The distribution event will take place on November 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Smitty's Pancake House parking lot at

1621 N. Wenatchee Avenue. Vouchers worth up to \$25 can be redeemed at any grocery store for turkey or ham, with recipients responsible for any cost exceeding the voucher value.

"We are here this holiday season to serve and give back," said Bighorns owner Shawn Coopridier. "We hope the small gesture will make a positive difference for some in our community."

The vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one per family. No eligibility requirements have been established for recipients.

The giveaway represents part of the team's broader community engagement strategy. Coopridier explained the organization's focus on community service, noting the local support that sustained the team through ownership

changes and venue transitions.

"Our initiative is to partner with local organizations throughout the Wenatchee Valley who share our vision in making a long-term positive difference to those in need," Coopridier said.

The Bighorns compete in The Basketball League (TBL) from March through June. The team will play their 2025 season at Wenatchee Valley College.

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# ¡La Chispa! bilingual workshop inspires Latino middle schoolers across the region



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¡La Chispa! facilitator Irvin Enriquez speaks to middle school students about college opportunities for undocumented students.



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CHS Mentor Jeffrey Palacios shares the necessary commitments needed to succeed in high school.

**By TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Cascade High School hosted middle school Latino students from all over the region to participate in a leadership workshop called ¡La Chispa! (the spark). “It’s all about, first of all, getting to know one another, but also getting to know themselves, and seeing that everyone has leadership potential,” said Cascade High School Counselor Meche Grace. The bilingual workshop, through shared experiences and activities, helps students build self-confidence, strengthen their cultural

identity, and increase their academic success. “What we’re trying to do is make sure that we’re giving them that push so they can see that they do have culture, they do have roots, and they matter,” said ¡La Chispa! facilitator Irvin Enriquez. ¡La Chispa! Facilitators aim to “spark” interest in education by inspiring students to challenge themselves, revealing their strengths, and educating them on the necessary requirements for graduation as well as resources available for secondary education. “Some students come in with a ‘whatever’ attitude, I’m

too cool for school,” and seeing them come up to me at the end of the workshop and telling me, “What you said inspired me, what you said connected with me. What you said is me...” That, for me, is the most satisfying,” said Enriquez. The workshop is also conducted in Spanish and English, promoting the value of being able to speak, read, and write two languages. “When you are bilingual and biliterate, and then you go and apply for a job in the future, you have twice the chances of getting that job just because you are bilingual. So for these kids, knowing that being bilingual is important and the

value of it, and for them to realize that they’re unique, it’s huge,” said Jesus Sandoval, Multilingual Learner Teacher and Migrant Graduation Support Specialist at Icicle River Middle School (IRMS). Seventeen Cascade High School students received three weeks of training to serve as mentors to the middle school students from IRMS, Pinnacles Prep, Chelan Middle School, and Cashmere Middle School during the workshop. They shared their own experiences and knowledge, while leading small groups in activities. “For me, I feel like I got to interact with kids. I got to understand the different

levels, because there were different grades... And I also just got to learn more about my culture too, like how they were explaining all the benefits that we can get in school. I think that was really cool,” said 11th grader and mentor Michelle Perez. As a mentor, Perez had the opportunity to witness her brother’s experience participating in the workshop as a middle schooler. “I think this serves my brother, and [it’s] also exposing him to more of our culture, because I feel like living in a city that’s more white predominant, you know, I think it’s kind of sometimes

hard, and he forgets. So, I feel like it’s letting him remember where he came from... It’s a way for him to express it,” said Perez. The ¡La Chispa! Bilingual Workshops are delivered by the student leadership program of the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP). The Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) began its bilingual outreach in 2004 with a high school leadership camp called La Cima, (the summit). ¡La Chispa! is facilitated by La Cima staff.  
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## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

# Amazon opens new delivery station in NCW

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**EAST WENATCHEE** — Amazon has opened a new delivery station in the Wenatchee area, expanding the e-commerce company's logistics network in North Central Washington.

The facility, designated WWG5, is located at 3485 NE Trident Way in East Wenatchee and will serve customers throughout the Wenatchee Valley and surrounding areas. The delivery station is expected to create hundreds of local jobs offering competitive wages and comprehensive benefits packages, including health,

vision, and dental insurance. "We are thrilled to open this new delivery station in Wenatchee, which will enhance the speed and reliability of our services for customers across the region while creating valuable job opportunities," said Easton Craft, Manager of Economic Development Policy at Amazon. "Our team is committed to being an engaged partner in the Wenatchee Valley, working with local organizations to ensure that the benefits of this facility extend well beyond delivery efficiency and into long-term economic growth for the community."

Local legislators have

welcomed the development's impact on regional employment and economic growth. State Senator Brad Hawkins (District 12) helped facilitate Amazon's expansion into the area.

"I'm very excited that Amazon selected the Wenatchee Valley for its next delivery station," Hawkins said. "This facility will put a lot of people to work, improve deliveries to local businesses and families, and help grow and diversify our regional economy. As our State Senator, I was excited to connect with the Amazon team early on about this opportunity, and I thank the Regional Port, Douglas County

Commissioners, and others for helping to make this happen. This is an awesome step forward for our region."

Senator Shelly Short of the 7th Legislative District spoke about the facility's workforce development plans. "Amazon's delivery station in Wenatchee is more than an economic boost; it's an investment in our local talent," Short said. "I commend Amazon for offering job opportunities that come with educational benefits, which provide a sustainable way for employees to grow and thrive. This facility will support not only Wenatchee but also nearby communities by fostering career advancement and strengthening our regional



COURTESY OF AMAZON

**An Amazon Prime delivery van outside a home reflects the company's expansion into the Wenatchee Valley with its new delivery station, which aims to enhance service across North Central Washington.**

workforce."

The opening adds to Amazon's investment in Washington state's economic infrastructure, with the

company stating the facility will enhance delivery speeds while creating economic opportunities for the Wenatchee Valley region.

# East Wenatchee deploys nation's first hydrogen-powered patrol vehicle



COURTESY OF CITY OF EAST WENATCHEE

**Officials gather with East Wenatchee's new hydrogen-powered Toyota Mirai police vehicle, believed to be the first hydrogen fuel cell police car in the nation.**

NCW News  
Ward Media

**EAST WENATCHEE** — The East Wenatchee Police Department has become what officials believe is the first law enforcement agency in the nation to deploy a hydrogen-powered police vehicle, following an interlocal agreement with Douglas County Public Utility District.

The partnership, which includes collaboration with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Toyota, introduces a 2019 Toyota Mirai hydrogen fuel cell vehicle into the department's fleet under a four-year lease agreement.

The initiative emerged after Douglas County PUD received four used Toyota Mirai vehicles through a Toyota grant program designed to demonstrate renewable hydrogen's potential as a clean fuel

alternative.

"We're excited to explore the viability of hydrogen fuel cells in our community and encourage other agencies with fleet vehicles to consider adding hydrogen-powered cars to their operations," said Gary Ivory, General Manager of Douglas PUD. "The East Wenatchee Police Department's use of the Mirai will provide valuable real-world data to help us understand the practical benefits and challenges of hydrogen technology as we continue to expand its use."

The agreement ensures that hydrogen fuel costs will not exceed current fuel prices, with an automatic renewal option following the initial four-year term. The arrangement builds upon previous collaborative efforts between the two agencies, including a 2023 electric fleet

vehicle infrastructure pilot project.

"Our department drives more miles than the PUD, so this is an ideal chance to learn from our experience. We're eager to see how hydrogen-powered vehicles perform in a law enforcement setting and help refine the integration of hydrogen fuel cells into our operations," Chief Johnson said.

The department has already experienced success with alternative fuel vehicles. "We've already seen significant success with the Ford Lightning EV truck," Chief Johnson said. "It costs about \$3 per shift to charge, compared to \$50-\$70 per shift for traditional fuel. These types of opportunities help us explore new options that are both cost-effective and environmentally sustainable."

"We value our relationship with Douglas County PUD

and together we're making important strides that will help improve efficiency and reduce our environmental impact, paving the way for a brighter future for our community," said Mayor Crawford.

The initiative coincides with ongoing construction of a renewable hydrogen production facility near Baker Flats, scheduled to begin commercial production in the first quarter of 2025. The facility is expected to produce hydrogen from renewable resources, contributing to maintenance cost reduction at the Wells Hydroelectric Project.

*The City of East Wenatchee, incorporated in 1935, stands as Douglas County's largest municipality and is historically significant as the landing site of Miss Veedol, the first nonstop trans-Pacific flight.*

# WA Supreme Court weighs controversial step to solve public defense crisis

By **JERRY CORNFIELD**  
Washington State Standard

**OLYMPIA** - Supporters and opponents of a proposal to slash public defender caseloads in Washington made their closing arguments to the state Supreme Court on Wednesday, November 14.

For two hours, justices listened to speakers weigh in on a request to amend the Supreme Court's standards for indigent defense by trimming the number of cases public defense attorneys handle each year by up to two-thirds.

This was the second and final public hearing on changes first put forth by the Washington State Bar Association. Justices will consider the testimony and trove of public comments submitted in recent weeks before deciding what, if any action to take. They next meet Dec. 4.

"I don't know if we'll be taking action or not in that time frame," Chief Justice

Steven Gonzalez said at the close of the hearing. "But you'll hear more from us as we decide on the process from here."

There's a shortage of public defenders in Washington. Supporters contend that large caseloads and low pay are driving people out of public defense and deterring new lawyers from entering the profession. The proposed standards address one part of the equation.

"When we issued standards last time, it helped us retain people. These standards will help us recruit," said Jason Schwarz, director of the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense and chair of the Washington State Bar Association's Council on Public Defense.

In counties where the lack of public defenders is most pronounced, those accused of crimes, but unable to afford a lawyer, wait long periods before receiving counsel

they are constitutionally guaranteed.

In October, the ACLU filed a class-action lawsuit against Yakima County and other parties on behalf of individuals who had waited weeks before getting an attorney assigned to their case.

"People's rights should not be violated. There is anxiety. The people are being traumatized by sitting in jail for long times," said Dominique Davis, founder and chief executive officer of Community Passageways, a Seattle nonprofit focused on felony diversion and prevention.

Prosecutors have been concerned that reducing defenders' workloads will lead to the filing of fewer cases to ensure no one's rights to counsel are violated. That will result in less justice for crime victims and could spark an increase in vigilantism by those who feel the system isn't working for them, they said.

Okanogan County Deputy

Prosecuting Attorney Teddy Chow implored the justices to discard the proposal which he called an "unnecessary, short-sighted, unreasonable and corrosive rule."

And if the public defender ranks grow, cities and counties will need to amp up hiring of staff and prosecutors to keep pace and that will be exorbitantly expensive.

To cover the tab, local government leaders said Wednesday that they will be forced to divert dollars from other important programs.

Ryan Mello, chair of the Pierce County Council, addresses the Washington State Supreme Court on a proposal to revise the caseload standards for public defenders on Nov. 13, 2024. (Jerry Cornfield / Washington State Standard)

Ryan Mello, Pierce County Council chair and the county executive-elect, warned

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**Ryan Mello, chair of the Pierce County Council, addresses the Washington State Supreme Court on a proposal to revise the caseload standards for public defenders on Nov. 13, 2024.**

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# With WA courts' online systems down, thousands of firearm sales on hold

By **JERRY CORNFIELD**  
*Washington State Standard*

OLYMPIA - Washington state courts' computer systems have been down for nearly two weeks, disrupting the operation of local courts and preventing the completion of thousands of firearm sales.

The Administrative Office of the Courts announced Nov. 4 that the state's Judicial Information Systems, Washington courts website and associated networks, and databases were taken offline after detecting "unauthorized activity." Service is not expected to be fully restored until next week at the earliest.

"Good progress is being made, but it is extremely time consuming to bring our systems back up in a secure environment due to the complexity and interconnectivity of the networks," Wendy Ferrell, associate director for the state Administrative Office of the Courts, said Tuesday. On Facebook, court officials

said Tuesday that so far "there is no evidence that any court or personal data has been accessed, altered or removed during the unauthorized activity that was detected." They noted that reconnecting trial and appellate courts "safely to the services they need is our number one priority."

Last Friday, the state Supreme Court issued an emergency order empowering local courts to adjust timelines for filing of cases, trials and sentencing. It also permits them to delay arraignments and first appearances of those facing charges but out of custody if the courts are unable to connect to the network and databases.

Meanwhile, since Nov. 1, completion of gun purchases has been held up because the Washington State Patrol cannot access the Secure Automated Firearms E-Check system to conduct mandatory background checks. Typically, the patrol's Firearms Background Division does between 400 and 1,000 checks a day.

Chris Loftis, State Patrol's director of communications, said the cybersecurity issues have significant ramifications for buyers and dealers.

"We know they have a right to get their background check. We know they have a right to get their firearms," he said. "But the bridge is out. That's the reality. It's frustrating for the customers, for the dealers and for us."

A gun rights group threatened Tuesday to sue if the problem isn't remedied soon.

"This is simply unacceptable, and we will not tolerate it," said Alan Gottlieb, founder and executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation in Bellevue.

"As the saying goes, 'A right delayed is a right denied,' and the state has denied untold numbers of citizens their right to obtain firearms for almost two weeks," he said in a press release. "When the system is restored, we expect the WSP to work day and night to expedite background checks already on hold."

The state patrol isn't the only agency affected.

On Tuesday, the state Department of Children, Youth and Families issued a statement that the system outage "has been impacting our ability to complete background checks and likely will impact the hiring process for DCYF employees, providers, and foster parent applications."

In its statement, the department said the system had been down since Nov. 1 and was expected to be restored by Tuesday. The court network and databases are needed for carrying out background checks. However, the agency can still access the National Crime Information Center for Child Welfare placements and child protective service investigations.

And the Washington State Gambling Commission is dealing with a similar challenge.

"The agency mission is to protect the public by ensuring gambling is legal and honest. Part of this is



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Since November 1, local courts and agencies have faced significant delays as cybersecurity issues continue to impact operations across the state.

our review of applicants for licenses to ensure they qualify for licensure and there is no disqualifying information that may affect the approval of that license," Troy Kirby, commission public information officer, wrote in an email. "That review is accomplished with access to information on

the [Washington] court site."

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# With \$10B deficit looming, WA governor calls on state agencies to make cuts

By **JERRY CORNFIELD**  
*Washington State Standard*

OLYMPIA - Washington Gov. Jay Inslee is warning of a budget deficit in excess of \$10 billion and calling on state agencies to pare spending now to deal with it.

A Nov. 8 memo from Inslee's budget director cited rising costs, increasing demand for public services and lower-than-expected tax collections for a projected operating budget shortfall between \$10 billion and \$12 billion over the next four years.

Cuts are needed to balance the spending plan Inslee will release next month for the 2025-27 biennium.

"The Governor's operating budget will prioritize continuing essential programs and addressing caseload increases, while not expanding existing programs and services," Pat Sullivan, director of the Office of Financial Management, wrote in the memo.

Transportation budget projections also have trended down for several forecasts creating a situation where revenues are not covering current commitments, Sullivan said.

Sullivan directed cabinet agencies to submit cost-saving options, like hiring freezes and pausing or delaying programs, by Friday, Nov. 15. And he urged presidents of higher education institutions and separately elected officials to undertake a similar exercise.

At least two agencies — Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Transportation — imposed hiring freezes, with

exceptions for some essential posts.

Sullivan warned of "tough fiscal choices ahead" following release of the September revenue forecast but declined then to quantify the amount of the projected deficit.

Another forecast is coming out next week. That will give Inslee a final piece of information for the budget proposal he will release in December. It will serve as a template for lawmakers and Gov.-elect Bob Ferguson when they write spending plans in the 2025 session.

It's going to be a challenge,

said Sen. June Robinson, D-Everett, chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the chamber's lead budget writer.

"They are not overstating it," she said of the projected deficit amount. "Because of the magnitude, we're going to need to look at a range of options."

Asked if the "options" included spending cuts and new revenue, she said yes.

The current two-year operating budget is about \$72 billion.

The deficit spans the next two budget cycles. It represents the difference

between the anticipated costs of current and promised services and programs and the projected amount of revenue that will come in to pay for them. Put another way, state agencies need \$10 billion to \$12 billion in additional funding to maintain current programs and services.

Senate Minority Leader John Braun, R-Centralia, estimated the cost of maintaining the current level of services in the 2025-27 budget will drive base spending for the biennium to roughly \$76 billion.

While the deficit "is a big number, it is not an

unmanageable number," he said. "I have absolute confidence we can deal with this without new taxes and can live within our means."

Ferguson and his team are aware of the letter and the governor's staff will be briefing them in the coming weeks, according to an Inslee spokesperson.

The state Department of Social and Health Services implemented a hiring freeze with exemptions for staff in essential and direct care positions. They also put a hold on new equipment purchases, as well as contracts and travel not already approved.

The state Department of Transportation also froze hiring. There are exceptions for jobs like Washington State Ferries crews and winter maintenance.

"While we have not been directed to do this, it is one logical step we can take to slow our spending while the transportation budget is contemplated during the legislative session," said Kris Abrudan, acting senior director

of external relations for the transportation department.

Education is the single largest component of the budget and Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal requested an increase of nearly \$3 billion for public schools in the next budget. A third of that is to fully fund special education.

"These types of exercises from OFM are not uncommon," Katy Payne, OSPI chief communications officer, wrote in an email. "While there are always competing priorities and limited resources, the state has both federal and state level obligations it must meet in order to ensure all Washington students receive the high-quality public education that they are constitutionally owed."

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Gov. Jay Inslee speaks to members of the press on Jan. 4, ahead of the 2024 Washington state legislative session.

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imposing the standard will cause "real harm" to the criminal justice services and other critical services.

He urged the justices to help lobby lawmakers and the governor for funding to stabilize the public defense system and to adopt a "realistic phased implementation" of the standards.

Under standards adopted by the state Supreme Court in 2012, a full-time public defense attorney or assigned counsel should have no more than 150 felony cases a year.

Last year, the American Bar Association, the National Center for State Courts and the RAND Justice Policy Program released the National Public Defense Workload Study that concluded public defenders should handle far fewer.

Washington's high court asked the Washington State Bar Association to weigh in on whether the cap needs adjusting. The association responded in March with the recommendation now under public review for new maximums of 47 felony or 120 misdemeanor cases in a year, depending on the severity. The reduction would be phased in over three years.

Judge Kristin Ferrera of Chelan County, president of the Superior Court Judges Association, said the crisis is real but the timeline for

caseload changes is too short and will create hardships in some counties. The association recommends carrying out the first phase of reduction but delaying the later phases to assess if the situation changes.

Justices can accept, reject or modify any or all of the proposals. There is no deadline to act. Any decision will be handled similar to a court case where they confer behind closed doors then issue a decision and explanation.

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**Legals**  
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**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH**  
On the 12th day of November, 2024, the City Council of the City of Leavenworth, Washington passed the following ordinances. A summary of the contents provides as follows:  
**Ordinance 1699:** An ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, WA, providing for the annexation of certain real property described as Lot 1 of BLA 2365, assessor's parcel number 241711130150; and all that portion of Mine St. right-of-way lying westerly of the existing City limits boundary, to the City of Leavenworth, WA, incorporating the same within the corporate limits thereof, and adopting zoning regulations for the annexed property.  
**Ordinance 1700:** An Ordinance of the City of Leavenworth, Washington, which is an ordinance authorizing the regular property tax levy and is authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2025 tax year.  
A full copy of these ordinances is available at Leavenworth City Hall or will be mailed to you upon your request to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, City of Leavenworth, PO Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on November 20, 2024. #8923

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY**  
In re the Estate of **ORLO ROSS TIFT Deceased.**  
**NO. 24-4-00410-04**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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 11.40.020(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: November 20, 2024  
Personal Representative: Steve Tift  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kyle D. Flick  
Address for Mailing or Service: 222 South Mission Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801  
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 24-4-00410-04  
DATED this 15 day of November 2024.  
LAW OFFICE OF KYLE D. FLICK, P.S.  
By KYLE D. FLICK, WSBA #14963  
Attorney for Estate  
Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on November 20, 27, December 4, 2024. #8920

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**City of Leavenworth Request for 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Docket) Proposals**  
The City of Leavenworth is entering into the annual Comprehensive Plan (20-year visioning document) amendment cycle and is requesting community input for ideas, suggestions and proposals regarding amendments, including changes to the Land Use Designation Map. Amendments will be finalized and addressed in the 2025 Planning Commission Docket. For an amendment to be considered for sponsorship by the City Council, submittal is due by December 31, 2024. Additionally, individuals may request privately sponsored amendments when submitted by January 31, 2025. Suggested amendments, applications and/or questions may be sent to Community Development, phone (509) 548-5275, e-mail at [mboles@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:mboles@cityofleavenworth.com), or mail City of Leavenworth, P.O. Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2024 #8786

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**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NOTICE OF PLANNED FINAL ACTION ON CONDEMNATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leavenworth City Council has scheduled on its agenda consideration of final action upon the following proposed ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION, APPROPRIATION, TAKING AND DAMAGING OF LAND AND OTHER PROPERTY WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND PROPERTY RIGHTS NECESSARY FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS APPURTENANT THERETO, INCLUDING ACCESS WHERE APPLICABLE, FOR PURPOSES OF REPAIRING, REPLACING AND UPDATING AND REVISING THE CITY'S EXISTING SEWER LINE. THIS ORDINANCE DIRECTS THE CITY ATTORNEY, OR DESIGNEE, TO PROSECUTE THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, TOGETHER WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENTS, STIPULATIONS OR OTHER AGREEMENTS; AND ACKNOWLEDGES A PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY AFFECTED IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH, IN CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND, UTILITY FUND OR FROM SUCH GRANTS OR OTHER MONIES THAT THE CITY MAY HAVE AVAILABLE OR ATTAIN FOR THE ACQUISITION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
Date/Time of planned final action: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or at such later time as scheduled on the November 26, 2024 Agenda Location of planned final action: City of Leavenworth Council Chambers 700 Hwy. 2 Leavenworth, Washington, 98826  
Property affected: Tax Parcel Number 241711818010  
Property Address: 225 Prospect Street Leavenworth, WA 98826  
Property owner: REBEKAH L. SUBIDO The full legal descriptions of the property proposed for condemnation can be obtained from the City of Leavenworth, WA 98826 – telephone (509) 548-5275. At the above-stated date, time and location of final action, condemnation of the above-described properties will be considered, and the Leavenworth City Council will decide whether or not to authorize the condemnation of the property. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on November 13, 20, 2024. #8880

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **JEAN GUNDERSON Deceased.**  
**No. 24-4-00305-04**  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**RCW 11.40.030**

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); 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: November 20, 2024  
Date of Filing: August 8, 2024  
Personal Representative: Michelle Gutzwiller  
Attorney for Personal Representatives: Byron J. Moore  
Address for Mailing or Service: Byron J. Moore Moore Law Firm, PLLC 9116 E Sprague Avenue, #1022 Spokane Valley, WA 99206  
Attorney for Estate: /S/ Byron J. Moore Byron J. Moore, Ph.D., WSBA #43624  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN**  
In the Matter of the Estate of **JAMES BLAKE SMELLEY Deceased.**  
**No. 24-4-00345-04**  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**RCW 11.40.030**

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); 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: November 20, 2024  
Date of Filing: September 6, 2024  
Personal Representative: Mary Edith McInnis  
Attorney for Personal Representatives: Byron J. Moore  
Address for Mailing or Service: Byron J. Moore Moore Law Firm, PLLC 9116 E Sprague Avenue, #1022 Spokane Valley, WA 99206  
Attorney for Estate: /S/ Byron J. Moore Byron J. Moore, Ph.D., WSBA #43624  
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auction in February to raise money, along with the annual golf fundraiser that takes place in July and has been running for 20 years. They accept donations in order to fulfill their mission of providing post-secondary support to CHS students. About 40 graduates earlier in 2024 were awarded scholarships totaling over \$102,000. The Cashmere Schools Foundation is able to assist graduating students with the help of the community and continues to do so every year with unwavering support. The Cashmere Schools Foundation has also partnered with Cashmere Cares in

order to cover all the bases of supporting children and students in the community. Inside the overarching Foundation scholarship are dozens of individual scholarships available to all graduates. Only one application is needed to apply for 51 different scholarships, totaling \$98,000. Each has a unique criteria, but it is guaranteed that there is an option for everyone.

"The mission of the Cashmere Schools Foundation is to provide scholarships and post-secondary support to graduates and... to provide quality education for all students."

Cashmere School District works hard to provide ample opportunities and a quality

education to its students. Scholarship night, where students will receive their scholarship money, will take place on May 28, 2025. Visit Cashmere Schools Foundation's website at www.cashmere schoolsfoundation.org, where the board's mission and history are displayed. The scholarship is funded by donations, and the link to donate can be found on the website as well. The support of Cashmere's community is a tradition that will only continue to grow the sense of unity in its members.

Jada Wood is an intern for Ward Media and a junior (Class of 2026) at Cashmere High School.



COURTESY OF CASHMERE FFA

Members of the Environmental Natural Resources team Tony Bumgarner, Jesse Hall, Eliana Thomas, and Ivette Alvarado compete at the National FFA Convention.

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production characteristics, milk quality defects, conduct a California Mastitis Test and evaluate bulk samples of milk data tests as they relate to the Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

The Milk Quality Team toured the Dandy Breeze Jersey Dairy north of Indianapolis to prepare for their team activity presentation.

"Both teams would like to thank everyone who supported them along the way," Finch said. "We would especially like to recognize our major

auction donors to the Prime Rib Dinner, an event that helps generate travel funds."

Major donors include Josh and Dora Potter, Camikae Lynch, Glenn and Danielle Johnson, Amanda McCargo of Brown Family Homestead, Bruce Valentine, Brian Hendricks, Chris and Autumn Flick, Aaron and Linda Alberts, and Mountain Springs Lodge.

"We would also like to thank the individuals who sponsored a \$500 meal for the teams while in Indianapolis," he said.

"Thank you to Daryl and Lorna Harnden, Bob Wildfang, Shon and Janeen Smith, Jerod and Erin Kitchel and Chris and Autumn Flick."

Brick and Rafters

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it's great," Osburn said. "It's such a beautiful, calm atmosphere, it's organized, it's clean, and it's just the perfect space for you to really be productive and get stuff done."

With low-cost access—\$20 per day, \$75 per week, or \$175 per month—the Kriskovics hope to provide an affordable option for remote workers, entrepreneurs, and community members seeking a professional environment.

Brick and Rafters is located in a convenient part of Cashmere, close to shops and cafes.

"You know, I think our big thing, and Lisa and Tom's big thing, is just supporting our community," Osburn said. "And so I really want people to know that Brick and Rafters is right in the middle of what's really happening in Cashmere right now."

"And so not only can you use our space, but you can also go down to Weeds and have lunch, like, how awesome to support their little business," Osburn said. "Or go over to Gaucho for a little hustle and bustle and have some really great coffee."

"We want to highlight that we're right smack dab in the community," she said. "And yes, you can use this as a private workspace, but go check it out while you're here."

Quinn Propst: 509-731-3590 or quinn@ward.media.



COURTESY OF CASHMERE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Marcia Fall, career counselor of CHS, presents the Cashmere Schools Foundation scholarship to seniors looking for financial support for college.

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

Notice to Defendant (Aviso al demandado): CHARLOTTE LABARRE

You are being sued by Plaintiff (Lo está demandando el demandante): ASHORINA YOUHANNA

Case Number (Numero del caso): 22STCV14201

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff.

A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can

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find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center

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(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted

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pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le queda más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios

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legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California - County of LOS ANGELES

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111 NO. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 22STCV14201

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Brian L. Larsen, Esq. (SBN 158252)

Law Offices of Brian L. Larsen 530 Jackson St., 2d Fl. San Francisco, CA 94133 TELEPHONE NO.: 415/398-5000 FAX NO (Optional): 415/398-5080 Date (Fecha): 04/28/2022 Clerk, by (Secretario), Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Deputy (Adjunto) R. Perez, Deputy Clerk Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024. #8624

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES FRANKLIN COGGINS, SR

Deceased (March 22, 2024). No. 24-4-00415-04

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's Resident Agent who is also 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: November 13, 2024; Personal Representative: James F. Coggins, II; Attorneys for the Personal Representative: Rani K. Sampson, WSBA# 37486; Resident Agent for the Estate: Rani K. Sampson; Address for Mailing or Service - Overcast Law Offices: Attn: Rani K. Sampson; 23 S Wenatchee Ave, Suite 320; Wenatchee, WA; 98801; (509) 663-5588 extension 108; Court of probate proceeding and cause number: Chelan County Superior Court; Cause Number: 24-4-00415-04; Presented by: Overcast Law Offices-ncw, pllc; By: Rani K. Sampson, WSBA No. 37486; Attorneys for the Personal Representative Published in the Leavenworth Echo / Cashmere Valley Record on November 13, 20, 27, 2024. #8877

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

In the Matter of the Estate of JANICE G. KAESTNER

Deceased. No. 24-4-00226-04

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); 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.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD KAESTNER,

Deceased. No. 20-4-00162-04

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); 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.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN

In the Matter of the Estate of CLARENCE G. SPENCE III,

Deceased. No.24-4-00394-04

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 representatives' or the personal representatives' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. 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(3); 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.

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Leavenworth has received the following application and has scheduled a public hearing with the Leavenworth Hearing Examiner. You are invited to review the file and make comment. Comments received by December 6, 2024 will be addressed in the City's Staff Report. Additional comments may be addressed at the public hearing for consideration by the Hearing Examiner. The Public Hearing will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 2025, online via Zoom Webinar, ID: 982 1592 4677, Passcode: 344135; Or the call-in phone number: 1-253-215-8782. If you cannot attend via Zoom, please contact City Hall, at least one day prior to the hearing, for special arrangements.

1. LUA2024-055: Jill Fineis and Jamie Polittle (owners) requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a one-bedroom Bed and Breakfast within an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), currently under construction. The project is located at 172 Evans, within the Residential Low Density 6,000 (RL6) zoning district; Assessor's parcel number 241701680280. The public is encouraged to attend via Zoom and to submit written comments prior to the hearing. Materials may be viewed by appointment only at City Hall, or on the City's Public Portal at https://lvnworth.wa.permittax.com/Citizen/; Search by file number, address, or use the interactive map. Questions may be directed to Maggie Boles, Community Development Director, phone 509-548-5275 or email mboles@cityofleavenworth.com. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on November 20, 2024. #8925

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