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Chelan County Commissioners finalize short-term rental code changes

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE - After receiving public comment and recommendations from the Planning Commission, the Board of Chelan County Commissioners (BOCC) formally adopted changes to the shortterm rental (STR) code on Feb. 18.

Last year, the BOCC tasked the Planning Commission with reviewing portions of the short-term rental code, which was originally adopted in 2021. Of these considerations, the consider whether children 24 months and younger should be included in occupancy counts. STR owners were supportive of this change, which would align with the occupancy standards of booking platforms. The commissioners decided to leave the code as is, which counts children in occupancy rates, regardless of age.

Commissioners agreed to maintain the same percentages of maximum number of short-term rentals allowed in designated areas, with the Manson area lowered from nine to six

percent at the request of the Manson Community Council.

Under the new updates, property owners will need an initial inspection of new short-term rentals by the Chelan County Fire Marshal's office, rather than an applicable fire district. While self-inspections for health and safety are encouraged annually, the updated code now requires that Fire and Life Safety Inspections are performed every other year by the

Parking standards were updated to require that the number of

must include any boats, trailers, campers, personal watercraft or other similar vehicles. Additionally, short-term rentals will be allowed to park in setbacks, in alignment with homes that are not short-term rentals, as long as they provide proof of two parking spaces outside of the

Signage verbiage was updated to clarify the intent of the code. Signs must be all-weather, permanently posted, and include the permit number and phone number of a can be on-site in 60 minutes.

Lastly, code surrounding annual renewal payment updated to include a schedule of renewal application acceptance and late fees. Applications are accepted between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. Between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30, applicants must pay a late fee of twice the permit fee in addition to the renewal fee, with the permit fee tripling between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31.

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Hundreds gather in Wenatchee to participate in nationwide Presidents Day Protest



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Three generations demonstrated together: Tom Rowe, Judy Dubuque, and Henry and Elizabeth Kazemba (left to right).

By Taylor Caldwell Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE - An estimated 300 people gathered at Memorial Park on Presidents Day to protest the significant changes implemented in the federal government by President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon

protest was part of a nationwide demonstration organized under the 50501 Movement, which stands for "50 protests. 50 States. 1 movement." The protest was organized in order to "uphold the Constitution and end executive overreach," according to the group's website. Wenatchee's demonstration brought in protestors from all over North Central Washington, including Winthrop, Leavenworth, and Malaga.

"I hope that more people realize that it's okay and it's safe to come out and speak out. That's one of our first and foremost constitutional rights to peacefully assemble and protest," said demonstrator Elizabeth Kazemba. "And in order to create better future citizens, they need to be educated of those rights and demonstrate them." Kazemba attended demonstration with her fifthgrade son and two parents. As a Fourth Grade teacher, Kazemba was compelled to advocate for her students, who have been affected by the current administration's rhetoric

and Customs Enforcement (ICE). "I have had students come to school and said, 'I'm scared that one or both of their parents are going to be deported," said Kazemba. "When the questions do come up, it's hard to

and directives with U.S. Immigration



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Molly Sayles and Elijah Young. As a scientist, Sayles says her pest control work with farmers has been interrupted amidst funding freezes and federal

answer. And it's hard for anyone to

Many demonstrators also came out to protest the firing of over 200,000 federal workers under the direction of the White House and its Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

"I feel like just the people I know are really suffering, and we're basically on a standstill in academia right now, in science," said demonstrator Molly Sayles. "Even though we're not federal employees, everything we're doing is funded by federal grants or in collaboration with federal

employees."

Sayles, a Wenatchee-based entomologist obtaining her Ph.D at Washington State University, works with farmers in the valley on implementing affordable and sustainable pest control. In addition to watching her federal partners lose their jobs, Sayles's project funding has been frozen since January.

"We were applying for a grant to continue this project we're doing, and they took away the deadline, so we

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Federal cuts hit Wenatchee River Ranger District, threatening Leavenworth backcountry

By Taylor Caldwell

Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - Ten U.S. Forest Service employees have been fired at the Wenatchee River Ranger District Office amid agency wide cuts, with fears that more agency firings are on

"It feels like...We're kind of the canary in the coal mine...This is like the beginning of actions that are going to really start affecting everyday people, not just government employees," said Lead Wilderness Ranger Kyle Warden, who was included in the Wenatchee River Ranger District terminations.

The employees were among 3,400 Forest Service employees that were fired by Presidents Day as billionaire

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Former temporary seasonal employee Evan Melcher sets up a fire closure on a trail.



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER Owen Wickenheiser protests federal cuts on Presidents Day.

Point in Time Count shows mixed picture of homelessness in Chelan, Douglas counties



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WENATCHEE — The 2025 Point in Time Count for Chelan and Douglas counties showed fewer people living unsheltered but more utilizing

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COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY Joshua Mathena of the City of Wenatchee and Chyvonna Torres of the Chelan-**Douglas Community Action** Council conduct outreach during the 2025 Point in Time Count, surveying individuals living in RVs in Wenatchee on January 30. The annual count showed 27 people living in RVs across Chelan and Douglas counties.

emergency shelters and temporary housing services.

The annual count, conducted on January 30, documented 104 unsheltered individuals, a decrease

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join Wenatchee River Institute

Red Barn Event: Cottonwoods - Unlocking Our Rivers' Histories

Join us Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. for a hybrid event at Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn 347 Division Street, Leavenworth or live-stream via our YouTube Channel

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a community social with beer and wine available for purchase. The presentation will start at 7:00 p.m.

This presentation, partnered with the Wenatchee Valley chapter of the Native Plant Society and the Pacific Northwest chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists, is all about the river specialists called cottonwoods. We'll talk about how these trees evolved and what they can tell us about a river's history and diversity. Streaming link: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=rAYduajgr7M

For more information, visit jschaub@ wenatcheeriverinstitute.org 509-548-0181, ext. 5

Snowshoe Strolls

Starting the from Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery at 12790 Fish Hatchery Rd in Leavenworth, naturalist guides on a one-mile snowshoe trail along beautiful Icicle Creek on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will learn about native wildlife and ecology along the way. What signs do we see along the trail that tell us what animals were there? How do the plants and animals survive winter? Even if this is your first time on snowshoes, come along and enjoy this fun outdoor winter program! Bring your enthusiasm for the wonders of winter and nature, and make sure to dress in warm layers. The area is not ADA accessible due to nonplowed trails. We provide snowshoes, gaiters, and poles. Limit of 12 participants per group. Registration required for everyone in the party. We offer the Pay What You Can model in recognition that paying for education programs looks different for different

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people.

Make Your Own Glass @ **Boulder Bend Glassworks**

the Interactive glassblowing experience at Boulder Bend Glassworks at 8210 US Highway 2, Leavenworth on March 1, from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. During THINGS TO this workshop you'll have the opportunity choose and create your own unique glass piece(s) under the guidance of Craig or Jori. Each participant will enjoy a hands-on experience in the hot shop, witnessing the transformation of molten glass into a stunning work of art. We look forward to sharing our passion for glass with you.

Prices are \$300 per session. Sign up today via our website or in person. Advance reservations highly recommended, but limited walk-ins are welcome on a space availability basis.

For more information, visit www.boulderbendglassworks. com or call/text at (509) 881-

Mountain Music Series: Live Music with the **Bandits of the Animal** Kingdom

Come experience the vibe of live music on the mountain in the Hampton Lodge on Saturday, March 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Take a break from your night turns, or just head up for a night of good music, dancing, food, and drinks at a higher elevation. The action goes down on the Ka Wham Cafe side of the lodge but can also be enjoyed from the Chair 5 Pub. Mountain Music Series nights are free

THIS WEEK

and are all-ages events. Location - Mission Ridge Ski Area 7500 Mission Ridge Road Wenatchee

For more information, visit missionridge.com (509) 663-

Cirque Kalabante -Strength, Spirit, Spectacle

Join us at the Numerica Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Feb 27 at 7:30 p.m. -9:30 p.m. for Cirque Kalabante. Afrique en Cirque is a show by

Yamoussa Bangoura, inspired by daily life in Guinea. This performance shares the beauty, youth, and artistry of African culture. A colorful show beyond its scenery, costumes, and staging, it makes any theatre vibrate with energy and represents the strength, agility, and life's joy of young Africans. The audience will see acrobats execute gravitydefying moves and human pyramids, accompanied by the contemporary sound of live Afro-Jazz, percussion, and kora. Welcome to the universe of Kalabanté Productions, and prepare for an unforgettable

Numerica Performing Arts Center 123 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee

journey.

For more information, visit https://numericapac.org/

WSU Master Gardener plant clinic moves to Wenatchee Library

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WENATCHEE — The Washington State University Chelan-Douglas Master Program relocating its weekly Plant Clinic to the Wenatchee Public Library, offering residents expert guidance on gardening

and plant health issues. Starting February 24, the clinic will operate every Monday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the library's Sagebrush Meeting Room, located at 310 Douglas Street. The service will not be available on Monday holidays when the library is closed.

The Plant Clinic provides community members access to a Master Gardener diagnosis team who can identify plant problems and garden pests while offering recommendations for plant health maintenance pest management. Residents seeking assistance are

encouraged to bring plant samples, photographs, and detailed information about

in person, the program maintains an email service at chelandouglasmg.org. Email inquiries should include contact information to allow diagnosticians to follow up if additional details are needed.

mgplantclinic.

The announcement marks a continuation of the program's commitment to providing horticultural education and support to the Wenatchee Valley community. Marco Martinez serves as the coordinator for the WSU Chelan-Douglas Gardener Program.

their gardening concerns. For those unable to attend

askamastergardener@ Additional information about the Plant Clinic's services can

be obtained through the WSU Chelan County Extension office at (509) 667-6540 or by visiting their website at bit.ly/

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Write On The River contest deadline nears for regional authors

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WENATCHEE — Regional writers have less than two weeks remaining to submit entries for the 2025 Write On The River Writers Competition. The annual contest, now in its 16th year, offers \$1,200 in prize money to be shared among six winners.

The competition, hosted in partnership with the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, welcomes both fiction and nonfiction entries up to 1,000 words. Submissions can be complete works or opening pages of longer pieces, including novels, short stories, flash fiction, essays, memoirs, or humor writing.

Eligibility is restricted to writers residing east of the Cascades, with an exception for Write On The River members who live elsewhere in Washington state. Out-ofstate submissions will not be considered

All entries must follow specific formatting requirements: double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins, submitted as PDF files. Manuscripts should not include the author's name but must display the title, page numbers, and genre designation ('F' for fiction or 'N' for nonfiction) on the first page.

The entry fee is \$20 per submission. Writers can opt for three written critiques of their work for an additional \$20. While multiple entries are permitted, participants can only win one prize per category.

Competition directors and judges are ineligible to win prizes in categories they are judging. The contest accepts prose entries only, with separate poetry competitions planned for later in 2025.

For complete guidelines and submission details, writers can visit wvmcc.org or writeontheriver.org.

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.

Feb 14

07:58:30 Alarm, 329 E Woodin Ave: Cashmere

08:27:22 Harass/Threat, 900blk Pioneer Ave, Cashmere 09:41:59 Scam, 702 Pioneer Ave, Cashmere

10:17:17 Parking/Abandon, 200 Titchenal Way, Cashmere 14:42:09 Civil, 229

Independence Way, Cashmere 22:53:27 Animal Problem, 224

Olive St; Area, Cashmere

Feb 15

10:23:03 Civil, 216 Elberta Ave, Cashmere.

Feb 16

3:57:16 Accident Injury, Red Apple Rd & Irish I n 11:19:43 Accident No Inj, 603 Cotlets Way; Antique

Ave, Cashmere 16:48:25 Harass/Threat, 4900 Nahahum Canyon Rd 22:39:47 Animal Problem, 222

14:55:06 Hazard, 500blk Pioneer

Olive St; Or 224, Cashmere 22:43:04 Runaway, 241 Independence Way, Cashmere

Feb 17

1:43:21 Juvenile Proble, Cashmere, Cashmere, Wa

Feb 18

8:06:56 Accident No Inj, 300 Tigner Rd; Cashmere 10:19:45 911, 319 Independence Way, Cashmere

12:57:06 Assist Public, 6431 Hay Canyon Rd, Cashme 14:07:27 Civil, 229 Independence Way, Cash

Wohlers Rd, Cashmere, 11:21:58 Parking/Abandon, Olalla Canyon Rd Mp3, Cashmere

14:41:31 Suspicious, 5280

19:00:50 Assist Public, 208 Chapel St. Cashmere 20:11:16 Harass/Threat, 6035 Webster Way, Cashmere 21:03:37 Assault, Us Hwy 2 Mp

107, Dryden

23:03:00 Burglary, 127 Riverfront Dr, Cashmer Ca

Feb 19

6:38:15 Disturbance, 300 Aplets Way; Hometown Market 7:59:07 Accident No Inj, Evergreen Dr & Sunset Hwy, 8:11:23 Accident No Inj, N Dryden Rd & Main St

Feb 20

14:14:39 Assist Agency, 6880 Nahahum Canyon Rd 17:58:00 Accident No Inj, 300blk



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Former Lead Wilderness Ranger Kyle Warden buries an abandoned poop left near a creek.

Community Calendar

minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

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

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. (Ist 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. (Ist 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 (Ist 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 (Ist Mon.)

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)

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

The Chelan County Cemetery District #2, (Peshastin) meets at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)

NCW Libraries

Cashmere Public Library: 509-782-3314 You can order your books online at ncwlibraries.org or call 1-800-426-READ (7323).

Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 9-6, Wed. 1-6 and Sat., 10-2. Closed Sun. 300 Woodring Street. Call 782-3314, or online at cashmere@ncwlibraries.org

Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village Call for more information 509-782-3230

Chelan County Historical Society Board meets, 7 p.m., Cashmere Museum, 600 Cotlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. **(3rd Thurs.)**

Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.



Federal cuts

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Donald Trump have taken swift actions to cut federal spending.

"These cuts to the Forest Service are devastating, in particular for my district, the eighth congressional district, just because we have vast expanses of national forest land," Congresswoman Kim Schrier (D-District 8) told Ward Media. "The people who keep our forests safe and protected are critically important."

A Shrinking Staff

The Wenatchee River Ranger District (WRRD), based in Leavenworth, has three field crews that oversee and maintain roughly 800 miles of trail and approximately 696,000 acres. This acreage contains large parts of three congressionally designated Wilderness areas: the Alpine Lakes Wilderness, Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, and Glacier Peak Wilderness.

In fall of 2024, the Forest Service already dealt a blow to WRRD's size, announcing it would not hire temporary seasonal workers for the 2025 season due to a shrinking budget, cutting about 2,400 jobs agency wide.

The Leavenworth-based district lost all of its non-fire temporary seasonal employees, which accounted for three Wilderness crew members, one trail crew member, and three development and dispersed recreation crew members, according to former staff.

Now, the most recent firings, which targeted permanent seasonal employees probationary periods, have gutted the district's field operations.

All trail crew members were let go, which consisted of three permanent seasonal employees and a mule packer, who is responsible for 11 mules that are used to transport volunteers and heavy equipment into the backcountry. The mules were not only used by WRRD, but were also available for the Naches, Entiat, Cle Elum districts.

As of Feb. 19, only one permanent seasonal employee remained in each of the other two teams: the Wilderness crew, which lost three employees, and the development and dispersed recreation crew, which lost one. Included in the terminations was the district's volunteer coordinator, further complicating its workforce.

In addition to the eight field employees, the office lost its only two front desk employees that provided visitor information and services.

"Terminating your lowest paid employees who are making \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year is not the way to cut the budget. And really it's the taxpayers who are going to see the negative consequences from these illegal terminations," said National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) union steward Rachel Granberg.

Granberg told Ward Media that the union knows of 40 Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest employees that were included in the firings.

Probationary, but Experienced

While the terminated employees were in their first and second years of their probationary period, they had already dedicated a number of years to the district as temporary seasonal employees.

"It's extremely common for people to have, you know, 20 years as a seasonal that just had the opportunity to either get a promotion or turn into a perm[anent employee]," said Warden.

Temporary seasonal employees are often referred to as "1039 employees," as they are only allowed to work 1,039 hours in a season-one less hour required to be eligible for year round health benefits. It took Warden seven seasons as a temporary seasonal employee with WRRD before landing a permanent position.

Even as a temporary seasonal employee, Warden had field-specific skills such as terrain familiarity, medical and rescue capabilities, firefighting certifications, trail building knowledge, and physical strength to hike up 60 pounds

of gear over 5,000 vertical feet. "People think you can just throw any college intern in these jobs, and everything will



COURTESY OF OWEN WICKENHEISER

A WRRD ranger assists with a search and rescue mission in the backcountry.

be okay, but there's a serious chance of injury out there on a day to day basis, so just having the people with the skill set to make those safe decisions is huge," said Warden.

"A big slap in the face"

The district's Wilderness rangers were funded through the end of the 2025 season by a grant from Washington state's Recreation Conservation Office, according to RCO grant details. Yet, three of them still received letters of termination, and for reasons Warden found perplexing.

"[The letter said] I'm being terminated, I've been deemed 'not in the public interest' or something...But it also says 'due to performance,' which is a big slap in the face to everybody," said Warden.

After four seasons of positive evaluations from Warden, his direct superior, Wilderness Climbing Ranger Owen Wickenheiser received the same reason in his letter.

"All of the employees I've talked to who have been terminated have positive performance evaluations, but their termination documents say that they're being let go due to poor performance," said Granberg.

The NFFE Forest Service Council is currently gathering performance evaluations and other documents from employees for legal action, claiming that the basis of their termination was illegal.

"In order to let someone go due to poor performance, you have to first demonstrate that they indeed have poor performance, and also give them a chance to improve. There's an entire process that you have to go through to be able to do that. And they've completely bypassed all of that," said Granberg.

Wilderness Areas at Risk

Going into the 2025 season, the former rangers fear irreversible damage will occur in the increasingly popular Wilderness areas, which are "designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition" under the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Wilderness areas are not only intended to protect areas of solitude for recreationists, such as Pacific Crest Trail or Enchantments hikers, but they can also protect water resources for municipalities, or habitats for threatened species.

In 2024, WRRD saw nearly 175,000 visitors in its



Former Wilderness Climbing Ranger Owen Wickenheiser hikes a vault toilet out of the Enchantments.

Wilderness areas, who left behind thousands of pounds of waste. Last year alone, the Wilderness rangers dug 14 wilderness toilets, buried 703 piles of human waste, removed 5,000 pounds of it via flight, and hiked out 635 pounds of trash, according to a 2024 WWRD wilderness report. However, Wickenheiser says the overall waste removed via flight actually amounts to about 10,000 pounds a year.

As a climbing ranger, Wickenheiser worked primarily in the Enchantments, located in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area. Although the Enchantments only makes up 6.7 percent of the wilderness area, it receives the highest amount of traffic in the entire district. In 2024, it saw over 120,000 visitors alone.

"We hear a lot like, 'This trail looks excellent. I didn't see any trash.' But like, you step five feet off the trail and look behind a boulder, and there's 10 piles of poop right on the creek side," said Wickenheiser. "We find things like full abandoned coolers up there, full of broken glass... People pop holes in their rafts and decide they don't want to carry them down."

With the amount of trash and rogue feces piles that were found under Wickenheiser's patrol, he only sees it getting worse in the absence of rangers. This could pose a problem for Leavenworth's municipal water, which is sourced from the Alpine Lakes via Icicle Creek.

"The human waste issue is going to be immediate in the Enchantments. As soon as we open the gate, those toilets are going to be overflowing after a week of use," said Warden.

A Threat to Public Safety

As more inexperienced hikers venture into the Enchantments, the Wilderness rangers have played a crucial role in public safety. Due to their backcountry presence, the rangers often become first responders, providing emergency medical assistance and coordinating extraction with the Chelan County Sheriff's Office search and rescue (SAR) team.

"Sometimes we are the only people there, waiting for a helicopter for four hours, which can get really difficult when there is a situation like a fatality or serious injury," said Warden.

The rangers also take preventative measures, including providing trail safety information, deescalating potential SAR situations, and putting out campfires. Last year, Wickenheiser put out three campfires in undesignated areas, and extinguished more that were put out but still hot.

"There's so much standing dead from beetle kill...Colchuck Lake is literally a tinderbox... And that's four, five miles from town [as the crow flies]," said Wickenheiser.

Although the recent cuts exempted firefighters, the loss of field employees presents a significant blow to firefighting resources. During fire seasons, the fire qualified WRRD staff were sent on fire assignments for support, working as a resource advisor, cleaning gear, managing radio operations, or managing base

"There are so many critical roles to make fire camps run, and a lot of those were staffed by either [temporary] seasonals or permanent seasonals," said Wickenheiser.

An Uncertain Future

A day after Wickenheiser was fired, the lottery opened for overnight permits in the Enchantments, even though the district no longer has the staff to enforce them. Warden also anticipates the district office will close without enough personnel, making it harder for recreationists to source information.

"People are paying for an experience that they're not going to get. There's also going to be just so much poaching of campsites that it's going to be difficult to even probably find a campsite in certain times for those people that are legally going," said Warden. The agency has yet to

announce any shutdowns to the lottery or trail closures. However, the nature of the terrain access makes it near impossible to close the area off entirely. Even if the district closed the Eight Mile Road gate, persistent recreationalists could still reach the Enchantments via Snow Lakes Trailhead.

"Maybe this might not be the year to like, do all your goals out in the [National] Forest or Parks...It's going to be really hard, even if you are totally [practicing] 'Leave No Trace,' to not leave an impact in these times of no management," said Warden.

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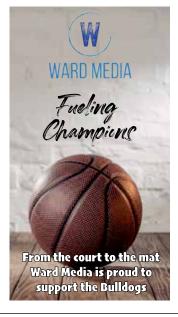


















Bulldogs dominate second half, crush Lakeside 62-35

Thanks to the Cashmere Bulldogs' 62-35 victory over Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls) last Saturday, Cashmere qualified for state and will play La Center March 1 at 2 p.m. in

Tue, Feb 18 Cashmere

Thu, Feb 20 Cashmere

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Wenatchee, during the regional round of the bracket. The girls will play second-seeded Bellevue Christian on Feb. 28 at Issaquah High School, with tipoff scheduled for 8 p.m.

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Win

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Win

• Rylan Nelson drives to the basket during the Bulldogs' 62-35 win over Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls) last Saturday. Nelson capped this drive with a thunderous dunk.

Mac Carlson grabs a rebound during the Bulldogs' 62-35 win over Lakeside. The Eagles kept it interesting in the first half, trailing by two at the break, but Cashmere put on a dominating performance in the second part of the game.

> **CASHMERE SCOREBOARD Boys Basketball**

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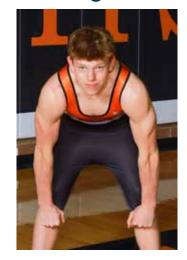
Jance Novak Sophomore **Cashmere Boys Wrestling**

After a challenging freshman season cut short by a seasonending injury, Cashmere High School's Jance Novak came into his sophomore year with one goal in mind: to claim a state championship. That goal was realized in a big way on Saturday night at the Tacoma Dome. Novak earned the 165pound state title after defeating Peter Desroches of Riverside with a commanding 14-6 victory in the championship match. Desroches, who entered the match with an impressive 47-1 record, proved no match for Novak, who capped off his season with an outstanding 50-3 record.

Coach Wheeler praised Novak's relentless work ethic, highlighting the sacrifices and dedication that led to his success. "There isn't a State Champion's name on the wrestling room wall that

By Caroline Menna

Ward Media Intern



accidentally won. Jance is no different—he worked tirelessly for years, with many sacrifices to stand on top of the podium. His entire season's performance showcased his dedication and mental toughness. Jance rose to the occasion and had the best match of the season to capture his first state title."

Tori Black Sophomore Cashmere Girls Wrestling

Cashmere High School's Tori Black made history this past weekend at the 1B/2B/1A Girls Wrestling State Tournament in the Tacoma Dome by becoming the first state placer in the history of CHS girls wrestling. Black earned an impressive 4th place finish in the state competition, capping off a stellar sophomore season with a 33-10 record. Her strong showing at the Dome not only earned her a state medal but also helped lead her team to a 19th place finish at state. Coach James praised Black's performance and the significance of her achievement. "Tori had a very successful weekend at the Dome, bringing home a fourth-place medal. She set a goal of becoming Cashmere's first girl state champion, and she is well on her way to accomplishing it.



had a state placer in the girls division, and now we do. Tori also helped lead her teammates to a 19th place finish at state. Way to go, Tori Black!"

Girls Basketball Fri, Feb 21 Cashmere 36 Zillah





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about connections. My hope is that no matter how big we grow, we always maintain that personal, heartfelt touch that

makes each letter special." **How to Get Involved:**

- Make Happy Letters: Teachers and schools interested in participating can contact Traci Pierson at makehappyletters@ gmail.com.
- Donate Art Supplies: Anyone can drop off new art supplies at designated locations in Cashmere: the library, That Pizza Place, and Weeds Cafe; in Wenatchee at Blue Spoon.
- Donate Funds: makehappyletters.org to make a financial contribution or to view the organization's Amazon Wishlist.
- Volunteer: Contact makehappyletters@gmail. com to join the Happy Letters volunteer team.

Happy Letters is a testament to the power of children's empathy and the impact a simple act of kindness can have. Through their colorful creations and heartfelt messages, these young letter writers, like Aviya, are making the world a little brighter, one

Caroline Menna is an intern for Ward Media and a senior at Cascade High School, where she serves as Editor-in-Chief of the school's Publications

CASHMERE - What began as a simple lesson in kindness in a Cashmere preschool a decade ago has blossomed into a movement touching lives across Washington state. Happy Letters, the brainchild of former preschool owner Traci Pierson, encourages and empowers children to spread

colorful, hand-drawn letters. "I started Happy Letters in 2015... to teach kids the importance of giving back," says Pierson. Since then, Happy Letters has become a 501c3 non-profit, partnering with over twenty schools and businesses in the Wenatchee Valley. Students of all ages create uplifting letters, filled with drawings and messages of hope. The letters are then sent to the likes of veterans, children's hospitals, cancer treatment facilities, retirement homes, and anyone in need of

joy and support "to people who

could use a smile" through

some cheer. "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the other for helping others," reads a quote from Audrey Hepburn on the Happy Letters website, reflecting the organization's ethos. And Happy Letters is more than just writing.

This year, inspired by 10-year-old Aviya Garcia, a young Cashmere girl with



Ten-year-old Aviya Garcia displays a completed Happy Letter. Garcia initiated and helped Happy Letters' founder Traci Pierson develop a project encouraging local children to create artwork and messages of joy for children in foster

a passion for helping others, the organization is launching the Happy Letter Art Drive. This initiative will provide art supply packets to children in foster care, offering them a creative outlet and a sense of connection. Aviya's interest in helping children in foster care began a few years ago

when she explored the foster process through a Washington Department of Social and Health Services intake.

Cashmere has never before

A ten-year-old's big heart fuels Happy Letters Project

"Happy Letters to me means fun while helping my community and brings joy to other people," says Aviya, who enjoys art, drawing, and cooking. "I just want to help foster kids. I want them to know that other people are thinking about them and care and love them." She cites her grandfather as a source of inspiration, encouraging her artistic talents.

"Aviya has such a big heart," says Pierson. "She came up with the idea of making Happy Letter Art Packets for children in foster care, and we worked together to make it happen."

The drive follows the success of last year's effort led by 11-year-old Paelyn Lueondee of Cashmere, which resulted in well over a thousand Happy Letters and hundreds of book packets being donated to children's hospitals in Seattle

and Wenatchee. The community has rallied behind Aviya's initiative, with schools, businesses, and individuals eager to contribute. Donation drop-off locations for art supplies have been set up in Cashmere and Wenatchee.

Looking to the future, Pierson envisions Happy Letters expanding statewide and beyond. "We want to continue growing and spreading kindness wherever we can, she shares. "Happy Letters is

Happy Letter at a time.



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Minibike theft investigation leads to drug and weapons bust

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EAST WENATCHEE — A burglary investigation led to the discovery of drugs, counterfeit pills, and stolen property during a search warrant execution in East Wenatchee, police officials said Wednesday.

The investigation began

on February 10 when patrol officers spotted suspicious activity near Rock Island Road and 2nd Street SE around 4:45 a.m. Officers observed one individual standing near a new Coleman minibike while a second suspect was found hiding in nearby bushes with a backpack containing bolt cutters

Police discovered a large

hole in the fence of a nearby business that had previously reported multiple thefts and burglaries. One suspect was immediately taken into custody on charges of burglary in the second degree, theft in the second degree, malicious mischief in the third degree, and possession of burglary tools. A second suspect was arrested two days later on

identical charges and held on \$5,000 bail.

The investigation expanded on February 13 when the East Wenatchee Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at a residence in the 700 block of N. Baker Avenue. During the search, officers discovered powdered fentanyl, methamphetamine, and counterfeit oxycodone pills. Additionally, law enforcement recovered a stolen handgun and stolen Dewalt power tools valued at over \$2,000.

Two additional individuals were taken into custody during the warrant service.

Bill proposes higher fees for Discover Pass

By Juan Jocom

Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - It will cost more to visit a state park next year, if a proposal in the state Legislature wins approval.

SB 5390, proposed by Sen. Derek Stanford, R-Bothell, increases the cost of a Discover Pass from \$30 to \$45 and the day pass fee from \$10 to \$15. As an avid user of state parks, Rep. Beth Doglio, D-Olympia, the primary sponsor of the House version of the bill, said this increase was long overdue.

Revenue from the pass helps fund Washington State Parks (WSP), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

"It's been a long time since we've looked at the price of the Discover Pass," Doglio said. "DNR land and our state parks need maintenance and ongoing expenditures to ensure we preserve the beautiful string of state parks we have in this

Although the plan originally included price increases every two years, the cost of the pass has remained unchanged since its creation in 2011, according to WSP.

"I think this is a reasonable increase," Doglio said. "It's not

a huge increase by any stretch of the imagination." The bills also propose

that the Office of Financial Management review the cost of the Discover Pass every four years and recommend adjustments to the Legislature to account for inflation.

According to Samuel Hensold, recreation and operations manager at DNR, services were reduced across the three million acres of land and waters the department manages to compensate for a \$9 million operational funding deficit.

Hensold said the increase will allow the department to better maintain infrastructure like restrooms and upkeep, like graffiti removal and debris cleanup.

"DNR has added hundreds of miles of trails, new campgrounds, new parking areas, but we haven't necessarily received additional operating funds to provide ongoing management for those areas," Hensold said.

The additional revenue will also enable DNR to expand its efforts on environmental justice and equity initiatives.

Most of the revenue from the pass, 84%, goes to state parks, while 8% is allocated to DNR and 8% to WDFW.

Although recent funding cuts to several federal agencies do not directly impact the funding of state parks and lands managed by state agencies, DNR and WSP officials say cuts at the federal level may have residual effects on the general fund, which provides about 33% of state

parks funding.

While the funding increase is generally supported by stakeholders, Rhonda Edens, a Washington native and avid park user, expressed concerns about higher fees.

"When I was young, my family was very poor and we went to the state park a lot," Edens said. "It was the only thing we could afford to do. And by requiring Discover passes, you make it so that there's a whole population of poor people, they can't go and enjoy the park."

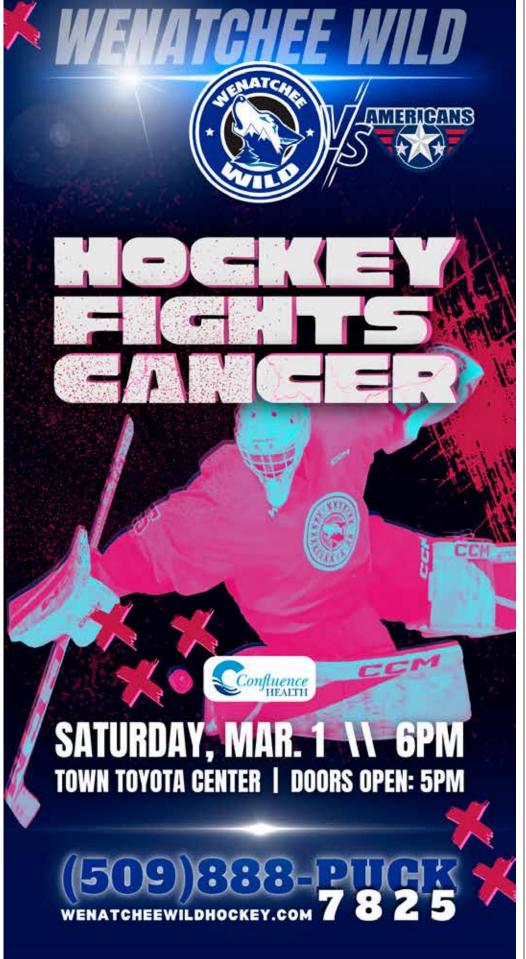
Currently, the bill does not include provisions to address this issue. However, Doglio said making park access more equitable is something she would consider in future legislative sessions.

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COURTESY OF EAST WENATCHEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DeWalt power tools and accessories valued at over \$2,000, including multiple cordless drills, batteries, chargers, tool bags, and a 108-piece mechanics tool set, were recovered during a search warrant execution at a residence in East Wenatchee on February 13.





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Lime Kiln State Park on San Juan Island, like all state parks, requires visitors to have a Discover Pass to access its parking lots and facilities.



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Outreach workers Mathena and Torres document an outdoor living site during the Point in Time Count. The 2025 survey found 42 people living outdoors in locations not meant for habitation, part of the total 104 unsheltered individuals counted across the two-county region.

Point in Time

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of 37 people from the previous year's count of 141. The sheltered population rose by 64 people, with 405 individuals staying in emergency shelters, RV Safe Parks, transitional housing, or emergency hotel/ motel voucher programs.

"Data collected during the Point in Time Count is intended to be a snapshot of homelessness on this one night in our community," said Madison Calloway, coordinator of the Chelan County Homeless Program. "The PIT Count helps to measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national levels."

The survey found that 88

of the unsheltered individuals identified as chronically homeless, while 46 reported experiencing homelessness for the first time. Demographics showed most surveyed individuals were white (63 people) and male (61 people), with an average age of 47 years.

Housing and economic factors emerged as leading contributors to homelessness, with 24 people each citing job loss/unemployment and eviction/loss of housing as causes. Health-related issues also affected housing status, with 15 people reporting mental illness and nine each attributing their situation to physical illness and substance

count's expanded

reach this year included participation from fifteen agencies and covered previously underserved rural areas. "We had a great turnout of outreach volunteers and agencies participating this year," Calloway said. "This allowed us to target the more rural areas that we had not been able to target in previous years, and contributed to the event's overall success."

Among those surveyed, 66 expressed willingness to stay in shelters if space was available, while 48 declined shelter options. The most common reasons for avoiding shelters included feeling unsafe (9 responses), inability to bring pets (7 responses), and concerns about storage availability or overcrowding (4 responses each).

The survey also revealed that 104 of the individuals were unemployed, with 12 reporting part-time work and one person in full-time employment. For income sources, 20 people reported receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), while 11 each received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or other forms of assistance.

The count was conducted across both counties, with resource events held at Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Wenatchee, Chelan Valley HOPE, and Upper Valley MEND locations. The data will be used to plan services and identify gaps in the region's homelessness assistance system.



Karen Grudier attended to protest the federal cuts, as well as the dissolution of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. "I'm a Native American, and I've always had to fight for what I want, and I feel like getting rid of DEI is going to make the fight even worse," said Grudier.

Protests

Continued from page A1 can't apply for it anymore. So there's no more money. The grant agencies told us to stop spending our money," said Sayles.

Jeff Graham, a realty specialist who has worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 17 years, came out from Malaga in support of employees fired from the Forest Service, a fellow public land management agency. While his office had been spared at the time of the protest, Graham says he and his colleagues have been waiting for more information,

and anticipating terminations. "I hope people realize it is affecting us. I don't care who you voted for as Americans. It's public lands, it's your fellow



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Jeff Graham fears more cuts are coming to public land management agencies.

Americans. We are people. Who's America being great for?" said Graham. "You're taking workers out. I mean, we've got families here. You're taking our income, our salary.

Not only that, you're taking what we do for our community. We protect our public lands."

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Friends of Sophie Stavig (left) and Emma Loney (right) have been affected by Forest Service staffing cuts.

Wenatchee Downtown Association to host annual dinner celebrating community growth

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WENATCHEE Downtown Wenatchee Association announced plans for its Annual Appreciation Dinner, scheduled for February 28, highlighting a year of growth and development in the historic downtown district.

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"Connecting the Pieces," will take place at the LocalTel Event Center in Pybus from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., bringing together business owners, property owners, and community supporters to celebrate the accomplishments of 2024.

Rosa Pulido, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Downtown Association, emphasized the significance of

the gathering. "We've seen so much growth and change downtown, and this night is about celebrating that—coming together as friends, colleagues, and neighbors," she said. "It's a chance to recognize all the pieces that make downtown special and to strengthen the connections that keep our community thriving."

celebration

support prominent downtown property owners, including Sam and Vickie Mills, Mike and Sheila Salmon, Todd and Amy Kiesz, Bumps Properties LLC, and Mills Style & Design. Szmania Catering will provide the evening's meal, while downtown's Norwood Wine Bar, owned by Josh Thaut, will manage bar service.

The Wenatchee Downtown Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, participates in the Washington Main Street Program and Main Street America, working in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation. The organization focuses on preserving and enhancing Historic Downtown

Wenatchee while promoting business vitality community heritage.

Tickets for the appreciation dinner are priced at \$45 per person, with limited space availability. Interested attendees can make reservations through the association's website at www. downtownwenatchee.org or by calling (509) 662-0059.

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Meetings are scheduled at 7 pm on the first or third Mondays of each month (generally March-Oct).

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Since 2020 the meetings have been held via Zoom and typically last approx an hour or less. If you are interested in joining the board please send your letter of interest to info@

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In the Matter of the Estate of: MARTIN GEORGE VENNEBERG, Deceased.

NO. 25-4-00003-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 personal

representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the latter of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and

11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: 12, February 2025 Personal Representative: Paul Martin Venneberg

Personal Attorney for Representative: Nicholas Yedinak Address for Mailing of Service: 435 Orondo Avenue P.O. Box 1667 Wenatchee, WA 98807-1667 DATED this 20th December, 2024.

ESWORTHY, P.L.L.C. Attorneys for Estate Published in the Echo/Cashmere Valley Leavenworth Record on February 12, 19, 26, 2025. #9375

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PAUL MARTIN VENNEBERG

Personal Representative

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2025 PUBLIC NOTICE Brae Burn Mosquito Control District (MCD1)

In accordance with the Washington State Dept of Ecology's Aquatic Mosquito Control General Permit,

larvicide(s) adulticide(s) planned for use

Vectobac GS contains Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti). EPA Reg. No. 73049-10

Duplex-G contains thuringiensis israelensis (Bti) Strain BMP 144 and (S)-Methoprene. EPA Reg. No. 89459-93 Cocobear Larviciding Oil (mineral oil). EPA Reg. No. 8329-93

contains Prallethrin: (RS)-2-methyl-4-oxo-3-(2-propynyl cyclopent 2-enyl-(1RS)-cis, trans-chrysanthemate, Sumithrin®: 3-Phenoxybenzyl-(1RS,3RS, 1RS. 3SR)-2,2-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop

-1-enyl) cyclopropanecarboxylate. and Piperonyl Butoxide. EPA Reg. No. 1021-1795-8329 b) The approximate date ranges of the planned treatment are:

Weekly March through October

each year. c) The approximate treatment location(s) are: Treatments will occur throughout the Braeburn Mosquito Control District (MCD),

including standing water, sloughs, and wetlands d) The public may access updates about the treatment(s)

at: By contacting Braeburn MCD representative at (425) 239-9656 e) No larvicides with water-use restrictions will be applied waterbodies used for water supply, fish and shellfish harvesting, swimming, or other

f) Name and the best number to reach the applicator. Matthew Oaks (509) 883-7371

water contact activities.

g) The name and contact information for the Ecology Control Aquatic Mosquito General Permit Manager Shawn Ultican / Aquatic Pesticide

Permit Specialist shawn.ultican@ecy.wa.gov /

h) The procedure for a person to follow if they want to be added to the Pesticide Sensitivity Registry maintained by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is located at:

https://agr.wa.gov/departments/pes ticides-and-fertilizers/pesticides/co mpliance/sensitivity-registry Published in the Echo/Cashmere Valley Leavenworth Record on February 26, 2025. #9477

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate SUSAN N. HOWARD,

Deceased. No. 25-4-00058-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or personal representative's

attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication:

February 19, 2025 Personal Representative: Heidi S. Schroeder for the Personal Attorney Representative: Russell J. Speidel Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan

HEIDI S. SCHROEDER Personal Representative Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL WSBA No. 12838 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on

February 19, 26, March 5, 2025. #9424

County Superior Court Cause

No. 25-4-00058-04

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF **WASHINGTON IN AND FOR CHELAN COUNTY** In the Matter of the Estate of KAREN ELIZABETH JOHNSON. No. 25-4-00033-04 **PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS** (RCW 11.40.030)

Administrator named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or

the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW

11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

February 12th , 2025 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Alexander D. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Rani K. Sampson ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Rani K. Sampson 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE

PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 25-4-00033-04 Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Rani K. Sampson, WSBA No. 37489

Attorney for Personal Representative Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 12, 19, 26, 2025. #9372

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR **CHELAN COUNTY** In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM BRANGWIN, Deceased. No. 25-4-00049-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

ersonal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION:

February 19, 2025 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Brangwin PERSONAL ATTORNEY FOR REPRESENTATIVE: David Visser ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: OVERCAST LAW OFFICES 23 South Wenatchee Avenue Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior 25-4-00049-04 Court, No. OVERCAST LAW OFFICES By: /s/ David Visser, WSBA No. 41546 Attorney for Personal Representative Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 19, 26, March 5, 2025. #9445

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR **CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter** of the Estate of JAMES WILLIAM WALLACE Deceased. No. 24-4-00001-04

PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)** The Administrator named below has been appointed Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any

otherwise applicable statute of

limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not

both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 26th, 2025

presented within this time frame.

the claim is forever barred, except

as otherwise provided in RCW

11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar

is effective as to claims against

ADMINISTRATOR: Warren Wallace James ATTORNEY ADMINISTRATOR: Kera E. Dexter ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Kera E. Dexter 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 24-4-00001-04 Overcast Law Offices By: /s/ Kere E. Dexter, WSBA No. 58486 Attorney for Administrator Published in Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 26, March 5, 12, 2025. #9480

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CITY OF LEAVENWORTH **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

FOR

SS4A SAFETY ACTION PLAN The City of Leavenworth is soliciting qualifications for the development of a Safety Action

Plan in accordance with the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. The Safety Action collision Plan will analyze occurrence and trends, review opportunities to revise establish safety related policies. identify countermeasures increase safety and mobility, and develop a capital improvement plan to construct countermeasures as necessary. Due to funding constraints, this project must be completed by the end of 2025. complete Request

Leavenworth's request bids/proposals webpage https://cityofleavenworth.com/docu ments/category/requests-for-bids-p roposals. responsibility of the Consultant to obtain any RFQ updates or addenda from the City's website. Submissions shall be sent

Qualifications (RFQ) document

can be found on the City of

electronically to Andrea Fischer, Clerk, afischer@cityofleavenworth.com by 1:00:00 PM on Wednesday , March 5 , 2025 . Late or incorrectly submitted submissions will be automatically disqualified consideration.

qualifications received after the specified date and time will automatically be rejected and will receive any consideration by the City. The City of Leavenworth in

accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities (ADA), commits nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Kit Kocha, EIT, Manager

kkocha@cityofleavenworth.com or by calling (509) 548-5275. The City of Leavenworth, in accordance with the provisions of

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252,42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all consultants that will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this request for qualifications. disadvantaged business enterprises will afforded full and fair opportunity to submit proposal in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an

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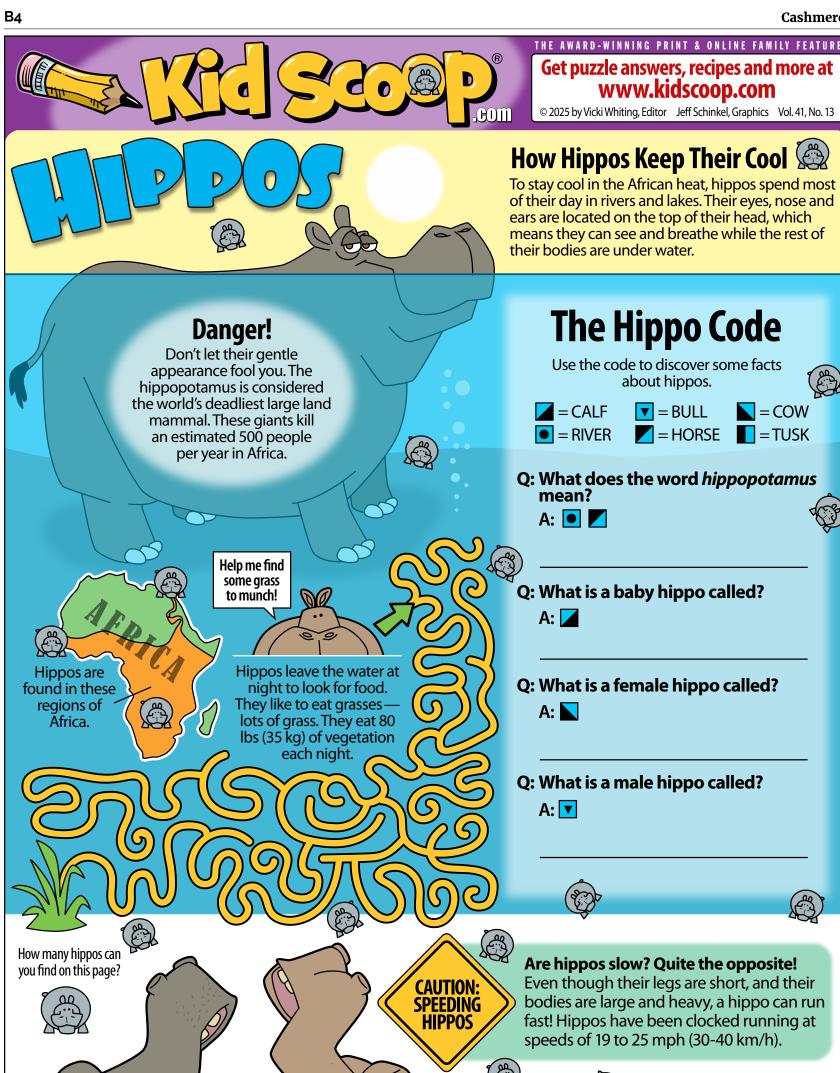
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Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

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Open Wide!

Hippos have a huge

mouth, measuring

up to 4 ft (1.2 m)

when opened wide!

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and it stays on the skin and protects it from drying out—and acts as a sunblock, too!

> When early European explorers first noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos they observed, they gave it a name.

> Circle every other letter to see what they called it.

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DEADLIEST INCISORS SUNBLOCK BREATHE GRASSES AFRICA HIPPOS RIVERS THREAT OOZES TUSKS SWEAT

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JAW

Hippos have a pair of huge incisors

in each jaw. The large, curved lower

canine teeth are like tusks as they grow

throughout a hippo's life. They can

reach a length of 1 foot 8 inches (50

cm)! These teeth are used for combat,

not eating. When a hippo yawns, it's

not tired but it is a sign of a threat.

sideways and diagonally. K C O L B N U S R D SBREATHEIE ETHREATNVA SWJATHCEED STAFRICARL AUWLSPRSSI RSMOAPLMME GKROOOZESS ASLCWSWEAT

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