## Quad City



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## PATEROS CITY COUNCIL

New tree plantings approved; resident wants them to be native

PATEROS-The Pateros Cit Council approved a site plan at Council approved a site plan at
its regular September meeting for new tree plantings along Warren Avenue.
A Warren Ave requested that the council consider planting native trees rather than non-native species.
The city approved the plan The city approved the plan on the recommendation of Workshops held on Sept and 12 and studied tree educa tion and selection for Warren Avenue
Warren Avenue residen Eric Forner wants to see native plants in front of his property. He noted that Native Americas have lived in the area for thou migrants who established the city are relative newcomers. "My question is whether the tree planting commission is going to consider using native plants?" Forner asked. " know they have not been use in any other city and maybe

## be a trendsetter.

 Forner offered the counci some ideas. "We do have a local nursery Methow Natives," Forner said "Rob Crandall could supply nursery stock for several dif ferent varieties, and it would be a fraction of the cost of importing exotic species from wherever they come from." Crandal, a native plant spe the only comprehensive supthe only comprehensive supin Okanogan County. City Administrator Jord Wil son responded that Pateros has used native species in other parts of the city, "It's difficult - as was dis cussed at the workshop - to ings into urban settings be cause the uses don't really mesh well," Wilson said. "A Ponderosa tree is monstrous, and they just don't do well in sidewalks."Wilson pointed out area where natives are used
"We planted a lot of native species in our parks where we feel they are appropriate in size and use along the shoreline," Wilson said. "We do have a native planting next spring species which are difficult in species which are difficult in
urban areas because they are susceptible to disease and so susceptibe
forth."
Wiso
Wilson said Crandall is going to help the city with the native plantings scheduled to go in at Ives Landing. he Memorial to the Methow in Lakeshore Park has all but one native plant used there. "In a street zone you've got 45 feet of pavement, sidewalks, iver rock, so the environment is very different than a native environment," Wilson said. we brought in a landscape architect - the tree expert to help us for long term." Wilson summed up the tree workshop's purpose in one sentence: "Suitable trees for suitable space, and that's where
that selection comes from."

Forner suggested that native
plants adapted to survive here would require less water and maintenance over the years than exotics.
Council Council member Chantel
Poole countered that the trees Poole countered that the trees chosen were for reasons of not
only the street growing conditions but also for their beautification, shade, and canopies that did not fit the native species mold. "It wasn't that natives
weren't considered," added weren't considered," added
Wilson. "They didn't fit the Wilson. "They didn"t fit the
goals set out by the workshop." Thals set out by the workshop.
The Warren Avenue Sidewalk Project was completed last summer and funded by a $\$ 364,758$ grant from the State Transportation Improvement Board. It extends the sidewalk from Chris Street on its east
end to the tennis courts on Riverside Drive on the west. The erside Drive on the west. The green buffer space, rock-filled green buffer space, rock-filled amps, and crosswalks.

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The north side of Warren Avenue received aLTAIS/WARD MEDIA

EDUCATION
Bridgeport school board faces 2024 levy renewal


School board member Kathy Corbin
By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT - With the Bridgeport School District's grams and Operations levy that passed in 2020 up for renewal in February 2024, Superintendent Scott Sattler conducted regular monthly school board meeting on Sept. 25 to refresh board members on the types of levies and bonds that finance school operations.
The background
In 2017, the district ran


MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
School board member Jean Hardie
$\$ 4.4$ million bond to finance expansion and renovation of
school facilities, relieve overchool facilities, relieve over ture and enhance security. "We refinanced that bond so we could lower taxes and save the taxpayers 13 cents per thousand," Sattler said. "We made our campus better, our facilities better, we rolled we are talking about another


In 2023, the state scoreboard for school levies showed 41 school levies running with an See SCHOOL on Page A2

## Levy Types

- Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP\&O) formerly known as a Maintenance and Operations (M\&O) Levy (1-4
years).
Sattler nod that for the past 12 years, Bridgeport has put forth the four-year EP\&O, and that is the one that is up for renewal next February.
- Capital Projects Levy
(1-6 years)
(1-6 years)
"You may recall that in 201 we had some severe
needs in our elementary school with leaking roofs and some mold issues," Sattler said. "We ran a capital projects levy to address those needs and that was paid off
in two years." in two years."
Levy (TVL) 12 號 Levy (TVL) 1-2 years.
- Bonds (terms vary 20 years are most common).
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## HEALTHCARE

Hospital board addresses strategy options as vote approaches

By MIKE MALTAIS By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter BREWSTER - The Three Rivers Hospital Board of Directors is keeping several balls in the air while it juggles options in the face of an upcoming bond vote in November and
strategies for how the outcome will affect services The ballot measure ing voters to approve a $\$ 72$ million, 30 -year bond for a new facility to replace the existing 75 -year-one. At its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 27, the board
discussed where the emphasis discussed where the emphasis
should be on future services and whether to make any specialist hiring decisions now or after the bond results are in. Chief Executive Scott Graham gave his support to primary care. "I think one of the things we want to do regardless is contin-
ue to grow our primary care," ue to grow our primary care,"
Graham said "We know that Graham said. "We know that
is the direction this is going; is the direction this is going;
ultimately Medicare, Medicaid, the big insurance companies want to keep patients out of the hospital and are emphasizing
being able to prevent in-patient being able to prevent in-patient


Chief MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA Graham
stays by doing more robust primary care."
Graham said the shift for TRH has been incremental in that direction from five or six years ago when the focus was
more on specialty care but as more on specialty care but as
they look toward the future the hospital needs to look for opportunities in primary care. Graham explained that while the long-term goal for TRH is to provide more primary care, the short term is more problematic
bond vote pending. "Timing is everything and we may not have everything in the sequence that we would like," Graham said. "We may end up with providers at our engage even though we are
not ready financially or spacewise."
If the If the bond measure passes, with hospital will be challenged with maintaining operations and treating patients while
a two-phase renovation and a two-phase renovation and
building process is taking place in the same 50,000 square feet that the facility now occupies. suggested relocating the hossuggested relocating the hos-
pital to Pateros to be closer to access from the upper valley.
Pruett said he discussed the Pruett said he discussed the Three Rivers in a more central location to the state's largest location to the st.
hospital district.

A concern we will always have for people in the upper,
Methow is that 'golden hour, that window," said Pruett referring to the trauma term often used for the first critical 60 minutes to get definitive treatment for an injured or sick person.
Graham su
Graham summed up a major decision about resoun.
tion options ahead.
"In terms of primary care and specialty care it may be time to think about where we

## Brewster police to get new body cameras

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Repo
BREWSTER - The Brewster
Police DSat new and more versatile body cameras for its five-man force, per a report Chief Marcos Ruiz delivered at the Sept. 21 city council meeting. The department's existing body cameras acquired in 2017
are being phased out under five-year contract that ended in 2022.
Ruiz said the new system
will include a portal that will allow the public to upload video and photos of incidents in progress and
"The 4G connectivity will
enforement allow real time GPS for officer safety," Ruiz added. "We will be able to see where the officer's at and if he sends an alert, a supervisor can watch live on the phone and talk to the officer." Ruiz said the $\$ 40,000$ price
tag is a large purchase but that the system will relieve substantial liability for the

city helping determine what actually happened in a specific actually happent
police incident.

Having the capability to
review footage of what really review footage of what really happe
said.
Other news

- New rates: The rate the city contributes to the North city contributes to the North Task Force (NCWNTF) is going up. In 2013, the NCWNTF rate was $\$ 2,000$, in 2015 it was $\$ 3,000$,
and the last increase moved the and the last increase mov
rate to $\$ 3,300$ in 2017 . rate to $\$ 3,300$ in 2017. ery city in the county will be $\$ 6,600$. The city has approved
 the new rate Sunrise Disposal's rate re-
quest for a 5 percent cost-ofliving adjustment and fuel increase won council approval
on Mayor Art Smyth's recomon Mayor Art
mendation.
- Good work: The mayor gave a shout-out to Finance Director Misty Ruiz that he read to the council from the state auditor's office: "We would like to thank Misty Ruiz for a very timely
response, professionalism, and response, professionalism, and
overall helpfulness during the See Council on Page A3


## DEMAD



## Connecting with our community

As we navigate the ever-
evolving landscape of local evolving landscape of local
journalism, I am reminded journalism, I am reminded closely connected with the communities we serve here in North Central Washington. The heart and soul of our newspapers and media ventures lie in the people, businesses, and orga nizations that call this region home. That's why I've made it a personal mission to get out readers. In recent weeks, T ve had the
privilege of sitting down with several community members, each with unique stories and perspectives. These candid conversations have not only been enlightening but have


From the Publisher

## telling the s

ost to you. Additionally, I had the plea sure of meeting with the Cashmere Chamber of Commerces
er insights into the commendable work they do in supporting our local business community.
Their dedication to fostering Their dedication to fostering tion is truly remarkable. One particular highlight my journey was addressing the Leavenworth Rotary Club. It was an opportunity to engage in a thoughtful discussion about the future of local journalism and the vital role it plays in our and support I Tencountered there were truly inspiring As the CEO and Publisher of As the CEO and Publisher of
Ward Media, I want to emphasize our accessibility to the communities we serve. Whether you're part of a community organization, a local business, or
for North Central Washington, I invite you to reach out. If your rganization is interested in having me as a speaker or if you imply want to connect, please or send an email. Our commitment to you exends beyond the printed pages of our newspapers and the digital landscapes we navigate. It's rooted in the relationships we build, the stories we share,
and the community we foster and the community we foster ogether. Your voices. Thank you for entrusting us with your stories, and Ilook forward to continuing this journey of connection and collaboration.

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## SCHOOL

88 percent approval rate. "Bridgeport has a long hislevies, and capital levies, Sattler said. "Our 2020 EP\&O levy passed with 55.5 percent, the 2016 capital levy got 61 percent, and the 2017 bond received overwhelming community support."
A plan forward Sattler's recommendation
to the board is not to rock the axpayers' boat.
"It's going to be the board's decision on what type of levy we run," said Sattler, looking ahead to next year. "I would encourage the board to think
about a replacement levy
which is keeping taxes flat; we don't raise taxes; we keep them at the same level they are." Boardmember Kathy Corbin favors taking the low road. a very minimal rate would be smarter because of the whole thing with the economy...the higher cost of gas, the higher cost of groceries," Corbin said. It is much more likely to pass if we keep it even."
Board member Jean Hardie echoes Corbin's concerns.
"(Voters) are looking into "(Voters) are looking into other levies that will impact
our taxpayers such as the hospital," Hardie said. "Certainly, our supporters have been good at at least what we're asking in the past few years."

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## TECHNOLOGY

## Broadband Action Team tackles the digital divide

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County and Colville Confederated Tribes Broadband Action Team (BAT for short) hosted the first Zoom meeting of the North Central Washing. ton Broadband Coalition since to bridge the county's digital divide.
ence was held immediately
following the regular monthly
breaking ceremony at noon on following the regular monthly
BAT Zoom meeting chaired by Economic Alliance Executive Director Roni Holder-Diefenbach last Thursday, Sept. 28. Holder-Diefenbach began with some good news on two fronts, Ziply Fiber and the Board of
Okanogan County Commis Okanogan Cou Ziply has com Ziply has completed its In the City of Brewster and will

Thursday, Oct. 5, at City Hall, Thursday, Oct. 5,
105 Third Street.
Last month H Last month Holder-Diefen bach met with the BOCC to set covery Plan Act (ARPA) funds for county broadband projects. Since that meeting the BOCC to dedicate those dollars to both the Okanogan PUD and Okanogan County Electric

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Cooperative (OCEC) as the open access network providers for their customers. OCEC $\$ 12.9$ million Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) grant it recently received to cover the upper Methow Valley. As of this writing the PUD is evaluating target areas where
it can best apply its funding. In can best apply its funding. In August the PUD was awarded
a $\$ 30$ million USDA grant to a $\$ 30$ million USDA grant to
bring fiber optic service to 721 homes in northeastern Washington. It has some environmental hoops to jump through but if approved, installation could begin in 12 to 18 months
with a five-year completion with a five-year completion
window. window.

## PERFECTION



The NCW Digital Access and Equity Coalition (NCWand Equity Coalition (NCWlast Thursday's post-BAT zoom call. Summer Hess, the digital equity project manager for the NCW Tech Alliance moderated the meeting. Hess explained that the new coalition hopes to follow the lead of the BAT
but on a broader basis to adbut on a broader basis to ad-
dress digital access and equity dress digital access and equity and Okanogan counties, and the Confederated Tribes. "We've noticed that we have some counties across the region that have broadband action teams and some counties do
ing about a way to bring the disparate pieces together and find ways to bring power and
opportunity so that we are more viable for statewide grants." The coalition got its start when the state Department of Commerce awarded a $\$ 1$ million digital navigator grant to the Community Health Network of Washington (CHNW) to launch the Digital Equity
Initiative. The initiative, in Initiative. The initiative, in
turn, established the NCW coalition in partnership with the North Central Accountable Community of Health and the NCW Tech Alliance. WDEAC is to complement the work of the broadband action work of the broadband action
team for what's being done on a county level," said Hess, "and wherever necessary bring a regional approach to securing funding opportunities.' Hess said the NCW Coalition goals include: Enhance digital access for
the underserved population.
tion.
Increase visibility for digital equity across the region. Knowledge sharing and collaboration.
Increase funding. Hess said the NCW team
will continue to hold quarterly will continue to hold quarterly
meetings, prepare for 2024 meetings, prepare for 2024
grant opportunities, connect grant opportunities, connect
individuals to resources including navigators, and educate local governments and organizations on digital equity best practices and metrics.

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## Douglas County Sheriff's Office

 September 224:47 Welfare Check, 530 18th

| St., Bridgeport |
| :--- |
| 13:28 |
| 911 -call, |

3::2891-call, 491 Rd. 14 N,
Mansfield High School
6:59 Assault, 1400 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
18:53 Civil Dispute, 1919 Monroe Ave., Bridgeport
9:12 Weapons Violation, 141
September 23
September 23 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport
September 24
02:31 Disturbance, 34 Noll-
meyer Ra., Orondo stance, 1419 Columbia Ave. Bridgeport
September 25
09:32 Public Assist, Bridgeport Hill Rd. MP 5 , Mansfield 1:09 Parking/ Abandoned Ve hicle, US Hwy. 2 and Orondo
Loop Rd. Orondo 20:30 Juvenile Proble Maple St., Bridgeport
September 26
9.47 An agency assist was requested on Hwy .97 in Pa teros when a caller reported a red Subaru four-door sedan with police lights, pulled up behind the caller when he was traveling southbound
and turned their lights on, then passed the caller on the right side, then turned the right side, then turned
around and continued northbound.
22:04 A threat was reported on Honeybear Ln. in Brewwhen a male subject threatened a caller via phone six months prior and was reportedly at the location in his vehicle.

## September 27

0:52 Public Assist, 575 Rd. 2 NW, Waterville
13:35 Warrant, Columbia Ave
and 11 th St., Bridgeport and 11th St., Bridgeport
17:40 Alarm, 11 E . Shore St. Orondo
20:16 Extra Patrols, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport
September 28
11:32 Domestic Disturbance 1631 Raymond Ave., Bridge port
1:43 Public Assist, 206 Fair view Ave., Bridgeport Club Rd., Bridgeport 15:32 Traffic Offense, 26th S an Monroe Ave., Bridgeport 2:04 Disturbance, 39 W . 2nd Ave., Mansfield

## Brewster Sheriff's

Department September 21
$\frac{\text { September } 21}{\text { 15:31 A caller reported their }}$ 11-year-old had returned home from school and it was suspicious that no one was at the residence, on Main St in Omak
6:28 A burglary was reported locker that appeared to 97 at a store locker that appeared to have tars and two amps reported stolen.
September 22
09:25 A pharmacy alarm door was triggered on Hwy. 97 in Brewster
requested on Hwy. 97 for a Saturn that had been on the property for three years.
23:16 An injury-accident was reported on W. Bruce Ave. involving a motorcycle ride
and a parked semi-truck.
September 23
$\frac{\text { September } 23}{\text { 09:01 A parking problem was }}$ reported on W. Jay Ave. in Brewster.
September 24
September 24 requested on Columbia Ave
in Bridgeport and the caller
reported someone outside the residence, possibly with a weapon. One caller advised the subject had entered the residence and was a cousin September 25
9:23 Agency Assist, 575 Rd. 2 NW, Waterville
4:10 Domestic Disturbance,
700 Fairview Ave, Bridgeport 5:16 Court Order Violation, 414 E. Birch St., Waterville 7:13 Court Order Violation 860 SR 173, Bridgeport Bar 9:22 Animal Problem, 929 Maple S.., Brid
September 26
0:48 A caller reported their sibling worked at a company and wanted to report sexual misconduct.
18:51 A citizen assist was requested on Indian Dan Can yon Rd. in Brewster for a caller that wanted options
about getting divorce papers. about getting divorce papers was reported on Honeybea Ln. in Brewster.
September 27
14:06 An agency assist was requested on Old Hwy. 97 and Hospital Way in Brewster
when a caller was having is when a caller was having issues with Spillman and geo-
location, stating it would not move the pin on the map. 3:49 A traffic hazard was re ported on North Star and Pioneer Roads in Brewster regarding several $2-4$ inch 20:15 A male subject was cited for suspended license 3rd degree and no interlock in the vehicle, and was released.
23:39 A traffic offense was reported on on Hwy. 97 in
Pateros for a subject driving Pateros for a subject driving traveling 90 mph .
Okanogan County Sheriff's Office
September 21
13:20 A sex offense was reported on Hwy. 153 in Pa teros when a female mino
was reportedly abused by a was reportedly abused by a
handyman, occurring in the months prior.
15:23 An injury accident was reported by a witness on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster, involving a subject driving a
Chevy truck who passed a vehicle on the left who was turning left.
16:28 A burglary was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster when a storage locker was broken into and three guitars and lock was not broken and appeared to have been picked.
September 22
$\frac{\text { September } 22}{18: 30 \mathrm{~A} \text { civil matter was report- }}$
ed on Pateros Mall involving two firearms that were dropped off for repair at the location approximately a year prior and the caller's son had been trying to get ahold of him and the male subject was 9:04 A caller on Monse Bridge Rd. reported a male subject drinking and the male hit the caller for an unknown reason and the caller
press charges.
22:28 Loud music was reported
coming from an RV next to
a caller on Pedersen Rd. in
23:16 An agency assist was requested on Bruce Ave. in Brewster for an accident
involving a subject on a motorcycle that hit a parked semi and the subject was breathing but not moving and slumped over the bike.
September 23
13:42 A missing person was reported on Monse River Rd. in Brewster when a caller's son
was missing for two days. September 24
No local reports.
September 25
09:51 An agency referral was requested on Hull Rd. in
Brewster for an $86-y e a r-$ Brewster for an 86 -year-
old female subject that was old female subject that was
reportedly possibly being abused by an unknown person.
16:18 An
6:18 An agency referral was
requested on Hull Rd rerequested on Hull Rd. re-
garding a female subject and sexual misconduct at a facility.
$\frac{\text { September } 26}{10: 48 \text { A caller reported suspi- }}$ cious activity when their sister worked for a company on Industrial Way in Pateros and they wanted to report sexual misconduct. quested on Indian Dan Canyon Rd. in Brewster when a caller's family member was getting a divorce and requested options on getting paperwork.
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male subject threatened him via phone six months prior and he was at the location in his vehicle.
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## TRH

want to make some invest ments, or do we wait until we know about the new building?" asked Graham. Board vice chair Cherri until the bond results are in Board chairman Mike Pruett
$\qquad$ Pruett said more efficient transportation options to TRH are also being pursued. "It's still slow but we are
taxi lane. Excavators discov- approved the change order. ered that the existing conduit Life Flight Network is partthat runs across both lanes was nering with the city to cover buried too shallow to allow the half the cost of work on its new proper lane grade, so the conduit had to be removed. Somebody messed up," said
Smyth of the oversight. Smyth of the oversight.
Council member John den urged better quality control from the city engineers on future projects. The city
easement road. The work included grading and gravel with
additional slope and swales to solve excess water runoff issues next spring.

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talking with TranGo (Okano- not waiting until after the gan County transit) because if we can get a bus to come to Brewster from Twisp on one route it would be huge."
Board secretary Leslie McNamara favors taking on available specialists now because regardless of the election outcome the hospital must survive and continue to grow. line who would bring us more business, extend our primary care now, bring in more money men to keep us surviving, I'm lookng at it now and
vote."
Graham reminded the board that the interview and hiring process approved now for anther specialist would probably not be completed until This is just one of several decisions the board grapples with the cost-benefit ratio a rural hospital must navigate to best serve its patients.

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## QUAD CITY CHURCH GUIDE

"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD


#### Abstract

ct. 4, 6, 10-11, 13 Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and home delivery BREWSTER - The Senior Cen ter is now serving meals Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those ame days. Please call 509 Suggested donation for those ver age 60 is $\$ 4$. For those 0 and under the cost is $\$ 10$. Oct. 4: Broccoli Chicken Bake, Rice Pilaf, Garden oll Dessert: Oct 6. Fish \& Chips, Coleslaw, Grapes Rice Krispy Treats; Oct. 10 Stuffed Pepper Casserole Mixed Greens Salad, Pears Mozzarella Breadstick, Des Shicken, Wild Rice, Key Wes eggies, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert; Oct 13: Meatloaf, Mashed Pota es \& Gravy, Green Beans WW Roll, Pear Crisp.


## ct. 4-7, 9-13 Senior Center Thrift Store

 BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senio Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 section. Donations accepted when they are open. They are also the Brewster Visito Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Com merce meeting room.Oct. 4-5, 9-12
Chelan Valley Hope Serving Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, Orondo, Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Entiat Fallow Chelan Valley Hope on
Facebook and Instagram and Facebook and Instagram and on chelanvalleyhope.org/join for active news and updates Are you curious about our current needs, the services we Offer, or what's new at Hope?
Our Facebook, Instagram, and E -newsletters are the resources for you! Also, visit our website ChelanValleyHope.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities, donations, and
events. For more information, Oct
you may call or visit us $\begin{aligned} & \text { events. For more information, } \\ & \text { you may call or visit us Mon- } \\ & \text { day - Thursday, } 9 \\ & \text { dam-3 } \mathrm{pm}\end{aligned} \quad$ Okanogan County day - Thursday, $9 \mathrm{am}-3 \mathrm{pm}$
(closed Noon to 1 PM ), and speak with one of our helpful volunteers. Whether you are looking to get help or to give
help, we are waiting for you help, we
Oct, 5

## Bingo

 BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Bingo every Thursdaynight at 6 p.m. Card sales start nit 5 p.m. - Be eardy sales start Oct. 4, 18

American Legion meeting BREWSTER - American Legion Post \#97 current members
meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Post. For information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

## Oct. 4

American Legion Auxiliary to meet BREWSTER - The American Legion Auxiliary \#97 meets the first Wednesday of each month, at the American Legion
Hall at 6 p.m. Hall at 6 p.m.

Fommittee OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The lic and begin at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N .
Fitth Ave Fitth Ave., Okanogan.

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group LENATCHEE Survivor Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee.
For information, call 509-860For information, call 509-860-
3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org
Oct. 10, 24
Douglas County
Douglas County
PUD meetings
AST WENATCHEE - The next
meeting of the Douglas County

PUD Commission is at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatche Oct. 11, 25 Okanogan County PUD meeting
$\qquad$ of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Cogm County PUD 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org
Oct. 11

Brewster Chamber to meet BREWSTER - The next gen-
eral meeting of the Brewster eral meeting of the Brewster
Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, October be held Wednesday, October
11,6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brew-
sterwachamber@gmail.com sterwachamber@gmail.com
or Mike Mauk, $509-449-0605$.
Oct. 12, 19
Brewster bus trips BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is October 12. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may
request destination(s); medical appointments third Thursday of each month, October 19 riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: $\$ 12 / b 0$ arding for General Public,
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outs will consist of riding ability, horsemanship and public speaking. For more information Contact Dennis Gardner 509-$846-9880$ or Leanna Melton 509-322-2651.

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## Fillies find first soccer win with 5-2 victory over Hornets

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT - The Fillies varsity soccer team migh have thought they had an easy win ahead when they took a he visiting Oroville Hornets on Sept. 26.
That's before Oroville un corked two back-to-back goals early in the second half to knot the game, $2-2$, and put Bridgeport on notice that th Hornets intended to make game of it
It was not until the midthat the Fillies got on the scoreboard again when senior forward Angie Valdovinos scored with $21: 50$ left to break the logjam. Valdovinos was not yet done and returned another goal with $18: 08$ on the clock. If that did not deflate the Hornets' surge it was enough to put the momentum back with Bridgeport that added its final goal at 16:34. The loss is the third in the early season for Oroville who dropped games to Manson on on Sept. 19
The win is Bridgeport's first this season following losses to Omak. 3-0, on Sept 23, Manson, 7-3, on Sept. 19 and Brewster, 6-1, on Sept. 12

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Fillies senior Rosa Hernandez, 7, tried to follow her kick into the net but the Hornets' goalkeeper made a last-minute diving save


MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Bridgeport senior forward Angie Valdovinos slipped as sh sent this ball on its way to the Fillies' fourth score.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Bridgeport ties up city projects ahead of winter

by mike maltais Ward Media Staff Writer
BRIDGEPORT - Winter i getting close enough that the public works department is buttoning up some pros Superintendent of Pu Works Stuart Dezellem ha been trying without success for some weeks to resolve a change order request with contractor Pease \& Sons to replace two lab doors on the city's newly built
treatment plant.
In consultation with city engineers Gray \& Osborne Dezellem is going to close contractor's signature.
Toors" got quotes on the doin, Dezellem said. "We'r give us $\$ 2400$ per door and the BOD incubator is $\$ 5,200$ and force them to give u $\$ 10-11,000$ in credit. It can be legally done and here it is Sept 23, and it's time to close the project out."
The booster pump and generator are both on site at connection by electrical con tractor Midland who will do so when some remaining items arrive. The portable trailer mounted generator has been delivered and awaiting the pad mount for well \#2 that is scheduled to deliver sometime in October.
Dezellem
Dezellem said there 28 new installed of which 17 will be done in October and 11 o others will require digs in the ground next year.
A second bid has been re ceived for the electrical work in the public pool pump room Electric in Omak and Schmidt Electric in Wenatchee Schmidt at $\$ 23,927$ was the lower, with Kruse at $\$ 24,801$. "I believe we were using ARPA (American Rescue Pla Act) dollars," Dezellem said. The reconditioned bowhid applicator in Spokane that the the inside of the public pool is ready for Dezellem to learn how to operate. Following some trial applications, Dezel lem will bring the unit back to Bridgeport to recoat the poo


MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA Works Stuart Dezellem
$\qquad$ The city has collected 7,000-plus from surplus sales on the public auction website

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 some of that money."I would like to take $\$ 2,900$ of that and buy a new brush mower off state bid through John Deere," Dezellem said. The council approved the purchase.
Rather than dump $\$ 11,000-$ 13,000 into repair costs of a well-used 1985 single axe Inengine that the city has used or street sanding, Dezellem proposed purchasing a 1998 low and sandbox for $\$ 37,000$ plus tax.
The city authorized Dezelpurchaximum of $\$ 41,000$ to purchase another truck.

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## Bears beat St. George's in race to 2 B soccer lead



The Brewster Bears' varsity girls' soccer team members include, by MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA eft, Ximena Martinez (23), Yaneli Gutierrez (22), Elizabeth Caamano (1), Juddync row from Joanna Perez (13), Mayra Garcia (GK), Pepper Boesel (20), Melani Hernand (1), Juddynna Belz (16), Carrion (24), Briana Camacho (15), Maritza Torres (7), Denise Lopez (9), Kayla Sanchez (19), Alexa Soto (21), and Luz Perez (18). Front row from left, Yaretzi Shagun (10), Fatima Rosario 11), Magaly Rojas (4), Emma Banuelos (5), Maria Cazarez (6), Havana Aparicio (8), Hyleah Aparicio (2), Mia Gamble (14), Kenia Tinoco (12), and Stephanie Areola (25).

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter
BREWSTER - The thirdplace Brewster Bears girls arsity soccer team (1-1) is in the Central Washington 2B with three tough rivals in Tonasket, Lake Roosevelt, and Manson.
Brewster's last two nondistrict wins over visiting St. George's, $2-1$ on Sept. 23, and Pateros, $6-1$, on Sept. 26, gave
the Bears some momentum on the road against the $2-2$ Trojans, on Sept. 28.
St. George's gave Brewster a hole to dig out of early when the Dragons scored the go-ahead goal inside the first minute of play to take a 1-0 lead. Yaretzy Shagun tied the game with Brewster's first
score and Pepper Boesel found the net with what would be the winning goal just before the end of the first half.

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The Bears' Pepper Boesel takes a shot on goal that is blocked by the Dragon goalkeeper at last Thursday's nonleague home game against St. George's. Earlier Boesel tied the game, $1-1$, with a score with $5: 27$ remaining in the first half of play. Brewster won the game. 2-1.

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[^1]FOOTBALL

## Bears, Billygoats take tough losses from Jackrabbits, Tigers

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BREWSTER/PATEROS The Bears' varsity football team hosted a spoiler for its
homecoming game on Sept. 22, when the 1A Quincy Jackrabbits from the Caribou Trail League came to town and kept Brewster out of its end zone with a 45-0 final score. The Bears' concerns were not misplaced about the Jacks who are early leaders in their conference with a $2-2$ record
against non-district opponents so far this season. Quincy lost by sizable margins to East Val ley (Yakima), $42-12$, on Sept. 1 , and 35-12 to Ephrata on Sept 8. Opposing the non-district Tonasket Tigers, the Jack rabbits won handily, 48-7, on Sept. 15 , before shut
The Bears dropped first two games this season, $56-27$, at 1A Chelan on Sept. 1 and a close 46 -41 loss to 8 -man freelance Liberty Bell, 46-41, on Sept. 8. The Mountain Lions are the 1B defending state football champions. Brewster 13 win over non-district Cas cade (Leavenworth) of the 1A CTL The Bears will face their first conference rival when they travel to Lake Roosevel at Coulee Dam onSept. 29. The Raiders are $3-1$ winners with victories over Highland Cowiche), Mabton, and their only loss to Reardan.

Pateros blanked
The news wasn't any better at Pateros where the Billy goats, still looking for their first season win, lost to visit ing district rival Entiat, 69-6 less through the first three quarters until Jesus Zanabria ran for a short-yardage touch-


Brewster quarterback Brady Wulf (10), right, throws to a sideline receiver
down within the first minute of the fourth quarter. The extra point attempt failed.
Pateros lost its opening season district game on the road at Moses Lake Christian Covenant Christian, 54-20 on Sept. 8, and a non-district home stand against Curlew, 68-14. Head coach Brevin Evenson acknowledged the tough early season losses but sees
improvement with each game. mprovement with each game. "Each week my group conright direction, and we are starting to come together as a football team," Evenson said. "We are seeing the impact missing one year of footbal can have on a program, but I to grow and get better each week. These young men are paving the way for the next


Pateros No. 77 Jesus Zanabria, right, brings down a Tigers runner. Zanabria also scored the Billygoats' only touchdown.


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generation of young men in our community, and it has been a challenging year for us on the football field, but we will piece it together
leading the team leading the team.
"With this bein With this being my first season as head coach we are
going to have our miscues and bumps and bruises," Evenson said. "But I am happy to see the growth in the program. There is a buzz going around the school and we are con-
tinuing to gain players. We tinuing to gain players. We
started the season with nine and are up to 16 players in the program now. Just reviving the program has been huge for our school spirit and atmosphere."

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 County)Waterfowl hunting doesn't get much press in a county known primarily for big game. Still, there are a few public
places worth hunting near the mouth of the Okanogan River as well as the mainstem Okanogan and Upper Similkameen Rivers. Public hunting access can be found at the
Washburn Island Unit of the Wells Wildlife Area, the Driscoll-Eyhott Island Unit of
the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area and the Similkameen-Chopaka Unit of the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area.
Okanogan County has "robust populations" of grouse, and although the number of adults in breeding areas this spring declined due to

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A wild turkey in Chelan County
Bird Hunting Prospects

By JOHN KRUSE
Washington Outdoor Report
The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has published its hunting forecast for this fall. Here are the highlights when it comes to bird hunting where our readers
live:

DISTRICT 1 (Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille Counties): Grouse numbers have declined in the last 14 years, cess similar to recent years, averaging about a bird every other outing. Look for grouse on little-used Forest Service roads, especially ones gated
off to vehicular traffic off to vehicular traffic.
Pheasant hunting is pretty
much limited to released birds much limited to released birds at rea in Ferry County. Wild turkeys, on the other hand, are prolific in this part of the state, and the Fall harvest of these birds has increased in recent years. Forest edges,
as well as grass pastures and as well as grass pastures and agricultural fields, are all good Waterfowl hunting should be good, especially along the Pend Oreille River from Newport to Usk, for dabbling and diving ducks, as well as Canada geese. Early-season hunters also have the chance to harvest wood Falls, and Pend Oreille River valleys.
the young birds. Quail populations are also solid in this region, and the spring breeding season for quail was similar to what was seen for grouse here. Hunters should find quail areas, or shrub steppe in state wildlife areas throughout the county. Pheasant populations, on the other hand, are fairly minimal. There will be releases throughout this season at the Bureau of Reclamation's Hegdal and Kline sites and at the Wildlife Area. Wildlife Area
The fall $t$
The fall turkey season find good numbers of these birds in flocks throughout the district, especially on private land near agricultural lands. The best places to hunt are in Game Management Units
(GMUs) 204, 215, and 239 DISTRICT 7 (Chelan Douglas Counties): 7 (Chelan and According to WDFW, Chelan and Douglas Counties offer some of the best quail hunting in the state. In the early season, the birds can be found in good numbers in state wildlife can be found on private lands, especially around orchards, if you can secure permission from landowners to hunt on their property.
Hungarian (or gray) partridge can be found in shrubsteppe habitats in Douglas
County, and in 2021, nearly County, and in 2021, nearly the state came out of Douglas County. Nearly 1200 of these birds were harvested statewide that year, about 500 more than average.
Chukar have typically thrived in this part of North Central Washington; on aver-
age, 4400 chukar a year are age, 4400 chukar a year are
harvested. However, in 2021, there was a dramatic decline in the chukar harvest here, with only 2345 birds taken by hunters. It's thought a heatwave that year stunted chukar numbers, but with relatively mild weather this spring and an increase in the population of these hardy game birds. Grouse numbers and the hunters that go after them have both declined in recent years. However, there are still plenty of grouse to be found in GMUs 245, 246, and 251 within
Chelan County, as well as Chelan County, as well as
GMUs 248 and 266 in Douglas County. Look for Grouse in forested areas, especially around stands of aspen for ruffed grouse and above where ponderosa pine grows for spruce
grouse.
Pheasant hunting has become difficult in the region, and there are only three releases Chelan Butte Wildlife Areas. The Columbia River provides good late-season duck hunting for dabbling and diving ducks. However, remember you are not allowed to hunt on the river between the George Sellar and
Odabashian Bridges Odabashian Bridges.
DISTRICT 9 (Klickitat Coun-
ty): very healthy in Klickitat County, and this should be a good year to harvest a gobbler. The season opened on Sept. 1 and runs through Dec. 31. According to WDFW, 221 turkeys a success rate of 35 percent by hunters. The number of birds harvested has increased significantly from 2019 to 2021, where the annual harvest was between 150 and 164 birds. If you want to find out more about hunting prospects in our at www.wdfw.wa.gov

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CHELAN - What could be more challenging than col lecting hunter's taxidermy tion-packed dioramas that tell a story of dramatic compassion and conservation? "The mission of Nature's

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Window museum, also known as Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History \& knowledge and appreciation of the diverse wildlife of the world," local businessman Shannon Kollmeyer said. "In addition, we want to educate the public about the role art and wildlife managemen play in conserving the To achieve this loft
museum founders Kollmeye and his wife, Cris, searched for the best talents in the country to create their new exhibits in Chelan. For taxi dermy, museum design and building layout, the Kollmeydesigner Stuart Farnsworth of Monarch Taxidermy of Helena, Montana. He and his team's creative work is exhibited world-wide and he has an avid follow ing with sports hunters across the United States and Canada.
In order to develop col the proper animal habitat that is both informative and entertaining in a museum setting, artists Rich Marks and Becca Allen were cho sen to create vivid murals evoking landscapes from Alaska to Africa.
the challenge of making the museum's murals and settings look seamlessly lifelike. "We strive to accurately portray the habitat, and sometimes the animals, paying close attention to the
transition point where the mural meets the where the tat," Marks said. "We want our murals to be artistic, yet simultaneously realistic Becca offers a similar style of painting, so we have a natural flow.
Marks studied fine art at the Colorado Institute publishing at the Denver Institute of Technology "Both colleges were invaluable as now I can design all of my mockups on the computer using Photoshop - afterward, I use my fine art skills to execute the designs on the wall," Marks "Using
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ca and I are able to resolve, any (design) issues up front,"
Marks said. "That allows us
to paint with confidence It's o paint with confidence. It's for a better painter," Marks continued.
Becca Allen is an artist from North Carolina, although she earned a masters
in Art Therapy at Florida State University before connecting with Marks. She began painting murals with her colleague in 2021 and they have since completed several large-scale scenic dioramas together.
"It's really an honor to work and learn alongside Rich," Allen said. "He has to me and we make a really great team. Part of my job is to match his style and create a seamless painting as if one artist completed it all. It has been gratifying to achieve that goal as well as Kollmeyer's vision to life" "Sometimes even I cannot believe what we are achieving. It really is amazing to see (the museum) come to gether," Allen exclaimed. Shannon and Cris Kollmeyer are pleased with the way heir wildlife and natural shape. "Our guiding savant is definitely Stuart Farnsworth. He has taken our collection of animals from around the world and has created the most amazing settings," Shannon observed. He and his world-class team
from Montana have managed to blend reality and storytelling into a narrative that is clear and concise. Viewers can learn about conservation, wildlife management and the role hunters play in preserving wild places and wild animals for future gen rations," he added. is slated to open this month About Nature's Window: Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History \& Art is located at 21285 Highway 97A, Chelan, WA 98816. This is 3 miles north of the Knapp's Hill Tunnel, and south of Chelan and 45 min utes north from Wenatchee Contact: Telephone: 509
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