



7 Days of Action

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You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. – Rosa Parks

We continue into 2019, with strength and resolve. Thank you for your courage to stand up, speak out, and remain committed to the hard work at hand. The future is already brighter with each step we take together. Be sure to save the date for an important viewing of the film, "Harvest of Empire: the untold story of Latino's in America." It will be presented by our own NCWU Immigrant Race and Justice Group at Faith Lutheran Church, in Leavenworth on Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. Please see more details about this important event in the calendar section. [Watch the trailer.](#)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIONS

Call Legislators in support of HB 1722 and SB 5708: Ranked-Choice Voting

What is ranked-choice voting? *Ballotpedia* gives the following definition: "A **Ranked-Choice Voting System (RCV)** is an electoral system in which voters rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, he or she is declared the winner. If no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated. First-preference votes cast for the failed candidate are eliminated, lifting the second-preference choices indicated on those ballots. A new tally is conducted to determine whether any candidate has won a majority of the adjusted votes. The process is repeated until a candidate wins an outright majority. This system is sometimes referred to as an *instant runoff voting system*."

RANKED-CHOICE VOTING RESULTS

	CANDIDATE A	CANDIDATE B	CANDIDATE C	CANDIDATE D	CANDIDATE E
ROUND 1	22%	13%	35%	19%	11% ELIMINATED
ROUND 2	27%	14% ELIMINATED	37%	22%	
ROUND 3	35%		39%	26% ELIMINATED	
ROUND 4	51% ✓		49%		

abcNEWS

FairVote Washington, part of a nationwide movement of people working to advance ranked choice voting and other electoral reforms to make our democracy fair, functional, and more representative, is trying to get Ranked-Choice Voting passed in Washington State. The effort is getting significant push back in Olympia! Please consider contacting your state legislators and asking them to support HB 1722 and SB 5708.

Learn More from FairVote Washington [read](#)
Text of HB 1722 [link](#) Text of SB 5708 [link](#)

Comment directly to the State Legislature on HB 1722 [link](#)
Comment directly to the State legislature on SB 5708 [link](#)

Contact info for State Senators and Representatives:

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Senator Brad Hawkins: 360-786-7622 [email](#)
Representative Keith Goehner 360-786-7954 [email](#)
Representative Mike Steele 360-786-7832 [email](#)

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Senator Judy Warnick 360-786-7624 [email](#)
Representative Tom Dent 360-786-7932 [email](#)
Representative Alex Ybarra 360-786-7808 [email](#)



Vote Yes! Emergency Medical Services Levy on February ballot

Please consider voting yes, to support important, lifesaving services in the Upper Valley and beyond. The following information is from the cascademedical.org website.

Cascade Medical will ask voters to renew a levy that has supported ambulance service and emergency medical care in the Upper Valley for 30 years. Ballots for the Feb. 12 election will be mailed on Jan. 24.

The measure is a 6-year renewal at 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation — same as the levy that passed with 82 percent approval in 2012. If approved, the levy would continue to cost property owners about \$125 a year for a home assessed at \$250,000. The measure needs a simple majority to pass.

As a Level 5 Trauma Center, Cascade Medical's emergency department provided care for more than 3,200 patient visits in 2017. More than half of all emergency patients were locals. The three most common diagnoses were chest pain, respiratory infection and head injury.

Cascade Medical ambulances responded to more than 1,000 calls in 2017. Ambulance crews offer both basic and advanced life support for the 1,200-square mile district — from the summit of Blewett Pass to the summit of Stevens Pass — including Dryden, Peshastin, Leavenworth and the Lake Wenatchee area.

The EMS levy provides about 26 percent of the emergency medical services budget, which is critical to maintaining ambulance service and keeping the emergency department open. That funding helps cover round-the-clock staffing, equipment, supplies and insurance for the ambulance department and emergency department. The levy rate has remained the same at 50 cents per \$1,000 for more than 15 years

Part of the EMS levy — about \$90,000 — covers staffing costs for an ambulance located in the Lake Wenatchee area and operated by Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue. Since 2016, the partnership has cut response times by half, and the number of EMT-trained volunteers in the Plain area has doubled.

For more information, visit [link](#) or email emsinfo@cascademedical.org

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WE READ

- **Stonewall** by Martin Duberman: “The definitive history of the Stonewall riots, the first Gay Rights March, and the LGBTQ people at the center of the movement.” Published May 1, 1994.
- **Shame of the Nation: restoration of apartheid schooling in America** by Jonathon Kozol: “Jonathan Kozol has visited nearly 60 public schools. Virtually everywhere, he finds that conditions have grown worse for inner-city children in the 15 years since federal courts began dismantling the landmark ruling in Brown v. Board of Education. First, a state of nearly absolute apartheid now prevails in thousands of our schools. The segregation of black children has reverted to a level that the nation has not seen since 1968.” Published September 13, 2005.
- **Roots: the saga of an American Family** by Alex Haley. “As the first black American writer to trace his origins back to their roots, he has told the story of 25,000,000 Americans of African descent. He has rediscovered for an entire people a rich cultural heritage that slavery took away from them, along with their names and their identities. But *Roots* speaks, finally, not just to blacks, or to whites, but to all people and all races everywhere, for the story it tells is one of the most eloquent testimonials ever written to the indomitability of the human spirit.” Published 1976.
- **Leadership in Turbulent Times** by Doris Kearns Goodwin. “In *Leadership*, Goodwin draws upon the four presidents she has studied most closely—Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson (in civil rights)—to show how they recognized leadership qualities within themselves and were recognized as leaders by others. By looking back to their first entries into public life, we encounter them at a time when their paths were filled with confusion, fear, and hope.” Published September 18, 2018.

YOUR CALENDAR

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge & Coastal Plain, a visual conversation
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 * 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM * Red Barn at Barn Beach Reserve * Wenatchee River Institute * 347 Division Street * Leavenworth * donation admission

“Join locals, Susan and Paul Ballinger, Tim and Mary Gallagher, as they share stories and photographs of caribou, grizzly bears, birds, and plants from their adventures to the remote reaches of the coastal plain and Bering Sea of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Local, Mark Oswood will share his work studying the ecology of Alaskan fresh waters. Come and see for yourself how irreplaceable this far corner of our country is and join in a conversation regarding YOUR role in protecting the Refuge!” Doors open at 6:30PM for social community time with a no-host bar of beer and wine. Chat with people in our community with similar interests. Presentation starts at 7:00PM. Admission is by donation.

Sponsored by North Central Washington Audubon Society.”

[Facebook event page](#)

Community viewing of “Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America”
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 * 6:30 P.M. * Faith Lutheran Church * 224 Benton Street * Leavenworth

Please join the NCWU Immigration Race Justice Group for a viewing of the critically acclaimed documentary, *Harvest of Empire*. The event will begin with a presentation of a dozen questions to consider as one watches the film and to be discussed afterwards. We will begin at 6:30 and end before 9 p.m., depending upon participation.

Eat dinner before coming and enjoy desserts that will be provided. *Harvest of Empire* examines the history of Latino migration into the United States. Over the last century, there have been significant waves of immigration in great part due to U.S. military, political, and corporate intervention. How have these events affected our immigration policies and attitudes? A must for individuals seeking a deeper understanding of this critical issue.

“*Harvest of Empire* provides a rare and powerful glimpse into the enormous sacrifices and rarely-noted triumphs of our nation’s growing Latino community. The film features present day immigrant stories, rarely seen archival material, as well as interviews with such respected figures as Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchú, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero, Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Junot Díaz, Mexican historian Dr. Lorenzo Meyer, journalists María Hinojosa and Geraldo Rivera, Grammy award-winning singer Luis Enrique, and poet Martín Espada.” [Watch the movie trailer](#)

Speaker Series: Water
Tuesday, February 12, 19, 26, 2019 & March 5, 2019 * 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM * Milepost 111 Brewing Company * 407 Applets Way* Cashmere

This event is back and rescheduled for this winter! Join us for this unique event put on once a year! Get a ticket, connect with like-minded community members weekly and hear from four local scientists who are experts in their field. Appetizers are provided by Wenatchee River Institute! Milepost 111 Brewing will have drinks and a specialized menu, different each night, for you to purchase from. Clock hours are offered for this event!

The \$100 (regular price) or \$80 (supporter price) ticket includes all four nights. If you are not able to make all of the talks you can find a friend or family member to take your seat. [FB event page & purchase tickets](#)

February 12th: Robert Parrish from USFW, the Wenatchee Valley Beaver Project

February 19th: Jason Lundgren from CCFEG, the history of salmon and their decline in the Columbia

February 26th: Jeremy Cram from WDFW, new and emerging fish population trends in the Wenatchee River

March 5th: Aaron Penvose from TU, water use in the Wenatchee Valley and TU’s efforts in the region to improve instream flow