

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Brewster small businesses are recognized

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – Santa came to town, the switch flipped on the city Christmas tree in Legion Park, shoppers patronized local retailers, and the Best of the Best awards were announced, all on Small Business Saturday, which was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Small Business Saturday was founded by American Express in 2010 and officially co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administra-

tion (SBA) since 2011. It is recognized as a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities.

“We have been having it for a long time,” said chamber president Mike Mauk of Brewster’s small business recognition. “For the last few years, we’ve always had our awards on the same day.”

This year’s Large Business of the Year goes to PIFCU at 112 N. Seventh St. PIFCU was founded in Idaho in 1938 and now serves in excess of 100,000 customers through more than

25 branches across Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The Brewster branch opened in July 2020.

The Small Business of the Year award recipient is the Monse General Store at 279 Monse Bridge Road in Monse. The store originally opened in 1914 but had been closed for many years and fell into disrepair until Manny and Martin Hurtado purchased it in 2017. The store is once again open and doing business. The Hurtados also own

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COURTESY OF BREWSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Roy Baker, right, accepts the Person of the Year award for his involvement in Brewster sports from chamber president Mike Mauk.



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Community Volunteer of the Year Rose Holder spends many hours volunteering at the Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center.



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Ellie Mariscal, left, and Flor Rosales accept the Large Business of the Year award on behalf of PIFCU.

TRANSPORTATION



The EV complex on Commercial Avenue offers three charging options.

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This level two charger is one of three types at the Pateros station.

All Charged Up

Pateros EV station nears completion

By MIKE MALTAIS
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PATEROS – One final component — a transformer — remains to be installed by Okanogan PUD to get the new electric vehicle charging station (EVSC) along Commercial Avenue ready to receive vehicles.

The Pateros station is among nearly two dozen that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is funding in 21 communities around the state.

The \$8.1 million contract was awarded by the WSDOT’s Zero-Emission Vehicle

Infrastructure Partnerships (ZEVIP) to EVCS in collaboration with Forth Mobility Fund and Energy Northwest. The partnerships will support the installation of 76 new and upgraded EV chargers along priority corridors in Washington.

“The City of Pateros is pleased to partner with EVCS to offer DC fast charging to the general public while visiting our town center,” said city administrator Jord Wilson last January. “The fast-charging site will feature two 150 kilowatt (kW) chargers, one level two charger and an outlet for electric bike charging. The 150kW chargers will be able to provide up to 200 miles of range during a 30-minute stay in Pateros.”

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TRAINING

Controlled burn prepares volunteer firefighters

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – An after-action report detailing the crew training exercise during a controlled burn of a donated structure was a primary topic of the Douglas Okanogan Fire District 15 (DOCDFD15) last month.

The structure was a small pre-WWII solidly built wood frame house that allowed a number of new firefighters, some probationary, to experience combustion conditions in a confined space, the best ways to access and egress a burning structure, and how to go about suppression tactics.

The chance to train on a donated structure is rare, only occurring once or twice a year and is a great first exposure to volunteers who need that experience for the real thing.

Pateros fire lieutenant Bruce Henne explained that not every structure offered is used for a controlled burn if the preliminary preparations to get it ready are unhealthy to personnel.

“Sometimes you find the contamination from rodents and other wildlife is so extensive that it poses a health hazard to anyone trying to

clean it up inside,” Henne said.

Pateros assistant chief Matt Coffman has taken part in nearly half a dozen controlled burns during his nine years as a volunteer.

“It’s good for everyone, but it’s really good for the rookies,” said Coffman. “We can control it, we know what we’re burning, we have it planned out and what scenarios we have planned out.”

Coffman said rookies who have not had the benefit of controlled burn training are not likely to be allowed into a call-out house fire without it. “We can’t just throw them in,” said Coffman. “Their first house fire they’re not probably going to go in until they get the experience.”

Each recruit is different, and the controlled burn allows each one to ease into the drill at their own pace and get a feel for the real thing.

“We always start really basic,” said Coffman. “We start a little fire, let the smoke build up and let them see what it looks like and how fire behavior reacts.”

When prepping a structure for a burn the volunteers remove items that may introduce unnecessary risks to

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Spreading happiness, one letter at a time

By QUINN PROPST
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CASHMERE - Happy Letters is a local nonprofit organization focused on spreading happiness and kindness to those who need it most.

Traci Pierson first began Happy Letters in 2015 at her preschool and childcare center Traci and Friends in Cashmere. She was looking for ways to teach the kids about the importance of spreading the kindness and giving back.

But the seeds for Happy Let-

ters had been planted many years before.

“I think what inspired me is my mom because she battled cancer for nine years, and in those nine years I owned a preschool, so in those nine years, we would send different letters to my mom at different times,” Pierson said. “And it just made her day.”

“We would do daily journals in our preschool class, and we would get to see these beautiful drawings that the kids would make, and the kids were so excited to show us the

drawings or give the drawings to someone,” she said.

“So that’s when I thought, okay, I’ve seen the letters in action because of my mom,” she said. “But then I’m watching these kids and seeing how excited they get about giving back to people in something that they’re so proud of making. So that’s when we came up with the idea. Let’s do Happy Letters. And we started Happy Letters, and it’s grown.”

The children made letters for veterans, people in retirement homes, and cancer pa-

tients. They also sent letters as thank yous to people in the community, such as police officers, nurses, doctors, first responders, and postal employees.

In 2021, Pierson retired but saw the importance of keeping the letters going. So her husband helped her file the paperwork to make Happy Letters an official nonprofit.

“It’s important to me because I have seen firsthand the excitement and love that kids put into making happy letters,” Pierson said. “They

know that what they’re drawing is going to make someone smile. It’s going to make someone’s day. And I just wanted to keep that going because I saw firsthand the difference it made in the kids.”

She has also seen the difference it makes for the people who receive the letters. People have emailed and called to let her know how much they mean to them.

Barb Parker and Pierson had been friends for years,

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TRACI PIERSON

Ayvia Garcia displays some of her Happy Letters creations. Garcia has made a lot of Happy Letters to share with others.

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THINGS TO DO This Week

Hula class

Free intro class on Friday Dec. 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be a free introductory Hula for Women's Wellness class at Rising Sun Creative Wellness located at 12 South Main St. in Omak.

"In this free introduction class, students will learn some basic hand and foot movements that will help them to develop coordination and rhythm," the event page states. "Slowly more basic dance steps will be added and connected, arranged into a specific Hula to a specific Mele."

For more details call Keikilani at 561-568-4100.

Omak Orchestra concert

The Omak Performing Arts Center will host a holiday performance by the Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

"Join us as we celebrate 'The World Around Us' through musical performance, with the Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus," the event page states. "Our musical selections include winter tonal themes from the river banks of historical Europe to Canadian fanfares. Enjoy iconic winter melodies along with rich variations."

The performance is free for 18 and under. Tickets are

\$10 at the door. For more information visit ovocmusic.org.

Sensory sensitive party with Santa

Parent to Parent of Okanogan County will host a Sensory Sensitive Party with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 12 - 4 p.m. at Omak City Hall.

"A sensory-friendly event is an event that is specifically designed to be less stimulating and overwhelming to the senses," the event page states. "Santa photos, crafts, cookie decorating and more. A sensory sensitive event for children with intellectual,

physical, developmental disabilities, special needs and or special healthcare needs."

Registration is required for photos. To register and for more information visit the Parent to Parent of Okanogan County Facebook page.

Giveback Saturday

Fielding Hills Winery in Chelan will host Giveback Saturday on Dec. 9 from 12 - 5 p.m.

"Make every sip count," the event page states. "Join Fielding Hills Winery on three Saturdays in December as we showcase local charitable organizations. Members of each organization will be at

the winery to answer questions and share the story of the incredible work they are doing for our community.

"As a business, we are pledging to donate a portion of our daily sales to the organization," the event page states. "So raise a glass and help us support local causes!"

For more information visit fieldinghills.com.

Holiday Craft Night

Callan Cellars in Chelan will host a holiday craft night on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 5 - 7 p.m. "Bring a friend and your creativity to sip wine and craft some festive holiday decorations," the event page states.

For more information visit callancellars.com.

How to make overnight French toast

Cousin Lauren & her family came out to visit Grandpa and Grandpa. Her two boys, six and seven, got to sit behind the wheel of Grandpa's new utility vehicle, Kit, driving around the property to their heart's content. They had a dog of their own so our Border Collie didn't thrill them much but they sure were enamored with our eldest's, Kat's, chickens and couldn't keep from chasing them. The chickens didn't seem to mind and the smaller sized chicks actually came closer as if hoping to get picked up in exchange for a hand out or two. Our Border Collie dog helped corner a few of the smaller chickens and the oldest son caught a buff-colored chick right away while the youngest son had a bit of trouble. The oldest son wanted to catch a chick and hand it to his younger brother. I wouldn't let him. "No, let him catch his own chicken," I told him. The oldest son stood back and watched as the youngest son caught his own chick. The younger was so tickled, so proud, to catch a fluffy bird with his very own hands. Their mother looked on with a grin on her face and a camera in hand.

Yes, chickens are messy; yes, they can be noisy however they are marvelous creatures... they take food scraps and turn them into eggs for breakfast, what a blessing. I think my favorite breakfast when I'm hosting family members for a holiday is an overnight French toast casserole.

For this recipe a metal cake pan is a must because it will be in the refrigerator overnight and sometimes when a cold glass pan is put in a hot oven the temperature difference will cause it break (thermal shock)

Overnight French Toast

½ cup (two sticks) of butter, 1 cup brown sugar, Loaf of bread, 6 to 8 eggs, 2 cups milk, 1 Tablespoon cinnamon, ½ cup sugar, ½ to 1 cup dehydrated apple pieces(optional), ½ to 1 cup walnuts (optional)

Melt the butter, pour into a bowl then add the brown sugar; stir then pour half the mixture into a metal cake pan and spread it out evenly across the bottom of the metal cake pan. Place slices of bread all across the bottom of the metal cake pan on top of brown sugar and butter mixture. In a largish bowl, beat the eggs and milk together until the

liquid is uniform in color. Pour half the eggs over the layer of bread in the bottom of the metal pan. In a small cup or cereal bowl mix the cinnamon and sugar together to make cinnamon-sugar. Sprinkle half the cinnamon-sugar across the top of the bread slices already drenched with egg-milk liquid. If using dehydrated apple pieces and/or walnuts, sprinkle half of them over the bread slices. Next add a second layer of bread slices; pour the rest of the egg-milk liquid over the slices. With clean fingers, press the bread slices into the egg-milk gently to make sure all the bread slices are moist. When the slices are soaked with liquid to your satisfaction top with the rest of the cinnamon-sugar and dehydrated apple pieces and/or walnuts.

Put in the fridge overnight. Take out of the fridge half an hour before baking. If covered with plastic, take the plastic off.

Put in cold oven and turn oven on to 350°F or 375°F. Bake for 45 minutes then test with a butter knife inserted near the center. If it comes out clean (same as for a pumpkin pie) the casserole is done. If not, continue to bake until it does. Serve with syrup and/or powdered sugar.



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True Compass electrical contractors helped with installation.

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The city coordinated with EVCS to select the best possible placement that will allow the city to consider its planned parking lot and Commercial Avenue improvements.

Commenting on the contract, EVCS co-founder and CEO Gustavo Occhiuzzo said "We're honored to partner with WSDOT to help accelerate consumer confidence across Washington to switch to an EV. Our goal is to democratize the EV charging experience by tackling some of the largest hurdles EV driv-

ers face today."

Those hurdles include access to reliable and fast public EV charging across all applications, simplified and upfront pricing, and access to more locations.

The stations are part of Washington's mandate to ban the purchase of new gas-powered vehicles by 2035. Electric vehicle demand spiked in 2022 as the number of first-time EV purchases in Washington state rose 43 percent from the previous year, with more than 29,000 vehicles sold, an EVCS media release said.

WSDOT Alternative Fuels Manager Tonia Buell said WSDOT "is pleased that EVCS is upgrading the legacy West

Coast Electric Highway equipment to serve more electric vehicles. The modern equipment will provide faster charging and expand access to all EV drivers."

Wilson said the Pateros EV station forms part of the network on the Cascade Loop from Leavenworth, Chelan, Pateros, Twisp, Winthrop, and Mazama and over the North Cascades pass to points west.

As of September 2023 Washington State has 1,820 charging stations in public locations, offering a total of 3,563 Level 2 and 912 DCFC charging ports.

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and she was aware of Happy Letters but was not involved. That all changed about a year ago when she was diagnosed with cancer and had to go through some intense treatment involving infusions every other week.

When Parker went in for her first infusion, Pierson dropped off some Happy Letters for her, and then every infusion after that, she dropped off more letters for Parker.

"It was important for me, you know, going through cancer treatment is quite intense. And we try to keep a positive attitude through everything we're going through, and with the help of support from our family and our friends, but to me, this was kids who chose to create these happy letters," Parker said. "They were sharing their visions of happiness, offering words of support, and showing that they care for people in their community. So not only did I have my family and friends supporting me, but I had people in my community who I didn't even know supporting me."

"So being on the other side and seeing what might seem like a small act, that has such a big impact," Parker said. "That really struck a chord for me."

So when Parker was offered the opportunity to volunteer with Happy Letters, she was eager to help with anything she could and is now a board member and treasurer of the organization.

"I mean, everybody's got something different they're going through, and I really think it helps build the community," Parker said. "And it really does to me it really brought a smile. And I think that's the goal is to bring a smile to people and to help them feel that they're valued. And I think that's what Happy Letters does. It helps people in the community feel valued."

A private school in Wenatchee was the first school to adopt Happy Letters after the creation of the official nonprofit.

"And then it just started growing from there, and that's when Cashmere schools started doing them, and now I have over eight schools participating," Pierson said. "And I'm still getting phone calls, so that's great. The more people that are making happy letters, the more happy we can get out there."

"Our goal this year is to make 3,000 happy letters, and I know we are going to go over our goal of 3,000 Happy Letters," Pierson said. "We sent over 700 Happy letters to Maui. And it was pretty awesome seeing how the communities came together to make these happy letters to send to Maui during the tough time that they were going through with the fires and everything."

"For Veterans Day, I'd had a goal of 800 happy letters to send out to veterans," Pierson said. "And I'm probably going to get close to 1,000 Happy



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Kids and adults alike create Happy Letters as a way to show kindness and appreciation for people who may be going through a hard time and could use an uplifting note or picture that helps them know someone cares about them.

letters back from all the different schools that have made happy letters to share with the veterans."

Early this year, Abbie Gundersen met her stepdaughter, who was a senior at Cashmere High School at the time, for lunch in Cashmere. She had her five-year-old daughter with her as well. She spotted coloring supplies and thought that would be a good activity to entertain her younger daughter while she was chatting with her older daughter.

When she went to grab the coloring supplies, she noticed the Happy Letters information.

"So long story short, I discovered these happy letters, and I absolutely loved the reasoning behind them, and I had just become involved with a local community initiative called Kindness Counts," Gundersen said. "And so I was kind of aware, looking and being more aware of kind things that are going on in our community. Anyway, I saw these happy letters and thought these are amazing, such a simple idea, but it can really have a huge impact."

The lunches with her older daughter were a weekly thing and her younger daughter would work on Happy Letters during the lunches. She started posting the Happy Letters on Facebook to promote the organization and then Traci reached out.

The two connected through Facebook and now together look for opportunities to spread happiness through Happy Letters.

"Tracy is amazing," Gundersen said. "She's the sweetest lady, and I've just loved getting to know her and work with her, and you know, just such a simple concept really, really brightens, you know, brightens people's day."

"As a mum, I want my girls to grow up, kind of looking out for maybe the classmate at school who is sad, or the kid in the playground that's getting picked on and you know, for them to be kind and for their first, thought to be, how can I make someone happy," Gundersen said. "And I really loved how Traci was starting that at a young age. And to kind of show them let's look for people in our communities who are having a hard time and kind of focus our efforts on them."

Gundersen said that her young girls love making Happy

Letters.

"So, you know, as a mum, I'm glad that you know, they enjoy doing it," she said. "So I'm just grateful for people who create these organizations that allow my girls to be loving and kind to someone else they might not even know or meet."

Gundersen brought Pierson to a Kindness Counts meeting to talk about Happy Letters, and the group instantly embraced the idea.

Gene Sharratt, a member of Kindness Counts, which is a year-long initiative to recognize and encourage kindness in North Central Washington, first met Pierson at that meeting.

"And boy, we just liked her right away, and she introduced the whole Happy Letters to our Kindness Counts group," Sharratt said. "And we were really excited about that. We thought, boy, what a perfect fit for us because we're really about recognizing, contributing, and honoring acts of kindness. We thought, boy, that is a terrific act of kindness."

Both Sharratt and his brother are Vietnam Veterans. His brother is 100% disabled and keeps a Happy Letter on the wall in his room so that he can see it every day. Sharratt said his brother adores the letter.

"So one simple letter, you know, two or three sentences, just perks him up every day," he said.

"He'll never meet the young person, of course, and that's not important," Sharratt said. "But what is important, he just realizes somebody does care about him out there and it means the world to him. Just an eight and a half by 11 piece of paper with 'I'm thinking about you, thanks for your service' just brightens his day."

"Traci's energy and her enthusiasm, of course, is so authentic that you can't help but get engaged in her work because, you know, it's so sincere for her," Sharratt said. "And, of course, that's why you want to support her. It's not about her, and she always says that 'It's not about me, it's about other people and spreading goodwill,' and we're just so enthusiastic at Kindness Counts to support her at every opportunity."

For more information about Happy Letters and locations visit happy-letters.com.

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Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 crews train on a controlled burn structure.

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health and often add materials that will help the fire burn longer to provide the training time and scenarios needed.

Coffman said the November burn held long enough for the crews to get a number of rotations in and get more out of the training.

The combination of heavy gear, heat, and smoke lends

an added element of stress and fatigue to firefighting especially for volunteers who are not exposed to the training afforded to full timers.

"We don't get a lot of that being all volunteer," said Coffman. "We train one day a week at most for two hours so it's always good to refresh the memory."

The district is always interested in offers of donated structures and tries to find at

least one a year to maintain their skillsets. Summer burns are off limits. That leaves spring or fall – and occasionally winter – when the crews can practice.

To learn more about volunteering or to inquire about donating a controlled burn structure visit the Douglas Okanogan Fire District 15 website at doefd15.com.

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The Armory in downtown Brewster.

Person of the Year honors go to Roy Baker for his volunteer work with Brewster sports, particularly video recording events, play-by-play announcing, and Facebook coverage.

Rose Holder, who volunteers many hours at the Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center is the 2023 Community Service Person of the Year.

Webster Furniture gets a shout-out for donating the chair for Santa and Mrs. Claus during their pre-Christmas stopover.



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Santa and Mrs. Claus make a pre-Christmas stopover to visit with youngsters and witness the tree lighting.

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Douglas County Sheriff's Office

- November 24**
08:03 Agency Assist, 1344 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport
08:41 Public Assist, 1100 Hayes Rd., Mansfield
20:23 Noise Complaint, 102 S. Chelan Ave., Waterville
22:29 Agency Assist, 1908 Columbia Blvd., Bridgeport
- November 25**
13:00 Public Assist, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport
21:08 Suspicious Circumstance, 1025 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport
22:34 Harassment/ Threat, 340 11th St., Bridgeport
- November 26**
07:24 Weapons Violation, 1631 Raymond Ave., Bridgeport
10:55 Harassment/ Threat, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport
15:25 Agency Assist, 5 Orondo Spur Rd., Orondo
15:40 Juvenile Problem, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport

19:38 Harassment/ Threat, 202 E. Walnut St., Waterville

- November 27**
03:06 Agency Assist, 800 La Grange Rd., Brewster
11:12 Runaway, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport
12:45 Death, 145 Rd. O NW, Waterville
13:35 Court Order Violation, 38 S. Mansfield Blvd., Mansfield
16:13 Vehicle Prowl, 202 W. Poplar St., Waterville
17:20 Suspicious Circumstance, 305 S. Central Ave., Waterville

- November 28**
16:06 CPS/ APS Referral, 1302 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
18:13 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 1636 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport

- November 29**
09:02 Domestic Disturbance, 5 Orondo Spur Rd., Orondo
09:35 Disturbance, 11 Orondo Spur Rd., Orondo
10:08 Agency Assist, Mansfield area
16:20 Vehicle Prowl, 1631 Raymond Ave., Bridgeport
17:15 Trespassing, 1300 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport
17:35 Animal Problem, 444 22nd St., Bridgeport
18:29 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 1243 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport

- November 30**
20:40 Agency Assist, SR 173 MP 9, Bridgeport Bar
22:39 Agency Assist, SR 173 MP 9, Bridgeport Bar

Brewster Sheriff's Office

- November 24**
09:32 Two huskies were reported running free traveling towards Enterprise and Pilot Pl.
20:37 Theft was reported on Bruce and 7th St. in Brewster.
21:24 Search and Rescue was called for a 91-year-old female subject with Alzheimer's that was possibly in the area of Sunset Dr. and employees were in the area attempting to locate her.

November 25
No local reports.

- November 26**
01:53 A caller on W. Indian Ave. reported subjects driving by his house and harassing him.

- November 27**
09:40 Road rage was reported on Bridge St. in Brewster.
11:18 An order violation was reported on S. Bridge St. when

a female subject was in a vehicle across the street from her residence and she had a protection order against her.
15:06 Two pitbull dogs were reported on the bridge in traffic on S. Bridge St. and reportedly were biting at the caller's dogs through the fence.
15:22 Forgery was reported on E. Main Ave. in Brewster.

November 28
01:54 A disabled vehicle was reported on Old Hwy. 97 when it ran out of fuel, the driver was given a courtesy ride to Brewster.

November 29
16:19 A 911-abuse case was reported on S. 7th St. when dispatch received a call from a middle school that a bag of possible drugs had been found in the men's locker room, then another 911-hangup call.

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

November 23
09:07 Auto theft was reported on Monse Bridge Rd. for a maroon 1992 Honda Civic with no plates that was taken at 01:30 that morning.

November 24
08:56 A caller on Delfeld Rd. in Bridgeport wanted to know his options and advised he wasn't aware of a protection order filed against him in Spokane County.

13:06 Two stray white dogs were reported on Teleport Dr. and Old Hwy. 97, running in and out of traffic.

18:27 A domestic dispute was reported on Clayborne Way in Brewster.

21:24 Search and rescue was called for a 91-year-old female subject with Alzheimer's.

10:49 A civil dispute was reported on Delfeld Rd. in Bridgeport when a caller's ex-wife was coming to pick up items and he wanted to know if it was okay to set aside some furniture and cooking supplies.

November 25
12:26 A domestic dispute was reported on Delfeld Rd. when a caller came to the location to get things, her ex who had her child was harassing her and throwing items and yelling.

November 26
01:13 An ongoing issue of a barking dog was reported on Unger Rd. in Brewster.

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Bridgeport Boys Basketball JV Roster

Gerardo Arevalo	9
Manuel Arevalo	9
Alejandro Benitez	9
Omar Castro	9
Luis Cortes	9
Richard Hernandez	9
Rodrigo Ibarra	9
Misael Lorenzani	9
Jonathan Montiel	9
Kevin Morales	9
Moises Ochoa	9
Kevin Pelcastre	9
Jonathan Perez	9
Misael Perez	9
Cameron Vitalich	9

Bridgeport Boys Basketball Varsity Roster

Head Coach: Miguel Garza	Assistant Coach: Tony Lopez
Cesar De Dios	12
Aidan Garcia	12
Brandon Garcia	12
Evni Heredia	12
Daniel Ibarra	12
Sebastian Orozco	12
Luis Silva	12
Francisco Baldivia	11
Ian De Dios	11
Yair Lopez	11
Fernando Lorenzani	11
Alexander Razo	11
Oscar Rivera	11
Yordi Saucedo	11
Anthony Soriano	11
Aidan De Dios	10
Jovani Espino	10
Angel Espinosa	10
Gio Garcia	10
Alex Palacio	10
Oscar Valdovinos	10

Bridgeport Girls Basketball Varsity Roster

Head Coach: Henry Austin	Assistant Coach: Michael Sheldon.	Volunteer Coach: Yareli Palacios Isidra
Estephanie Arista	10	
Jazmin Bucio	10	
Elisa Garcia	10	
Lindsey Garcia	10	
Paula Hernandez	9	
Evelyn Jimenez	11	
Luna Jimenez	9	
Xihomora Lozano	10	
Joanna Paredes	9	
Allison Orozco	9	
Violeta Orazco	10	
Elissa Rachwitz	9	
Gabriela Salazar	10	
Jackelyn Soto	11	
Alondra Valdovinos	11	
Millie Xhurape	9	



Front Row L-R: Boaz Martin, Martin Angel, Juan Ascencion, Austin Simpson, Pablo Gonzalez, Pidi Pamatz, Aldo Caballero, Diego Mota. Back Row L-R: Martin Hernandez, Harmon Gill, Jose Ascencion, Jesus Zanabria, Javier Garcia, Roman Martin, Landon Bradley

Pateros Boys Basketball Varsity Roster

1	Diego Mota	5' 8"	12	10	Ishmael Mireles	6' 0"	12
2	Roman Martin	5' 9"	12	11	Pablo Gonzalez	5' 5"	12
3	Landon Bradley	5' 11"	11	12	Jose Ascencion	5' 5"	11
4	Aldo Caballero	5' 4"	11	22	Boaz Martin	5' 8"	10
5	Pidi Pamatz	5' 6"	12	24	Javier Garcia	5' 7"	12
				30	Jesus Zanabria	5' 10"	12



Left to right Front row: Caleb Stennes, Skyler Covington, Oscar Churape, Fabian Nava, Bronson Becker, Sam Arevalo, Mario Camacho Jr. Left to right Back Row: Jacob Pechalski, Kash Vandelac, Grant Baker, Cort Gebbers, Karden Gebbers, Henry Miller, Brady Wulf, Preston Thompson

Brewster Boys Basketball Varsity Roster

1	Oscar Churape	5'6"	10
2	Fabian Nava	5'6"	11
3	Brady Wulf	6'1"	12
11	Mario Camacho Jr	5'10"	12
12	Karden Gebbers	6'6"	9
13	Sam Arevalo	5'9"	9
14	Henry Miller	6'4"	9
20	Preston Thompson	5'11"	9
22	Skyler Covington	6'	11
24	Grant Baker	6'3"	12
25	Kash Vandelac	6'5"	12
33	Cort Gebbers		

Brewster Girls Basketball Varsity Roster

10	Hyleah Aparicio	5'6"	10
12	Kara Schertenleib	5'7"	10
14	Mia Gamble	5'7"	12
20	Pepper Boesel	5'9"	9
21	Morgan McGuire	5'10"	11
22	Kaydence Carrington	6'1"	12
24	Abigail Pamatz	5'5"	11
30	Grace Becker	5'7"	11
32	Paige Wulf	5'9"	9
44	Gimena Hurtado	6'1"	12



Waterville Girls Basketball Varsity Roster

2	Tiera Miller	5'6"	P	12
3	Hanna Nelson	5'8"	G	10
4	Delainey Nelson	5'8"	P	9
5	Jada Freels	5'8"	P	12
10	Jimena Garcia	5'4"	G	12
12	Madie Schmidt	5'6"	G	11
13	Evalee Shafer	5'8"	P	12
14	Jasmine Garcia	5'4"	G	12
15	Holly Finkbeiner	5'6"	G	10
23	May Hinderer	5'4"	G	8
25	Anna Stepanov	5'6"	G	8
32	Brooke Kopta	5'6"	G	8
33	Lexi Palmquist	5'8"	P	8
34	Zimri Murphy	5'8"	P	8
35	Caroline Petersen	5'8"	P	12

Waterville Boys Basketball JV Roster

3	Cash Ruiz	5'9"	G	10
5	Dylan Hodges	5'7"	G	9
11	Junior Mendoza	6'1"	P	10
13	Maurice Willis	5'9"	G	12
15	Trevor O'Brien	5'9"	G	11
21	Lukas Fletcher	5'10"	P	9
23	Zeph Haberman	5'10"	G	10
25	Max Covarrubias	5'9"	P	10
33	Mitchell Wall	5'9"	G	9
35	Aaron Ochoa	5'10"	P	12

Waterville Boys Basketball Varsity Roster

2	Marshall Mires	6'2"	G	12
3	Preston Mulanax	5'9"	G	12
5	Fernando Hernandez	5'7"	G	12
10	Cesar Cisneros	5'9"	G	12
13	Max Murison	6'0"	G	11
15	Trygve Myrbo	6'2"	P	12
22	Armando Baltazar	6'0"	P	12
23	George Murison	6'0"	P	11

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BASKETBALL

Bears drop non-league opener to Chelan, 52-35

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Writer

BREWSTER – The varsity boys' basketball team came up short, 52-35, when the Bears hosted the 1A Lake Chelan Goats of the Caribou Trail League in Brewster's non-league season opener on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

There was plenty of physical contact as both teams worked out early season kinks and tuned up their team play in the face of each other's offense and defense.

"It was quite a start to the first game for sure," said head coach Michael Taylor. "We had a couple kids try to dunk during warm-ups that resulted in two technicals. I don't agree with that rule, but it is the rule, so we have to be better about that."

There are a couple of rules changes that came down from the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) this season. One is the no-dunk during warm-ups. The other eliminates the one-and-one at the foul line and replaces it with two shots after the first five fouls in every quarter like the National Basketball Association and the International Basketball Federation follow.

Behind the early scoring of Ryan Rainville's nine points the Goats opened with a 13-point, 16-3 lead in the first quarter that helped them hold off a second quarter surge from Brewster. The Bears pumped in 15 points to 11 by Chelan in the second quarter but that early lead they built was enough to keep the Goats ahead by nine points, 27-18, at halftime.

"We got off to a sloppy and weak start," said Taylor of Brewster's three-point first quarter. "Chelan put up good



Grant Baker, 24, threads the needle between two Goats in third quarter action.

pressure and double teamed our guards when they went to bad spots. They continued this throughout the game, and it plagued us all night."

Taylor said his team will have to address that problem with some different practice drills and push each other harder each day.

"It's easier to play with tempo when you get defensive stops and clean rebounds," said Taylor, "but regardless we need to dribble with speed or pass ahead to relieve some of that full court pressure."

There was a lid on the Bears' basket during the first four minutes of the third quarter when Brewster could not sink any shot. Sam Arevalo finally

hit a free throw with 4:12 left in the quarter to kickstart the scoring again. Chelan outscored the Bears, 13-10, to build their lead, 40-28, going into the final eight minutes.

The Bears have good height with four players standing 6'3" or taller but Taylor said rebounding needs more work.

"We did not rebound well enough on either end of the court," said Taylor. "Hopefully they come with time as we go through the season. Not a great first outing," said Taylor, "but it is a start and now we have to improve."

The Bears had single-digit scoring led by senior Cort Gebbers spread among nine players.



Cort Gebbers shoots over Goats' junior, Kellen Reinhart, 23, for two of his team-high nine points.

Brewster: 3-18-28-35
Chelan: 16-27-40-52

Bears scoring
Cort Gebbers – 9
Brady Wulf – 5
Karden Gebbers – 5
Preston Thompson – 5
Grant Baker – 4
Mario Camacho – 2
Sam Arevalo – 2
Henry Miller – 2
Fabian Nava – 1
Oscar Churape
Skyler Covington
Kash Vandelac

Lady Bears romp
In a reverse of the Bears' slow start in the first quarter, the Brewster varsity girls blitzed the opening eight min-

utes of their game with a 25-4 lead that gave them enough padding to hold off attempts by Chelan to make up the 21-point difference. Led by the nine points of game high scorer Grace Becker, Brewster set the pace for the next three quarters.

The Lady Goats gained six points in the second quarter by outscoring Brewster, 14-8, but were unable to get much closer during the second half. Brewster matched Chelan point-for-point through much of the third quarter and only gave up four points in the 19-15 final quarter to win by a comfortable 26-point margin.

"We played really well and came out with a 68-42 victory,"



Brady Wulf, 3, attempts to block a shot by Chelan's Isaac Wilson.

said head coach Kristina Gebbers. "We have lots of stuff to work on for the next game. There is always room for improvement."

Brewster will play three games on the road beginning with Liberty Bell on Saturday, Dec. 9, Lake Roosevelt on Friday, Dec. 15, and Quincy on Saturday Dec. 16. The Bears' next home game is against Reardan on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Brewster: 25-40-53-68
Chelan: 4-12-23-42

Brewster scoring
Grace Becker – 21
Paige Wulf – 14
Morgan McGuire - 11
Pepper Boesel – 8
Kaydence Carrington – 4
Hyleah Aparicio – 2
Kara Schertenleib – 2
Alivia Smith – 2
Abigail Pamatz – 2
Ximena Chavez – 2
Mia Gamble

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Kid Scoop FIT & FUN

Ballet Moves
Can you match each kid to their ballet position? Can you stand in these poses, too?

First Position



Second Position



Third Position



Fourth Position



Fifth Position



Standards Links: Physical Education: Demonstrate a sense of balance and endurance.

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Help Herr Drosselmeyer fix the nutcracker.
Draw the nutcracker's missing arm and leg, then color them.

ACT 1

In a small village, guests are arriving for a Christmas Eve party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum and their children, Clara and Fritz.

Clara's godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, brings toys for all the children.

Help Clara find these toys.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand story elements: plot, conflict, resolution and structure.

The Midnight Battle

That night, an excited Clara cannot sleep. She sneaks downstairs to be with her new nutcracker doll. As the clock strikes midnight, strange things begin to happen ...

The Christmas tree grows to an enormous size and a great battle begins between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker, who comes to life to lead an army of toy soldiers.

Clara uses her 🎄🎁🌟🕒 to kill the Mouse King and save the Nutcracker's life.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow the sequence of events in a story.



Standards Link: Recognize similarities and differences; visual discrimination.

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Look through the newspaper for:

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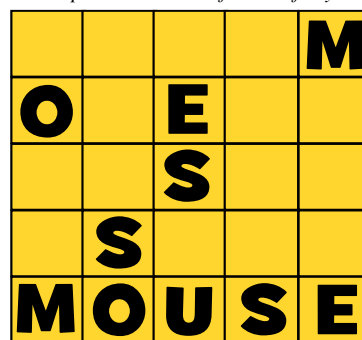
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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word MOUSE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



ACT II

The Nutcracker takes Clara on a fantastic journey, which ends at the Sugar Plum Fairy's palace in the Land of Sweets.



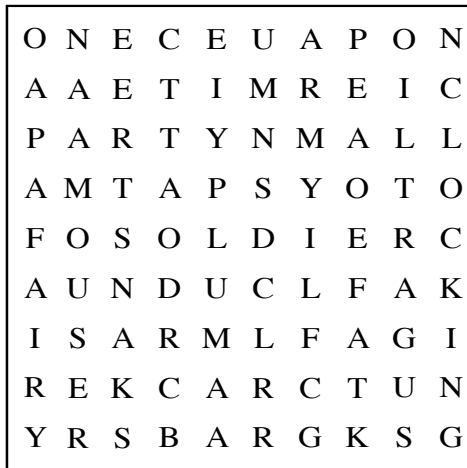
Can you find the sweets that match?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination.

Double Double Word Search

NUTCRACKER
MOUSE
BALLET
TOYS
SOLDIER
CLARA
PLUM
SUGAR
FAIRY
CLOCK
TREE
PARTY
KING
ARMY
GRABS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the budget for the Town of Mansfield, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 11th day of November 2022, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #524

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the Property Tax Levy allocation for the Town of Mansfield for the 2023 year. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 13th day of December 2022, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

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A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, prohibiting urination in public places and providing a penalty therefor. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 13th day of December 2022, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #526

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the amendment of the 2022 Budget. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 13th day of December 13 2022, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #527

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, setting rates for the purchasing of Cemetery Plots, and the opening and closing of graves for the Mansfield Cemetery: repealing all other ordinances in conflict herewith. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 13th day of December 13 2022, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #529

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the Budget for the Town of Mansfield, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 14th day of November 2023, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #530

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the Property Tax Levy allocation for the Town of Mansfield for the 2024 year. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 14th day of November 2023, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington. Published in the Quad City Herald on December 6, 2023. #6848

Public Notices

Town of Mansfield Ordinance #516

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the amendment of the 2021 Budget. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 9th day of October 2021, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #517

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, amending Ordinance #491 to provide for the exception allowing pit bull dogs in the Town if the dog passes a behavioral test, administered by the Town's Animal Control Officer. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 12th day of October 2021, 2020 in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #518

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, amending Ordinance #477 as it relates to potentially dangerous dogs and dangerous dogs by requiring a behavioral test, administered by the Town's Animal Control Officer amending the penalty and setting an effective date. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 9th day of November 2021, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #519

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the Budget for the Town of Mansfield, Washington, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 9th day of November 2021, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #520

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, adopting the Property Tax Levy allocation for the Town of Mansfield for the 2022 year. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 14th day of December 2021, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #521

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, providing for control and management of the Water/Sewer department of the Town of Mansfield, providing for a rate structure to be effective January 1, 2022, repealing all other ordinances in the conflict herewith adopting This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 14th day of December 2021, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington.

Ordinance #522

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, vacating an alley located in the Town of Mansfield and reserving a perpetual easement to the Town of Mansfield for utility purposes. This ordinance is being summarized for publication per RCW 25.27.300. Adopted this 9th day of August 2022, in regular session at the Mansfield Town Hall, Mansfield, Washington. Published in the Quad City Herald on December 6, 2023. #6845

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Bridgeport Irrigation District #1 will hold an election on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 for the purpose of electing one director. The polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of the secretary, Alice van Zwoil, at 2611 Highland Dr., Bridgeport Washington. Any water user who is qualified and wishes to run may acquire a Declaration of Candidacy from the District Secretary. The incumbent is Wayne van Zwoil. If only one qualified water user files for the position, no election will be held and the one candidate filing will be awarded the position. Alice van Zwoil, Secretary Published in the Quad City Herald November 22, 29 and December 6, 2023. #6704

Public Notices

Okanogan County will hold a manual recount for Curlew School District #50J Director Position #5.

This recount is mandatory by RCW 29A.64.021. This is a shared district with Ferry County, each county will hold their own recount. Okanogan County's portion of the recount on December 7, 2023 at 2:00PM with certification of the recount occurring on December 8, 2023 at 10:00AM Those wishing to observe please contact the Okanogan County Elections department before noon on December 7, 2023 as we have limited space and priority viewing we be given as stated in WAC 434-264-030. We will also be live streaming the recount on our website. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn3GiOX6QfG2yoezUkscdCQ/Ive> Published in the Quad City Herald on December 6, 2023. #6832



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CRYPTO FUN

- Solve the code to discover words related to caregiving. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = I)
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Clue: Tends to someone
- B. 6 4 7 23 15 23 3 19**
Clue: Building or place of business
- C. 4 7 3 23 2 23 3 19**
Clue: Keeps you busy
- D. 3 20 11 12 4 26 19**
Clue: Remediates a health problem

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

When Methow Wildlife Area will be closed

A good portion of the Methow Wildlife Area will be closed to public access from December 15th through March 31st. This area is an important habitat for a large herd of mule deer and covers nearly 35,000 acres. The wildlife area is divided into seven units and five of them (Texas Creek, Golden Doe, Big Buck, Methow and Rendezvous) will be closed.

Brandon Taylor, the Washington State Wildlife Area Manager, explains "Human disturbance in winter range can result in deer unnecessarily expending vital energy reserves, which can directly affect survival and reproduction." The Methow Trail system, a popular cross-country skiing venue, will not be impacted by this closure.

This same rationale explains the annual winter closure of the Wenatchee Foothills trail system west of Wenatchee. According to Chelan County PUD, which

operates the Home Water Wildlife Preserve in the Sage Hills, the Sage Hills and Horse Lake Reserve trails will be closed from December 1st until early April. Mule deer migrate into this area beginning in December with their numbers peaking in March.

Some trails in the Wenatchee area will remain open. This includes the trail to Saddle Rock, the Castlerock trail, the Jacobson Preserve and of course, the Apple Capital Loop trail.

RCO GRANTS AWARDED TO PARKS

Washington State's Recreation and Conservation Office announced it is giving out 4.7 million dollars in grants for 53 projects in 28 counties. The funds are being used to address maintenance backlogs in local parks. In our reading area, the following grants are being awarded:

CHELAN COUNTY

The Chelan Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a \$100,000 grant to seal cracks, repair some areas, recoat, and stripe parking

lots in three of Chelan's most significant parks: Don Morse Park, the adjacent Lakeshore Marina (together comprising Chelan's public waterfront), and Lake Chelan Golf Course.

The Manson Parks and Recreation District will receive a grant for \$100,000 to repair the gravel parking lot in Singleton Park, a ten-acre, day-use park that primarily offers sports courts and fields.

Klickitat County

A \$43,000 grant is going to the Klickitat County Public Works Department. They will use this grant to buy materials and repair deteriorating structures in Trout Lake Park. The county will repair the roof on the gazebo; replace some siding, weatherize, and paint the restroom; patch potholes in the park's main driveway and resurface some parking stalls; repair and paint the wood picnic tables; and replace worn cedar boards on the play structure. The work will extend the life of the facilities.

Stevens County

\$100,000 has been awarded to the City of Chewelah which

will use this grant to restore the main entrance to Everett Jenne Park, which experiences high traffic because of its location off U.S. Route 395. The park has an outdoor amphitheater that seats three hundred people, recreational vehicle facilities, and a farmers' market. The park hosts festivals and other gatherings that draw fifty thousand visitors a year.

Next to the highway is a concrete plaza entrance that was cracked and replaced with gravel that now is uneven, unstable, and overgrown with weeds, and does not provide the desired barrier-free access. The city will remove the gravel and other barriers, pour concrete to create an entrance, replace the benches with accessible furnishings, and replace garbage cans. The city also will add chips to the playground and a retaining system to keep them in place.

Stevens County will receive a \$100,000 grant to fix up Hunters Park. Hunters Park, which is in a low-income community, gets little use because of a lack of restrooms and seating areas. The county will replace

the restroom roof and toilet and fix a leaky pipe and the wood deck damaged by the leak. The county also will upgrade the electrical outlets, which are not to code and unable to hold a power load, install signs, trim trees around the building to allow access to walkways, replace park benches and picnic tables, fertilize and reseed a large grassy field, repair a hole in the kiosk building, and replace rotted fencing.

Brian Varrelman Passes

Brian Varrelman, a long-time guide and outfitter, died at the age of 71 on November 10th. Brian was a rancher and outfitter who owned the Whistlin' Pine Ranch and Sawtooth Outfitters at Alta Lake near Pateros. I had the opportunity to meet Brian 15 years ago when I was just starting out as the host of Northwestern Outdoors Radio and writing a guide book called "Great Places Washington".

Brian was the past president of the Washington Outfitter and Guides Association and as the owner of Sawtooth Outfit-

ters took clients on multi-day hunting trips for deer, bear, bighorn sheep and mountain goats in the Sawtooth and Pasayten Wilderness Areas in the late summer and early fall.

In the spring and summer, he operated the ranch which boasted a number of campsites and several rustic cabins that fronted Alta Lake. Many campers went there for the trout fishing but the wildlife watching in the area is good too. Brian invited me up to the ranch one summer day back in 2008 to join him and a couple of clients for a four-hour horseback ride. The ride was amazing with some epic views but the thing I remember most was when the lead horse stirred up a ground nest of hornets and the rest of us had to gallop through the swarm of angry bees as fast as we could to avoid getting stung too much!

It's definitely a ride I'll never forget and Brian was a true cowboy and outdoorsman I'll never forget either. RIP.

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SOCCER

WIAA names Pateros Nannies October Team of the Month

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS -- The varsity girls soccer team had a great month last October, winning not only seven of their past eight games but also a nod from the WIAA as its Team of the Month selection.

The Nannies are a Central Washington 1B team that opts up to play against 2B opponents including Okanogan, the 2022 state champions, Brewster, Tonasket, Liberty Bell, Lake Roosevelt, and Manson. Against some formidable op-

ponents the Nannies secured fourth place in the CW2B league.

The girls' soccer team made its first ever postseason appearance since the program started in 2018. The athletes have impressed in the classroom as well, going the entire season without losing a teammate to academic ineligibility or game ejections.

Pateros hosted its first ever district playoff game against Liberty Bell on Oct. 25. Though the Nannies defeated the Mountain Lions, 4-0, in regular season play, they lost the loser-

out district game, 3-1.

"I have coached the Pateros program for three years," said head coach Olivia Cronin. "The program started five years ago but it's only in the last three years that we have officially been a part of the league."

Cronin played soccer for Tahoma High School at Maple Valley for four years.

"It was probably my favorite sport to play but it was a running scholarship to Pacific Lutheran University that led to college," said the dual sport standout. "I ran the mile, so, for my girls there is no get-

ting around running or being conditioned."

The Nannies are a young team and will only lose three seniors to graduation next year.

"I am starting to have other girls at Pateros tell me they are thinking about joining soccer," said Cronin. "That gets me really excited because the program can push to that next level."

The coach has high praise for both the team and the community.

"What I would like to say about being the Team of the Month is that it makes me hap-

py for our Pateros community to get some recognition," said Cronin. "We have a lot of great kids and athletes right here in the 98846. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I'm excited for the future and proud of these girls. They've got a certain kind of toughness that makes you proud."

In addition to the recognition the soccer team received a commemorative trophy and \$100 donated to their program courtesy of Les Schwab.

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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

The Nannies' Stevie Simmons, 7, left, and Alexandra Ruiz, 9, battle for the ball with Liberty Bell's Clara Ramsay-George during soccer district loser-out playoff competition at Pateros on Oct. 26.

We get a sentimental feeling when we hear "I joined STCU."

Happy holidays!

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