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Downtown Bike closes, owner pivots to Squishworks



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
Owner Aaron Todd first opened Downtown Bike in Puyallup in 2015, then relocated Downtown Bike to Cashmere in 2020.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – After five years of operation in Cashmere, Downtown Bike closed its doors on Feb. 14, as owner Aaron Todd transitions full-time into his factory level suspension service for mountain bikes, Squishworks.

“One of the things I take pleasure in is the startup and birthing of a new business, and so this is the part that I’m just excited to do as I am to see it grow and be able to serve our community,” said Todd. Todd opened Downtown Bike in Cashmere in 2020 after five



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
Todd sells a discounted bike seat cover to a young customer while clearing out inventory. Downtown Bike sold, serviced, and repaired all types of bicycles and accessories.

successful years of owning and operating Downtown Bike in Puyallup. Over the years, the bike shop sold new bikes, parts and accessories, as well as provided service and repair.

Todd eventually added a ski and snowboard “salon” in the winter, and built up his factory level suspension service in 2024.

“Owning Downtown Bike has been a huge blessing. For us, our primary focus over the last 10 years of being in business has been being there to support our community....We

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Columbia River Drug Task Force seized over 6,000 fentanyl pills in 2024

NCW News
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WENATCHEE — The Columbia River Drug Task Force seized more than 5,500 grams of methamphetamine and over 6,300 fentanyl pills during operations in 2024.

The multi-agency task force, comprising officers from Chelan County Sheriff’s Office, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Wenatchee Police Department, and East Wenatchee Police Department, made 92 arrests and opened 101 new cases throughout the year.

Among those arrested were 27 known gang members. The task force

also disrupted six drug trafficking organizations operating in Chelan and Douglas Counties.

During their operations, officers executed 86 search warrants, leading to the seizure of 46 firearms, many of which were reported stolen. The task force confiscated approximately 1,012 grams of cocaine and 1,611 grams of pure fentanyl powder, alongside other illicit substances including heroin, psilocybin mushrooms, Xanax, and various prescription drugs.

Asset seizures included more than \$65,000 in cash identified as proceeds from criminal activity and 11 vehicles linked to criminal operations.

Beyond drug enforcement, the

task force expanded its community involvement through educational initiatives. Officers provided gang and drug awareness education to various institutions, including the Chelan County PUD, North Central Educational Services District, and multiple school districts in the region.

The task force also supported local law enforcement agencies with major crimes investigations, including homicides, high-risk arrests, and sex trafficking cases.

The Columbia River Drug Task Force operates across Chelan and Douglas Counties in North Central Washington.

County seeks public input on updated wildfire protection plan

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WENATCHEE — Chelan County officials launched a public comment period on an updated wildfire protection plan.

The draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be available for public review through February 28, with residents able to provide feedback through an online survey and written comments.

“The update to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan comes at a time when our community is experiencing increased wildfires – and an increase in those impacts from wildfires,” said Elle Robinson, senior natural resource specialist with Chelan County Natural Resources.

The update, which revises the 2019 plan, has been in development for the past year through a collaboration between the County, Cascadia Conservation District, and local stakeholders, including county fire district representatives.

“We are asking for public input because it’s important a plan like this address Chelan County’s specific needs and risks as well as our assets,” Robinson said.

The draft plan outlines the county’s vulnerabilities to wildfire hazards and presents strategies for risk reduction. The county has developed interactive tools including a StoryMap feature and hazard mapper for residents to explore risk areas.

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State lawmakers hear success stories from job training program



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
Representative Mike Steele with SkillSource program participants James Moore and Mima Cole.



Taylor Caldwell / Ward Media
Mima Cole shares how the Community Reinvestment Business Investment grant impacted her business.

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OLYMPIA — Workforce development advocates gathered in the state capital to champion the Economic Security for All (EcSA) program, highlighting its success in connecting Washington residents with employment opportunities and training.

The delegation, led by SkillSource CEO Lisa Romine, met with state legislators to discuss the program’s impact since its codification in 2024. The initiative, which serves as a primary funding stream for workforce development in Washington, has focused particularly on traditionally underserved communities, including rural areas and BIPOC populations.

Program participants Mima Cole and James Moore shared their personal success stories with legislators, including Representatives

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

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Friday Night Music

Join us Friday, Feb 21, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Pybus Market in Wenatchee for some live music featuring Darnell Scott. Darnell is a one of a kind musician and a man who is making his mark in the world of Blues, R&B, and Soul. As a youngster, he enjoyed the music of such artists as Al Green, Curtis Mayfield and Marvin Gaye, just to name a few. Rooted deep in soul, his music is exciting and fresh.

For more information, visit https://pybuspublicmarket.org/5098883900

Wenatchee Polar Plunge

Join us for the 2025 Wenatchee Polar Plunge, Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Walla Walla Point Park.

Whether you take the plunge or donate, proceeds from the Polar Plunge will fuel our mission as we celebrate Special Olympics Washington's 50th anniversary in 2025. This milestone year marks half a century of creating inclusive opportunities and life-changing programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Washington State. By registering to Plunge, you commit to raising an additional \$50 (beyond the registration fee) to support Special Olympics Washington. This pledge qualifies you to plunge and receive an event shirt. Schedule: 11 a.m. – Registration opens, 11:45 a.m. - Awards & Costume Contest begins, 12 p.m. – Plunge!

For more information, https://polarplungewa.com/ or Contact 206 362 4949

Pizza & Bingo Night at Leavenworth Ski Hill Lodge

Join us for Family Night February 20, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Leavenworth Ski Hill. Enjoy pizza, skiing, and bingo from 4-7 p.m. Pizza slices are \$4, and skiing is available for an additional cost. Win prizes, eat, drink, and have fun!

For more information, visit info@skileavenworth.com

Saturday Salmon Series

Join us at Rocky Reach Discovery Center, Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. – 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. 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. Join us this winter for a fun and educational experience celebrating the wonders of salmon.

For more information, visit www.chelanpud.org/learning-center/rocky-reach-discovery-center or Contact 509 663 7522

What is WA's parental 'bill of rights'? And how are Democrats seeking to change it?

A proposal moving through the Legislature would update a citizen initiative lawmakers passed last year that enshrined certain rights for parents of public school students.

By: LAUREL DEMKOVICH
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Legislation to update last year's parental “bill of rights” initiative is heading to the Washington state House of Representatives

amid a host of disagreements over what the changes will mean for families and schools. Republicans and those who helped get Initiative 2081 to lawmakers last spring say this year's proposal will roll back the rights granted to parents in the initiative. Democrats say Senate Bill 5181 cleans up wording in the initiative to align with state and federal law. When it passed out of the Senate on party lines last week, Democrats called it a “cleanup bill.” But during debate, Republican senators

said it would overhaul the initiative, which hundreds of thousands of voters signed on in support of in 2023. It's unclear when the House will take up the debate, but it likely won't be before a March deadline for moving bills out of the chamber where they were introduced. The initiative was one of three passed by the Legislature in March. Clashes over the policy reflect a national debate over the rights of parents to know about their children's access to information and services related to gender and transgender issues, sexuality and race. Those in the parental rights camp say parents should be aware if their children are asking for medical or mental health treatment. Those wary of policies like Washington's initiative worry that protections for LGBTQ+ students and other vulnerable young people could be eroded. As it's been implemented over the last year, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction said it has received many questions from school districts, parents and students about confusion in accessing school records and definitions around notification requirements. Here's a look at what's in law from last year's initiative and what could change if this year's proposal passes the

Legislature.

School materials

The initiative requires schools to give parents access to their child's textbooks, curriculum and medical records within 10 business days of a request. Parents also have the right to records related to their child's testing, job counseling, discipline, attendance and any special education screening. And they get access to the school's calendar, fees, dress code requirements and information on overall academic performance. Most of this is unchanged in the bill being debated this session. However, under the new bill, school districts must give parents' records within “a reasonable period of time, but not more than 45 days, of submitting a request.” That language aligns with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It differs from the 10-day requirement in the initiative. **Medical and mental health information** The initiative guarantees parents access to “medical or health records” and “records of any mental health counseling.” The Senate bill says they have a right to “education records” — a term not used in the initiative. That's defined as records directly related to a student, including identifying data, attendance, evaluative tests, disciplinary status and test protocols.

Medical and mental health records are not included in the definition in the new bill, though the legislation says that parents still have access to those records under other state laws. A King County judge temporarily blocked the medical and mental health records piece from going into effect with the rest of the law last June in response to a lawsuit. But the court dismissed that lawsuit last month, allowing all pieces of the initiative to take effect.

Medical treatment and services

Under the initiative, parents have a right to receive prior notification when medical services are offered or provided to their child. If a child receives medical treatment that requires follow-up care beyond school hours, parents must also be notified.

That access is removed under Senate Bill 5181.

Democrats say some of those rights are still included in other state and federal laws but students do have privacy rights when it comes to their health care. For example, a 1985 law gives children 13 years or older the right to mental health treatment without parental consent. Republican critics of the new legislation argue that the definition of mental health care has expanded over the past 40 years to include gender-

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Stifel Financial Advisor Kristen Taylor named to Forbes' 2025 state rankings

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Stifel Financial Corp. announced that Kristen Taylor, a managing director with nearly 45 years of financial advisory experience, has been named to Forbes' 2025 Best-in-State Women Wealth Advisors list. Taylor, who works at Stifel's broker-dealer subsidiary Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, was among approximately 1,700 advisors nationwide selected for the annual ranking. Advisors were researched, interviewed and ranked within their respective states. Based in Wenatchee, Taylor serves as co-founder of both the Taylor/Franklin Investment Group and the Taylor/Bryant

Investment Group. She holds both a Bachelor of Arts and an MBA from the University of Washington. The recognition adds to Taylor's growing list of industry accolades. She was previously named to Forbes' Best-in-State Women Wealth Advisors list from 2022 through 2024, Forbes' America's Top Women Wealth Advisors list in 2020 and 2021, Forbes' Best-in-State Wealth Advisors list from 2021 through 2024, and AdvisorHub's Advisors to Watch list from 2022 through 2024.

The rankings are based on 12-month evaluation periods and are compiled by SHOOK Research, LLC. According to Stifel, the rankings may not represent any individual client's experience or indicate future performance.

KRISTEN TAYLOR

Fentanyl found in NCW methamphetamine supply, health officials warn

NCW News
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EAST WENATCHEE — The Chelan-Douglas Health District issued an alert about fentanyl contamination in the local methamphetamine supply on February 10, following reports from healthcare partners in North Central Washington. The health district reported that methamphetamine circulating in the community contains increasing amounts of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin. Users cannot detect if their methamphetamine contains fentanyl, according to the health alert. Health Administrator Dr. Kristen Hosey said, “At CDHD, we recognize that fentanyl overdoses are devastating families across our community. This warning is not about assigning blame

but about saving lives. We urge everyone to look out for each other, talk openly about the risks, and know where to find help.” The health district listed overdose symptoms including slow breathing, unresponsiveness, blue lips or fingertips, and pinpoint pupils. Three locations now distribute naloxone, a medication that reverses opioid overdoses: the Chelan-Douglas Health District office in East Wenatchee, the Alano Club in Wenatchee, and the People's Harm Reduction Alliance through a mail-order program. The health district offers free naloxone training to businesses and groups. Additional information about fentanyl and overdose prevention is available on the district's website at www.cdhd.wa.gov/opioid.

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Cashmere cheerleaders defy gravity in dazzling playoff performance



The Cashmere Cheer Squad getting ready to dazzle the crowd during the boys basketball playoff game against Wapato on Feb. 11.



Gravity had another rough day when it encountered the skill and grace of the Cashmere Cheer Squad at halftime of the Cashmere-Wapato boys basketball game.



The Cashmere Cheer Squad flexing its muscles in front of an enthusiastic bunch of fans at a boys basketball playoff game on Feb. 11.

Bulldogs cruise past Royal 53-32



Leah Kunz drives upcourt against the Royal Knights' Emerson Eilers during the Bulldogs' 53-32 win last Feb. 13. The third-seeded Cashmere Bulldogs now travel to Naches Valley to play the second-seeded Rangers on Feb. 15.

Unified Basketball thriller goes to overtime, brings community together



Stevie Garrison celebrates one of his baskets by high-fiving the crowd during Feb. 12's Unified Basketball game at Cashmere High School. The crowd roared with every basket during a memorable night of hoops and friendship.



Maisey Loftus looks for the open teammate while Royal's Grace Soliz does her best to block her pass. The Bulldogs jumped to an early lead and never looked back against the Knights last Feb. 13, winning 53-32.



Ya Ya Solis tries to find an open teammate during the Unified Basketball game at Cashmere High on Feb. 12. Two teams of Cashmere players, some able-bodied, some with disabilities, thrilled an impressively-sized crowd Wednesday night, with the game going into overtime. Eliana Thomas tries to block Solis, while Stevie Garrison looks on.



No. 12 Dina Schoengarth seeks to block a shot by Royal's Vanesa Cedillo during the Bulldogs thorough pounding of the Knights on Feb. 13, 53-32.



Lane Bagley drives to the basket with Eliana Thomas playing defense during Feb. 12's Unified Basketball game where two teams of Cashmere students, partnered up to put on quite a performance, with the Orange squad defeating the Black squad by two points in overtime.

CASHMERE SCOREBOARD

Boys Basketball					
Tue, Feb 11	Cashmere	70	Wapato	61	Win
Fri, Feb 14	Cashmere	49	Royal	70	Loss
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Tue, Feb 11	Cashmere	53	Royal	32	Win
Sat, Feb 15	Cashmere	57	Naches	42	Win

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Nelson joins 1,000-point club as Bulldogs down Wapato 70-61



Tobie Larson drives to the basket during the Bulldogs' win over Wapato. The Bulldogs overcame a sluggish second quarter to beat the Wolves 70-61.



Rylan Nelson gives the crowd a thumbs-up while the spectators cheer for him, having broken the 1,000-point mark for his prep career.



Rylan Hatmaker looking for the open teammate during the Bulldogs' 70-61 playoff win over Wapato last Feb. 11.

Voters approve school levies for Cascade, Manson, and Wenatchee districts



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

A sign supporting Cascade School District's replacement levies sits along Chumstick Highway.

By **Taylor Caldwell**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN COUNTY – Voters approved proposed levies for the Cascade, Manson, and Wenatchee school districts in the Feb. 11 special election.

Cascade and Manson school districts presented replacement levies for both the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy and Capital Levy for Safety, Security, Technology and Facility Improvements, which are set to expire in each district in Dec. 2025.

The EP&O levy funds student programs and services that receive little to no federal funding, such as athletics and extra-curriculars, special education support, unfunded staff positions, and unexpected or district-specific expenses, such as snow removal. Capital levies fund the building and renovation of schools, security improvements, technology, and school infrastructure.

Cascade School District's EP&O levy passed with approximately 67 percent favorability, totaling 2,270 'yes' votes. The Capital levy fared similarly with 66 percent approval, totaling 2,226 votes.

The district anticipates the combined rate for both levies will total \$1.14 per \$1,000 per assessed value or less for all four years of the levies, which was the combined rate approved by voters in 2021. The maximum amount collected from the combined levies is expected to total \$27.85 million over four years, averaging \$6.9 million each year.

Manson School District's three-year EP&O levy passed with 67 percent approval or 678 votes. The estimated levy

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Downtown Bike

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wanted to be an advocate not only just for the bike industry and the sport, but also for the promotion development of small business in growing communities,” said Todd.

However, the bike industry has been experiencing a recession in recent years due to a pandemic-induced boom that led to an oversaturated market, putting pressure on local bike shops. In May 2024, AP News reported that “in 2023, bike sales totaled \$4.1 billion, up 23% from 2019, but down 24% from 2020.”

“It was actually getting to a point where we would

have to make a decision. Do we continue being a retail, traditional bike shop, or do we continue to do the niche business as a standalone business? And [in] light of how the market has been and it’s appearing to trend for the next couple years, it seemed to make more sense for us to pursue the suspension business,” said Todd.

Todd made the decision to pivot his focus to Squishworks, which offers a high-demand service in the mountain bike community. In contrast to Downtown Bike, Squishworks will be by appointment only, and will serve both local riders and bike shops throughout the region, who outsource

factory level suspension work. By reducing the amount of foot traffic through the door, Todd hopes to maximize efficiency and speed up service turnaround times. The ski and board salon will continue to be offered in the winter.

“I will miss having people walk in the door. I love people. I love being around people. I love having the visitors that come every day...We’re just doing it on a smaller scale,” said Todd.

Todd plans to open Squishworks in Cashmere’s Mission District Building on March 1.

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TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

James Moore helps Rep. Schmick understand the impact on his life thanks to EcSA.

Lawmakers

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Mike Steele, Tom Dent, Joe Schmick, and Alex Ybarra, along with Senators Judy Warnick and Mark Schoesler. The legislative meetings also included discussions with Megan Matthews from the Washington State Office of Equity and Wenatchee Mayor Mike Poirier.

The Washington Workforce Association (WWA) has designated EcSA enhancement as its top legislative priority, citing the need for increased service levels and streamlined program administration. The

program operates by aligning existing workforce initiatives to maximize their collective impact on employment outcomes.

The SkillSource delegation included Managing Director Susan Adams, Communications Manager Kelli Martinelli, and Business Engagement Specialist Mayra Eaton-Garcia. The organization coordinated its advocacy efforts with the Association of Washington Business (AWB).

According to program officials, EcSA provides resources for connecting businesses with skilled workers while offering training and

credentials necessary for individuals to achieve economic independence. The program particularly emphasizes support for traditionally underserved communities, including justice-impacted individuals and rural populations.

The legislative day events were part of the 2025 Legislative Day and Hill Climb, an annual initiative bringing workforce development stakeholders together with state legislators. SkillSource representatives indicated they will continue their engagement throughout the legislative session through their local workforce board of directors.

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rate for 2026 is \$1.14, with it dropping by one cent each year through 2028. The collected taxes will provide up to \$2.2 million in 2026 and \$2.3 million by 2028.

Manson’s three-year Capital levy passed with nearly 67 percent approval or 688 votes. The proposed three-year replacement levy would

authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$1.03 million each year starting 2026 through 2028. The levy rate is estimated to be 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Wenatchee School District proposed a single four-year EP&O levy, which passed with 62 percent approval, or 6,720 votes. The levy rate is estimated to be \$2.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value. \$18.1 million in 2026. The proposed four-

year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$18.1 million in 2026 and \$20.96 million in 2029.

For all of the districts, the exact levy rate may be adjusted based on the actual assessed value of taxable property within the district.

The special election had a 32 percent voter turnout.

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Washington lawmaker proposes regulations for self-checkout machines

By ALBERT JAMES
Morrow News Fellow

OLYMPIA - Proposed legislation could change the way customers shop at grocery stores, as one Democratic lawmaker is pushing for regulations on self-checkout machines.

House Bill 1739 would establish rules for when and how self-checkout stands could be used in grocery stores. If passed, self-checkouts could only be used when a regular checkout lane is open. An employee who monitors self-service lanes would have to do so exclusively, and be limited to supervising a maximum of two stands. For their part, customers would be limited to bringing just 15 items to check out.

The regulations would apply to grocery stores over 15,000 thousand square feet in size, but not to any bulk goods stores with memberships. The Department of Labor and Industries would be responsible for investigating and enforcing violations with a fine.

“There has been a lot of challenges across Washington

for grocery workers with unchecked automation and chronic understaffing,” said prime sponsor State Representative Mary Fosse, D-Everett.

At a House Committee on Labor and Workforce Standards hearing Wednesday morning, Fosse said she wants a conversation about making sure the self-checkout technology supports clerks.

“We know it can be a convenience, but when it’s used to-as a way to eliminate workers and cut labor costs, that’s when it really puts workers and customers at risk,” she said.

Grocery workers testified in support of the regulations, saying self-checkout makes them unsafe and overwhelmed.

Clerks spoke about how they feel stretched too thin supervising multiple machines while keeping an eye out for theft, addressing malfunctioning stations, and generally helping customers

“On a particularly hard day, a woman threw a steak at me because her item did not qualify for a bogo deal we were running,” said Bellevue

grocery clerk James Reed. “I would have overridden the machine given the chance. She just didn’t give it to me.”

However, critics of the proposal argued stores themselves know best how to regulate self-checkout.

Organizations representing grocery stores said other policies can better address theft and worker safety, and the bill is ultimately just too restrictive.

“Removing the flexibility that they have to meet staffing demands, customer demands and the other variables that come with operating stores,” said Brandon Houskeeper with the Northwest Grocery Retail Association. “Including things like when stores are busier during holiday seasons, when stores are slower different times of the day.”

The proposed regulations have yet to be scheduled for a vote out of committee.

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No. 25-4-00049-04

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No. 25-4-00058-04

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Cashmere FFA celebrates National FFA week, prepares for spring

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CASHMERE – Cashmere FFA is gearing up for a packed spring season filled with leadership and skill competitions, hands-on agricultural projects, and its highly anticipated spring plant sale.

The chapter’s first competitive speaking event, the FFA Creed contest, will feature 10 freshmen competing on March 13 in Cashmere.

Participants include Melisa Avila, Miranda Castro, Oscar Green, Miranda Hernandez, Liam Hill, Kaili Landes, Maren Peterson, Zoey Rousey, Kaylee Smith, and Olivia Smith.

Sophie Hill will compete in Extemporaneous Speaking, with the ambitions of securing a spot in the State Finals.

Beyond public speaking, Cashmere FFA is actively preparing for upcoming competitions in Meats Evaluation, Milk Quality and Products, and Novice Parliamentary Procedure.

Interest in the Parliamentary Procedure event is especially strong, with over 20 freshmen committed to learning and competing in the category.

To celebrate National FFA Week, the chapter will host a “Farming Game” tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 19. The event aims to bring students together to engage in agricultural-themed strategy and teamwork.

“Please mark the following important dates on your calendar,” Cashmere FFA advisor Rusty Finch said. “Thank you for supporting Cashmere FFA.”

The popular Cashmere FFA Plant Sale is set to return this spring. The online sale will open on Sunday, April 27, at 6 p.m., while the in-person sale is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Throughout the winter, Cashmere FFA students have remained actively engaged in agricultural education. Highlights include the Horticulture class’s Valentine’s Day floral arrangements, created with guidance from Jenni Groce and Kim Holladay, and hands-on experiences in animal science, such as sausage-making lessons.

As Cashmere FFA continues to foster leadership, skill development, and agricultural education, the community is encouraged to support its activities and initiatives throughout the season.

National FFA Week is an annual celebration of the National FFA Organization, held during the week of George Washington’s birthday (February 22) to recognize the importance of agricultural education and FFA’s role in developing future leaders. In



Cashmere High School FFA members gather for the 2024-2025 chapter photo.



Cashmere FFA members display the Horticulture Valentine’s floral arrangements they created in celebration of Valentine’s Day.

2025, National FFA Week will take place from February 15-22. During this week, FFA chapters across the country organize events to raise awareness about agriculture, promote leadership and service, and celebrate their members’ achievements.

Activities often include school and community outreach programs, appreciation breakfasts, service projects, agricultural trivia contests, and social events to engage students and the community.

The goal of National FFA Week is to highlight the

contributions of FFA members and encourage others to get involved in agricultural education. It is a time for members, advisors, alumni, and supporters to showcase how FFA prepares students for careers in agriculture and leadership roles.



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