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Cashmere City Council approves partial payment to Humane Society amid contract dispute

By Kirk Beckendorf
Special to Ward Media

CASHMERE — The Cashmere City Council voted 3-2 to partially pay the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society (WVHS) for January services during its Feb. 24 meeting, opting to use 2024 rates instead of the new higher rates for 2025.

The council received a \$2,365 bill from WVHS for January services

calculated at the new 2025 rate — a 43% increase from 2024. After deliberation, the council approved a payment of \$1,659, calculated using the previous year’s rate schedule.

The payment dispute stemmed from the city’s January decision not to renew its contract with WVHS due to the significant rate increase. Council member Jeff Johnson, who voted against the payment, argued that without a contract in place, the

city had no obligation to pay for services.

Mayor Jim Fletcher recommended paying for the services, noting that the city had not informed WVHS until mid-January about the non-renewal.

“Often government agreements, like annual contracts, are signed retroactively and it is common for government and other entities to

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Teen poets shine at annual Cashmere Poetry Slam



COURTESY OF CASHMERE LIBRARY

The top three winners of the 2025 Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam display their awards at the Scouts Fireplace Room in the Cashmere Riverside Center. From left to right: Tommy Bataniou (third place), Naomi Corbaley (second place) and Lucy Boyer (grand prize winner).

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CASHMERE - The Scouts Fireplace Room at the Cashmere Riverside Center was filled to capacity Thursday evening as the community gathered for the 2025 Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam, an event that showcased young literary talent and celebrated creative expression.

From an initial field of 60 entries, 15

finalists were selected by a panel of judges to present their original works before an audience of 108 attendees. The room buzzed with enthusiasm as supporters cheered on the young poets.

Lucy Boyer claimed the \$100 grand prize, while Naomi Corbaley and Tommy Bataniou earned second and third place honors, receiving \$75 and \$50 respectively. All participants received a \$25 award for their



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Teen poets gather for a group photo following the 2025 Cashmere Teen Poetry Slam at the Riverside Center. The event featured performances from students selected from 60 entries, with participants receiving guidance from a public speaking workshop prior to the competition.

contributions.

“Out of the three years he has been volunteering, this is the best year ever in terms of how well the teens owned the microphone while presenting their poetry,” said John McCabe, a member of the judges panel. The panel collectively praised the quality of work presented, noting that “the poetry they heard was outstanding.”

The event represented a collaborative effort between several

community organizations. Cashmere Valley Bank sponsored the awards, while the Cashmere High School English Department, led by Karen Gemeinhart, partnered with the Cashmere Library to organize the competition. Additional support came from the Scouts, who provided the venue, and the Friends of the Cashmere Library.

In preparation for the event, Friends of the Library member Kathy

Defazio conducted a Mini Public Speaking Workshop in Gemeinhart’s classroom at Cashmere High School, helping participants build confidence for their performances.

Organizers expressed their gratitude to all contributors and emphasized their belief that “all our Cashmere Teens are winners,” reflecting the community’s commitment to nurturing young talent.

Helion considers Malaga site for world’s first fusion power plant



COURTESY OF CHELAN PUD

Helion announced its interest in the potential site in a press conference with Chelan County agencies.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – Helion, an Everett-based energy company, is considering a property in Malaga to place the world’s first fusion power plant.

The company announced its interest alongside Chelan PUD, Chelan County, and Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority during a press conference on Feb. 27.

“Helion has been looking for a site for a fusion power plant since

about 2023...and Chelan [County] has stood out as a top option due to its long history in clean energy development,” said Helion Communications Director Jessie Barton.

The company specializes in fusion energy, which combines two light atomic nuclei, such as isotopes of hydrogen and helium, at extremely high temperatures and pressures, releasing energy in the process, according to the company website. It’s considered clean energy, as it does not release greenhouse gas,



COURTESY OF CHELAN PUD

Helion is considering a site near Rock Island Dam to build the world’s first fusion power plant.

nor does it produce high level radioactive waste.

Helion is looking at developing its power plant on Chelan PUD property near Rock Island Dam, which would be used to provide 50 megawatts to Microsoft under a purchase agreement.

“We’re seeing a rapid load growth forecast in our cities, so we have to figure out how to respond to that... And the benefit to our community and our customers is being on top

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Upper Valley Empty Bowls returns to fight hunger through art

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LEAVENWORTH – For nearly three decades, the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival has blended art, community, and compassion to help fight food insecurity in the valley.

This year’s event continues the tradition with an artist reception and an online auction.

The festival brings talented artists, local restaurants and the community together to share a simple meal of donated soup and bread. Proceeds from ticket sales and the online Artist Bowl Auction are a substantial source of funding for the Community Cupboard Food Bank, a program of Upper Valley MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity).

A key part of the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival is the Online

Artist Bowl Auction, which opens at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 16 and runs until 10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26.

Twenty-one bowls and platters designed and created by local artists and potters will be available for bidding online at the Upper Valley Empty Bowls website uvenemptybowls.org.

Each bowl is a work of art, from its creation at the hands of skillful potters, to the hours of time it takes to painstakingly hand paint the designs, and then the final careful firing of the masterpieces.

Each bowl is also available for immediate purchase with a “buy it now” price.

Most of the bowls are ceramic serving bowls



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COURTESY OF DAVID MASUDA

“Baby Cakes” by Carol Seaman was selected as one of two Artist Bowls for the 2025 Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival.

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Rails and Ales: Family Fun for everyone

Centennial Park will transform into a winter wonderland from 12 pm. to 9 pm on March 8 with Family Snow Play Experiences, including ski and snowboard trials from Mission Ridge Ski + Board Resort and snowshoeing with Wenatchee River Institute. Enjoy craft beer from local breweries and food trucks throughout the day. Live music includes Pizza Party at 12 p.m., Bada Bings at 2:30 p.m., Inland Beaches at 5 p.m., and King Youngblood at 7:30 p.m. The highlight is the annual rail jam competition on Orondo Ave. starting at 4:30 p.m., featuring cash prizes up to \$1,000. The night concludes with an awards ceremony at 8 p.m. This year's zero-waste initiative, in partnership with Sustainable NCW and Wenatchee Valley Rotary, ensures proper waste sorting and composting at food vendors and breweries using certified compostable supplies.

visitwenatchee.org/listing/rails-ales

Trash to Treasure: with an Auction and Cider

Join us for the exciting Trash to Treasure Showcase and Auction on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at 111 Railroad Ave, Cashmere, as we celebrate the grand finale of the Trash and Treasure Build-Off at Yonder East. This unique competition challenges talented makers to transform discarded materials into breathtaking, functional works of art. Sip on delicious cider while you explore these one-of-a-kind creations, and don't forget to place your bids! Every purchase supports the makers and Yonder East's mission to reduce waste while fostering creativity in our community.

For more details, visit Yonder East on Google or Facebook

Storytime: Friends, Stories and more

Join us for a fun-filled Story Time on March 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cashmere Public Library.

For more information, please visit: https://www.

This delightful event is perfect for your little ones, offering a mix of stories, songs, games, and play. It's a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love for reading while helping children make new friends and connect with the community. The featured book reading will focus on themes of friendship and kindness, creating a heartwarming experience for all.

For more details, visit the Cashmere Library page

Public Skate at the Town Toyota Center

Lace up your skates and prepare for a fun-filled afternoon on the ice at the Weekly Public Skate on March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Weinstein Beverage Community Rink. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned skater, this session is perfect for all skill levels and offers a great opportunity to enjoy quality time with family and friends. Admission is just \$10, with skate rentals available for \$3 and red assists for \$5. Don't let your Monday go to waste—make it memorable with some exciting ice time!


For more information, visit: towntoyotacenter.com

Salmon Fun: Educational Fun for the family

Join us for an exciting and educational adventure at Rocky Reach Dam on March 8 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This interactive family program is perfect for all ages, from preschoolers to senior adults. Dive into the fascinating world of salmon with activities like “Kids Versus Fish: Comparative Anatomy,” where you'll explore the similarities and differences between kids and fish. Discover how salmon use their fins in the hands-on activity, “Fun with Fins,” and create your very own wooden fish keepsake to take home. Don't miss out on this fun, winter-themed experience that celebrates the wonders of salmon and nature.

For more details, visit the event page on Facebook: Rocky Reach Discovery Center

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



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Senate passes Goehner bill to expand local housing options

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — Sen. Keith Goehner's work to give counties more options for promoting affordable housing received a big boost last Wednesday when the Senate gave overwhelming bipartisan support to Senate Bill 5471. The legislation would allow counties to authorize at least one “middle housing” unit on every parcel zoned for single-family homes within urban growth areas. “Since the Growth Management Act (GMA) was enacted decades ago, the state

has typically gone too far in limiting local government's ability to authorize the construction of more homes,” said Goehner, R-Dryden. “We should be empowering the private sector to create housing solutions, because builders are ready to build—and this bill would give them the flexibility to do so.” His legislation would expand local housing options by allowing duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, and other types of “middle housing” in urban growth areas, whether incorporated or not, where housing shortages are most pressing.

Goehner said his county-focused measure aligns with a 2023 law requiring cities to increase housing diversity in traditionally single-family neighborhoods. “The GMA was originally designed to manage growth, but over time, it has imposed too many restrictions that have stifled housing

development in high-demand areas,” Goehner added. “This bill would ease those barriers while maintaining protections for rural communities.” The bill, Goehner's first to pass since he became a senator this year, received a unanimous vote. “When introducing legislation, we don't know

which of our bills will end up being the first to reach the Senate floor. It's nice that the first bill of mine to get through the Senate could end up helping a family realize the American dream of home ownership,” Goehner said. SB 5471 now moves to the House for further consideration.

COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE SENATE

Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden

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 21

10:26:02 Juvenile Problem, Woodring St & Elberta Ave, Cashmere
11:31:29 Property, 4300 Yaksum Canyon Rd, Cashmere
12:19:36 Property, 412 Aplets Way# 201, Cashmere
14:45:57 Disturbance, 126 Cottage Ave, Cashmere
15:37:42 Domestic Disturbance, 208 Cottage Ave# 2, Cashmere
17:25:20 Warrant, Sunset Hwy & Hagman Rd, Cashmere
23:11:42 Noise, 247 Independence Way, Cashmere

Feb 22

11:43:01 Accident No Inj, 415 Cottage Ave# 5, Cashmere
18:15:07 Juvenile Problem, 304 Paton St, Cashmere
18:45:12 Noise, 5324 Binder Rd, Cashmere,
21:26:09 Accident No Inj, 411 Cottage Ave, Cashmere
22:39:13 Assist Agency, Us Hwy 2 & Old Monitor Rd, Cashmere

Feb 23

05:38:04 Animal Problem, 214 Washington St, Cashmere
08:30:56 Hazard, Woodring St & Cottage Ave, Cashmere
14:39:47 Traffic Offense, 207 Riverside Dr, Cashmere
15:43:56 Trespass, 127 Riverfront Dr, Cashmere
16:47:26 Warrant, 127 Riverfront Dr, Cashmere
18:44:07 Assist Agency, 305 Cottage Ave, Cashmere
19:42:21 Assist Public, Binder Rd; Area, Cashmere
23:22:48 Suspicious, 305 Woodring St, Cashmere

Feb 24

09:04:20 Juvenile Problem, 300

Tigner Rd; Cashmere
15:37:03 Assist Agency, 305 Cottage Ave, Cashmere
21:38:38 Juvenile Problem, 300 Tigner Rd; Cashmere

Feb 25

02:52:58 Animal Problem, 214 Washington St, Cashmere
08:44:11 Runaway, 241 Independence Way, Cashmere
15:05:38 Harass/Threat, 300 Aplets Way; Hometown, Cashmere
17:24:08 Assist Agency, 302 Fisher St, Cashmere
19:23:39 Hazard, 7000blk Stine Hill Rd, Cashmere
23:46:31 Accident No Inj, 7910 Nahahum Canyon Rd, Cashmere

Feb 26

6:08:54 Domestic Disturance, 208 Cottage Ave# 2, Cashmere
10:45:24 Welfare Check, 5963 Pioneer Dr, Cashmere
13:06:06 Civil, 4630 E Nahahum Canyon Rd, Cashmere
13:56:27 Animal Problem, 5183 Mission Creek Rd, Cashmere
14:41:24 Suspicious, 5700blk Pioneer Dr, Cashmere
15:13:13 Accident Injury, 300 Tigner Rd, Cashmere
16:04:07 Animal Problem, 9325 Olalla Canyon Rd, Cashmere

Feb 27

08:36:18 Assist Public, 5688 Airport Rd, Cashmere
09:46:59 Scam, 119 White Birch Pl, Cashmere
11:33:31 Property, 205 Mission Ave# A, Cashmere
17:42:05 Traffic Offense, Sunset Hwy & Locust Ln, Cashmere

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

Cashmere Rotary Club, meets at Cashmere Presbyterian Church hall, noon. President Mark Shorb. 509-885-0676.
Mission Creek Community Club, meets every month, 7 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wed.).
Cashmere Food Bank, open 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Cashmere Food Distribution Center, 316 River St., for more information, call Pam. 509-245-6464
Ukulele Circle. Join the Ukulele Circle, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get the sheet music.

Thursday

Caregiver Support Group. 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
Cashmere Sportsman Assoc., (Cashmere Gun Club), open to the public for trapshooting 7-10 p.m. Private rentals by appointment. Call Brian James, 509-782-3099.
Cashmere American Legion Post #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. Commander Ken Komro, 509-782-4973. **(1st Thurs. of every month, August - June)**.
Cashmere American Legion Auxiliary #64, 7 p.m., American Legion Hall, 401 Sunset Highway. President Linda Ingraham, 509-679-0243. **(1st Thurs. of every month, August - June)**.

Sunday

CHURCH: See the church page for local service times & events.

Monday

Cashmere Wacoka Kiwanis Club, 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, lower level. 6:30 p.m. Call Pam Leighton, 509-669-3159. **(4th Mon.)**
Tillicum Riders, 7 p.m. Chelan County Fairgrounds. Call Cindy, 509-662-5984. **(1st Mon.)**
Cashmere City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall **(2nd & 4th Mon. of each month (unless a holiday, then Tues.)**.
Planning Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. at City Hall **(1st Mon. of each month unless a holiday, then Tues.)**.
Cashmere Fire Department, Business management, 7 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. **(3rd Mon.)**
Cashmere Fire Department, meeting, 8 p.m., above City Hall. Call Chief Cy, 509-782-3513. **(3rd Mon.)**
Cashmere School Board Work Session, Board work sessions are typically held towards the beginning of the month at 6:30 a.m. with no action taken. For updated info. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu
Cashmere School Regular Board Meetings, are typically held towards the end of the month at 7 p.m. with action taken. The schedule for meetings is subject to change to accommodate conflicts in schedule or special circumstances. Visit www.cashmere.wednet.edu for the most up to date info.
Chelan Douglas Republican Women, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 **(1st Mon.)**

Tuesday

Icicle & Peshastin Irrigation Districts, Current meeting time 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net **(2nd Tues.)**
Peshastin Water District, meets at 4:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Keene for meeting location. 509-548-5266. **(2nd Tues.)**
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 Cottlets Way. Call Nicky 509-782-3230. **(3rd Thurs.)**
Note: Some meetings or events may be rescheduled due to holidays or other closures. Please call and check with that organization listed.

Senate passes Goehner bill to reduce red tape for water-sewer districts

NCW News
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OLYMPIA — The Washington State Senate approved a bill that seeks to streamline the process for water-sewer districts to sell surplus property, reducing administrative hurdles and increasing efficiency.
Senate Bill 5467, sponsored by Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, passed overwhelmingly in a 45-1 vote. The measure raises financial thresholds that trigger specific notice requirements and public sale processes when districts dispose of personal or real property.
“This bill allows these junior

taxing districts to dispose of surplus property more efficiently,” Goehner said. “It raises the thresholds for which the districts could sell without a more extensive process of public auction or sales.”
Under the legislation, the minimum value at which water-sewer districts must provide a notice of intent before selling personal property would increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Additionally, the bill raises the threshold for privately selling real property from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

With bipartisan backing, SB 5467 now moves to the state House of Representatives for further consideration.



COURTESY OF WASHINGTON STATE SENATE

Sen. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden

Washington state launches Universal Online High School and Beyond Plan platform

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has announced the statewide transition to a universal online High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) platform, a move aimed at standardizing career and postsecondary planning for Washington’s K–12 students.
The transition follows a directive from the 2023 Legislature, requested by State Superintendent Chris Reykdal, to streamline the planning process for students. The HSBP is a graduation requirement in Washington, beginning in 7th grade, and is designed to align students’ coursework with their career interests and future training or education plans.
Currently, school districts across the state use more than a dozen different HSBP platforms, which vary in available tools and resources. The inconsistencies have made it difficult for students to maintain continuity in their planning if they move

between districts.
“The High School and Beyond Plan is a powerful platform that guides students to resources, course options, and other tools in support of their career and college exploration,” Reykdal said. “Every student needs a postsecondary plan for their success and the success of our state.”

Statewide rollout and platform features

In May 2024, following a competitive selection process, OSPI chose SchoolLinks as the vendor for the universal online tool. Beginning in the 2025–26 school year, students in grades 7–12 will have annual access to SchoolLinks to help them plan for postsecondary pathways, including college, apprenticeships, industry certifications, military service, internships, and on-the-job training.
“Our goal for this project is to ensure all Washington students have access to a platform that offers the most comprehensive suite



COURTESY OF OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

State Superintendent
Chris Reykdal

of tools and resources, and that provides real-time data and information to students, parents, guardians, and counselors,” Reykdal said.
The SchoolLinks platform offers customizable tools for setting and tracking goals, planning coursework, exploring careers, accessing

financial aid information, and building résumés. It also provides secure access for families and educators while maintaining high standards of data privacy.

Implementation timeline

For the 2025–26 school year, 156 school districts, technical colleges, state-tribal education compact schools, and charter schools have committed to implementing the SchoolLinks platform. These districts will join 45 that adopted SchoolLinks in the 2024–25 school year. The remaining districts will transition to the platform in the 2026–27 school year.
“I’m grateful for our pilot school districts’ participation in the initial launch, and for the Legislature’s investment in supporting our students’ postsecondary success in this way,” Reykdal said. “I’m looking forward to building a consistent statewide approach to postsecondary planning. Our students and families will be well served by this innovation.”

Ferguson proposes \$4B in cuts to Washington state budget

By Jake Goldstein-Street
and Bill Lucia
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Washington Gov. Bob Ferguson has a plan for about \$7 billion in budget cuts, but he and Democrats in the Legislature have a ways to go before they solve a shortfall that may be more than double that size.
The governor presented \$4 billion in new reductions on Thursday and said he supports another \$3 billion in savings former Gov. Jay Inslee proposed in December. This scrub is Ferguson’s first step in addressing an operating budget deficit that Democratic lawmakers say is roughly \$12 billion over the next four years. Ferguson pegged the number higher, at \$15 billion.
That leaves a gap somewhere in the ballpark of \$5 billion to \$8 billion that would need to be closed with reductions, spending delays, or new tax collections. An updated state revenue forecast expected in March could either help or hurt that outlook.
Washington’s current two-year budget is around \$70 billion. Ferguson outlined his blueprint in a press conference Thursday. It includes one furlough day per month for most state workers and eliminating about 1,000 full-time employees through cutting vacant or new positions, attrition and other means.

To what degree state lawmakers will embrace his proposals remains to be seen.
Lead Democrats in the Legislature have already indicated that they believe new taxes or tax increases will be necessary.
Ferguson has avoided saying what tax proposals he might support. And on Thursday he said it’s still too soon for that conversation. He noted the upcoming revenue forecast could affect those discussions.
“Our energy’s been focused entirely on this process, which is time-consuming and a lot of decisions being made to get that \$4 billion, to put it mildly,” he said.
He added: “We’re not going to tax our way out of this thing. Not going to happen.”
But the Senate’s lead budget writer, Sen. June Robinson, D-Everett, said cuts alone “will not allow us to sustain the services Washingtonians rely on.”
“Our job is to take a balanced approach — one that ensures critical services remain strong and communities have the support they need,” she said in a statement after the press conference. “To truly meet the needs of the people we serve, we must make thoughtful reductions and consider progressive revenue options that ensure fairness and long-term stability.”
The governor downplayed the potential for any clash between him and lawmakers at this point.
“They’re doing their own work, right, just like they know we’re doing our own,” he said. “I think it’s too soon to say whether we’re lined up or opposed, or there’s daylight or there’s not daylight.”

“They know the reductions that we’re proposing, the dollar amounts, and there’s a lot of time ahead of us to come together,” he added.
If the Legislature is to wrap up its session as scheduled on April 27, that time would amount to about 59 days.
Ferguson said he was giving staff a 24-hour break, and then going back to work to find more savings. He said the budget-combing process so far has made him “feel more encouraged” that the Legislature will be able to wrap up the budget on time.

The cuts

Public education and public safety agencies, like the Department of Corrections and Washington State Patrol, are immune from Ferguson’s cuts, according to the governor’s office. He also said investments in homelessness and housing assistance would be maintained.
And he said he planned to honor pay hikes in collective bargaining agreements with the state’s public employees. But \$300 million in savings would come from the one-day-a-month furloughs for the next two years. Some employees, like state troopers and prison staff, would be exempt.
Ferguson’s plan triggered



COURTESY OF BILL LUCIA/WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD

Gov. Bob Ferguson speaks to reporters at the state Capitol on Feb. 27, about his plans to cut state spending by about \$4 billion over four years.

pushback from the Washington Federation of State Employees, which represents thousands of state workers.
“There is still time for our elected officials to do the right thing and reject harmful cuts, facility closures, and employee furloughs by asking the rich to pay their fair share,” the union’s president, Mike Yestramski, said in a statement.
The budget leader for the state Senate Republicans also expressed concern about the furloughs but for different reasons.
“This plan sends a message to taxpayers: public servants will receive higher pay using \$4 billion more of your tax dollars, and in return, you will receive 12 fewer days of service from them each year for two years,” state Sen. Chris Gildon, R-Puyallup, said in a statement.
At the dawn of his administration, Ferguson asked most agencies to find 6% budget cuts in a scramble for \$4 billion in savings. He requested 3% cuts from four-year universities. Agencies had to submit these proposals by

cigarettes, storage units and gun and ammunition sales.
Lawmakers will also surely discuss the wealth tax on bonds, stocks and other assets. A version Inslee proposed — a 1% tax on an individual’s wealth above \$100 million — could generate about \$10 billion in the next four years. But it’s widely expected the tax would face legal challenges and it would take time for the state to set it up.
A payroll tax on big businesses, similar to Seattle’s JumpStart tax, is another option Democrats have floated.
Gildon said Republicans would be happy to help the governor find more cuts to stave off new taxes.

Converging tracks

Republicans blame Democrats’ spending for the state’s financial woes and say new taxes or tax hikes are unnecessary. Democrats have controlled both chambers of the Legislature and the governor’s office for about seven years.
“It’s really just a masquerade of their reckless spending and

time when living costs are up.
On Thursday, the governor’s officesharedfiguresshowingthat recently negotiated collective bargaining agreements with state employees, and related pay increases for non-union workers, contribute around \$3.7 billion to the state’s expected budget gap. The agreements include general pay hikes of 5% over two years.
Ferguson’s budget director, K.D. Chapman-See, explained that around \$12 billion of the estimated shortfall is driven by “maintenance level” spending — what’s needed to keep existing programs and services going. Revenue isn’t growing fast enough to keep pace.
“It is really pretty across-the-board where we saw some pretty substantial increases,” she said.

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Legendary bands Three Dog Night, Little River Band to play Wenatchee

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WENATCHEE— Iconic rock bands Three Dog Night and Little River Band will bring decades of classic hits to Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee on June 12. The two groups, known for their enduring popularity and multi-generational appeal, have collectively scored 34 Top 40 hits.

Between 1969 and 1976, Three Dog Night became one of America's most successful bands, dominating the pop, rock, and R&B charts. The group produced 21 hit singles—including 11 Top 10 hits—and earned 12 consecutive gold albums. By 1977, they had sold over 50 million records and helped define the rise of arena rock.

Founded by Danny Hutton, the band became known for

its dynamic covers of songs by renowned artists like Elton John, Laura Nyro, Randy Newman, and Paul Williams. Their biggest hits include “One,” “Mama Told Me (Not to Come),” “Joy to the World,” and “Black and White.”

Still performing more than 75 concerts a year, Three Dog Night continues to draw enthusiastic audiences across generations. Their music remains a staple on radio,

TV, and streaming platforms, selling over a million copies in the past decade.

Little River Band, known for its smooth harmonies and melodic rock sound, found widespread success in the 1970s and 1980s. Eagles founding member Glenn Frey once called them “the best singing band in the world.”

The band is best known for timeless hits like “Reminiscing,” “Cool Change,”

“Lonesome Loser,” and “Take It Easy on Me.” With more than 36 million records sold, they were the first band to achieve Top 10 hits for six consecutive years.

According to BMI, their hit “Reminiscing” remains one of the most-played songs in American radio history, surpassing 6 million airplays, while “Lady” follows closely behind with 5 million plays. The band continues to tour

extensively, performing 90 to 100 shows annually and attracting fans of all ages.

Tickets for the June 12 concert at Town Toyota Center go on sale March 7 at 10 a.m. Fans can purchase them online at www.towntoyotacenter.com or by calling 509-667-7847.

For more information on the bands, visit www.threedognight.com and www.littleriverband.com.

Infant in King County identified as first Washington measles case of the year

By JACQUELYN JIMENEZ ROMERO
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - An infant in King County was identified as the first confirmed measles case in Washington in 2025, following increases in cases in other parts of the United States, county officials said.

There were three cases of measles in King County last year. The new case was confirmed on last Wednesday. The infant is suspected to have been exposed to measles during recent travel abroad.

The infant is known to have visited several public locations prior to being diagnosed: the Apple Store at Bellevue Square,

Seattle Children’s Hospital Emergency Department, Allegro Pediatrics in Bothell, and Northwest Asthma & Allergy Center in Redmond.

All three medical facilities are notifying patients who may have been exposed and providing information about the exposure date and possible symptoms. Symptoms for those exposed would be likely to appear between Feb. 27 to Mar. 18.

Measles is a highly contagious and potentially severe air-borne disease. Symptoms can include fever, rash, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. It can lead to ear infections, diarrhea, pneumonia, brain

inflammation, or death.

“If one person has it, up to 9 out of 10 people nearby will become infected if they are not protected,” said Dr. Eric Chow, a communicable disease chief in King County.

The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after someone with measles leaves the area. Symptoms can begin seven to 21 days after initial exposure and can spread among people even before someone shows the appearance of a rash.

Even healthy individuals can have complications from the disease, but high risk populations include children under the age of 5, adults over 20, pregnant people, and those

who are immunocompromised.

However, high rates of vaccinations have kept the risk to the general public low, though there have been a number of outbreaks in recent years. At least 120 people have been confirmed infected in an ongoing outbreak in west Texas. Officials there reported the first death from the outbreak, a school-aged child who had not been vaccinated, this week.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine are 97% effective at preventing measles and the protection can last a lifetime.

The best way to prevent

measles is by staying up to date with vaccinations, officials say.

Widespread immunity, known as “herd immunity,” prevents the rapid spread of diseases within a large population and requires around 95% of people to be vaccinated against measles. If vaccination rates are lower than that, it increases the risk of larger and more frequent outbreaks.

Parents are encouraged to get their infants their first vaccination around six to 11 months of age and to get their second dose at age 4, instead of waiting until the child is enrolled at school.

In King County, it is estimated that 87% of 2-year-

olds are up to date on their first vaccine and 72% ages of 4-to-6-year-olds have received both doses.

Those with a potential exposure should call a clinic and tell them you want to be checked for measles, limit your contact with others, and wear a well-fitting mask if you do need to go to a healthcare facility to avoid the spread of measles, officials say.

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Washington could exempt medical debt from credit reports

By JACQUELYN JIMENEZ ROMERO
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - When Kristopher Shook was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer at age 42, his only concern was beating it, no matter the cost. As a result, he accumulated hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt.

He was diagnosed with two types of lymphoma cancer — follicular lymphoma, an incurable cancer, and large B cell lymphoma, which is aggressive. He was only given

a 15% chance of survival.

“There was no price tag on my life and I was willing to do whatever it took to survive,” Shook said. “I wasn’t concerned about the medical bills.”

The hospital gave him two years to pay off hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of debt. When he couldn’t pay it on time, the hospital sold it to a collections firm, which added 12% interest. Shook was threatened with lawsuits, wage garnishment, and court action.

He felt penalized for beating cancer.

Shook’s situation is not unique. Nationwide, about 20 million people, or nearly one in 12 Americans, owed \$250 or more in medical debt in 2021, according to an analysis released last year by the Peterson Center on Healthcare and KFF. Medical debt is a leading cause of personal bankruptcy in America and got worse after the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

To alleviate some of the negative effects this debt might

have on people in Washington, Sen. Marcus Riccelli, D-Spokane, is sponsoring Senate Bill 5480, which would prevent medical debt from appearing on a person’s credit report.

He said the bill is an attempt to help people in “really unfortunate situations” avoid snowballing financial difficulties.

“But we’re not trying to provide a path for folks to get around paying their obligations,” Riccelli said.

The bill passed the Senate on last Wednesday on a 35-12

vote, with six Republicans — Sens. John Braun, Chris Gildon, Paul Harris, Curtis King, Ron Muzzall, and Jeff Wilson — voting with Democrats in favor. The bill will next go to the House for consideration.

The legislation comes amid uncertainty over a similar effort at the federal level.

In early January, the Biden administration finalized a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule to prevent medical debt from appearing on credit reports. It was set to take effect in March. But it’s since

been paused by the Trump administration and also faces legal challenges.

Riccelli’s bill is a way for the state to provide extra protections. It also goes further than the federal rule in certain ways, including by preventing medical devices such as wheelchairs and prosthetics from being taken away from people if they don’t pay their debt on time.

This bill would only apply to Washington residents.

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

By CAROLINE MENNA
Ward Media Intern

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 joy and support “to people who could use a smile” through 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 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 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.

“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 about connections. My hope is that no matter how big we grow, we always maintain that personal, heartfelt touch that makes each letter special.”

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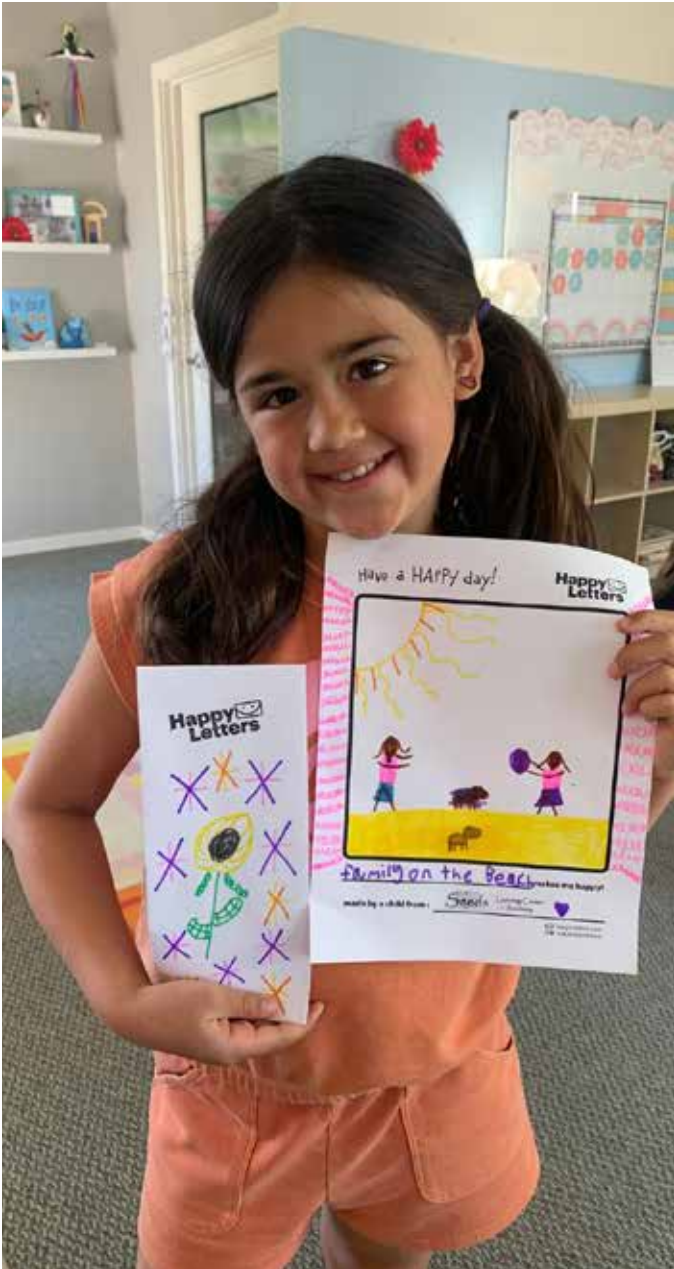
- Make Happy Letters: Teachers and schools interested in participating can contact Traci Pierson at makehappyletters@gmail.com.
- Donate Art Supplies: Anyone can drop off new

art supplies at designated locations in Cashmere: the library, That Pizza Place, and Weeds Cafe; in Wenatchee at Blue Spoon.

- Donate Funds: Visit makehappyletters.org to make a financial contribution or to view the organization’s Amazon Wishlist.
- Volunteer: Contact happyletters@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 Happy Letter at a time.

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COURTESY OF KATYA GARCIA

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 care.

Icicle Work Group shares progress made in Icicle Creek Watershed

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
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LEAVENWORTH – A packed crowd gathered at the Leavenworth Firehall on Feb. 26 to hear progress updates on the Icicle Strategy, a collaborative effort to manage water resources and improve habitat in the Icicle watershed.

The Icicle Strategy was developed by the Icicle Work Group (IWG), which includes a diverse set of members representing local, state and federal agencies, tribes, irrigation and agricultural interests, and environmental organizations. The group formed in 2012 in response to legal disputes over resource management in the Icicle Creek Watershed involving multiple stakeholders.

“The collaboration and all the wonderful work that is going on in the increased flow improvement really speaks volumes to the power of people working together and sort of moving out of that litigation environment to a collaboration environment,” said Mike Kaputa, Director of Chelan County Natural Resources.

Members of IWG covered the Icicle Strategy’s key projects during the meeting,

including the Eightmile Lake Dam rebuild, irrigation system upgrades, and improvements to the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery.

One of the first projects of the Icicle Strategy was completed in 2020, in which Trout Unlimited oversaw the repositioning of a boulder field in Icicle Creek. The boulders were positioned to allow fish to pass through, opening access to miles of potential rearing habitat upstream. The Department of Fish and Wildlife assisted with building appropriate fish screens for both the city and irrigation district diversions located upstream of the boulder field. The Snow Creek Trail bridge was also replaced, which enabled the construction of a fish screen for a different irrigation district diversion in 2023.

In addition to implementing a fish screen, the City of Leavenworth has been utilizing upgraded metering systems to better track municipal water usage and leaks. Mayor Carl Florea told residents that the city is working to identify wells in order to lessen its dependence on surface water.

The Cascade Orchard

Irrigation Company (COIC) made major improvements this last year, replacing its gravity fed canal system that diverted water from river mile 4.5, with a pressurized pump system at mile point river mile 1.9. The system change allows for more water to flow through a critical stretch of Icicle Creek for fish, while improving flow efficiency. The new system plans to be operational by May 2025. Nearby, the Chelan County Department of Natural Resources completed the Fromm Streambank Restoration and Riparian Planting project in 2022.

The Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District has also made significant upgrades in piping and canal lining in order to reduce water loss in transport. The improvements have saved seven cubic feet per second (CFS) of water, nearing its goal of ten CFS, according to the irrigation district.

At the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, a water reuse system called Partial Recirculating Aquaculture Systems is currently being tested as an alternative to the hatchery’s infrastructure that dates back to the 1940s.

“It’s technology that involves rearing fish in circular tanks

that have improved ability to remove solids, and then you couple that with recirculation, with where you’re filtering water, you’re treating it with UV to kill pathogens, and then you’re returning it to the rearing unit. So doing that, we can reuse around 70 percent of the water we’re bringing in,” said Complex Manager Bill Gale.

Just below the hatchery, the IWG is managing sedimentation build up that has affected catch per unit effort at the tribal fishery, which is utilized by the Yakama Nation and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. Restrooms are also getting installed this spring.

The IWG is currently in the design process to overhaul outdated infrastructure in Alpine Lakes reservoirs, making dam safety improvements and infrastructure upgrades needed to support automation and optimization of lake releases. The nearly 100-year-old dam at Eight Mile Lake is also slated to be replaced by a new dam and outlet infrastructure, intended to increase safety and instream flow.

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WVC Foundation accepting nominations for 2025 Distinguished Alumni award

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WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Valley College Foundation is now accepting nominations for its 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award, continuing a tradition established 50 years ago.

The annual award, created in 1975, recognizes WVC alumni who have achieved notable success in their professional field, made significant community contributions, and demonstrated personal integrity.

Nominees must have attended Wenatchee Valley College for at least one year to qualify. The foundation will accept nominations submitted through its online portal at <https://bit.ly/WVCDA> until the March 28 deadline.

Self-nominations are permitted, and groups may be considered for the award if all members are WVC alumni.

Recent recipients include clinical social worker Ricardo Escobedo (2024), Omak entrepreneur Dennis Carlton (2023), community volunteer Darrel Dickenson (2022), Eastmont educator Jaime Ramirez (2020), and NCW Libraries executive director Barbara Walters (2019).

Wenatchee Valley College operates campuses in both Wenatchee and Omak, serving students across north central Washington.

Regional High School art show to showcase student artwork in Wenatchee

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WENATCHEE — The 46th Annual Regional High School Art Show will open Friday, March 7, at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center (WVMCC), featuring artwork from students across four counties in North Central Washington.

The exhibition, sponsored by WVMCC in cooperation with the North Central Educational Service District, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Central Washington University, will showcase student creativity from Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties.

Winning selections from the regional show will advance to the Superintendent’s High School Art Show in Olympia for statewide competition. The exhibition will also feature sculpture pieces from the Beauty of Bronze program.

“The next generation of artists has arrived! These two exhibits, The Regional High School Art Show and Beauty of Bronze, celebrate young artists throughout NCW, their diverse ideas, skills and creative journey,” said Don Collins, Guest Curator of Exhibits.

Judges will evaluate student work in eight categories: Drawing, Mixed Media, 3-Dimensional, Printmaking, Painting, Photography, Graphic Arts/Design, and Decorative Arts. Judging criteria follow state-level guidelines focusing on creativity, composition and technique. This year’s regional judges are Ruth Allan, Kasey Koski, and Gregg Schlanger.

A reception and awards ceremony will be held Saturday, March 15, from 1-3 p.m., where Central Washington University will also award scholarships to selected students. Visitors to the exhibition can vote for their favorites for the People’s Choice Awards, with three winners to be announced at the conclusion of the exhibit.

The Beauty of Bronze program, displayed alongside the student art show, provides children opportunities to enhance learning and cultivate an appreciation for sculpture while creating art in the community.

Both exhibitions will run from March 7 to April 19. For more information, the public can call the museum at 509-888-6240 or visit wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center is a nonprofit organization operating with support from the cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, with a mission to gather, engage, and educate people to celebrate and preserve the history, arts, sciences, and rich diversity of the region.

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Sen. Keith Wagoner, R-Sedro-Woolley, is among those who criticized the bill.

“It can enable further bad choices,” Wagoner said in a floor speech. “If you are already suffering from crushing debt, but it doesn’t have to be exposed, you now

can take a future loan to put you further in debt and make life actually worse.”

The Washington Collectors Association, an industry group for debt collectors, originally opposed the bill, but after amendments adopted a neutral position.

Eliminating medical debt from credit reports could increase credit scores by an average of 20 points,

according to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. A low credit score can cause a range of problems for people, including when trying to rent an apartment or buy a home. And blemishes on a credit report can last for years.

Meanwhile, many people are underinsured and don’t know they qualify for charity care or financial assistance because hospitals often fail

to screen for it. And even for people with insurance, expensive health care costs and high deductibles and copays can add up.

Shook always considered himself healthy, so he used a high deductible health care plan where he paid low monthly costs for insurance. This resulted in higher out-of-pocket costs as he went through chemotherapy, scans

and follow-up care for his cancer.

In the first year after a leukemia diagnosis, care can cost almost half a million dollars, and drugs for cancer can be \$10,000 per prescription, said Adam Zarrin, director of state government affairs for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

“I think that people want to save their lives and health care

just costs too much,” Zarrin said. “There’s just not enough money in the world to pay off your medical bills.”

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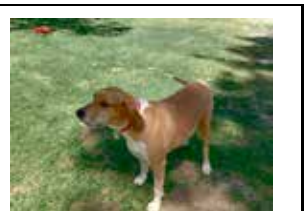
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF
WASHINGTON
FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate
of
SUSAN N. HOWARD,
Deceased.
No. 25-4-00058-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030**

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 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 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
Attorney for the Personal 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 County Superior Court Cause No. 25-4-00058-04
HEIDI S. SCHROEDER
Personal Representative
Attorneys for 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
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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 as 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 were 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 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 26th, 2025
ADMINISTRATOR: James Warren Wallace
ATTORNEY FOR 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 the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on February 26, March 5, 12, 2025. #9480

Public Notices

Legal Notice:
The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District board will hold the first public meeting of the 2025 season on Monday March 17th at 7 p.m. via ZOOM.
Meetings are scheduled at 7 pm on the first or third Mondays of each month (generally March-Oct). For meeting date confirmations, agenda details and Zoom meeting links please see www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org/Notices&Updates
Details concerning pesticides used (mostly Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis), treatment site locations, and other important information are also posted at our website www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org/PesticideandChemicalUsage

LMC contact info:
Website: www.LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org
Email: info@LeavenworthMosquitoControl.org
Phone: Program Mgr, Jenny Mullins 509-548-5904

****Notice****
Leavenworth Mosquito Control District Board member opening
The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District was founded in 2002 with the goal of controlling mosquitoes in the Leavenworth area by using bacterial larvicides. These larvicides are harmless only to mosquito larva and are harmless to other aquatic organisms, mammals, and humans. This five member volunteer board sets a yearly budget and oversees the seasonal district manager along with a couple assistants that carry out the larvicide applications along with the review and approval of program expenditures, policies and procedures. To be on the board you must:
1) Live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website www.leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/WhereareWe
2) Regularly attend board meetings on the 1st or 3rd Mondays throughout the mosquito season and fall's Budget Hearing meeting(s).
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@leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org, or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826
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**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**

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 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 19, 2025
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: John Michael Brangwin
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL 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 Court, No. 25-4-00049-04
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

Public Notices

**City of Leavenworth
700 US Hwy 2
Leavenworth, WA 98826
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Leavenworth for construction of the **Water Transmission Main Replacement** project. Work to be performed includes: Installing ductile iron 24" watermain and associated fittings, water services, hydrants, valves, and connections to existing main between the bridge over the Wenatchee River on Icicle Road and the intersection of Mill Street and US 2. This work shall include, but is not limited to all roadway restoration required due to the nature of the watermain work. This project also includes minor telemetry upgrades to the City's existing wellsite. Bid proposals will be received only at **Leavenworth City Hall, 700 US 2, Leavenworth, WA 98826 by 2:00:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2025**, at which time they will be opened, read, and tabulated publicly. Proposals received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered. Contract documents may be purchased on www.questcdn.com for \$22.00, nonrefundable, under project #9569651. Addenda will be published only through the online bidding service. Bidders that do not purchase a bid set will not automatically be notified of addenda and will need to periodically check the on-line plan room for addenda. A voluntary pre-bid walkthrough of the City's wellsite will take place on March 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM. An informational copy of the contract documents is on file for inspection at the City of Leavenworth. Direct questions regarding the contract documents to Cai Yamamoto by email, RH2.Engineering,Inc..@cyamamoto@rh2.com. The City of Leavenworth hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into, pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women's business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to the invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. The City of Leavenworth is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All work performed on the project will be subject to state prevailing wage rates. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond in an amount equal to at least 5 percent of the amount of such bid proposal. Make checks payable to the City of Leavenworth. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance and payment bond within the time stated in the Specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Leavenworth. The City of Leavenworth reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in the bid or the bidding. No bidder may withdraw their proposal after the hours set for the opening thereof, or before award of contract, unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding 60 calendar days. This project is funded through the Washington State Public Works Board (PWB) program with state funds. PWB requirements and provision must be met by the general contractors and all the subcontractors. All contractors and subcontractors must be licensed in the state of Washington to conduct business. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 5, 12, 2025. #9533

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**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
INCLUSIONARY ZONING
FEASIBILITY AND NEXUS
STUDY**

The City of Leavenworth, Washington (the "City"), invites qualified consulting firms to submit proposals to conduct a feasibility and nexus study related to the implementation of an Inclusionary Zoning policy. The study will specifically analyze the viability of imposing a fee on building and development permits to fund affordable and workforce housing initiatives. Leavenworth faces increasing challenges in providing affordable and workforce housing for its residents. As part of its commitment to addressing housing affordability, the City is exploring an Inclusionary Zoning policy and a fee structure that would generate funds to support affordable and workforce housing development. This study will assess the legal, economic, and financial implications of such a policy to ensure it is effective, equitable, and legally defensible. The complete Request for Proposal (RFP) document can be found on the City of Leavenworth's request for bids/proposals website: <https://cityofleavenworth.com/documents/category/requests-for-bids-proposals>. It is the sole responsibility of the Consultant to obtain any RFP updates or addenda from the City's website. Submissions shall be sent **electronically** to Andrea Fischer, City Clerk, at afischer@cityofleavenworth.com by **4:00:00 PM on Friday, March 28, 2025**. Late or incorrectly submitted submissions will be automatically disqualified from consideration. Any qualifications received after the specified date and time will automatically be rejected and will not receive any further consideration by the City. The City of Leavenworth in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to 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 Maggie Boles, AICP, Community Development Director at mboles@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 be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit proposal in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Published in the Leavenworth Echo/Cashmere Valley Record on March 5, 20225. #9493

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor: Eric M. Smith & Jennifer A. Smith
Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Colville Tribal Credit Corporation
Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: David D. Shaw, P.C. dba Shaw Law Group
Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Colville Tribal Credit Corporation (or N/A)
Reference Number of the Deed of Trust: AFN 2375705
Parcel Number: 21 20 03 -220 080

I.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on the 14th day of March, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Chelan County Superior Court Courthouse, 401 Washington St., Wenatchee WA 98801, in the City of Wenatchee, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Chelan, State of Washington, to-wit:

LOT 1, SHORT PLAT #586-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THERE-OF RECORDED IN BOOK SP-15 OF SHORT PLATS. PAGE 105, CHELAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 855 Renn Ln., Wenatchee, WA 98801.

Abbreviated legal description
Lot 1, Short Plat #586-A, Chelan County, WA

The Real Property tax identification number is 21 20 03 -220 080, which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated January 18, 2013 recorded in Chelan County, at the Recording Division of the Chelan County Auditor's Office on the 24th day of January 2013, under Recorder's No. AFN 2375705 from Eric M. Smith and Jennifer A. Smith, as Grantor, to Central Washington Title Service, Inc as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Colville Tribal Credit, as Beneficiary, and subject to a Resignation and Appointment of Successor Trust-ee recorded under Auditor's File No. 2486487 on October 18, 2018 naming David D. Shaw P.C. dba Shaw Law Group as Successor Trustee.

II.

No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III.

The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:
Failing to make payment of principal and interest due and owing on the 18th of each month from November 18, 2023 through September 2024, and for failing to pay required taxes on the secured property, and for failing to pay collateral insurance on the secured property, and for failing to pay Colville Tribal Credit's fees and costs associat-
ed with collection and protection of its collateral as set forth below:
Amount due as of

Public Notices

October 1, 2024

1. Delinquent payments from November 18, 2023, in the amount of \$476.99/month (less partial payment of \$105.34) \$5,142.55
2. Recording & title fees \$772.34
3. Service & posting of Notice of Sale \$113.50
4. Property taxes \$2,989.01
5. Trustees' or Attorneys' Fees \$1,350.00
6. Collateral insurance \$547.06
7. Postage/Copying Expenses \$40.54
TOTAL: \$10,955.00

IV.

The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: \$10,955.00 together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statu-te. **THESE OTHER COSTS AND FEES INCLUDE ALL MISSED PAYMENTS, AND NEW TRUSTEE COSTS AND FEES, AND NEW PUBLICATION AND SERVICE COSTS RELATING TO HAVING THE SALE CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 10, 2025 TO MARCH 14, 2025.**

V.

The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or im-plied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on the **14th day of March, 2025**. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III must be cured by the **31st day of December, 2024** (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be dis-continued and terminated if at any time on or before the 31st day of December, 2024 (11 days before the sale date), if the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after the 31st day of December, 2024 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and ad-vances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI.

A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:
Eric M. Smith and Jennifer A. Smith
855 Renn Lane
Wenatchee, WA 98801

by both first-class and certified mail on the 12th day of August 2024, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the written no-tice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above or otherwise personally serviced on the Grantor on August 17, 2024, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

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VII.

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

VIII.

The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property.

IX.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

X.

NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day follow-ing the sale, the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060.
Dated: February 25, 2024

Public Notices

David D. Shaw, as Trustee SHAW LAW GROUP
C/O Carl J. Marquardt 1126 34th Avenue, Suite 311
Seattle, WA 98122-5139
Tel. 206-388-4498

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Oregon)
) ss.
County of Multnomah)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that David D. Shaw is the person who appeared before me, and said person ac-knowledged that he signed this instrument, on oath stated that he was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the president of David D. Shaw P.C., dba Shaw Law Group, to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.
Dated: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the
State of Oregon, residing at _____
My commission expires _____

This is an attempt to collect a debt and information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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Bowls

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or platters thrown by local potters, but there is also a wood turned bowl by Scot Brower, an etched glass bowl by Teri Zimmerman, four handmade mugs by Momi Palmieri and many other colorful works of art featuring birds, plants and local landscapes.

While the contributions of the artists' time and talent are sizable, so too is the financial impact of the auction of their bowls. The money raised by the artist bowl auction is a significant portion of the total UV Empty Bowls profit, each year raising more than \$7,000 for the Community Cupboard. The funds also support a small art grant of \$1,000 that benefits local youth.

The community can view the bowls in person at the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Artist Reception on Sunday, March 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the Icicle Ridge Winery in Peshastin.

“Join your fellow community members for an evening of art, wine, appetizers and music, as well as an opportunity to meet the bowl artists and potters,” the event page states.

Admission is a suggested \$40.00 donation at the door. Event attendees will have an

exclusive chance to view the artists’ bowls, bid on a live auction bowl, and enter raffles for other bowls.

The auction bowls will also be on display at the beginning of March in these Leavenworth businesses: Kris Kringl, Der Sportsmann, Ganz Klasse! Posy Handpicked Goods, The Plant Ally, A Book for All Seasons, Inside & Out.

They will also be featured at the March 27 Soup Supper at the Leavenworth Festhalle, so that the community may view the finished bowls as everyone gathers to celebrate and eat together.

For more information, visit [uvenemptybowls.org](#).



COURTESY OF DAVID MASUDA

“Mother of Rivers” by David Haire was selected as one of the Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival Artist Bowls. The bowls will be auctioned off to raise money to fight hunger in the valley.

City Council

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proceed, under the assumption that the contract will be continued,” Fletcher said.

Council member Jayne Stephenson, who also opposed the payment, disagreed with the mayor's assessment, stating it would be “presumptuous for the WVHS to make that assumption and their prices are astronomical and ridiculous.”

Council members also questioned the itemized bill, which included responses to dog-related calls but lacked addresses to verify locations within Cashmere. Council member Shela Pistoresi proposed and motioned to pay the bill at the 2024 rate.

In other business, the council unanimously approved a \$200 half-day non-profit/government rate for use of the Riverside Center. Mayor Fletcher explained that the planned library relocation to the Center has been delayed until 2026, and the city no longer has a contract with an event management company.

“Providing a reduced rate would allow local organizations that provide service to the community to use the building, which would be better than it sitting empty,” Fletcher said.

The council voted 4-1 to approve updates to the city's floodplain code, with Stephenson opposed. Christina Wollman, Planning Consultant with Perteet, Inc., explained the revisions “were mostly to clarify the code” and that “requirements for homeowners did not change and the updated ordinance would not require anyone to do anything different.”

Two unanimous votes related to the new Fruitful Place development approved both the final plat (pending payment of required fees and receipt of the construction bond) and the extension of water and sewer infrastructure into the City's systems.

The council also unanimously awarded a contract to Moe Asphalt Patching and Seal Coating, Inc., the lowest of seven bidders at \$9,078.14, to sealcoat the Riverside Park Pathway.

A \$49,000 project for improvements to Julianne Court and Meadowsweet Place was approved, including roadway pulverization, a new full-width overlay, and two ADA ramp upgrades.

Finally, the council approved consent to change control from Zipley Fiber Northwest to BCE Holding, required after Localtel was acquired.



COURTESY OF CHELAN PUD

A ground view of the future power plant's potential Malaga location. Questions about the project will be answered at a community meeting on March 11. It will be held at Mission View Elementary at 5:30 p.m.

Helion

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of potentially an emerging technology breakthrough that would revolutionize the entire energy industry,” said Kirk Hudson of Chelan PUD.

If all goes to plan, the company hopes to break ground by summer 2025, and deliver its first electrons to the grid by 2028, according to Barton. The company plans to hire 130 employees for the construction process, then around 30 employees for 24/7 power plant operations.

“We are seeing absolute record investments in both

Chelan and Douglas Counties, primarily with data centers coming our way...So in this light of trying to attract new investment and new jobs, we're excited with Helion,” said Jim Kuntz, CEO of Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority.

Chelan County leaders and Helion will host a community meeting to share details about the project before proceeding with permitting and agree-ments. The community meet-ing is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on March 11 at Mission View Elementary School in Wenatchee.

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