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Council reviews property use ordinance, approves planning agreement

By Kirk Beckendorf
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE - The Cashmere City Council reviewed a draft ordinance aimed at regulating unauthorized use of city property during their January 13 meeting, spurred by recent concerns over unauthorized camping on municipal lands.

Mayor Jim Fletcher presented the draft, modeled after a recently adopted Chelan County ordinance, which would implement criminal penalties and authorize the removal of unauthorized individuals from city property. When Council member

Jeff Johnson raised questions about permitted events like Founders Day, Fletcher clarified that activities approved through the city's permitting process would not be affected. The Council is scheduled to vote on the final version at their January 27 meeting.

In unanimous decisions, the Council approved the annexation of a single parcel at 5633 Evergreen Dr., owned by Maria Christina Barros, following prior approval from the Chelan County Boundary Review Board. They also authorized a \$15,000 Planning Service Agreement with Perteet, Inc. for on-call planning

services.

Director of Operations Steve Croci endorsed continuing the city's relationship with Perteet, citing their ongoing work with the Cashmere Planning Commission (CPC) on developing the city's mandatory Climate Mitigation Plan and comprehensive plan updates. Christina Wollman, Planning Consultant with Perteet, Inc., emphasized at a previous CPC meeting the importance of public participation in shaping Cashmere's future vision.

The climate planning element will assess potential risks and hazards to

Cashmere from climate change and establish resilience goals and policies, according to city documents and CPC meeting discussions. Fletcher indicated additional tasks may include developing a comprehensive land use plan and regulations for accessory dwelling units.

In other developments, Fletcher announced the termination of the city's Humane Society contract, citing substantial cost increases and minimal pet-related issues. He stated that pet owners should bear responsibility for their animals, noting that law enforcement officers retain authority to handle dangerous

dog situations.

Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH) CEO Manual Navarro provided an organizational update to the Council, describing CVCH's mission to deliver holistic healthcare to underserved populations through sliding-scale payment options. Navarro reported that CVCH operates 25 service sites with over 500 employees, marking a 22% staff growth in the past year. He highlighted recent expansion of behavioral health and drug abuse services, noting that Cashmere residents have access to a mobile Community Clinic.

Goehner named ranking republican on Senate Housing Committee



Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden

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OLYMPIA — State Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, has been selected as the ranking Republican member on the Senate Housing Committee as he begins his first term in 2025, following three terms in the State House of Representatives.

Goehner, who served as a Chelan County Commissioner for 16 years, will focus on addressing Washington's housing crisis through regulatory reform. "The state has been facing a housing crisis for a long time and it needs to be addressed," Goehner said. "I expect to focus on the regulatory environment, the permitting process, and environmental issues. We need to create more housing opportunities for all income levels."

In addition to his role on the Housing Committee, Goehner will serve as the assistant ranking Republican on the Transportation Committee, where he plans to prioritize efficiency and rural access improvements. He identified Highways 2 and 522 as critical infrastructure concerns for his district. "I appreciate the opportunity to be

on the transportation committee as the Assistant Ranking Republican so I can be part of negotiations and have input on the final decisions in the transportation budget," Goehner said.

The former state representative will also serve on the Local Government Committee, drawing from his extensive experience in county government. "Because of my background in local government, I'm excited to be on the committee," Goehner said. "I'm very conscious and concerned of the challenges that small governments face and will continue to be mindful of the State's expectations for the municipalities in our district and ensuring adequate funding for those services."

Goehner represents the 12th Legislative District, which spans both sides of the Cascade Mountains and includes diverse communities such as Monroe, Snoqualmie, North Bend, Leavenworth, Chelan, Cashmere, and Wenatchee.

The 2025 Legislative Session commenced on Jan. 13, marking the beginning of Goehner's first term in the Senate.

Residents, officials weigh in on proposed short-term rental code revisions

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY - The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) took public comment on proposed changes to Chelan County's short-term rental (STR) code on Jan. 14.

"By having these opportunities for people to come and talk to us, I think it helps show us our blind spots and gives us an opportunity to see things or realize some nuances of the STR industry that we may not be aware of," said County Commissioner Shon Smith, who represents District 2.

In its most recent recommendations, the Planning Commission voted to keep adopted language in the purpose statement that stated short-term rentals have "a detrimental impact" to the housing market, as well as maintain the percentage caps on the number of STRs allowed in a given area.

For Tier I rentals, which require an owner on-site, the Planning

Commission rejected a provision to allow for a manager or operator in the owner's place. The Planning Commission agreed with the BOCC's proposal to make parking requirements consistent with county parking code.

Many of these recommendations were a result of the comments made during the Planning Commission's Nov. 13 public hearing that were echoed at the BOCC hearing on Jan. 14.

"Don't increase the caps. Don't increase the occupancy limits, and honor what the Planning Commission recommended as far as upholding the owner requirements for Tier I," said Leavenworth resident Barbara Rossing during the BOCC hearing.

However, the Planning Commission recommended a study group for further deliberation on the proposed amendment that children under two years of age be exempt from occupancy limits.

During the hearing, many STR

owners requested this amendment in order to match booking platform guidelines. Because booking platforms allow families to book without counting children under two, owners said they have had to cancel bookings after realizing the discrepancy.

"Chelan County is creating a reputation that Chelan County does not welcome or want children or families, time and time again," said Carissa Reid of Reid Property Management.

At the end of the public comment period, Chelan County Fire Marshal Chris Pedersen gave testimony, arguing that children under two should be counted under occupancy levels in order to reflect standard fire code, which counts every person regardless of age, for safety reasons. Additionally, Pedersen stated that STRs should not be allowed to perform self-inspections for fire and

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Sean Lynn of Love Leavenworth Vacation Rentals provides comment to Chelan County Commissioners.

Chelan County Sheriff's Office warns of Venmo payment scam targeting residents

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Chelan County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about an ongoing financial scam targeting local citizens through the mobile payment platform Venmo.

According to law enforcement

officials, an unknown entity is attempting to fraudulently collect money by impersonating CCSO Detective Nelson and Chief Moody. The scammers are telling victims they have missed court dates, have outstanding warrants, or suspended licenses that can be resolved by sending payments through Venmo.

"THIS IS FRAUD," the sheriff's

office emphasized in their announcement. "At no time do members of the Chelan County Sheriff's Department collect money from the public for court related matters."

The warning comes as digital payment scams continue to evolve across the country, with criminals increasingly exploiting mobile

payment platforms to target unsuspecting citizens.

The sheriff's office reaffirmed their commitment to public safety in their statement, noting that "Chelan County Deputies continue to work to provide, 'A community where safety, justice and security are ensured for all through unwavering commitment to service.'"

Residents who encounter these fraudulent payment requests are urged not to send money and to report any such attempts to the Chelan County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office is located at 401 Washington St. #1 in Wenatchee, Washington, and can be reached at (509) 667-6851.

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

DIY Fridays

The Peshastian Library will host a DIY Friday on Friday, January 24, from 2:30-5:30 p.m. "Kids, stop by the Peshastian Library on Friday afternoons for a new Do-It-Yourself project," the event page states. "There will be a variety of project types, from arts and crafts to STEM to LEGO challenges."

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

Irish Social Dancing at the Museum

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center will host an Irish Social Dancing class on Tuesday, January 28, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. "The An Daire Academy of Irish Dance is hosting a beginner-friendly class

for adults," the event page states. "Prospective dancers will be tapping to the rhythms of Ireland alongside seasoned dancers. Guests are recommended to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers/walking shoes."

For more information and to register, visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

Beats, Brews, Bingo: Taylor's Version

Ground Control will host Beats, Brews, Bingo: Taylor's Version on Friday, January 24, from 7-10 p.m.

"This month's music bingo is all about our girl, Taylor," the event page states. "Drink beer, listen to music, and win T-Swift themed prizes. In between rounds we'll have Tay-raoke breaks."

For more information, visit groundcontrol.wenatchee.com.

Live music by BassiCally

Off the Hill Tasting Room in Wenatchee will host live music by BassiCally on Sunday, January 26, from 4-6 p.m.

"BassiCally performs a wide variety of genres from Country to R&B, even EDM," the event page states. "She sings vocally renowned artists like Amy Winehouse, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and more."

For more information, visit offthehill-wenatchee.com.

Saturday Salmon Series

Rocky Reach Discovery Center will host a Saturday

Salmon Series on Saturday, January 25, from 10-11 a.m.

"Dive into the fascinating world of salmon with this interactive and engaging family program, perfect for all ages—from preschoolers to senior adults," the event page states. "Explore "Kids Versus Fish: Comparative Anatomy"

to discover how kids and fish are alike and different, learn how salmon use their fins in "Fun with Fins", and create a unique keepsake by coloring your own wooden fish to take home."

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Burnett takes oath, receives committee assignments

NCW News
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OLYMPIA — State Rep. Brian Burnett, R-Wenatchee, was sworn in Monday, Jan. 13, during the opening ceremonies of the 2025 Legislature, officially beginning his term representing Washington's 12th Legislative District.

"With family and friends in attendance at the Capitol, taking the oath was humbling. Knowing the 12th District has confidence in me to be their voice in Olympia is a great feeling. This is a privilege I take very seriously," Burnett said.

The freshman legislator has been appointed to four committees, including positions that leverage his extensive law enforcement career. Burnett will serve on the Community Safety Committee and Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee.

"With 25 years in law enforcement, I know firsthand what needs to be done to ensure

safer streets and protect our communities," said Burnett, who previously served as Chelan County Sheriff for 12 years. "I am working on legislation to help address the drug crisis and help with law enforcement recruitment and retention."

His appointment comes as Washington faces significant law enforcement staffing challenges. The state currently ranks last among all states and the District of Columbia in police officers per thousand residents.

Legislative leadership has also named Burnett as assistant ranking Republican on the Early Learning and Human Services Committee, where he will help oversee policies affecting children and families. The committee's jurisdiction includes early learning, child care, youth development, child welfare services, children's mental health, at-risk and homeless youth, juvenile justice, and economic assistance programs.

Vandals shoot Chumstick Highway signs, causing \$10,000 in damages



COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

The radar-activated signs warn drivers of a tight turn under the train trestle.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH — Chelan County Public Works is seeking answers to vandalism incurred on Chumstick Highway road signs.

The radar-activated flashing warning signs located at the train trestle near Freund Canyon were shot multiple times over the weekend of

Jan. 11 and 12, according to a Chelan County Public Works Facebook post. The signs are radar-activated and in place for motorists' safety. The vandalism caused approximately \$10,000 in damages.

Any information regarding suspicious activity around the train trestle near Freund Canyon should be submitted to the Sheriff's tip line on the county website.



COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE REPUBLICANS

State Rep. Brian Burnett, R-Wenatchee, sits at his desk on the House floor during the opening day of Washington's 2025 legislative session in Olympia. The former Chelan County Sheriff was sworn in Monday and appointed to four committees, including roles focusing on public safety and human services.

"I have been very involved with at-risk youth, including a summer camp and mentor program for abused or neglected foster children ages 6 to 12. I experienced firsthand the challenges they may face due to unwarranted stressors in their lives. My background will provide valuable insight into some of the issues that come before this committee," Burnett said.

Additionally, Burnett will serve on the House Appropriations Committee, which oversees the state operating budget, pension policy, and compensation matters.

The 2025 legislative session is scheduled to run 105 days, concluding April 27.

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.

Jan 10

8:23:43 25c00307 Assist Agency, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa
8:26:29 25c00309 Assist Agency, 5351 Binder Rd, Cashmere,
10:31:49 25c00311 Scam, 409 Cottage Ave, Cashmere,
11:07:47 25c00312 Assist Public, Sunset Hwy & River St, Cas
11:21:52 25c00313 Assist Agency, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa
13:12:39 25c00317 Harass/Threat, 300 Tigner Rd, Cashmere Mi

Jan 11

9:46:16 25c00331 Civil, 106 S Douglas St, Cashmere

13:12:10 25c00337 Assist Public, 113 Elberta Ave, Cashmere, Ca
23:06:47 25c00346 Suspicious, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 3, Ca Ca

Jan 12

2:58:50 Animal Problem, 200blk Washington St, Cash
3:37:43 Runaway, 4870 Mission Creek Rd, Cas
8:02:20 Parking/Abandon, 530 Mission Creek Rd; Area

Jan 13

15:03:13 Suspicious, 715 Pioneer Ave, Cashmere,
16:56:56 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 & Cottlets Way, Ca

Jan 14

9:30:55 Parking/Abandon, 306 Elberta Ave, Cashmere, Ca
11:04:16 Diversion, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 3, Ca Ca
15:12:34 Assault, 300 Tigner Rd, Cashmere Mi Ca
23:31:53 911, River St & Sunset Hwy, Cas

Jan 15

0:03:19 Drugs, 8703 Alice Ave, Dryden,
0:35:02 Assist Public, 216 Elberta Ave, Cashmere,
0:42:52 Animal Problem, 212 Washington St; Area, C

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Port Authority to open applications for new Trades District

NCW News
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WENATCHEE — The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority (CDRPA) announced that applications for its new Trades District development opened on January 17, expanding business infrastructure in North Central Washington.

The development, located in Wenatchee Valley's economic hub, will provide state-of-the-art facilities designed for manufacturing, technology, and trades businesses. The project aims to create a collaborative environment for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and startups in the region.

"The Trades District is more than just a space—it's a catalyst for bold ideas and thriving businesses," said Brooke Lammert, Economic Development Specialist at the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority. "We're here to support emerging entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing the

resources, community, and opportunities they need to turn their vision into reality and drive lasting economic impact in our region."

The CDRPA represents the first merger of two county-wide port districts into a single operational entity in Washington state. The authority serves as the primary economic development agency for both Chelan and Douglas Counties.

Prospective applicants can access application materials through the authority's website at www.cdrpa.org/trades-district. The CDRPA is encouraging early preparation from interested businesses seeking to participate in the development.

Additional information about the Trades District can be obtained by contacting Brooke Lammert at 509-884-4700 or via email at brooke@cdrpa.org.

The facilities will focus on fostering innovation and supporting local business growth in the Wenatchee Valley area.

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.lpid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)
- Peshastin Water District**, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. (2nd 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**
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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.**

Sheriff

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- 7:29:12 Theft, 115 E Pleasant Ave# 3, Ca
- 10:12:07 Extra Patrol, 4870 Mission Creek Rd, Cas
- 11:42:17 Property, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa
- 16:22:51 Juvenile Proble, 205 River St# 1, Cashmere Ca
- 21:48:42 Diversion, 259

Independence Way, Area Ca

Jan 16

- 9:48:35 Assist Public, 4219 Eels Rd, Cashmere, Wa 5
- 11:06:25 Assist Agency, 4219 Eels Rd, Cashmere, Wa 5
- 11:28:35 Traffic Offense, 600 Cottlets Way, Pioneer V Ca
- 18:06:49 Fraud/Forgery, 314 Elberta Ave, Cashmere,

State and gun shop clash at WA Supreme Court over high-capacity magazine ban



JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET / WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD

Solicitor General Noah Purcell argues his case for upholding the state's ban on the sale of high-capacity magazines before the Washington Supreme Court on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

By JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - The fate of Washington's ban on the sale of high-capacity firearms magazines now rests with the state Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, Jan 14, attorneys for the state and a southwest Washington gun shop challenging the law made their cases to the justices.

Lawyers for Gator's Custom Guns argued the ban on selling magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds violates the clause of the state constitution that protects "the right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state."

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects firearms that are "in common use" and are "typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes."

"Just the simple fact that citizens of the nation and the state have overwhelmingly chosen magazines of capacity more than 10 rounds necessarily leads to the conclusion that they are used for self-defense," said Austin Hatcher, an attorney from the Spokane area. "They're used for lawful purposes."

On the other side, lawyers from the state attorney general's office argued the prohibition should stand because these magazines aren't necessary for a gun to work. Since they are accessories, the ban doesn't violate the state or federal constitutions, they argued.

Solicitor General Noah Purcell called the magazines the "universal tool of choice" in mass shootings.

"Nothing in Washington's Constitution or the Second Amendment requires states to allow the sale of firearm accessories that have virtually no utility for self-defense and, instead, are routinely used in mass shootings," Purcell told the justices.

Washington's ban on high-capacity magazine sales took effect about two and a half years ago. The state is among at least 14 nationwide with similar restrictions. These laws have attracted lawsuits as lower courts work through how to interpret a 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that set new limits on gun regulations.

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud asked Purcell if components of a gun, like a barrel, are not technically a firearm, does that mean the state could ban them?

A restriction impairing the right to bear arms would be a problem, Purcell conceded. But the magazine law does not cross that line, he said, because "there is no firearm that requires a large capacity magazine to operate."

Purcell also argued people defending themselves don't need more than 10 rounds. Hatcher countered that the state constitutional right goes beyond self-defense.

Legal lingo

Arguments in the dispute

Rental code

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life safety.

"This is also a commercial building...It's no different than a bed and breakfast. We do inspections on those, we do inspections on hotels. We don't allow those owners to do self inspections. So why should a short-term rental be different?" said Pedersen.

One resident of Stehekin

center on several U.S. Supreme Court rulings over the past two decades.

In a pair of cases, District of Columbia v. Heller in 2008 and McDonald v. City of Chicago in 2010, the high court ruled individual Americans have a right to bear arms that must be respected under federal, state and local laws.

But the Heller ruling also said Second Amendment rights are "not unlimited" and set out a test for deciding whether weapons could be regulated because they are "dangerous and unusual."

If a weapon is dangerous and unusual, then the government can prohibit it, explained Joseph Blocher, the co-founder of the Duke Center for Firearms Law, in an interview last week. "If it is not, that is if it is in common use for lawful purposes, then it cannot be prohibited."

More recently, the Supreme Court ruled in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen that state firearm laws must adhere to the nation's "historical tradition of firearm regulation."

That's left judges having to infer how modern weapons like large-capacity magazines and semiautomatic rifles square with laws written more than a century ago.

Hatcher argued there is no historical precedent to underpin Washington's ban on the sale of the magazines. "I don't think there are any analogous laws, and the only ammunition capacity laws were from the Prohibition era, which is much too late," he said.

But Purcell said the comparison doesn't have to be so specific. He used the example of Bowie knives. As the knives rose in popularity in the 1800s, laws cropped up to ban them. The situation today with ammunition magazines is similar, he argued.

"There doesn't have to be a twin regulation from the late 1700s for something that didn't exist in the late 1700s, as is the case here," Purcell said. "What we look for is the principles that underlie old laws and whether they're consistent with principles underlying" the current law.

In a recent application of Bruen, federal appeals court judges struck down a federal law prohibiting some people under restraining orders from having guns because it wasn't in line with law when the U.S. Constitution was ratified.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned that ruling last year. In doing so, the justices noted courts could use general principles, not just exact matches, when comparing modern gun laws to historical regulations.

And Blocher noted laws like Washington's have largely been upheld across the country, "so in essence, I would think the state should have some reason to feel confident."

But even Justice Steven Gonzalez acknowledged the difficulty of applying the evolving tests the U.S. Supreme Court has laid out for gun laws. "I'm confused by our

national Second Amendment jurisprudence, and I'm confused by Bruen," Gonzalez said.

How we got here

Democrats passed the ban on large-capacity magazine sales on a party-line vote in 2022 after years of trying.

Gator's Custom Guns in Kelso filed a legal challenge to the ban. Then Attorney General Bob Ferguson responded by suing the shop, owned by Walter Wentz, alleging it had flouted the new state law by continuing to sell the banned magazines.

In an interview after the hearing, Wentz said the state's bans on high-capacity magazines and assault weapons led to a 40% decrease in sales at his shop.

Last April, Cowlitz County Superior Court Judge Gary Bashor struck down the law, finding the ban violated the Second Amendment and language in the state constitution granting a right to bear arms for self-defense.

Within hours of Bashor's decision, at the request of state attorneys, a state Supreme

Court commissioner agreed to put a pause on the ruling so the prohibition could remain in place.

A couple weeks later, the commissioner, Michael Johnston, extended the stay until the case was resolved and it remains in effect.

Both sides asked the state Supreme Court to hear the case. Justices agreed to do so last June.

Wentz said he was surprised how "impartial" the justices appeared.

Last week, the Legislature began its 105-day session, in which Democrats hope to pass a number of new gun laws. One would require a state permit to purchase firearms. Others would restrict guns in parks frequented by children, public buildings and county fairs and ban bulk purchases of ammunition.

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Girls Basketball			
Fri, Jan 24	5:45 PM	College Place	Home
Sat, Jan 25	3:45 PM	Kiona Benton City	Away
Tue, Jan 28	5:45 PM	Naches Valley	Away
Boys Wrestling			
Thu, Jan 23	6:00 PM	Conference Match	Home
Sat, Jan 25	10:00 AM	Quincy	Away, Quincy Mat Animal Boys Tournament
Tue, Jan 28	5:00 PM	Liberty Bell	Home
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Okanogan	Home

CASHMERE SCOREBOARD

Boys Basketball					
Tue, Jan 14	Cashmere	57	Zillah	82	Loss
Fri, Jan 17	Cashmere	60	Connell	55	Win
Sat, Jan 18	Cashmere	53	Wahluke	45	Win
Girls Basketball					
Tue, Jan 14	Cashmere	50	Zillah	46	Win
Fri, Jan 17	Cashmere	56	Connell	19	Win
Sat, Jan 18	Cashmere	58	Wahluke	8	Win
Boys Wrestling					
Tue, Jan 18	10:00 AM	Tonasket	Away	Tonasket Apple Pie Tournament	
Girls Wrestling					
Tue, Jan 21	5:00 PM	Okanogan	Away	Othello Lady Huskie Invite	
Fri, Jan 24	4:00 PM	Othello	Away	Othello Lady Huskie Invite	
Sat, Jan 25	10:00 AM	Othello	Away	Othello Lady Huskie Invite	

CASHMERE WRESTLING

CHS boys place 2nd at Tonasket; girls impress at Davis

By **JEFF CARLSON**
Cashmere Bulldogs

The Cashmere Bulldogs boys wrestling team put together a strong showing on Saturday at the Apple Pie Invitational in Tonasket, finishing 2nd overall out of 14 teams. While Tonasket claimed the team title, the Bulldogs were highlighted by three individual champions and several other strong performances. Cashmere's standout wrestlers included Mack Pell (126 lbs.), Wyatt Weatherman (157 lbs.), and Jance Novak (165 lbs.), who each claimed individual titles in their respective weight classes. The Bulldogs were also well represented in the finals, with Zennon Cortes (175 lbs.) and Grey Jacobson (190 lbs.) both battling their way to 2nd place

finishes in their divisions. Several other Bulldogs had notable performances, contributing to the team's overall success. Freshman Jacoby Tait (175 lbs.) and senior Cruz Hesselschardt (285 lbs.) both placed 3rd in their weight classes. Sophomore Ulysses Betancourt also made a strong impression, finishing 4th in the 215 lbs. bracket. His performance helped the Bulldogs score valuable team points as they worked their way up the standings. In addition to the champions and finalists, several Bulldogs won multiple matches to help the team accumulate points. Kaiden Huber (126 lbs.) and Andrew Ratliff (150 lbs.) each earned three victories on the day, contributing key wins. Zane Pace (120 lbs.), DeAngelo Gutierrez (138 lbs.), JJ Herrera

(144 lbs.), and Guillermo Martinez Perez also picked up multiple wins, showcasing the depth of the Bulldogs' roster. With the Apple Pie Invite now behind them, the Bulldogs are turning their attention to a crucial matchup at home on Thursday. They will face two of the top-ranked teams in the state, Wapato and Zillah, in a double dual. It's a perfect opportunity for the Bulldogs to test their skills against some of the best in Washington, and fans can expect a thrilling night of high-level wrestling at Cashmere High School. **GIRLS:** The Cashmere Bulldogs girls wrestling team faced tough competition on Saturday at the Davis Invite in Yakima, where they finished 23rd overall out of 36 schools. Despite the challenging field, the Bulldogs had several strong

performances, highlighted by sophomore Tori Black's impressive run to the finals. Black (120 lbs.) was the standout for the Bulldogs, making a strong statement in her weight class. After winning her first four matches of the day, Black advanced to the finals, where she ultimately placed 2nd overall. Several other Bulldogs contributed with multiple victories on the day. Quinn Pace (110 lbs.) fought through her bracket to notch a series of wins, while Haile James (135 lbs.) and Rylee Snodgrass (145 lbs.) also showed resilience, earning multiple victories in their respective weight classes. In addition to their efforts, Sydney Mazur added a victory at 145 lbs., continuing to build on her potential for the remainder of the season.

CASHMERE BASKETBALL

CHS basketball teams sweep Wahluke

By **JEFF CARLSON**
Cashmere Bulldogs

Boys: Cashmere 53, Wahluke 45

The Bulldogs (11-4 overall, 8-3 SCAC) held off a late rally by Wahluke to secure a 53-45 victory. Cashmere led 25-19 at halftime and extended its advantage to 10 points entering the final quarter. However, Wahluke (6-9 overall, 4-6 SCAC) fought back, trimming the Bulldogs' lead to just 4 points midway through the fourth.

That's when Rylan Nelson took control. The senior guard scored 16 of his team-high 24 points in the second half, including a perfect 8-for-8 performance from the free-throw line in the final minutes to ice the game. Nelson also contributed 7 rebounds and 2 blocks, providing a dominant presence on both ends of the floor. Tobie Larson was a force in the paint, finishing with 12 points and a game-high 15 rebounds, while Mac Carlson added 8 points and 5 boards. Rylan Hatmaker rounded out

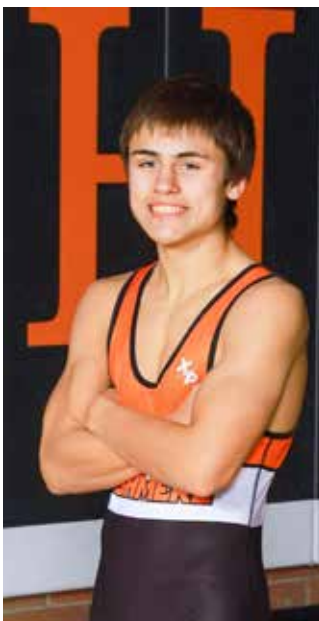
the scoring with 5 points and 2 assists. **GIRLS: Cashmere 58, Wahluke 8** In the girls' matchup, the Bulldogs (12-3 overall, 9-2 SCAC) extended their winning streak to 8 games with a dominant 58-8 victory. Cashmere's defense was suffocating from the start, jumping out to a 16-2 lead after the first quarter and holding a commanding 34-5 advantage at halftime. The Bulldogs' defense took it a step further in the third quarter, shutting

out the Warriors (0-15 overall) completely and initiating the running clock after a 40-point lead. Senior Ellie Bessonette led the charge with a game-high 15 points, also adding 3 steals. Leah Kunz contributed 14 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals, while Allie McKenna filled the stat sheet with 6 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 blocks. Freshman Kinsley Miller chipped in with 6 points and 2 assists, and senior Dina Schoengarth added 5 points in the balanced win.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Mack Pell Sophomore Cashmere Boys Wrestling

Pell had an outstanding performance at the Dick Pruett Invitational at Kent-Meridian High School on Saturday. Competing in the 126 lb. weight division, Pell dominated the competition to capture the championship title and played a key role in helping the Bulldogs secure the overall team title. Pell's road to the top was nothing short of impressive. He began his tournament with a dominant pin, then followed it up with three consecutive technical falls. With an impressive 24-6 record on the season, he has established himself as one of the top competitors in his weight class. Coach Wheeler: "It would be tough to find anyone more committed than Mack Pell. He has made many sacrifices and worked tirelessly on his goals.



Mack has an unmistakable approach to the sport. He is a fierce competitor that puts him in a league of his own."

Sydney Mazur Sophomore Cashmere Girls Wrestling

Mazur had a strong performance at the Connell Invitational, where she placed 3rd in the 145 lb. weight division. She posted an impressive 4-1 record on the day, with a key second-round pin in the 3rd place match. Mazur's success is even more notable considering her selfless commitment to the team. Earlier in the season, she was willing to wrestle up a weight class to help the team cover more divisions. As the season progressed, she dropped to her current weight class at 145 lbs., where she has flourished as a varsity wrestler. Coach James: "Sydney has one of the best single leg shots. She scored many times this weekend shooting a single and even switched it up to a double leg after getting in on



her opponent's leg, finishing the takedown easily. A very solid wrestler on her feet."

Cashmere High School set to perform uplifting musical The Little Mermaid

By **JADA WOOD**
Ward Media Intern

CASHMERE- Cashmere High School is preparing to perform Disney's "The Little Mermaid" at the end of the month. Since the casting in November of 2024, the CHS and Cashmere Middle School students have worked to learn the songs, dances, and lines required for their roles. Directed by Susan Gubsch, the story centers around the young mermaid, Ariel, who longs to live in the world above the sea. Makenna Fritz, playing Ariel, shows excitement for her role in the show. "It's pretty incredible because every little girl dreams of being a Disney princess," said Fritz. "My favorite part is just being able to portray that." Many cast members have been nominated for or received Wenatchee Apple Awards for CHS shows in the past. High school senior Lily Erdmann, playing the sea witch Ursula, was nominated for best actress for her roles in both "Little Women" and "Mamma Mia!". Senior Gabby Winchester won the Apple Award for Best Supporting Actress in "Sabrina Fair" and will be performing as Scuttle. Other lead roles include Trip Martin as Prince Eric, Teddy Fox as Sebastian, Hayden Miller as King Triton, and Ellie Weber as Flounder. Ariel's six mersisters are played by



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In character as Ariel, Makenna Fritz poses in front of the "Under the Sea" backdrop designed by senior cast member Kimberly Strong for Cashmere High School's production of "The Little Mermaid," opening Jan. 31.

Georgia Hemmer, Lexi Lutton, Alinah Marrón, Kalli Mille,r and Jada Wood. Other members of the ensemble include Audrey Adams, Layne Bagley, Addy Aguigui, Emmett Brown, Zoë Caruso, Brooke Chalmers, Jillian Daweritz, Etta Deason, Abithra Dowling, Clover Durrant, Adrian Fernandez,

Ayden Gasbar, Clair Guerin, Avonlea Hemmer, Grace Hodges, Alisson Lopez, Sophia Marrón, Maren Peterson, Kimberly Strong, Emily Swanson, Izzy Thomas and Emerson Thomason. The show will be performed on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and continue into the next week on Feb. 6, 7, and 8 at 7 p.m. It

will be in the Cashmere Middle School auditorium. Tickets will be available in advance at the CHS office or at the door for \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. *Jada Wood is an intern for Ward Media and a junior (Class of 2026) at Cashmere High School.*

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Ferguson vows to reform government



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The Governor's ball inside the Legislative Building, with the parking lot by the capitol steps transformed into an extension of the ball.



JUAN JOCOM/WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL

Gov. Bob Ferguson is sworn into the office Jan. 15, in Olympia. With him were his twins, Jack and Katie, and his wife, Colleen Ferguson.

Executive orders defend reproductive rights, tighten policies

By **JUAN JOCOM**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Gov. Bob Ferguson was sworn in and legislative members, state employees and the public celebrated the event with an inaugural ball.

Dressed in black tie attire, inaugural ball attendees swarmed on the steps of the Legislative Building Jan. 15 and filled the rotunda inside, where Squaxin Island tribal members performed ceremonial songs. The first day in office wasn't all pomp and

ceremony, however. Shortly after being sworn in, the new governor signed three executive orders. The first directed the Department of Health to convene with healthcare providers and reproductive health experts to protect reproductive health in Washington.

"My administration will work with President Trump where we can," Ferguson said. "We will stand up to him when we must, and that most certainly includes protecting Washingtonians' reproductive freedom."

Ferguson also signed two other executive orders: one directing state housing agencies to streamline their processes, and another requiring all state agencies to cut down on processing times for permits and licenses. If they fail to deliver on their promised timelines, the order requires them to provide the service for free.

At his swearing in, Ferguson also outlined previously shared goals, such as a \$100 million over the next two years to put more police officers on the street. He added that any budget he signs must include this funding. He also emphasized improving affordability for Washingtonians, fixing the ferry system, enhancing K-12 education and creating more housing.

As for the looming budget crisis, he said he would not sign a budget with unrealistic revenue growth projections and would veto bills that defer major spending obligations more than four years after

their adoption.

"I'm not here to defend the government," Ferguson said. "I'm here to reform it."

Rep. April Berg, D-Mill Creek, said she's confident in Ferguson's ability and knowledge of state government.

"What he talked about [during the speech], how he talked about it, and really the specifics that he went into — a lot of times you don't hear that in a traditional inaugural speech," Berg said.

After the inauguration, Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, said he was pleasantly surprised by Ferguson's speech, saying that Ferguson shares a lot of the values that the Republican Party deems important.

"We're going to hold him accountable to his promises to the people in Washington. I expect him to deliver," Braun said.

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, compared former Gov. Jay Inslee's inauguration speech to Ferguson's,

commending his "honesty" in addressing issues important to the Republican Party and expressing support for Ferguson's efforts in areas of agreement.

"It's the first time we've had a governor, since I've been here, that seems to live on this planet," Stokesbary said.

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The Squaxin Island tribe performs ceremonial songs in the middle of the Legislative Building, while guests watched by the stairs right before Gov. Bob Ferguson's speech.



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Republican leaders address the press shortly after Ferguson's speech, on Jan. 15, in Olympia. They are (at left) Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, and Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia.

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Reykdal says Washington risks lawsuit if school funding isn't hiked

By JERRY CORNFIELD
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal warned Thursday that Washington is not living up to its constitutional obligation to cover the cost of basic education and faces the "very serious possibility" of landing back in front of the state Supreme Court to explain why.

Seven years ago, in the landmark case known as McCleary, justices ruled the state had complied with the court's order to ensure ample funding for basic education. But the state's been backsliding since, Reykdal said, and no longer provides enough money to local school districts to keep pace with rising costs.

"The court didn't say you're done. Our fiscal situation is getting perilous in a lot of places," he said, adding "it is a very serious possibility" the state could be hauled into

court again for not meeting its school funding obligations.

Jared Kink, president of the Everett Education Association, a unit of the Washington Education Association, agreed a courtroom reckoning looms if the Legislature and governor don't step up.

"The McCleary decision on funding wasn't a static number. The Legislature has not adapted to the increasing costs that educators are experiencing in schools," he said.

Reykdal made his comments Thursday as he provided a status check on Washington's 1.1 million-student public school system that he's overseen since 2017.

He spoke about trends in student enrollment and academic achievement but he devoted a large portion of his 45-minute talk to the need to tackle major cost-drivers districts face: special education, transportation, and materials, supplies and

operating costs, also known as MSOC.

Reykdal estimated it would take \$2 billion in the next budget to collectively cover the gap between what the state now provides districts for each of those areas and the actual amount they spend.

About half is for special education and would enable lifting a cap on state funding for special education programs and covering these services for those up to age 22. Reykdal also wants to track increases in enrollment of students in need of special services.

Close to \$140 million is needed to provide reliable transportation to and from school for all students, including those with special needs, those who are homeless, and those in foster care.

Materials, supplies and operating costs are up due to spiking prices, including insurance premiums, natural gas rates and utility charges.

But pumping more money

toward schools is a big ask for lawmakers and Gov. Bob Ferguson who will be focused on filling a large budget hole.

"I understand people talk about 'this is a tough year'. Every year is a tough year," Reykdal said. "We do not want to find ourselves back in court."

The challenge, he continued, is to make sure Democrats and Republicans consider long-term goals in education investment not just the "crisis of the moment in their budget."

In the current two-year operating budget, Washington is spending roughly \$30.6 billion of the general fund — the cache of state tax dollars used to fund day-to-day operations — on public schools, he said. That works out to roughly 43%, down from the high-water mark of over 50% in 2019, the year after McCleary was resolved.

"Setting a goal like 50%



RYAN BERRY/WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD
Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal is sworn in on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia, Wash. Reykdal was first elected to the job in 2016.

Senate bill targets homelessness in extended foster care program



MARY FEUSNER/WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL
Mockingbird Advocates commemorate sharing their testimonies in support of SB5082 in Olympia on Jan. 13.

By MARY FEUSNER
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - More than 100 young people in Washington became homeless last year as they transitioned out of the state's foster care program. Some legislators say state and federal restrictions are standing in the way of the resources they need to keep their housing.

"Stable housing is critical," said State Sen. Wilson, D-Auburn. "These are our children. These are state-raised children. We would not put our own children into a space where they don't have a place to live."

Senate Bill 5082 creates a new housing assistance program for youth enrolled in

Extended Foster Care.

"It is a bill that should have been introduced back when the EFC program started in 2007," said Esmira James-Secret, an intern at Families of Color Seattle.

Extended Foster Care is for young adults who were dependents of Washington State until their 18th birthday. The voluntary program assists them for up to three years as they transition out of foster care and into adulthood.

To help in that transition, SB5082 allows youths participating in EFC to receive housing vouchers to cover living expenses. They become eligible if they are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. The housing voucher would be available for

up to 36 months but not beyond their 21st birthday.

Wilson said housing vouchers can currently be applied for through the Foster Youth to Independence program. However, youth are forced to exit foster care to be eligible for the housing voucher, leaving behind EFC programs and support systems.

"It is things like this that can give hope to people who feel like they have nothing to live for," said Lexx Senner, advocate with the Mockingbird Society.

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Legislature convenes with eyes on deficit, taxes, education

By **TAYLOR RICHMOND**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - As they were cheered from the gallery by friends and family and treated to a ukulele version of "America the Beautiful," legislators gathered Jan. 15 for the opening of the 2025 Washington State Legislature.

"As long as we stay focused on making sure people are better off by our decisions, we will get through our challenges and we will keep moving this state forward," said Rep. Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma, who was elected as speaker of the House for the sixth time.

In the Senate, students from

the American Sign Language program at River Ridge High School in Lacey, signed and sang the national anthem. President of the Senate, Lt. Gov. Denny Heck led the ceremonies, and the senators received their oaths of office from Chief Justice Debra L. Stephens.

However, some were not celebrating.

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn - who was nominated against Jinkins - said, "Washington keeps falling further behind because of choices the state and this body have made."

He said he believes taxes are increasing prices across Washington State and the government is spending too much money.

There is a projected budget deficit of at least \$10 billion over the next four years, and Republicans want to cut spending to fix the problem. At the same time, they hope to remove taxes on items such as prepared food and diapers.

Democrats say they are more open to increasing

revenue to help with the deficit, including a wealth tax proposed by Gov. Jay Inslee in December. However, they understand the budget needs to be "scrutinized," Jinkins said, but hope to avoid "harmful cuts" to schools, childcare or healthcare.

Gov. Bob Ferguson is striking a more moderate position. He said he is skeptical of the wealth tax and has proposed a 6% cut across all state agencies. Ferguson said he would exempt public K-12 education from cuts.

Other issues confronting the legislature include the decline in the motor vehicle fuel tax, the main source of transportation revenue. Cars have gotten more efficient and electric vehicles more popular, so legislators are looking at a road usage charge where drivers pay a certain amount per mile. Just what form that would take is an open question.

Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Sen. Marko Liias, D-Edmonds, spoke at a legislative preview Jan. 9. He reminded Washingtonians: "Our gas tax

is a road usage charge. The more you drive, the more you pay."

Legislators will also look at how money from the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) is allocated. The CCA, enacted in 2021, funds projects that reduce carbon emissions, but Republicans say they hope to use some of that money for other things.

Ranking Member of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Andrew Barkis, R-Olympia, said, "I'm going to be proposing legislation this year to redirect the additional [CCA] revenues."

Public safety will also be a priority this legislative session. "We have the fewest police officers per capita of any state in the country," Stokesbary has repeatedly pointed out.

However, Jinkins has celebrated new law enforcement academies that will train "540 more officers in the next biennium than we did prior to opening these academies."

One of Ferguson's campaign promises was to add \$100

million in funding over the next biennium to help recruit more police officers.

Education will be another priority for lawmakers this session. Democrats are focused on funding, according to Sen. Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle.

"We know that we have districts around the state that are in various states of financial distress as a result of our failure to provide adequate funding," he said.

However, Republicans are looking more at educational outcomes, wanting to hold teachers and students more accountable.

"We have spent more money than ever into the K-12 system," said Stokesbary, "and we're not getting results for it. Half of our students are failing reading standards; nearly two-thirds are failing math standards."

Stokesbary said students are failing despite what he called high teacher salaries. He said, "Good intentions alone aren't enough to automatically create good outcomes."

Finally, rent stabilization is an area of "significant interest"



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Rep. Laurie Jinkins addresses the House of Representatives after her election as Speaker during the first day of the 2025 Legislative Session. This is the sixth time she has been elected Speaker of the House.

for the Senate Democrats, Pedersen said.

Republican House members voted against rent stabilization last session, according to Stokesbary, and he suspects "folks' opinion hasn't really changed."

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Reykdal

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again, gives us something measurable to shoot for, and I think it's tangible," Reykdal said.

Ferguson has called the 43% level "unacceptable" and vowed to boost the percentage in the next budget. He has not said how. And he has been silent on what increases he might support for special education, MSOC and transportation.

He has endorsed spending \$240 million to provide free breakfast and lunch for students. Ferguson also endorsed former governor Jay Inslee's proposal to save \$250 million by not paying bonuses to teachers earning National Board certification.

Also Thursday, Reykdal called on lawmakers to allow local school districts to raise greater amounts of money from voter-approved local levies, also known as enrichment levies.

The cap on how much districts could seek from voters was cut nearly in half following the McCleary decision. Lawmakers reasoned that if the state provides more funding, districts should not be able to collect as much from local taxpayers.

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Tierra Learning Center opens new groomed Nordic Track



COURTESY OF TIERRA LEARNING CENTER
Cross-country skiers glide along the newly opened 1.6-kilometer Nordic track at Tierra Learning Center in Leavenworth, where both skate and traditional Nordic skiing are available on the groomed trail system constructed on the center's hay fields.



COURTESY OF TIERRA LEARNING CENTER
A young skier navigates through a training course marked with colorful cones on the groomed Nordic track at Tierra Learning Center, demonstrating the facility's commitment to serving people of all abilities in their recreational programs.

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LEAVENWORTH — Tierra Learning Center has expanded its winter recreational offerings with the opening of a new Nordic ski track, providing both skate skiing and traditional Nordic skiing opportunities on its property in Sunitsch Canyon.

The 1.6-kilometer groomed loop, constructed on the

center's hay fields, will be maintained five days per week throughout the winter season. The facility has begun selling season passes at \$100 through its website.

To introduce the community to the new amenity, Tierra Learning Center will host an open house on February 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., offering free skiing sessions along with complimentary hot dogs and hot cocoa while supplies last.

The Nordic track represents the latest addition to Tierra's comprehensive programs, which focus on serving individuals with developmental disabilities through residential care, employment services, and recreational activities.

Located in Leavenworth's Sunitsch Canyon, the learning center's facilities include Coyote House, an adult family home, and the Trails Day Program, which provides

respite care, life skills education, and recreational activities. The organization emphasizes independent living and community integration for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The center maintains a mission of creating an integrated community where people of all abilities live as equal citizens with full respect for their human rights, freedom and dignity. In addition to its

programs for individuals with developmental disabilities, Tierra supports environmental stewardship through conservation practices and operates an organic farm.

For more information about the Nordic track or season passes, interested parties can visit www.TierraLearningCenter.org under the What's Happening/ Winter Ski Trails section.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF JOINT CASHMERE CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Cashmere's City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting during the regular City Council meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The meeting is to prioritize tasks and discuss the direction of planning in Cashmere for 2025. To Join the Meeting Go To: <https://zoom.us> Meeting ID: 882 719 9871 Passcode: 788276 Audio Only: PH# 1-(253)-215-8782 Kay Jones City Clerk-Treasurer CITY OF CASHMERE Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 22, 2025. #9265

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. **108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104** Trustee Sale No.: **WA-24-992324-SW** Title Order No.: **8792222** Reference Number of Deed of Trust: **Instrument No. 2297972** Parcel Number(s): **21298** Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: **BETTY BOVEE, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE** Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: **PHH Mortgage Corporation** Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: **PHH Mortgage Corporation** I. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION**, the undersigned Trustee, will on **1/31/2025, at 10:00 AM** at the main entrance to the **Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo St, Wenatchee, WA** sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of **CHELAN**, State of **Washington**, to-wit: **LOT 1, GAVIN REPLAT OF LOT 11, BLOCK 4, WOODRING PLAT OF MISSION, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 43, SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF CHELAN, STATE OF WASHINGTON.** More commonly known as: **210 ELBERTA AVE, CASHMERE, WA 98815** Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated **2/19/2009**, recorded **2/24/2009**, under Instrument No. 2297972 records of CHELAN County, Washington, from **BETTY BOVEE, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE**, as grantor(s), to **Northwest Trustee SCVS**, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to **PHH Mortgage Corporation**, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number **2596945** II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: **BORROWER(S) FAILED TO MAINTAIN HAZARD INSURANCE ON THE PROPERTY, AND/OR FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROOF OF INSURANCE, IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF BORROWER(S) HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGE IV.** The total sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: the principal sum of **\$151,966.71**, together with interest as provided in the Note, Deed

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of Trust, or other instrument secured from **2/19/2009** on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, 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 the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on **1/31/2025**. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured before this sale date (if curable) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured. For monetary defaults, payments must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or Federally chartered bank. The sale may also be terminated any time before the sale date set forth in this Paragraph if the Borrower, Grantor or holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance pays the entire principal and interest, plus costs, charges, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the Note, Deed of Trust and/or other instrument secured, and cures all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of **8/25/2024**. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are 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 RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. **NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS** – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 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

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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. **THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.** You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until **90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than **25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale** listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. **DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW** to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. **SEEKING ASSISTANCE** Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: **1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663)** or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: **1-800-569-4287** or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcf> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: **1-800-606-4819** or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is **WA-24-992324-SW**. Note: This form has been modified to account for the breach type. Dated: **9/25/2024** **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION**, as Trustee By: **Jeff Stenman**, President Trustee's Address: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104** For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: **WA-24-992324-SW** Sale Line: **916-939-0772** or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0224579 1/1/2025 1/22/2025 Published in the Cashmere Valley Record/Leavenworth Echo on January 1, 22, 2025. #8614

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