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### PATEROS CITY COUNCIL New tree plantings approved; resident wants them to be native

**By MIKE MALTESE** Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS - The Pateros City Council approved a site plan at its regular September meeting for new tree plantings along Warren Avenue.

A Warren Avenue resident requested that the council consider planting native trees rather than non-native species.

The city approved the plan on the recommendation of two Community Informational Workshops held on Sept. 5 and 12 and studied tree education and selection for Warren Avenue.

Warren Avenue resident Eric Forner wants to see native plants in front of his property. He noted that Native Americas have lived in the area for thousands of years while later immigrants who established the city are relative newcomers.

"My question is whether the tree planting commission is going to consider using native plants?" Forner asked. "I know they have not been used in any other city and maybe Pateros could be the first and be a trendsetter." Forner offered the council

some ideas. 'We do have a local nursery in Twisp – I think it's called Methow Natives," Forner said. "Rob Crandall could supply nursery stock for several different varieties, and it would be a fraction of the cost of importing exotic species from wherever they come from."

Crandal, a native plant specialist, owns Methow Natives, the only comprehensive supplier of native plants and seeds in Okanogan County.

City Administrator Jord Wilson responded that Pateros has used native species in other parts of the city,

"It's difficult - as was discussed at the workshop - to sometimes bring native plantings into urban settings because 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 areas 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 at Ives Landing; some willow species which are difficult in urban areas because they are susceptible to disease and so forth.'

Wilson said Crandall is going to help the city with the native plantings scheduled to go in at Ives Landing.

Wilson also pointed out that the 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, river rock, so the environment is very different than a native environment," Wilson said. "That was part of the reason 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 member Chantel 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 Wilson. "They didn't fit the goals 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 project includes an eight-foot green buffer space, rock-filled biofiltration swales, ADA curb ramps, and crosswalks.

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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA The north side of Warren Avenue received a new sidewalk

# **EDUCATION Bridgeport school board** faces 2024 levy renewal



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### Levy Types

· Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) formerly known as a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy (1-4 vears)

Sattler noted 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.

### **HEALTHCARE** Hospital board addresses strategy options as vote approaches

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 is asking voters to approve a \$72 million, 30-year bond for a new facility to replace the existing 75-year-one.



Chief Executive Officer Scott Graham

stays by doing more robust primary care.

not ready financially or spacewise."

If the bond measure passes, the hospital will be challenged with maintaining operations and treating patients while a two-phase renovation and building process is taking place in the same 50,000 square feet that the facility now occupies.

One Methow Valley citizen suggested relocating the hospital to Pateros to be closer to access from the upper valley. Pruett said he discussed the near impossibility of putting Three Rivers in a more central location to the state's largest 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 summed up a major decision about resource allocation options ahead. "In terms of primary care and specialty care it may be time to think about where we

Corbin

#### By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT - With the **Bridgeport School District's** four-year Educational Programs and Operations levy that passed in 2020 up for renewal in February 2024, Superintendent Scott Sattler conducted a PowerPoint presentation at the regular monthly school board meeting on Sept. 25 to refresh board members on the types of levies and bonds that finance school operations.

In 2017, the district ran a

### Hardie \$4.4 million bond to finance

expansion and renovation of school facilities, relieve overcrowding, improve infrastructure 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 back some taxes and now here we are talking about another levy."

In 2023, the state scoreboard for school levies showed 41 school levies running with an

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 Capital Projects Levy (1-6 years)

"You may recall that in 2015 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.'

 Transportation Vehicle Levy (TVL) 1-2 years.

· Bonds (terms vary but 20 years are most common).

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At its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 27, the board 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 continue to grow our primary care," Graham said. "We know that 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

Graham said the shift for TRH has been incremental in that direction from five or six vears ago when the focus was 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 with the 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 doorstep who are ready to engage even though we are

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# **CITY COUNCIL** Brewster police to get new body cameras

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

The background

**BREWSTER** - The Brewster Police Department is getting 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 a 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 share with law enforcement.

"The 4G connectivity will 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



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA Mayor Art Smyth

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

Having the capability to review footage of what really happened will be helpful, Ruiz said.

Other news

• New rates: The rate the city contributes to the North **Central Washington Narcotics** 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 rate to \$3,300 in 2017.

The new increase for every city in the county will be \$6,600. The city has approved



**Brewster Police Chief Marcos** Ruiz

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 recommendation.

• 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 overall helpfulness during the

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### Mahogany & Merlot **Hydroplane** and Boat Show

Mahogany and Merlot returns to Manson again this vear on Oct. 6-8. Starting at 9 a.m. at the Lakeshore Marina in Manson. This is an annual "on-the-water" boat show and free family-friendly event. Each year, they showcase Vintage Unlimited Hydroplanes, Vintage Inboard 'Limited Class'

Hydroplanes and Antique & Classic Mahogany Runabouts. You can see the exhibitions all weekend long. For more information visit mahoganyandmerlot.com.

### **Harvest Fest**

Okanogan will host its annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. You can bring the whole family to downtown Okanogan for festivities where you can find "great treasures and unique items at Harvest Fest. There will be

artisans from all over the Okanogan that will have booths.

### **Pumpkin Patch** at Chelan Valley **Farms**

Visit Chelan Valley Farms (2393 Green Ave.) in Manson for their 5th Annual Pumpkin Patch. The patch is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through the last weekend of October. For more information visit chelanvalleyfarms.com.

### Movie in the Vines

Tsillan Cellars (3875 Hwy 97A) is hosting a movie in the vines showing of Grease on Oct. 7 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. You can enjoy wine, movies and popcorn overlooking their estate and Lake Chelan. Popcorn is complementary and seating will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. You can also bring your own low lawn chair or blanket.

THINGS **TO DO This** Week

### Storytime at **Pateros** Library

The Pateros Library will host storytime on Tuesday, Oct., 10

from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be stories, songs, rhyming, crafts, and fun. The program will be geared towards pre-school ages, but all are welcome to at tend." For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

# Connecting with our community

As we navigate the everevolving landscape of local journalism, I am reminded of the importance of staying 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 organizations that call this region home. That's why I've made it a personal mission to get out there and meet you, our valued readers.

In recent weeks, I'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 reaffirmed our commitment to



### From the Publisher

telling the stories that matter most to you.

Additionally, I had the pleasure of meeting with the Cashmere Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director to gain deeper insights into the commendable work they do in supporting our local business community. Their dedication to fostering economic growth and collaboration is truly remarkable.

One particular highlight on 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 communities. The enthusiasm and support I encountered there were truly inspiring.

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 a group that shares our passion for North Central Washington, I invite you to reach out. If your organization is interested in having me as a speaker or if you simply want to connect, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send an email.

Our commitment to you extends 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 together. Your voices matter, and I am here to listen.

Thank you for entrusting us with your stories, and I look forward to continuing this journey of connection and collaboration.

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# SCHOOL

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88 percent approval rate.

"Bridgeport has a long history of supporting bonds, levies, 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 taxpayers' 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."

Board member Kathy Corbin favors taking the low road.

"Seeking a replacement at 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 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

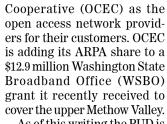
OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County and Colville Confederated Tribes Broadband Action Team (BAT for short) hosted the first Zoom meeting of the North Central Washington Broadband Coalition since the BAT was formed in 2019 to bridge the county's digital divide.

The NCW Coalition confer-

ence was held immediately 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 Commissioners (BOCC).

Ziply has completed its Internet installation contract for the City of Brewster and will be celebrating with a groundbreaking ceremony at noon on Thursday, Oct. 5, at City Hall, 105 Third Street.

Last month Holder-Diefenbach met with the BOCC to set aside \$500,000 in America Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds for county broadband projects. Since that meeting the BOCC added more funding and wants to dedicate those dollars to both the Okanogan PUD and **Okanogan County Electric** 



As of this writing the PUD is evaluating target areas where it can best apply its funding. In August the PUD was awarded a \$30 million USDA grant to bring fiber optic service to 721

Bridging the digital divide The NCW Digital Access and Equity Coalition (NCW-DAEC) publicly launched at last 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 address digital access and equity across Chelan, Douglas, Grant,

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 turn, established the NCW coalition in partnership with the North Central Accountable Community of Health and the NCW Tech Alliance. "The idea behind the NC-WDEAC is to complement the 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:** 



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• Enhance digital access for the underserved popula-

- 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 meetings, prepare for 2024 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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### Community

### **OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT**

### **Douglas County** Sheriff's Office

### September 22

- 04:47 Welfare Check, 530 18th St., Bridgeport
- 13:28 911-call, 491 Rd. 14 NE, Mansfield High School 16:59 Assault, 1400 Columbia
- Ave., Bridgeport 18:53 Civil Dispute, 1919 Monroe Ave., Bridgeport
- 19:12 Weapons Violation, 141 Fir Ave., Bridgeport

### September 23

20:38 Civil Dispute, 1200 block Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

#### September 24

- 02:31 Disturbance, 34 Nollmeyer Rd., Orondo 23:24 Suspicious Circum-
- stance, 1419 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport

### September 25

- 09:32 Public Assist, Bridgeport Hill Rd. MP 5, Mansfield
- 11:09 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, US Hwy. 2 and Orondo Loop Rd., Orondo 20:30 Juvenile Problem, 929
- Maple St., Bridgeport

### September 26

- 19:47 An agency assist was requested on Hwy. 97 in Pateros 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 around and continued northbound.
- 22:04 A threat was reported on Honeybear Ln. in Brewster when a male subject threatened a caller via phone six months prior and was reportedly at the location in his vehicle.

#### September 27

- 10:52 Public Assist, 575 Rd. 2 NW, Waterville
- 13:35 Warrant, Columbia Ave. 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., Bridgeport
- 11:43 Public Assist, 206 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport
- 13:06 Public Assist, 96 Gun Club Rd., Bridgeport
- 15:32 Traffic Offense, 26th St. an Monroe Ave., Bridgeport 22:04 Disturbance, 39 W. 2nd
  - Ave., Mansfield

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

- 09:23 Agency Assist, 575 Rd. 2 NW. Waterville
- 14:10 Domestic Disturbance, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport 15:16 Court Order Violation,
- 414 E. Birch St., Waterville 17:13 Court Order Violation, 860 SR 173, Bridgeport Bar
- 19:22 Animal Problem, 929 Maple St., Bridgeport

#### September 26

- 10:48 A caller reported their sibling worked at a company on Industrial Way in Pateros and wanted to report sexual misconduct.
- 18:51 A citizen assist was requested on Indian Dan Canyon Rd. in Brewster for a caller that wanted options about getting divorce papers. 22:04 A threatening phone call was reported on Honeybear 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 issues with Spillman and geolocation, stating it would not move the pin on the map.
- 13:49 A traffic hazard was reported on North Star and Pioneer Roads in Brewster regarding several 2-4 inch rocks in the southbound lane.
- 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 a motorcycle and reportedly traveling 90 mph.

### Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

#### September 21

- 13:20 A sex offense was reported on Hwy. 153 in Pateros when a female minor 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

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 refusing to take phone calls. 19:04 A caller on Monse Bridge

- Rd. reported a male subject drinking and the male hit the caller for an unknown reason and the caller wanted to press charges.
- 22:28 Loud music was reported coming from an RV next to a caller on Pedersen Rd. in Pateros.
- 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-yearold female subject that was reportedly possibly being abused by an unknown person.
- 16:18 An agency referral was requested on Hull Rd. regarding a female subject and sexual misconduct at a facility.

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# Grazing the morning away



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA A pronghorn buck antelope grazes in the early morning September sun.

# Autumn flights begin



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One of the first autumn flights of migrating Sandhill cranes was first heard and then seen arriving on the southwest portion of the Colville Reservation on Sept. 23.

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audit. The city has a strong

control in the areas that were examined and resulting in no audit recommendations.' • Taxi lane: Director of Pub-

lic Works Lee Webster reported on a Anderson Airport change order for the east-west

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want to make some investments, or do we wait until we know about the new building?" asked Graham.

Board vice chair Cherri Thomas recommended waiting until the bond results are in. Board chairman Mike Pruett

concurred. Pruett said more efficient transportation options to TRH are also being pursued

taxi lane. Excavators discovered that the existing conduit that runs across both lanes was buried too shallow to allow the proper lane grade, so the conduit had to be removed. "Somebody messed up," said

Smyth of the oversight.

Council member John Housden urged better quality control from the city engineers on future projects. The city

talking with TranGo (Okanogan 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 Mc-Namara favors taking on available specialists now because regardless of the election outcome the hospital must survive and continue to grow.

"If we have someone on the line who would bring us more business, extend our primary care now, bring in more money to help keep us surviving. I'm

approved the change order.

Life Flight Network is partnering with the city to cover half the cost of work on its new 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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not waiting until after the vote."

Graham reminded the board that the interview and hiring process approved now for another specialist would probably not be completed until well after the vote.

This is just one of several decisions the board grapples with every month as it addresses the cost-benefit ratio a rural hospital must navigate to best serve its patients.

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### **Brewster Sheriff's** Department

### September 21

- 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.
- 16:28 A burglary was reported on Hwy. 97 at a storage locker that appeared to have been picked, with three guitars and two amps reported stolen.

#### September 22

- 09:25 A pharmacy alarm door was triggered on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
- 14:03 A VIN inspection was 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 rider and a parked semi-truck.

### September 23

09:01 A parking problem was reported on W. Jay Ave. in Brewster.

#### September 24

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"It's still slow but we are open to looking at it now and

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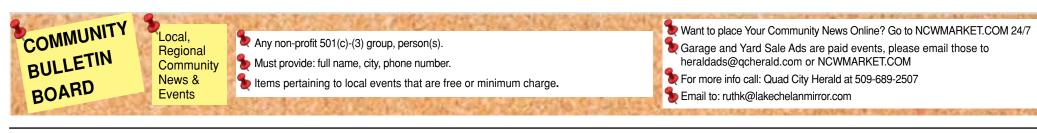


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BREWSTER - The Senior Center is now serving meals at Noon, at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Please call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. Oct. 4: Broccoli Chicken Bake, Rice Pilaf, Garden Salad, Waldorf Salad, WW Roll. Dessert: Oct. 6: Fish & Chips, Coleslaw, Grapes, Rice Krispy Treats; Oct. 10: Stuffed Pepper Casserole Mixed Greens Salad, Pears, Mozzarella Breadstick, Dessert; Oct. 11: Honey Mustard Chicken, Wild Rice, Key West Veggies, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert; Oct. 13: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, WW Roll. Pear Crisp.

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

BREWSTER – The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Check out their great kids section. Donations accepted when they are open. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

### Oct. 4-5, 9-12

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### Oct, 5

BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Card sales start at 5 p.m. - Be early.

#### 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.

### Oct. 9 Okanogan County Fair Advisory

Committee OKANOGAN – The Okanogan

County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

### Oct. 10 Survivors of Suicide

### Loss Support Group

WENATCHEE - Survivors of 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 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

### Oct. 10, 24

Douglas County PUD meetings EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County

### **DEATH NOTICES**

PUD Commission is at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office.

### Oct. 11, 25 Okanogan County

**PUD meeting** OKANOGAN – The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners is at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

### Oct. 11

### Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, October 11, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brewsterwachamber@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

#### cal appointments etc. On the third Thursday of each month, October 19 riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

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#### Oct. 14

### 2024 Methow Valley Rodeo Queen Tryouts

WINTHROP - Methow Valley Horsemen will conduct tryouts for 2024 rodeo queen on Saturday, October 14, at noon, at the Winthrop Rodeo Grounds. Potential queen must be able to transport her own horse and represent the Methow Valley for one year starting in May 2024, traveling to multiple rodeo, parades and luncheons. Tryouts 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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ily at www.barneschapel.

com. Services are under the

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### FUNERAL SERVICES

A Graveside Service will be held for Loren and Diane Glessner on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Mansfield City Cemetery. Lunch will follow at 12 p.m. at the Mansfield Senior Services are under the di-

rection of Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

Barbara Komm, 89, of Brewster, Washington passed away on Friday, September 22, 2023. She was a former resident of Omak, Washington. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster. David Crouch, 72, of Pateros, Washington passed away on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. and memoria direction of B

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### Sports

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

**By MIKE MALTAIS** *Ward Media Staff Reporter* 

BRIDGEPORT – The Fillies varsity soccer team might have thought they had an easy win ahead when they took a 2-0 lead at halftime against the visiting Oroville Hornets on Sept. 26.

That's before Oroville uncorked two back-to-back goals early in the second half to knot the game, 2-2, and put Bridgeport on notice that the Hornets intended to make a game of it.

It was not until the midway point in the second half that 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 three minutes later to add 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 Sept. 21, and Lake Roosevelt 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.



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Bridgeport senior forward Angie Valdovinos slipped as she 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 is getting close enough that the public works department is buttoning up some projects and closing out others.

Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem has 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 wastewater treatment plant. In consultation with city engineers Gray & Osborne, Dezellem is going to close out the project without the contractor's signature. "I've got quotes on the doors," Dezellem said. "We're going to require Pease & Sons to give us \$2,400 per door and the BOD incubator is \$5,200... and force them to give us \$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 Reservoir #2 and awaiting connection by electrical contractor Midland who will do so when some remaining items arrive. The portable trailermounted generator has been delivered and awaiting the pad mount for well #2 that is scheduled to deliver sometime in October. Dezellem said there 28 new water meters remain to be installed of which 17 will be done in October and 11 of others will require digs in the ground next year. A second bid has been received for the electrical work in the public pool pump room. Of the two bidders, Kruse 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 Plan Act) dollars," Dezellem said. The reconditioned bowhide applicator in Spokane that the city purchased to resurface the inside of the public pool is ready for Dezellem to learn how to operate. Following some trial applications, Dezellem will bring the unit back to Bridgeport to recoat the pool



and Dezellem has plans for 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 axle International truck with a tired engine that the city has used

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



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The Brewster Bears' varsity girls' soccer team members include, by number, back row from left, Ximena Martinez (23), Yaneli Gutierrez (22), Elizabeth Caamano (1), Juddynna Belz (16), Joanna Perez (13), Mayra Garcia (GK), Pepper Boesel (20), Melani Hernandez (17), Magdalena 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 varsity soccer team (1-1) is contending for the top spot 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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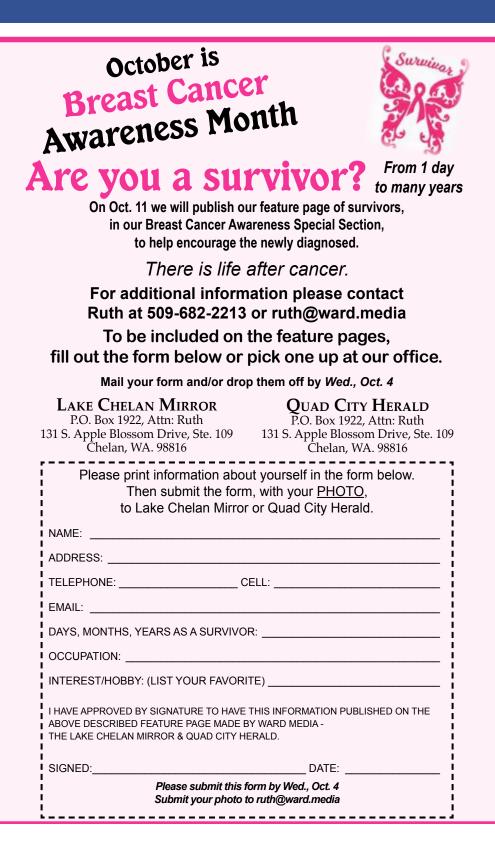
MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem

surface as weather permits. The city has collected \$7,000-plus from surplus sales on the public auction website for street sanding, Dezellem proposed purchasing a 1998 International truck with a plow and sandbox for \$37,000 plus tax.

The city authorized Dezellem a maximum of \$41,000 to purchase another truck.

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

#### By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

**B2** 

**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 Valley (Yakima), 42-12, on Sept. 1, and 35-12 to Ephrata on Sept. 8. Opposing the non-district Tonasket Tigers, the Jackrabbits won handily, 48-7, on Sept. 15, before shutting out Brewster on Sept. 22.

The Bears dropped their 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 rebounded with a Sept. 15, 31-13 win over non-district Cascade (Leavenworth) of the 1A CTL The Bears will face their first conference rival when they travel to Lake Roosevelt at Coulee Dam onSept. 29.

The Raiders are 3-1 winners with victories over Highland (Cowiche), Mabton, and Liberty, and their only loss to Reardan.

#### **Pateros blanked**

The news wasn't any better at Pateros where the Billygoats, still looking for their first season win, lost to visiting district rival Entiat, 69-6, on Sept. 22. Pateros was scoreless 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.

"Each week my group continues to make strides in the right direction, and we are starting to come together as a football team," Evenson said. "We are seeing the impact missing one year of football can have on a program, but I believe that we will continue to grow and get better each week. These young men are paving the way for the next



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

> 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."

> It is also Evenson's first year leading the team.

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 Driscoll-Eyhott Island Unit of the school and we are continuing 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."

### THE WASHINGTON **OUTDOOR REPORT**



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, but hunters should see success 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.

Pheasant hunting is pretty much limited to released birds at the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area 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 agricultural fields, are all good places to look for turkey.

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 ducks in the Colville, Kettle Falls, and Pend Oreille River valleys.

DISTRICT 6 (Okanogan 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

the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area,

and the Similkameen-Chopaka

Unit of the Scotch Creek Wild-

Okanogan County has "ro-

bust populations" of grouse,

and although the number

of adults in breeding areas

this spring declined due to

last year's extended winter,

brood survival was good for

life Area.

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 in lower elevation, tree-lined 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 Chiliwist Unit of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area.

COURTESY OF JOHN KRUSE

The fall turkey season opened up on Sept. 1, and you'll 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 and **Douglas Counties):** 

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 areas. Still, better hunting 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 half of the Huns harvested in 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 average, 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 summer, we will hopefully see 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 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 per season at the Swakane and 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. DISTRICT 9 (Klickitat County): Turkey populations remains 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 were harvested last Fall with 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 region, go to the Hunting page at www.wdfw.wa.gov.



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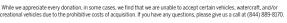


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# Artisans converge in Chelan to create magical museum environment

### Talented taxidermists and muralists wave their wands at Nature's Window

#### By TERRY LABRUE, APR Press release Nature's Window: Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art

CHELAN - What could be more challenging than collecting hunter's taxidermy and presenting them in action-packed dioramas that tell a story of dramatic compassion and conservation? "The mission of Nature's

### Public Notices

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING A budget hearing for the Town of Mansfield will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Mansfield Town Hall at 6:00 PM to afford citizens the opportunity to provide written or oral comments on the 2024 budget. Published in the Quad City Herald on September 27, and October 4, 2023. #6312

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Window museum, also known as Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art, is entrusted to increase 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 management play in conserving these valuable resources.'

To achieve this lofty goal, museum founders Kollmeyer and his wife, Cris, searched for the best talents in the country to create their new exhibits in Chelan. For taxidermy, museum design and building layout, the Kollmeyers tapped renowned exhibit designer Stuart Farnsworth, of Monarch Taxidermy of Helena, Montana. He and his team's creative work is exhibited world-wide and he has an avid following with sports hunters across the United States and Canada.

In order to develop colorful dioramas that exude the proper animal habitat that is both informative and entertaining in a museum setting, artists Rich Marks and Becca Allen were chosen to create vivid murals evoking landscapes from Alaska to Africa.

The creative duo enjoys 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 3-D habitat," 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 of Art and then desk-top 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 fineart skills to execute the designs on the wall," Marks explained. "Using this strategy, Bec-

ca and I are able to resolve any (design) issues up front," Marks said. "That allows us to paint with confidence. It's this confidence that makes 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 been a wonderful mentor 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 to bring Shannon and Cris Kollmeyer's vision to life."

"Sometimes even I cannot believe what we are achieving. It really is amazing to see (the museum) come together," Allen exclaimed.

Shannon and Cris Kollmeyer are pleased with the way their wildlife and natural history museum is taking 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 generations," he added.

Nature's Window museum 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 approximately 10 minutes south of Chelan and 45 minutes north from Wenatchee. Contact: Telephone: 509- Natures Window.



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