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BREWSTER

Council approves revised ADU ordinance

BY MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – For the past several months, the city council has been crafting ordinances to address regulation of certain types of dwelling units within the city limits, specifically accessory dwelling units (ADU), short term rentals, and recreational vehicles (RVs). Last month, the council held

a public hearing to consider any comments from city residents on the three proposed ordinances before sending the ordinances to the state Department of Commerce (DOC) for a mandatory 60-day review. The DOC reviews all proposed city legislation that will affect a city’s zoning code or building code regulations. In the majority of cases DOC

returns the ordinances without comment, but in the case of Brewster’s ADUs the DOC did weigh in.

City attorney Kaitlin Schilling of the law firm Ogden, Murphy, Wallace in Wenatchee explained the reasons behind DOC’s comments.

“Washington state law has been updated this year in regards to separate dwelling units and requirements that counties and cities must meet

with respect to those,” Schilling said.

One of those changes addresses a dwelling unit’s maximum square footage.

“You need to allow up to 1,000 square feet maximum where now it can be a maximum of 800 square feet,” said Schilling. “So, we have to change that.”

Another change pertains to the property owner.

“You cannot require a property owner to reside at either the main dwelling or the accessory dwelling,” said Schilling. “So, we have to take that off.”

Parking requirements have also been revised.

“You can require two parking spaces if a lot is greater than 6,000 square feet,” said Schilling. “If a lot is less than 6,000 square feet you can only

require one parking space.”

The city’s original proposed ordinance required two off-street parking units for each ADU regardless of the lot size.

Schilling made the changes to the ADU ordinance (No. 955) and the council passed it unanimously.

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COMMUNITY



From left, Ella, Rose, and Mercedes Palmanteer hold the florigraph of their husband and father.

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Late tribal member and veteran honored for organ donations

BY MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

OMAK – The late Marty Palmanteer, a Colville tribal member, U.S. Air Force veteran, and organ donor, was honored in a special ceremony on Nov. 17 at the 12 Tribes Casino.

Palmanteer, a 1984 Bridgeport High School graduate, who succumbed in 2016 at age 50 to a brain hemorrhage, was a registered organ donor and his kidneys saved the lives of two recipients in need of kid-

ney transplants. One of those, Kathy Amende, 73, of Walla Walla, received her kidney seven-and-a-half years ago and wrote a letter of thanks to the group.

“I started dialysis in April 2013 for five days a week; eventually it went to seven days a week for eight hours a day,” wrote Amenda. “After the transplant I have so much more energy and can do so much it’s amazing.”

Amende then detailed all the activities she currently enjoys now.

“The point I am trying to make is, without the wonderful kidney donation of Marty most of this wonderful life I have would not be possible,” wrote Amenda. “It is truly a wonderful and miraculous gift.”

For his selfless act Palmanteer was chosen by OneLegacy, the nation’s largest Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) as one of six Native American honor donors whose floralgraph floral portrait likenesses will be featured on the 2024 OneLegacy

Donate Life float in the Rose Parade at Pasadena on New Year’s Day.

Following graduation from Bridgeport, Palmanteer joined the Air Force and was among crew members who loaded ordinance on the A-10 Thunderbolt, more commonly known as the “Warthog.” An engraving of that iconic fighter plane is engraved on Palmanteer’s headstone in the Fort Okanogan Memorial Cemetery next to US 97 north of Monse.

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BRIDGEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Year-end resolutions, ordinances addressed

BY MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Writer

When they meet

The Bridgeport city council meets at 7 p.m. on every third Wednesday of the month.

BRIDGEPORT – The city council held three public hearings and approved a dozen resolutions, ordinances, or contracts on a full agenda during its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 15.

The public hearings on the 2024 final budget, 2024 Capital Facility Plan, and 2024 Property Tax Ad Valorem (according to value) drew no public comment.

Resolutions approved included salaries and stipends, fee schedule, capital facility plan, comprehensive financial policy and snow removal policy. Ordinances passed included tax ad valorem, annual budget, amended 2023 final budget, and amended Bridgeport Municipal Code (BMC) to clarify water shut off service charges.

The latter ordinance adds a fee charged to residents who call public works to shut off water valves that they do not want to shut off themselves.

The general facility cleaning contract was renewed for janitorial services for

the sheriff’s office, library, and city hall.

Deputy clerk Ariana Cruz explained a new service contract, Text My Gov, that allows residents who sign up to receive phone text messages regarding happenings and alerts in the city.

Right-of-way issues have caused problems for public works staff who plow snow, spray weeds, and perform other maintenance duties that require clear access on city rights of way. Clerk Judy Brown compiled a 10-page revision of Title 10 of the BMC for council members to review and discuss for an eventual ordinance overhaul.

Public events are another topic regulated by the BMC. Brown said she reviewed several other city municipal codes to see how they define and regulate public versus private events.

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VETERANS DAY

American Legion holds flag burning ceremony

BY MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – Mention flag burning these days and most folks envision a protest being carried out somewhere. It was a far different story on Nov. 11 at the headquarters of Columbia Post 97 of the American Legion at 102 Third St.

On the 85th anniversary of the observance of Veterans Day, since it was declared an official holiday in 1938, the local legion held its annual flag burning ceremony to properly dispose of all those Stars and Stripes that have seen better

days. Like many another Legion functions, the burning of American flags has a set and somber protocol.

Post Commander Greg Wagg called the assembled volunteers and observers together. With all hats removed, Wagg read the official Flag Retirement and Disposal Ceremony, a salute was executed, and one-by-one each flag was inspected before being committed to the flames.

Over the course of the year, about 100 flags had been dropped off at Legion head-



Glenn Farrington, left, drops a worn flag into the flames while Brandon Caswell inspects another candidate at Legion headquarters during flag burning ceremonies last Saturday, Nov. 11.

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Columbia Post 97 members Bill Sachse, left, and Greg Wagg fold a large American flag.

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Black light party

The After Hours Jam Room in Okanogan will host a Black Friday Black Light Party on Nov. 24 from 7 p.m. to midnight. The \$5 cover charge goes to support the After Hours Jam Room. The event is BYOB with karaoke and a band jam. For more information visit the After Hours Okanogan Facebook page.

Small Town Holidays Kick Off

Historic Downtown Chelan will host a Small Town Holidays Kick Off on Nov. 24. "Enjoy 32 days of shopping, dining, wine, and holiday fun for the whole family," the event page states. "Help us kick off the holiday festivities on Friday November 24th, starting bright and early with 'Plaid Friday!' Plaid Friday is an alternative to Black Friday; Plaid Friday

encourages people to do their holiday shopping with locally owned and independent businesses. We encourage everyone to wear plaid this day to show your support, and you'll even see many of our businesses wearing branded Small Town Holiday plaid." For more information visit smalltown-holidays.com.

Historic Chelan Tree Lighting

As part of Historic Downtown Chelan's Small Town Holidays Kick Off on Nov. 24. The town's Christmas tree light ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. downtown. "Families and friends gather around for the Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m., singing carols, and welcoming Santa to town," the event page states. "At 6:30 p.m. head over to a viewing area, or Don Morse Park for a celebratory

firework show, or catch a ride on the Lady of the Lake for prime viewing." For more information visit smalltownholidays.com.

Senior center gift wrapping

On Saturday, Nov. 25 there will be gift wrapping by donation available at the Brewster senior center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Shop at local businesses on Saturday, Nov. 25th and get your gift wrapped," the event page states. Funds raised from the event support the seventh and eighth grade AAU girls basketball team.

Brewster tree lighting

The Brewster Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 25 at the jet on Main St. at 5 p.m. After the lighting ceremony Santa will be at the Senior Center. "Santa Claus is coming to town," the event page states. "See him at the Senior center on Saturday, Nov. 25 after 5:30 pm."



5 THINGS TO DO This Week

Gratitude and Reflection

As the crisp autumn air envelops us and the leaves paint a vivid mosaic of reds, oranges, and yellows, our hearts and homes prepare for a cherished tradition: Thanksgiving. This quintessentially American holiday serves as a reminder to pause amidst life's hustle and bustle, embracing gratitude, unity, and the spirit of giving.

expression of gratitude. In a world often bustling with noise and distractions, this day beckons us to reflect on our blessings. It's a moment to appreciate the warmth of loved ones' laughter, the embrace of cherished friendships, and the simple joys that enrich our lives.

Yet, Thanksgiving is not merely about counting blessings; it's about sharing them. It's a time to extend a hand to those less fortunate, embodying the true essence of community. Whether through volunteering at local shelters, donating to food banks, or offering support to a neighbor in need, this holiday calls us to demonstrate compassion and generosity.

In recent years, the celebration of Thanksgiving has evolved in response to changing times. Families scat-



Terry Ward

From the Publisher

tered across the country often reunite through virtual gatherings, utilizing technology to bridge distances and share in the spirit of togetherness.

This year, as we gather once more, let us not only revel in the delectable aromas wafting from the kitchen but also in the conversations that unite us. Let's remember to acknowledge the richness found in our diverse tapestry of cultures, beliefs, and traditions that make this nation so vibrant.

As the holiday season commences, Thanksgiving serves as the prelude, fostering a sense of appreciation and setting the stage for the coming festivities. It prompts us to reflect not only on the abundance of our tables but also on the richness of our lives.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, let us carry the values of gratitude, compassion, and unity beyond this day, making every day an opportunity to express thanks and extend kindness to all.

May this Thanksgiving be a tapestry woven with love, gratitude, and cherished moments, creating lasting memories that resonate throughout the year.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

OUR VIEW

Report unveils local journalism's crisis and rays of hope

The Quad City Herald calls for community aid

In the annals of our nation's media, the year 2023 has unveiled a complex tapestry, woven with threads of despair for local journalism. Recent revelations from the Medill Local News Initiative at Northwestern University delineate a stark reality: while glimmers of hope emerge with philanthropic pledges and innovative models, the fabric of local news outlets continues to fray, imperiling our communities' cohesion and democratic ethos.

Amidst the shadows, rays of hope shone through in the form of substantial philanthropic commitments—vital pledges totaling \$500 million. Simultaneously, governmental considerations to bridge digital divides and fortify journalistic integrity provided a beacon of optimism. Notably, select news outlets showcased promising business models, hinting at potential resurgence in beleaguered regions.

However, this ray of hope was eclipsed by an unremitting decline in the number of local news sources. The disconcerting projection anticipates the loss of a third of the country's newspapers since 2005 by the year's end, as the expansion of alternative local news entities trails the vanishing traditional sources.

Communities bereft of a local newspaper typically grapple with economic de-

privation and a lack of high-speed broadband, further isolating them from reliable information sources. This stark divide exacerbates existing societal fissures, exacerbating political polarization, civic apathy, and the proliferation of online misinformation.

The 2023 report on The State of Local News, meticulously curated by the Medill Local News Initiative, outlines the disparities engulfing our nation. Shockingly, more than half of U.S. counties lack or possess limited access to credible local news sources—be it print, digital, or broadcast. The dire statistics include 204 counties devoid of any local news outlet and 1,562 counties dependent on a solitary remaining source, with 228 on the precipice of losing this lifeline.

The decline in newspapers, at a rate surpassing two per week since 2005, has obliterated nearly 2,900 newspapers and two-thirds of newspaper journalists—43,000 positions—during the same period. This decay, particularly in metropolitan areas, compounds the crisis, leaving large swaths of residents stranded without access to essential community news.

Alternative local news entities—comprising digital start-ups, ethnic media, and public broadcasting—while promising, confront their unique business hurdles—the struggle to attain sustainability plagues many, with advertising revenue decline imperiling their survival. The dearth of reliable internet access, especially in non-urban areas, compounds the challenges faced by digital ventures.

In this backdrop, the indispensable role of local journalism in fostering informed communities and resilient democracies looms large. It underscores the pressing need for collective action from policymakers, philanthropists, industry leaders, and community members invested in fortifying our local news ecosystem.

The Medill Local News Initiative's comprehensive report, complemented by interactive maps revealing the intricate local news landscapes across states, serves as a clarion call. It highlights the pivotal role of local journalism, invoking a sense of responsibility within us all to safeguard this cornerstone of our societal fabric.

Call to Action: Supporting The Quad City Herald. Amidst this critical juncture, The Quad City Herald stands as a testament to the importance of community-backed journalism. As the heart of our local news, it relies on the robust support of the community it serves.

Local businesses play a pivotal role in bolstering our local news landscape. Their commitment to advertising in our publications not only promotes their services but also sustains the lifeblood of The Quad City Herald. We urge businesses to consider investing in local advertising, recognizing the pivotal role it plays in fostering an informed and connected community.

Moreover, residents hold the power to fortify our local news outlets. Subscribing to The Quad City Herald is a tangible means of supporting credible, community-driven journalism. Your subscription directly contributes to the sustenance of reliable local news, ensuring its continuity for years to come.

Furthermore, citizens can significantly contribute by patronizing businesses that advertise in The Quad City Herald. By consciously choosing to shop locally, you reinforce the symbiotic relationship between our vibrant local businesses and the sustenance of a robust local news ecosystem.

Together, through concerted efforts and unwavering support, we can fortify our local news and, in turn, fortify the very essence of our community's vitality and resilience.

-Terry Ward
-Amy Yaley

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SCHOOLS

Brewster students qualify for All-State Honor Ensembles

BY MIKE MALTAIS
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BREWSTER – The Bears’ musical talents will be on display at the All-State competition in February 2024.

“Last month more than 30 Brewster music students submitted auditions to be considered for this year’s All-State Honor Ensembles,” said Brewster School District Band and Choir Director Alicia Pulsifer. “Students from across the state compete for a spot in one of these elite ensembles.”

The results are now in, and the following students will be representing Brewster at this year’s festival to be held on

Presidents’ Day weekend (Feb. 17-18) in Yakima:

Sixth grade:
Belen (Nancy) Martinez - Alto voice in the Jr. All-State Youth Choir.

Eighth grade:
Josie Jarquin - Alto voice in the Jr. All-State Mixed Choir.
Bianca Morales - Soprano voice in the Jr. All-State Mixed Choir.

Lalo (Angel) Rincon - Baritone voice in the Jr. All-State Mixed Choir.

High School:
Tajanai Huff - Clarinet in the All-State Wind Symphony.

Ileana Lopez - Soprano 2 in the All-State Treble Choir.

Mariela Sanchez - Soprano 1 in the All-State Treble Choir.

“This is the third consecutive year that both Jarquin and Morales have been accepted into the All-State ensembles, tying the school record held by Nancy Perez (class of 2023),” said Pulsifer who is also president of the North Central Washington Music Educators Association.

“I am very proud of these students, and all those who put in the extra time and effort to audition this year.”

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COMMUNITY

Brewster Best of the Best awards are Nov. 25

BREWSTER – The Best of the Best Brewster, an annual awards presentation by the Chamber of Commerce recognizing the large business, small business, Person of the Year and Civil Servant of the Year will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25 in the Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center at 109 Bridge Street.

The ceremony will follow the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Legion Park at 5 p.m.

Chamber president Mike Mauk said Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be present to ring in the

holiday season, pose for pictures with children, and take their Christmas lists.

“The Chamber will supply the refreshments,” said Mauk. “The public is welcome. Bring the family.”

The Chamber will convene at 6 p.m., Dec. 13, at its Senior Center headquarters to elect the 2024 officers and Board of Directors. The Chamber earlier approved an amendment to have three directors next year. Nominations are

President:
Pedro De La Cerda

Vice President:
Hugo Gomez, Los Paisas Store

Treasurer:
Maribel Saucedo, North Cascades Bank

Secretary:
Kimberly Camacho, Mi Pueblo Market

Director: Miguel Campos - Nueva Generacion

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Director: Deshia Rupeiks, Deputy City Clerk



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Greg Wagg and Bill Sachse, background, finish folding another flag that will join others, foreground, that avoided the flames in favor of continued service.

FLAG

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quarters for proper disposal. Upon closer inspection it was determined that several were not only serviceable but also appeared to be in either new or like-new condition. Most of those are the large cotton flags that decorate the drives at Locust Grove and Pateros Memorial cemeteries every Memorial Day and were set aside for future use.

In a first for the legion, a couple of flags were found to bear the names of veterans printed on their margins. Speculation over how they ended up at the legion soon favored that they were donated not for disposal but for safe keeping, as was the case.

The local legion holds an official flag burning at least once a year and sometimes twice if the quantity of flags they receive are sufficient to hold a disposal ceremony on Flag Day, June 14.

“People are welcome to drop their old flags off here anytime for proper disposal,” Wagg said.

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COUNCIL

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“If someone wants to hold a dance, invite everyone, and charge at the door, that’s a public event to me,” said Brown.

As Bridgeport becomes party central for more and more public and private events, the city is considering options to tighten up the BMC regulations for both. Issues such as city permits, noise control, law enforcement, designated hours and street cleanup, warrant more scrutiny as events gain in frequency and popularity.

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October fire district calls ahead of 10-year average

BY MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – In his report to regular meeting of Chelan fire commissioners last Wednesday, Nov. 15, District 7 Chief Brandon Asher said the district’s emergency calls for October exceeded the 10-year average for that month.

October’s 97 emergency calls exceeded the 10-year October average of 71 responses and 2023 has been the second busiest October in the past decade. The high volume of calls has continued into November, said Asher.

“We’re a little bit ahead of last November’s pace so we could have another record month coming up,” Asher said.

Emergency calls

Major October calls included:

- 9th - Structure fire on Wapato.
- 11th - Hazmat chemical spill at Union Valley.
- 22nd - Fully involved boat fire at Union Valley.
- 31st - RV/brush fire at Chelan Falls.

Of the 97 emergency responses for October, 68 percent were EMS, said Asher.

EMS calls breakdown:

- 45 percent were advanced life support (ALS)
- 43 percent were basic life support (BLS)
- 31 percent had no transport.

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Administration

“We are getting our integration through RiverCom to work correctly so our guys can practice entering and completing calls as if we were live,” said Asher. “Our goal is to be dialed in on this and fully functioning by Jan. 1.”

Asher said both the city and the district’s attorney have presented their TIF (Tax Increment Financing) mitigation plans and now it’s just a matter of waiting. The county will hold a TIF workshop on Dec. 7.

The Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) website defines tax increment financing (TIF) as a financing tool that local governments in Washington State – defined as cities, towns, counties, port districts, or any combination thereof – can use to fund public infrastructure in targeted areas to encourage private development and investment (chapter 39.114 RCW).

A local government wishing to utilize TIF will designate an “increment area” surrounding the site of the public improvements. The property tax portion of increases in assessed value of properties

within the increment area is allocated towards paying for the public improvement costs, the MRSC states.

Asher said TIF was the “hot button” at the recent fire commissioners’ conference that he, commissioners Karyl Oules, and Russ Jones attended on Oct. 1, at Tulalip.

“There is still so much that is just not clear,” said Asher. “It’s going to be really interesting to see how the assessors and the Dept. of Revenue deal with this. Everybody in the state of Washington that’s a fire district or a junior taxing district is paying attention to this.”

Station 244 in Orondo is officially open and has been added to the WSRB (Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau) website, said Asher. It joins the other five stations in the district:

City Station 71 – 232 East Wapato.

Chelan Falls Station 72 – 21 Chestnut Street.

Union Valley Station 73 – 345 Idyl Spurs Lane.

Airport Station 74 – 56 Apple Acres Road.

South Shore Station 75 – 12041 South Lake Shore.

“The areas outside the five-mile range of this station are now going to get some assistance,” said Asher, “because they will be within five miles of the Orondo station.”



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The Brewster fifth grade girls qualified for the state middle school basketball playoffs with their undefeated first-place performance at the Liberty School Tournament in Spangle last weekend. The win advances the girls to the state tournament in March 2024. Pictured from left are Jamie Talavera, Brynn Gebbers, Julissa Garcia, Isabella Hurtado, Capri Gebbers, Brielle Gebbers, Coach Nikki Gebbers, Kamilah Hurtado, and Reese Walker.

First round playoff loss



COURTESY OF BREWSTER SPORTS FACEBOOK

The road to state ended for the Brewster Bears football team in the first round of playoffs on Nov. 10 after a 67-23 loss to the Timberwolves at Goldendale. Brewster finished second in district and landed 10 players on the NCW2B All-League teams.

Headed to EWU



COURTESY OF NIKKI GEBBERS

Brewster senior and state 2B shot put champion Cort Gebbers has signed with Division 1 Eastern Washington University to throw shot putt and discus for the Eagles next year. Gebbers placed first in shot put in eight of the 10 regular and post-season meets this year, throwing a personal best 160'11.5" at the CW2B championships.

Washington outdoors report: Black Friday fishing

November 17 - 23, 2023

Black Friday fishing

The day after Thanksgiving, commonly known as Black Friday, has been associated for decades with shopping for great deals at retail stores for the holidays. In recent years though, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has promoted a different Black Friday activity, trout fishing!

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks a number of lowland lakes in November, open on

a year-round basis, with big trout weighing one to two pounds and measuring at least 14-inches long. Many of these lakes are located in Western Washington. Here is a list of the 23 lakes stocked with these jumbo-sized trout:

- Clark County – Battle Ground and Kline Line
- Cowlitz County – Kress
- Island County – Cranberry
- King County – Beaver and Green
- Klickitat County – Rowland

- Lewis County – Fort Borst Park Pond and South Lewis County Park Pond
 - Pierce County – American and Tanwax
 - Snohomish County – Ballinger, Blackmans, Gissburg Ponds South, Silver and Tye
 - Thurston County – Black, Lawrence, Long, Munn, Offutt and Ward
 - Yakima County – Elton Pond North
- In addition to these lakes stocked with big trout, several lakes in Eastern Wash-

ington were stocked with fry in recent years that should offer good fishing on Black Friday. These lakes include Hatch Lake in Stevens County; Fourth of July Lake in Lincoln/Adams counties; and Hog Canyon in Spokane County.

But wait, there's more! Several other lakes have received plants of catchable sized trout in the last few weeks. These stocked lakes are:

- Putters Pond in Rock Island (5,750 trout)
- Big Bow Lake in Rock Is-

- land (3,750 rainbow trout)
- Pit Lake in Rock Island (2,000 trout)
- Roses Lake near Manson (20,253 rainbow trout)
- Davis Lake in Ferry County (250 jumbo-sized trout)
- Rotary Lake in Yakima County (135 jumbo trout)

If you are wondering how to catch these stocked trout there are several tried and true methods. If you are in a boat, you can troll a streamer, steering the boat in an S-pattern. You can also troll a Mack's Lure Wedding Ring

spinner, tipped with a worm, behind a dodger. Fishing from shore many anglers will fish Berkley Powerbait off the bottom while others will cast spinners.

The bottom line? Get away from the crowds at the big box stores and go fishing instead. It promises to be a fun outing and perhaps the beginning of a new holiday tradition.

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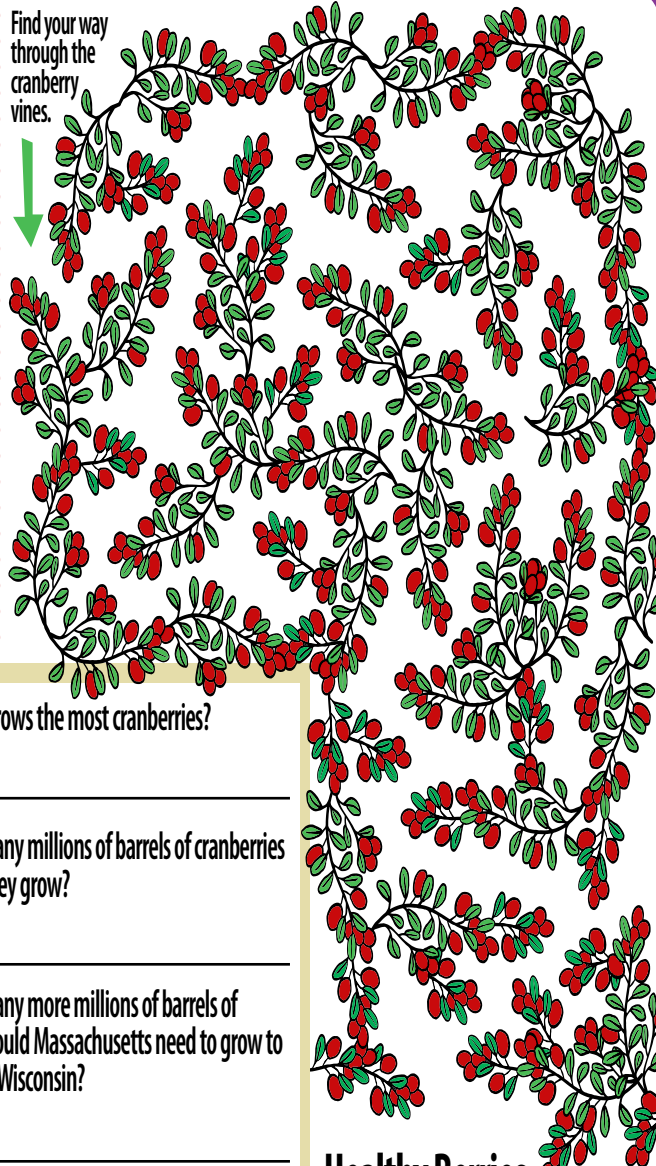
Cranberries

Americans eat about 400 million pounds of cranberries a year!

Many are eaten at Thanksgiving, but there are lots of ways to eat these little red, tangy berries all year round.

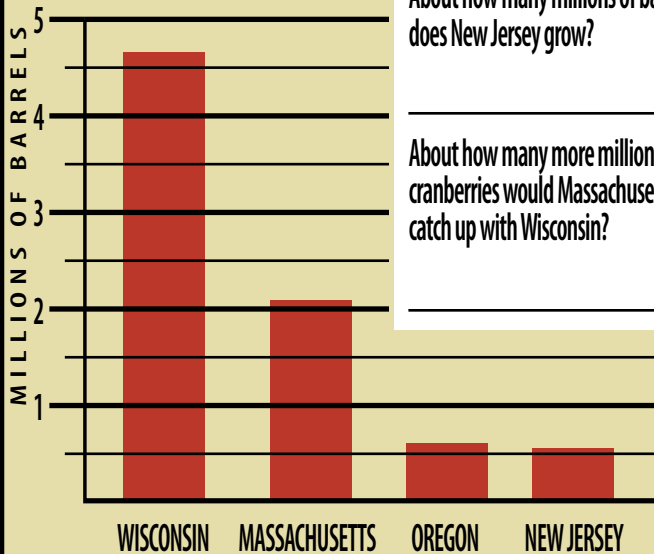
Cranberries are native to North America. Native Americans used them for both food and medicine.

Find your way through the cranberry vines.



Cranberry Chart

Use the chart to answer the questions!



NOTE: 1 barrel equals 100 pounds of berries.

SOURCE: USDA Economic Research Service and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Which state grows the most cranberries?

About how many millions of barrels of cranberries does New Jersey grow?

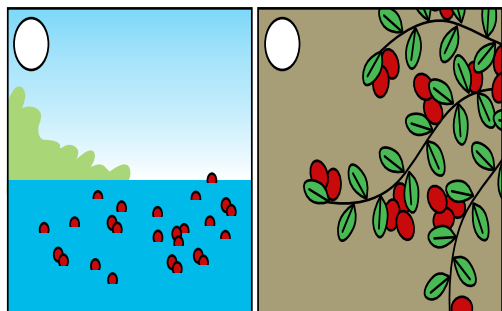
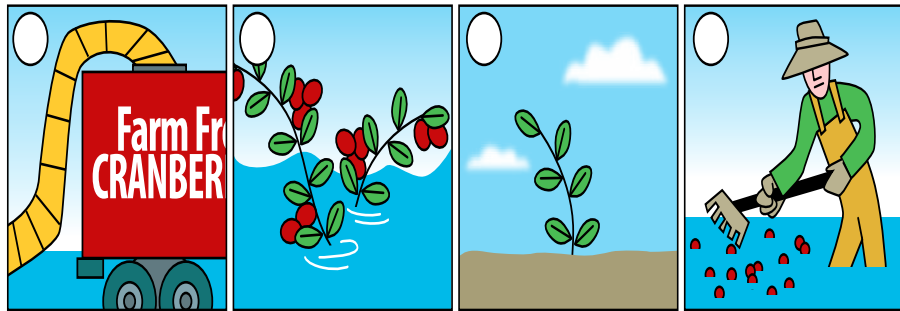
About how many more millions of barrels of cranberries would Massachusetts need to grow to catch up with Wisconsin?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Interpret data from charts and graphs.

Growing and Harvesting Cranberries

Number the pictures in order.

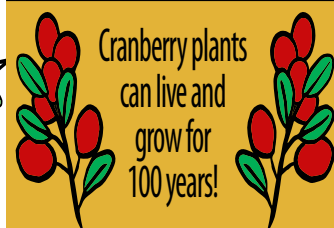
- Cranberry vines are planted in sandy soil.
- They grow into long vines that crawl along the ground.
- When the cranberries are ripe, the farmers flood the field.
- Cranberries have little air pockets inside that cause them to float to the top of the water.
- Farmers wearing rubber "waders" walk through the floating cranberries and push them into a big vacuum in the center of the field.
- The berries are sucked out of the water and end up in a big truck.



Bee Power

Cranberry farmers need bees. The bees pollinate the plant's blossoms, so they turn into berries.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence events in the correct order.



Cranberry plants can live and grow for 100 years!

Extra! Extra! Living Things Scavenger Hunt

- Look through the newspaper for:
- 5 things that are alive
 - 4 things to eat
 - 3 things made from something alive
 - 2 things people need to survive
 - 1 thing that you like to eat

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written directions.

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Replace the missing words.

Ways to Eat Cranberries

Some people like the tart _____ of cranberries. Others _____ them with sugar, maple syrup, or honey.

While they are tart, cranberries can be eaten _____ or chopped raw into salsa, salads, and other dishes. Most cranberries are used to make _____ sauce and Craisins® are dried cranberries that look like reddish _____.

Canned cranberry sauce is a popular Thanksgiving side _____. It can also be enjoyed on turkey sandwiches.

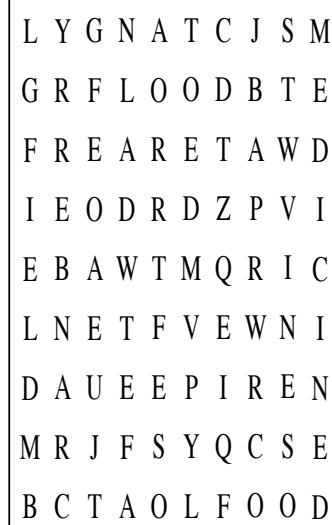
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Double Double Word Search

- BEES
- CRANBERRY
- EAT
- FARMERS
- FIELD
- FLOAT
- FLOOD
- FOOD
- GROW
- MEDICINE
- RED
- RIPE
- TANGY
- VINES
- WATER

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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Cranberry Salsa

Work with an adult to make this delicious recipe together!

Ingredients:

With the help of an adult, chop each of the following:

- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 chili pepper
- 1/2 red onion
- 1 clove of garlic

Mix the following in a bowl:

- 1/2 tsp parsley
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- Zest of small orange
- 6 oz frozen orange juice concentrate

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Store in the refrigerator until all ingredients are chilled and flavors are well combined.

Eat with tortilla chips or put on a sandwich!

Thank you to the US Cranberries organization for the idea for this recipe. There are many more great cranberry recipes at uscranberries.com



See how many words you can make using the letters in

CRANBERRIES

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Put Things in Order

Read a newspaper article and write down the main things that are reported. Number the things that happened in order: first, second, third. Is the order of your list the same or different from the article? Why could that be?

Standards Link: Analyze passages to sequence events.

Write On!

What's your opinion?

Do you like cranberries? Why or why not?

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THEME: CLASSIC TOYS

- ACROSS
- *** Wars* toys from Kenner in the '70s
 - *Certain toy G.I.
 - Miss America's accessory
 - Pot inhale
 - Morsel of Little Miss Muffet's meal
 - Private
 - Larger-than-life
 - Children's author _____ Blyton
 - Post-Its
 - *Sticks and spoons toy set
 - One of the Olsens
 - Gibson garnish
 - Middle-earth creature
 - Bias
 26. Neat in appearance
 - Chasing game
 - Chancellor, in Europe
 - Not happening
 - Anomie, alt. sp.
 - Local area network
 38. Re-attempt
 - Wyatt Earp's card game
 - Common parakeet, colloquially speaking
 - Snakelike fish
 - Not yet a wife
 - *Like certain toy Cathy
 - Mine deposit
 - Water nymph
 - Cassette contents
 - *Illuminated picture maker
 - Wainscots
 - Play parts
 - The Fonz: "Sit _____!"
 - Face-to-face exams
 - Not this
 - Brainchild
 - Homey, alt. sp.
 - "Fight for You" singer
 - High rocky hills

- DOWN
- Editor's mark
 - African antelope
 - Related
 4. Suppose
 - Political club, in the olden days
 - Celestial hunter
 - Whirlpool
 - *Sno-Cone, actually (2 words)
 - Opposed to
 - "As _____ on TV"
 - Retail posting acronym
 - Blood-red
 - Beginning of essay
 - "Dear Diary" bit
 - Hockey legend
 - "The Office" people, e.g.
 - Veranda on Oahu
 - Ancient Greece marketplace
 - "The _____ Show" (1976-1980)
 - Sacred song
 - White heron
 - *Raggedy Ann or Strawberry Shortcake, tenderly
 - *Professor Plum and Colonel Mustard game
 - Little bit
 - *Avenues and rail roads game
 - Betty Ford Center, e.g.
 - Spelling contest
 - Superlative of icy
 - Edible herb
 - Quick and skillful
 - Specialty
 - Rose oil
 - Tropical edible root
 - Dwayne Johnson's 2022 role Black
 - Wooden slat
 53. _____China
 - Part of a traditional wedding cake
 - Greek Hs
 - *Play-_____

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The Wenatchee Nutcracker prepares suite for the sweet

By KATIE LINDERT
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – The Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra and Fabulous Feet Wenatchee have teamed up for another production of The Wenatchee Nutcracker, a collaboration that has been in effect since 2013 but is part of a decades old regional tradition.

Ballet Theatre Northwest founder, Joan Shelton-Mason, staged annual productions of "The Nutcracker" for many years before her passing. She taught dance for over 60 years, and is often credited with having brought ballet to the Wenatchee Valley.

The Wenatchee Nutcracker has carried on this treasured tradition since its inception in 2007. This year's production features student performers ranging in ages 4-18, with 91 dancers overall. There are additionally 12 adult volunteer performers who hold both acting and dancing roles.

There are many iterations of "The Nutcracker" ballets often performing variations to a set choreography. That said, Fabulous Feet Wenatchee's own instructors and choreographers are credited with the original choreography found in productions of The Wenatchee Nutcracker.

Fabulous Feet studio Owner and Director, Tracy Trotter, and Co-Director and Instructor, Melissa Miller Port, constructed the original concept for this year's production.

Annual auditions for The Wenatchee Nutcracker are open to the community, not solely Fabulous Feet students, though most are involved. All who want to participate are welcome, with auditions held typically in July and primarily serving to help in designating roles.

Rehearsals begin in Septem-



The final scene in Act 1 of The Wenatchee Nutcracker's 2022 Production, "The Land of Snow"

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ber. Performers meet every week up until opening, with student rehearsals held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For any large scene work, dancers are broken up into groups and then slowly integrated together until they can cohesively perform through the entire show.

All other additional preparations begin in September. The sets for The Wenatchee Nutcracker are reused annually and maintained by their staff at the studio and the Numerica Performing Arts Center. Costumes are kept on hand, and altered to fit new students each year with

the help of many volunteers.

The Wenatchee Nutcracker has a wardrobe of close to 300 costumes due to the volume of students they have, some of the older students playing 2-5 roles. Their youngest students are angels and the mice, and as they age take on more and more additional roles.

Some of the characters students may play include the Snow Queen, snow princesses, icicles, flurries, snowflakes, and demi-snowflakes (students on the younger end who are not quite old enough to be snowflakes, demi-snowflakes are skilled

midway between point and flat). Snowflakes dance on point.

Co-Director Tracy Trotter is Mother Ginger and has been playing this role since The Wenatchee Nutcracker began. This year's production will see the exciting addition of two new characters, Mother Ginger's sisters, Ms. Cinnamon and Ms. Nutmeg. Additionally, this version of the Nutcracker will feature a Lead Angel who descends from the Christmas tree.

The addition of characters are not the only new elements audience members may have to look forward to this year. Katie

Spurbeck-Perez, Office Manager, Instructor, and first ever Clara for The Wenatchee Nutcracker shares, "We're really excited for another good year, and we're going to have new enhancements for the tree that grows during the battle scene as well, so we're really just excited about everything."

For a sneak preview of what magic The Wenatchee Nutcracker brings us this season, they will be performing an excerpt from the ballet as part of Holiday Spice, a review featuring a variety of regional talents at the Numerica Performing Arts Cen-

ter on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Dates for The Wenatchee Nutcracker are Dec. 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 and 10 at 2 p.m., performances held at the Numerica Performing Arts Center located at 123 N. Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Performances are 90 minutes.

All ticket sales are through the Numerica Performing Arts Center. Tickets can either be purchased in person or by calling the NPAC box office at (509) 663-ARTS.

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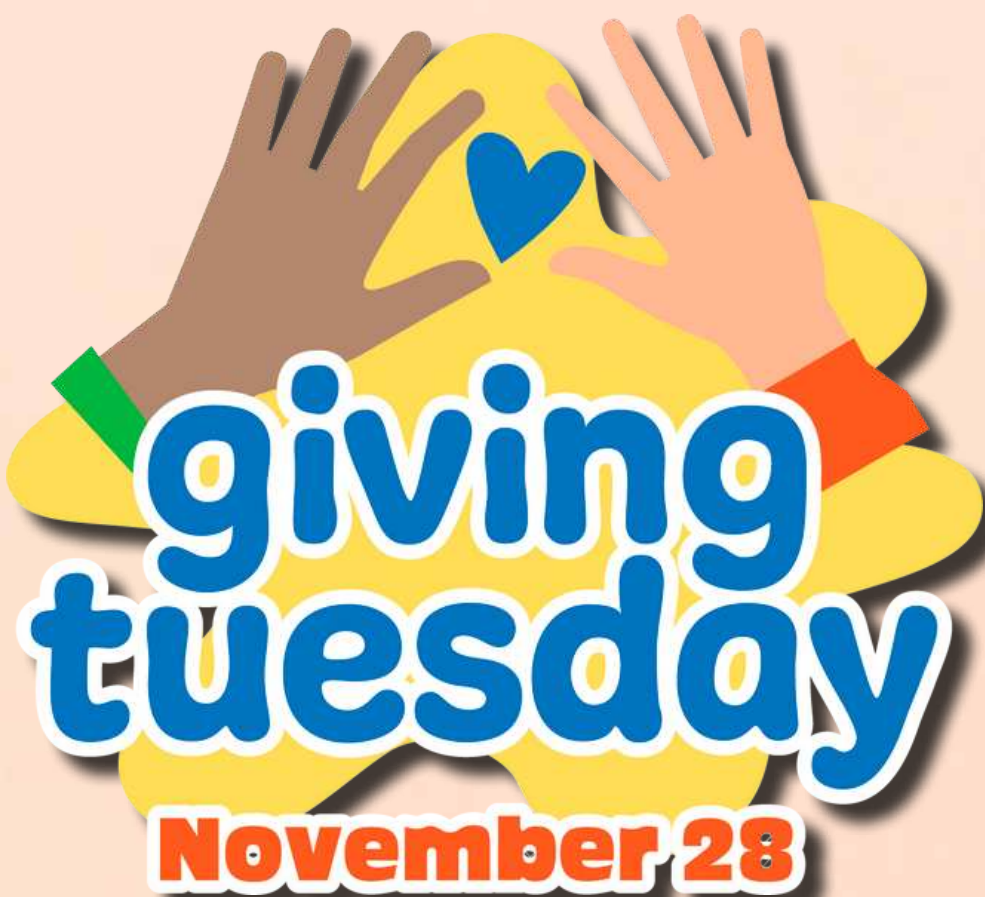
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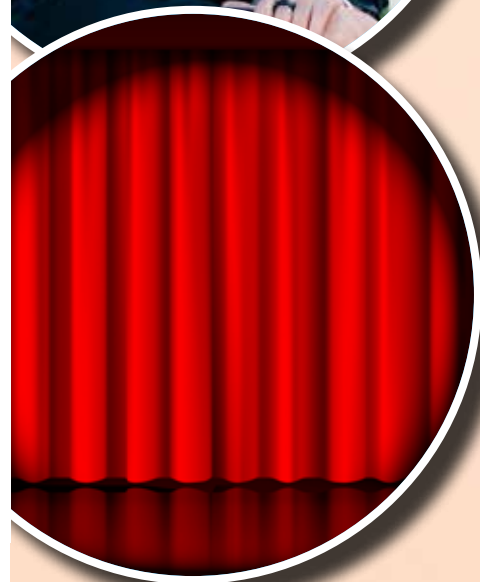
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As we enter the season of gratitude and goodwill, it's with great pleasure that we unveil this special section dedicated to Giving Tuesday—an opportunity for us all to make a meaningful impact in our community.

At Ward Media, we firmly believe in the power of collective generosity and the profound difference it can make. As the Publisher of community newspapers across the region, our commitment to our readership goes beyond delivering news; it extends to fostering a thriving, supportive environment for all.

Today, we unite in celebration of Giving Tuesday—a day dedicated to giving back, supporting local causes, and uplifting the organizations that form the bedrock of our community. It's a day that transcends mere donations; it's a testament to our shared values, a symbol of our unity, and a catalyst for positive change.

The significance of giving back cannot be overstated. It is a tangible expression of our

solidarity, an embodiment of our empathy, and a testament to our commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant community. As we showcase some of the nonprofits in our area, their remarkable initiatives, and the incredible people behind them, we hope to inspire each and every one of you to join us in this noble endeavor.

Whether it's a small gesture of kindness, a donation of time, resources, or support for a cause close to your heart, remember that every contribution—no matter the size—matters. Together, our actions ripple outward, creating waves of positivity and empowerment that reverberate across our neighborhoods and beyond.

In the spirit of Giving Tuesday, let us come together, united in purpose, and extend a helping hand to those in

need. Let us embrace the joy of giving and share in the fulfillment that comes from making a difference in the lives of others.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the stories within these pages, to be inspired, and to embark on your own journey of giving. Let us stand as a beacon of compassion and solidarity, nurturing a community where generosity knows no bounds.

Thank you for joining us on this extraordinary day of giving and for being an integral part of the fabric that makes our community truly exceptional.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Terry Ward,
Publisher



The link between volunteering and academic performance

There are many reasons for parents to encourage children who express an interest in volunteering. Volunteering is a social activity that can help children develop their social and networking skills, and many parents credit volunteering with instilling a sense of perspective in their children that they might not have gained had they not been exposed to people from different backgrounds.

Volunteering also has been linked to stronger academic performance. The Corporation for National and Community Service reports that students

who indicate they're doing better in school are more likely to be volunteers than students who report doing less well. The broadened exposure to people and places that students may otherwise not encounter without volunteering also can benefit them in the classroom, helping them more readily identify with cultures and societies they're studying.

College applicants with volunteering experience also may set themselves apart in the increasingly competitive application process. Though a 2019 Pew Research study reported that most schools

admit more than two-thirds of their applicants, that figure is significantly lower at many of the more highly rated institutions in the United States. For example, Stanford University (4.3 percent) and Harvard University (4.9 percent) recently reported acceptance rates below 5 percent.

Though volunteering alone won't help applicants gain acceptance to such competitive institutions, it can serve as a strong résumé builder and be even more effective if it also produces the previously noted improvements in academic performance.

How to start an employee volunteer program

Passion for volunteering is commendable. Some individuals are so excited about the prospects of giving back that they may want to recruit more people to help. Such individuals may find that their place of employment is a great place to spearhead volunteer recruitment efforts.

Companies are diverse, but they also tend to attract like-minded individuals, which can make it easier to recruit potential volunteers. Business owners or human resources personnel looking to strengthen relationships among employees and give back to their communities can consider beginning volunteer programs at work. Here are some tips to begin this journey.

Choose a cause to support

While national nonprofits are worthy of support, employees may be more excited about partnering with local initiatives. Human

resource departments or the employees who are starting volunteer programs at work can poll workers on which causes to stand behind. For example, a company that produces outdoor recreation clothing and equipment might

want to support local efforts that focus on conservation in nearby parks. If a company has a strong stance on education, gear volunteerism around providing supplies for students or improving technological resources in schools.

Involve leadership

It's important to get the backing and approval of company leaders before starting a volunteer group. Since you may be using company resources and infringing on some company time, make sure that higher-ups are supportive. They also may be able to let organizers know whether a certain cause is complementary to the company mission or if it infringes on their mission. For example, a company that

produces plastic products may not mesh with volunteer groups that have negative things to say about plastic products.

Start recruiting volunteers

Reach out to employees and spell out the program's mission during your recruitment efforts. This may be a task that the human resources department can help with. If the company has a department that organizes employee engagement activities, then that group would be a valuable resource as well.

It is also important to think about where volunteers may fit in. Assigning jobs and figuring out how many volunteers and man-hours will be required to complete tasks can provide a

greater sense of the scope of the venture.

Establish when volunteerism will take place

It's best to have ground rules about how much of the employer-supported volunteer work will occur after hours. Some companies may be amenable to having a certain pocket of time taken from the work day, such as establishing Early Dismissal Fridays for volunteers. Employees can base their participation on how it will affect their schedules.

Establishing a volunteer program at work can be a great way to get involved and build strong relationships within the community.



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Join the Fun!

The Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Community & Senior Center is a non-profit organization with focus on our senior community. We are starting our membership drive for 2024 and our dues are only \$12.00 per person. Donations are always appreciated.

We are also looking for volunteers for our thrift shop. This



could be an opportunity for kids from the schools to earn credit for community service.

As a non-profit organization, we offer many services to the community, some of which is loaning out medical equipment. We also run a monthly commodity program for Community Action. Hot meals are served three days a week serviced by OCTN. The OCTN bus runs 3 days a week locally and to Wenatchee on Thursday.

Come join us – it's a great way to serve our communities!
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Leavenworth Summer Theater is kicking off its 30th Anniversary Season of Theater Under the Stars

Be a part of the magic with your donation!

Leavenworth Summer Theater began as the vision of John and Susan Wagner and Bill Weis in 1994. Today, LST welcomes dozens of local and traveling actors and musicians each summer.

Great talent and a terrific outdoor location come together to create something truly magical. Today, Leavenworth Summer Theater is the largest theater between Seattle and Spokane, with more than 20,000 people expected each summer.

Local families have made it a memorable tradition. Join in the fun!

Celebrating 30 Years of Theater Magic

Leavenworth Summer Theater on Giving Tuesday

As the holiday season approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude, and what better way to channel that spirit than by supporting the arts? This Giving Tuesday, we are thrilled to share the story of Leavenworth Summer Theater, a nonprofit organization embarking on its 30th-anniversary season of enchanting theater under the stars.

Founded in 1994 by John and Susan Wagner and Bill Weis, Leavenworth Summer Theater has grown to become the largest theater between Seattle and Spokane. Our commitment to providing family-friendly outdoor musical experiences

in the picturesque foothills surrounding Leavenworth has garnered the love and support of more than 20,000 patrons each summer.

This upcoming season promises to be extra special as we showcase Disney's Beauty and the Beast and continue the beloved Leavenworth family tradition of The Sound of Music, both performed at the breathtaking Ski Hill Amphitheater. With show dates in July and August, we invite you to join us for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, music, and the magic of live theater.

What sets us apart is not just our captivating productions but also the sense

of community we foster. Each summer, we welcome 50-70 actors and musicians, some of whom hail from local areas, while others travel from across the nation to be part of our theatrical family.

As we prepare for this milestone season, your support on Giving Tuesday can help us continue our mission of bringing the arts to the heart of our community. Join us in celebrating 30 years of Leavenworth Summer Theater, where every ticket purchased and every donation made contributes to the magic that is live outdoor theater. Together, let's ensure that the lights on our stage continue to shine brightly for years to come.

The Impact of Your Contribution

Small Donations, Big Change

As Giving Tuesday approaches, it's a time to reflect on the power of generosity and the remarkable impact that even small donations can have on creating significant change in our communities. While the idea of making a difference often seems synonymous with large sums of money, the reality is that every contribution, regardless of size, plays a vital role in shaping a brighter future.

In the realm of charitable giving, it's essential to recognize that small donations collectively contribute to a substantial force for positive change. These contributions, when combined, form a mosaic of support that can address various needs and challenges faced by local organizations and initiatives.

One of the remarkable aspects of small donations is their ability to provide immediate assistance where it's needed most. Local charities and nonprofits often rely on a steady influx of modest contributions to sustain their day-to-day operations and fund essential programs. These funds may go towards providing meals for the hungry, educational resources for underserved communities, or support for those facing unexpected crises.

Moreover, small donations

have a cascading effect on community engagement. When individuals contribute, they not only provide financial support but also signal to others the importance of giving back. This ripple effect creates a culture of philanthropy, inspiring more people to join the cause and amplifying the overall impact.

Consider the example of a local literacy program that aims to improve educational outcomes for children. A modest donation may provide the necessary materials for a child to participate in reading programs, setting them on a path towards academic success. Multiply that by numerous small donations, and suddenly, the program has the resources to expand its reach, benefiting even more children in the community.

In the digital age, the ease of making small donations has never been greater. Online

platforms and crowdfunding initiatives allow individuals to contribute to causes they care about with just a few clicks. This accessibility empowers people to support a variety of initiatives, breaking down barriers and enabling anyone, regardless of financial means, to make a positive impact.

As we approach Giving Tuesday, let's celebrate the incredible potential of small donations. Whether it's contributing to one of the many North Cascade local food banks, supporting a community project, or aiding a cause close to your heart, know that your generosity, no matter the amount, is part of a collective force that can bring about meaningful change. Together, let's embrace the spirit of giving and recognize the profound impact we can achieve when we all contribute, no matter how small the gesture.



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Women make up the greatest percentage of volunteers.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says women currently volunteer roughly 6 percent more than men. What types of jobs might volunteers be doing? Fundraising for an event is the most common type of volunteer job in the United States. This is followed by tutoring or teaching; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food; general labor; professional or management assistance; and coaching, refereeing or supervising sports teams.

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By UVCARES

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Facts About UVCares Behavioral Health

- A registered 501c3 non-profit charitable organization - donations are tax deductible.
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Cyber scams come in many different forms

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In a relatively short period of time, the internet has changed the way people live. Things that might have been unimaginable as recently as a quarter century ago are now ingrained in daily life. For instance, few people in the late 1990s might have imagined a day when billions of people across the globe would be walking around with mini-computers capable of taking hi-resolution photos in their pockets. But smartphones have long since become an accepted and vital part of life in the 21st century.

The internet has opened doors to new possibilities, but it's also left other doors open for cybercriminals. Any home with an internet connection is potentially vulnerable to internet scams. Recognition of that fact and awareness of the following scams can reduce the likelihood of being victimized by opportunistic cybercriminals.

- **Disaster relief scams:** Human beings' innate sense of compassion is on full display in the aftermath of natural disasters when people across the globe typically donate hundreds of millions of dollars in an effort to help people whose lives have been turned upside down by hurricanes, wildfires, and other devastating events.

But skilled cybercriminals prey on that compassion by setting up bogus relief efforts. Such efforts may involve fake charities with names that are similar but slightly different than well-known, legitimate nonprofit organizations. Operations such as Charity Navigator make it easy to verify if a charitable organization is legitimate, and would-be donors should utilize such resources prior to making any donations.

- **Phishing scams:** Phishing scams are among the oldest cyber scams, but they still nab victims every day. The Federal Trade Commission warns that many phishing scams are conducted via email or text messages and inform potential victims that there is an issue with their finances. Some may say there are issues with a bank account, credit card or even a tax return. Skeptics may wonder how anyone could fall for a phishing scam in the age of two-factor authentication and other security measures. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that phishing scams cost victims nearly \$60 million in 2019, indicating they're still a lucrative source of

income for cybercriminals.
 • **Formjacking:** Formjacking is a retail-based scam in which online shoppers' personal and financial information is stolen. In such instances, a retail website could be hacked without users' knowledge. When it comes time to purchase items they've placed in their carts, users are redirected to a fraudulent payment page, where they enter personal information, such as their credit card number, that cybercriminals then steal. When buying items online, shoppers should confirm that the URL on the payment page aligns with the retailer they're buying from. If the URL is missing even a single letter (think Amzon.com instead of Amazon.com), then chances are a formjacking scam is being operated.

Tech support scams, in which users are asked to download applications to fix an infected computer, and similar download-based fake antivirus software scams are some additional examples of cyber scams. Users are urged to be on the lookout for each of these types of scams and exercise caution whenever something doesn't seem right or authentic.



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UVCares is a nonprofit organization that delivers mental health and substance use drug and alcohol addiction healthcare while addressing barriers that include access, affordability, and community outreach.

How Your Donation Helps a Person in Need

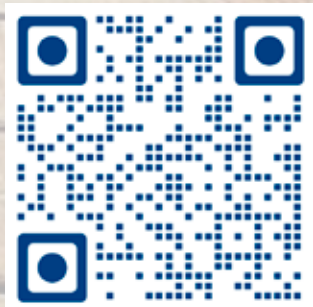
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As a Local Program Partner of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Okanogan County Child Development Association (OCCDA) ensures that children in the community receive books at no cost to families.

This program is funded solely by grants and community donations.

To ensure children continue to receive these books every month, please donate to OCCDA today through Give NCW.

Enrolled children from birth to age five receive a **free, high-quality, developmentally appropriate book every month.** The book is addressed directly to the child to help spark excitement in building a foundation in early literacy.

Research shows that having access to books helps

children gain early literacy skills and prepares them for kindergarten. When parents read to their children, it also provides opportunities for the parent and child to bond. We have delivered nearly 50,000 books to over 2,600 local children.

The Give NCW campaign is open on Thanksgiving Day until Dec. 31, 2023.

To donate, please visit <https://cfnw.org/givencw2023/>



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Giving Tuesday:

A global movement spreading hope and generosity

Rooted in the spirit of generosity, this global phenomenon, celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, encourages individuals and communities worldwide to embrace the act of giving back.

Origin and History:

Emerging in 2012 as a response to the commercialism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the concept of Giving Tuesday was born from a collaboration between the 92nd Street Y, a

cultural and community center in New York City, and the United Nations Foundation. Fueled by the power of social media and the collective desire to make a positive impact, this initiative swiftly gained traction, transcending borders and cultures.

The Purpose and Impact:

Giving Tuesday serves as a beacon of hope, uniting people across the globe to support causes close to their hearts. Whether contributing funds

to charitable organizations, volunteering time and expertise, or simply spreading awareness, this day empowers individuals to effect change in their communities and beyond.

Unwavering Support and Growth:

Over the years, the ethos of Giving Tuesday has reverberated across continents, igniting a spirit of philanthropy that knows no bounds. Organizations, corporations, and individuals join forces, amplifying the impact of their contributions to address diverse issues, from education and healthcare to environmental conservation and social justice.

Local Initiatives and Participation:

Communities around the world, including our own in North Central Washington, embrace Giving Tuesday with enthusiasm and passion. From charitable drives and fundraising events to volunteer-led initiatives, the spirit of giving resonates deeply within our neighborhoods, enriching lives and fostering a culture of compassion.

Looking Ahead:

As the world faces various challenges, the significance of Giving Tuesday continues to grow, reminding us of the profound impact of altruism. With each passing year, this day serves as a powerful reminder that generosity knows no bounds and that collective action can pave the way for a brighter, more compassionate world.



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How to make a charity a beneficiary

Giving to charity can be a rewarding endeavor that makes a difference in the lives of people in need. Many people donate throughout their lives, and some people may want to impart a more lasting legacy by continuing to support a charity even after they have passed away.

Incorporating a charity into an estate plan is a great way to continue giving after you pass away. Individuals may not know how to make charities beneficiaries in their wills. A financial planner, attorney or accountant can answer the more complex questions individuals have about naming charities as beneficiaries in a will. In the meantime, this general guide can serve as a solid foundation for individuals

who want to give back in their wills.

Most people think of beneficiaries as loved ones, but a beneficiary can be any person or entity one chooses to leave money to, including nonprofit organizations. It's relatively the same process to name a charity as a beneficiary as it is an individual. According to the resource Trust & Will, first identify the charity that will be supported, including getting its Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number. Next, determine which type of gift to make, which may be a predetermined financial contribution, a gift of property, or other assets like stocks. For large donations like real estate or cars, it may be best to contact the charity in advance

to ensure they are able to accept such gifts. Finally, be sure to include your wishes in an estate plan. A qualified attorney can help clients draft a will that spells out their wishes in detail.

Keep in mind that charities also can be named as beneficiaries on life insurance policies or individual retirement accounts. They also can be listed on bank accounts. Again, people are urged to discuss all options with estate planners to ensure their plans fully reflect their wishes.

When naming a charity as a beneficiary, it can be wise to inform family members and other beneficiaries so no one is caught off guard upon your death. This way the charitable gift is not held up by delays in executing the will.

Signs of charitable fraud

Giving to charity is a selfless endeavor that's vital to the survival of countless nonprofit organizations across the globe. Without the generosity of donors, many charitable organizations would cease to exist, leaving the people they help vulnerable to illness and financial hardship.

Fraud may be the furthest thing from donors' minds, but it's something charitable individuals must be aware of as they consider donating to charity. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, charity fraud increases during the holiday season, when many people embrace the spirit of giving and seek to make end-of-year tax deductible gifts to their favorite charities.

The FBI also warns that charity scams are common after disasters or tragedies, including pandemics. The Federal Trade Commission noted in September 2020 that Americans had lost more than \$145 million to charity fraud

related to the coronavirus in the first six months of the pandemic.

One measure all prospective donors should take is to learn the signs of charitable fraud. Many charity scams target seniors, but no one is entirely safe from charity fraud. AARP notes that the following are some warning signs of charity fraud.

Pressure to give: Reputable charities do not pressure prospective donors into giving. A strong, trustworthy charity will accept donations whenever donors choose to make them. Legitimate operations like the American Red Cross may heighten their solicitations after natural disasters, but such groups still will not try to pressure people into donating.

Thanking donors for donations they don't recall making: AARP notes that some charitable fraud perpetrators will try to convince potential victims they have already given to a cause. This is done in an effort

to lower potential victims' resistance, giving them a false sense of security and the impression that a fraudulent operation is legitimate. If donors don't recall donating to a specific charity, chances are strong they didn't make such a donation and that the message of gratitude is merely a fishing expedition intended to reel in new victims.

Requests for cash, gift cards, or wire transfers: Cash, gifts, and wire transfers are difficult to trace, which makes it easier for perpetrators of fraud to escape the authorities. Reputable charities will welcome donations made by personal check or credit card.

Perpetrators of charitable fraud prey on the vulnerability of well-meaning donors who simply want to support a good cause. Learning to spot signs of charitable fraud can provide an added measure of protection against the criminals behind such operations.



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Thinking Outside the Box in Giving: Unconventional Ways to Contribute to Causes Beyond Traditional Donations

As Giving Tuesday approaches, a day dedicated to charitable acts and giving back to the community, it's an opportune time to explore unconventional ways of making a difference beyond the traditional avenues of monetary donations. While financial contributions are undoubtedly valuable, there are myriad creative and unexpected ways to support causes close to your heart. This year, let's think outside the box and discover innovative ways to contribute to meaningful change.

Time and Skills Donation:

Instead of reaching for your

wallet, consider giving the gift of your time and skills. Many non-profit organizations are in constant need of volunteers to support their missions. Whether you have expertise in graphic design, marketing, event planning, or simply a willingness to lend a hand, your skills can make a tangible impact. Offer to help with social media campaigns, create promotional materials, or organize fundraising events. Your time and talents can be just as valuable as a monetary donation.

Micro-Volunteering:

For those with hectic schedules, micro-volunteering offers a convenient way

to contribute in bite-sized increments. Websites like Sparked and Catchafire connect volunteers with short-term, online projects that can be completed in as little as 15 minutes. This allows individuals to make a meaningful impact, even during a coffee break or while waiting for a bus.

Donation of Goods:

Clean out your closet or declutter your home with a purpose. Many charities accept donations of gently used clothing, household items, and even technology. Your old laptop or smartphone, for instance, could provide educational opportunities for

those in need. Check with local organizations to see what specific items they are currently seeking.

Educational Initiatives:

Share your knowledge and passion by engaging in educational initiatives. Offer to host a workshop or mentorship program for individuals interested in your field of expertise. Education is a powerful tool for empowerment, and your guidance can help open doors for others.

Social Media Advocacy:

Leverage the power of social media to raise awareness about causes that matter

to you. Share informative content, inspiring stories, and calls to action on platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Your online presence can help amplify the reach of organizations, sparking conversations and encouraging others to get involved.

Random Acts of Kindness:

Sometimes, the simplest acts can have the most profound impact. Embrace the philosophy of random acts of kindness by surprising strangers with small gestures of goodwill. Whether it's paying for someone's coffee

or leaving uplifting notes in public spaces, spreading positivity can create a ripple effect that extends far beyond the initial act.

This Giving Tuesday, let's redefine the meaning of giving by exploring unconventional ways to make a positive impact. Whether it's through volunteering your time, sharing your skills, or embracing small acts of kindness, there are countless ways to contribute to causes that matter. By thinking outside the box, we can create a culture of giving that extends beyond traditional donations and fosters a spirit of generosity that lasts throughout the year.

Charities that help children

Whitney Houston famously sang "the children are our future." Each generation has the potential to change the world. Even the most determined children need some helping hands in order to reach their full potential, especially if they must confront financial, medical, or other obstacles.

Charitable organizations assist individuals in various ways. Children's charities help kids in need, whether they are facing poverty, need critical medical care, come from abusive homes, or require learning assistance. The following are some of the many critical children's charities working to help youngsters reach their full potential.

Wheels for Wishes: This organization helps children of the Make-A-

Wish Foundation. Wheels for Wishes facilitates car donations that can help fund experiences for critically ill children. (www.wheelsforwishes.org)

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer: This organization was started by the parents of Alexandra "Alex" Scott, a young girl who had cancer and succumbed to the disease in 2004. The group helps raise funds for pediatric cancer research. (www.AlexsLemonade.org)

WorldVision: This group was founded in 1950 by Robert Pierce to support Christian mission services for families experiencing crises in East Asia. It is now the largest international non-governmental organization helping impoverished children in Asia and elsewhere. (www.worldvision.org)

Save the Children: This charity works internationally and in the United States to sponsor children experiencing abuse, physical abuse, neglect, and sexual exploitation. (www.savethechildren.org)

Imagination Library: This organization, started by country star Dolly Parton, provides free books to children from birth through age 5. While it began for kids in rural Tennessee in 1995, the charity now distributes one million books to children across the U.S. to help foster a love of reading. (<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>)

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital: The work at St. Jude's helps to fund research to find cures and new treatments for childhood cancers. St. Jude's also provides safe and free medical services to children with cancer. (www.stjude.org)

Locks of Love: This charity provides wigs made of real hair for children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. The wigs are made from donated ponytails to provide the highest quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children. (<https://locksoflove.org>)



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Making wishes: one furry friend at a time

By MAKE-A-WISH ALASKA AND WASHINGTON

When Make-A-Wish alumna Krystin Intrchoodech was in the hospital, the only people outside of her family she got to see were her nurses and doctors.

"It was very lonely," said Krystin reflecting on the seven months she spent in the hospital undergoing five rounds of life-saving treatment for leukemia.

But while there, she found comfort from an unexpected source: a fluffy, pink, Build-A-Bear teddy gifted to her by her dad and brother. It was just the companion Krystin needed to lift her spirits.

She affectionately named her furry friend Krystin Jr., and the two were inseparable. "She slept with it every night," said her mom, Ladda.

During that time, she was introduced to Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington -- the non-profit that grants wishes to local children with critical illnesses -- and was told she qualified for a wish.

"I thought about all the things I could wish for and decided that I wanted to give back," she said. "I wanted every child to have a friend - something to be there for them in their time of need to comfort them."

And so, that became her wish -- to give back.

For a day, the pediatric cancer units at the hospital were transformed into Build-A-Bear workshops. Large stuffing machines were set up in the family rooms of the outpatient cancer clinics. Adorable outfits and various furry friends were laid out so patients at the hospital could create a one-of-a-kind stuffed animal just for them.

Bear Builders from Build-A-Bear worked with each patient individually to stuff the bears, perform Heart Ceremonies, and stitch them up with love and care.

As children brought their furry friends to life, it was almost as if more wishes were coming true, the power of a wish touching each person involved.

"Krystin embodies the spirit of generosity that fills the air this time of year and is vital for Make-A-Wish to continue its work," said Angela Miller, vice president, regional and volunteer programs for Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington. "We rely on volunteer support and donations to make life-changing wishes like Krystin's possible."

In fact, the local chapter is in dire need of volunteers who speak both English and Spanish in Chelan and Douglas counties. "Right now, we have a handful of volunteers who are single-handedly granting all the wishes in Central and Eastern Washington."

Volunteers meet with families -- helping them through the wish-granting process, including planning their wishes.

"For anyone looking for a fun and joyful hands-on experience working directly with kids and families, this is a volunteer opportunity unlike anything else," Miller said. "When people hear the name Make-A-Wish, there is a common misconception that we have all the funding and resources we need because we are so well-known. But that's not true."

If Krystin's wish has inspired you, please visit wish.org/akwa/Krystin to learn about how you can help grant life-changing wishes like hers by donating your time as a volunteer or making a gift of cash or frequent flyer miles.

