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Something one sees in Brewster on rare occasions is a full lineup of trucks in the Gebbers Farms parking lot and each one is a different color. In this case, from left, orange, green, blue, lavender, white, tan, and red.

Voters will decide

$Three\ Rivers\ Board\ approves\ new$ hospital resolution for November ballot

By Mike Maltais STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The board of directors of Three Rivers Hospital (TRH) at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, July 26, approved a resolution that will appear on the November 7 Special Election Ballot to issue bonds for constructing a new hospital.

Specifically, the resolution that requires a minimum 60 percent or greater voter approval to pass, authorizes the hospital district to issue general obligation bonds "in the aggregate principal amount of no more than \$72 million...for the purpose of paying or reimbursing costs of constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new hospital and related health care facilities," per the official explanation.

"We have talked about this for over three years," said Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Munson. "We have an aging building. We have some serious needs with this building that would ultimately cost us more to try to remodel or update what we have."

The board also approved a second resolution to appear on the same November 7 Special Ballot for the renewal of the one-year \$1,145,000 maintenance and operating levy for 2024, the same request that appears on the current August 7 Primary Election Ballot. If the August Levy wins approval the identical Levy for the November 7 ballot will not be needed.

Feasibility study discussed

In other board business, Jody Carona of Health Facilities Planning Development (HFPD) in Seattle addressed the board via Zoom to discuss the feasibility study done for TRH. Among Carona's key findings:

- The district's near 16,000 residents includes 21 percent over 65 years of age and 40 percent who are Hispanic. The upper valley has a higher percentage of elderly (28 percent) while the lower valley population is younger and more diverse.
- The district's inpatient numbers – including TRH - have significantly declined over the past five years regardless of which district hospital patients visited. Carona attributes this shrinking market and market share partly to



Mike Maltais/QCH **Jody Carona**

TRH's closure of its obstetrics (OB) unit but noted

there are declines across most service lines with the exception being general medicine. The TRH market share is

- lower than most comparable hospitals HFPD identified, especially the nearby ones. For example, TRH market share in its home zip code is 16.7 percent excluding OB, psych, rehabs and newborns - while the average is 23.1 percent for the other hospitals.
- Confluence Health has a nearly 50 percent market share of all district inpatient discharges and countywide its share is 33 percent.
- If TRH could return to its 2018-19 market share levels, Carona believes it has growth opportunities despite the decline in inpatient volume.
- TRH growth opportunities appear to be on the outpatient side, both to increase market share and establish new services. Further analysis of potential volume, revenues, and costs is needed.
- A closer partnership with the Brewster, Twisp, and possibly Bridgeport Family Health Centers (FHC) to support their clinic ancillaries could produce new volume.

"They are struggling with some of the same issues that you folks are," said Carona of FHC, "it's a great opportunity to see if there are places where you could provide a lot of the specialty support they don't provide."

In his Foundation report, president Dan Webster said he spoke recently with the Roots & Wings Foundation. Established in 2019 by Judy and Gordon Faulkner the



Mike Maltais/QCH **Chad Schmitt**

organization provides grants to support basic needs, early learning, family safety, and health. Webster addressed the need for a hospital transportation van and R&W requested more information. Webster said he spoke with CFO Munson to secure that.

"I'm hoping to circle back around with Nicole Smith with Roots & Wings and provide her that information," said Webster. "That would be a big thing and would certainly

Cyber security stressed TRH Chief Information Officer, Chad Schmitt updated the board with the latest cyber security news. Schmitt said that last June the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) was granted expanded federal authority to conduct an announced cyber security control audit at any business. As it relates to the high-value status of hospital records as both a potential target for hackers and cyber audit candidate, Schmitt recommends a monthly line-item review of the TRH insurance policy to have that due diligence current and available.

"We're going to be implementing a more robust cyberawareness training program," Schmitt said. "The new mantra we have is: "It's not 'if' it's 'when."

Schmitt related a local attempt to breach security safeguards.

"Just last week a hospital right near us had a targeted attack with 80 emails," said Schmitt noting the public records research the hacker had to first do to find those addresses.

"They're at the front door trying to pick the lock," said Schmitt by way of analogy. "They're targeting us."

Sportfishermen arriving

Brewster hosts 17th annual **King Salmon Derby**

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The 17th annual Brewster Salmon Derby, the largest on the Columbia River and the city's most popular tourist attraction, is preparing to launch bright and early Friday morning, August 4, and run through final weigh-ins and prize awards on Sunday afternoon, August 6.

The competition is not only a way to wrap a family outing in a weekend of fun but also one with added awards for lucky anglers. This year, up to \$20,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. Gifts of tackle and other fishing gear and side pot payouts will sweeten the rewards. Biggest fish prizes include:

- \$2,000 King of the Pool (all
- \$1,500 Adult winner.
- \$550 Youth winner (9-14 vears).

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five in both the adult and youth divisions and noncash prizes to the top five in the child division.

Tickets are limited to 300 fishermen. They went on sale last December and derby organizer Mike Mauk said more than two-thirds of those were



Courtesybrewsterkingsalmonderby.com

Biggest fish prizes for the 2023 derby include a \$2,000 King of the Pool prize, open to all ages.

already gone by press time. Many fishermen showed up early for the opening of the summer chinook season on July 1 and boats crowded the Brewster pool near the confluence of the Columbia and Okanogan rivers.

Last May the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife forecast a return of 85,400 adult summer chinook, larger than the previous year's actual return, and 234,500 sockeye, a higher return than 2022.

Again this year a food vendors will set up near the boat

The growing list of Derby sponsors includes USI, VIP Insurance, the Colville Confederated Tribes, P1FCU. Webster Furniture, Harrod Outdoors, Cole Industrial, North 40, Work Sharp, Okanogan Valley Guide Service, North Cascades Bank, Erlandsen, Bob Feil Boats & Motors, Triangle Quick-E-Mart, Fish Fighter, Whitley Fuel, Pro Troll, Fishin 4 All, Northwest Outdoorsmen Rod Series, Leo Flashers, Hooked on Toys, Peace Armory, Something Catchy, Exxon Mobil, Les Schwab, Mack's Lure, Scotty, La Milpa, Gomez Lawn Care, Apple Valley Wireless, Hyper Vis Tape, Double D Outdoors, Silver Horde Gold Star, and LureSafe.

Targeted for 2024 ballot

Sheriff Budrow requests sales tax increase to fund public safety

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

Editor's note: Quotes in the following story about the July 17 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) are taken from notes provided by Okanogan County *Watch (countywatch.org.)*

OKANOGAN - County Sheriff Paul Budrow wants a .2 percent increase in the county's sales tax from 8.5 percent to 8.7 percent to raise additional funds for public safety expenses. That was the message Budrow took to the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners at their bi-monthly meeting July 17.

Budrow told the commissioners he just recently learned of the opportunity and was hoping to make the August 1 deadline to get the measure on the upcoming November 2023 general election ballot.

Commissioner Andy Hover calculated that about \$800,000 is raised through the .1 percent increase so the extra one-tenth of one percent would generate about \$1,600,000. The funds would be dispersed with 60 percent going to the county and 40 percent to the cities.

Commissioner Jon Neal agreed that while every law enforcement agency is struggling for dollars a thorough public information effort has to come first.

Commissioner Chris Branch wants to continue the public's approval of past requests.

"We've been successful two times already, for juvenile and



Courtesy washeriffs.org **Okanogan County Sheriff Paul Budrow**

communications and we came out with a pretty good plan," said Branch. "For juvenile, it was about private contracting. With communications, Officer (Mike) Worden (Chief Deputy of Communications) did a good job of getting the information out about that."

Branch cautioned preparation and information.

"If we fail the first time, it may be harder the second time," Branch cautioned.

Budrow said his public feedback favors more investment in law enforcement. "I think this is the time to

do it. They're in favor of what we're doing and the way we're moving forward," said Budrow. "With the new drug law coming in effect, the small towns will be affected. The prosecutor's office and defenders will be inundated with processes...law enforcement safety is going in the wrong direction right now."

Commissioner Andy Hover inquired about how the funds would be dispersed.

"You've got a lot of things on your list," said Hover, "police officers, corrections officers, prosecutors, funding the drug task force, crime prevention efforts, and court and clerk programs. Would we have a set percentage that go into each category?"

Hover added that putting the measure on this year's ballot would be difficult without public outreach and a solid plan.

"How will it increase public safety?" asked Hover. "The only metrics I hear is: how will it stop property crime or put more people in jail? How come the same guy isn't in jail and keeps stealing my stuff?"

Hover said that minus the metrics, voters will have a hard time seeing how the money would be spent."

"If the measure passes anytime in 2024, it will not take effect until 2025," said Hover. "We need to develop a plan, how much for more cops, how much for more vehicles, how much for the prosecutor's office, how much for the jail? Then people will know exactly what we're doing."

Hover suggested that Budrow get input from people and in the towns.

"They'll get money out of this," said Hover. "Find out how much each city will get."

"And get it set up for the primary," said Neal. "If it fails, we can have another try in November."

Budrow agreed to invest more due diligence and the commissioners will consider a sales tax increase on the 2024 ballot.

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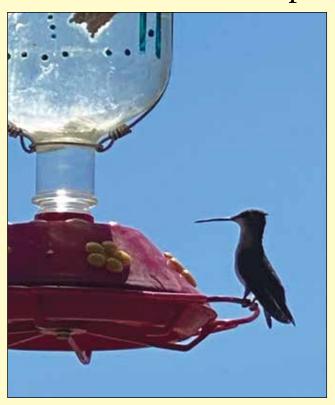
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Good to the last drop



Mike Maltais/QCH

A hummingbird, soon to be a hungry bird, watches the nectar level drop at his favorite outdoor dining spot during a hot afternoon pick-me-up.

Vehicle fire safety - what to do if your vehicles catches fire

SUBMITTED BY WA STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, STATE FIRE Marshal Chad Cross

OLYMPIA - In Washington State, from 2018 to 2022, the number of fire incidents involving vehicles was 17,565 for a total loss of over \$181 million. Vehicle fires accounted for over 13% of fire incidents reported between 2018 and 2022.

If your vehicle catches on fire, the State Fire Marshal's Office encourages you to take the following actions:

Pull over as quickly as you can when it is safe to do so. Once you have stopped,

turn off the engine. Get everyone out of the vehicle. Never return to a burning vehicle and do not try to fight the fire yourself.

Call 911 immediately. If you think there is a fire under the hood or trunk, do not open it. This could cause the fire to grow and result in

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To prevent a vehicle fire: Have your car serviced regularly by a qualified mechanic.

Keep gas cans or propane tanks separated from passengers. Tightly seal and place them on a flat surface to make sure they stay upright.

If you must put gas cans or propane tanks inside your vehicle, keep windows open to stop fumes from building up.

Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for using and charging electric vehicles. Install a residual current device with your electric vehicle charger. It will shut off the power if it detects an electrical fault.

For more information contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 360-596-3929.

Ziply gets Brewster boost

Broadband Action Team meeting discusses ongoing developments

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - Despite the smaller than usual attendance at the monthly meeting of the Broadband Action Team (BAT) on July 27, the group continues to make headway in its goal to bring broadband services to all parts of Okanogan County.

Economic Alliance Executive Director Roni Holder-Diefenbach reported that the North Central Washington Technology Alliance (NCWTA) is awarding grants for digital navigation training to area groups that need support to learn computer basics. NCWTA asked Holder to help them identify seven such groups such as senior centers, aging care providers, and others that would qualify.

"They are small grants -\$4,000 – but it's something that could help support a little bit of capacity building," said Holder.

The basic requirements to qualify for a grant include:

Attend a coalition launch. • Designate a staff member to attend the digital equity/ navigation training.

Share responses that NCW Tech Alliance wants to get to all organizations throughout the county.

Diefenbach said NCWTA also has a program to provide donated and refurbished computers for businesses who do not have a computer or an email address to help move them onto an online platform.

'We have already identified several businesses that we will be either bring in for training or provide training at their locations," said Diefenbach.

NCWTA also provides a year of tech support so if anything happens to a computer it can be repaired or replaced.

NCWTA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that has been working since 1999 to bring people and technology resources together while supporting entrepreneurs, STEM education, and technology in six NCW coun-

Kayla Wells-Yoakum of Okanogan County WSU Extension updated the meeting on its statewide month-long

online remote work certification course. While the program costs \$299 per person Yoakum said Spokane Teachers Credit Union (STCU) has provided some scholarship funds to help the unemployed pay the cost of

the course. "It's open statewide and we have our first Okanogan County enrollment," Yoakum said.

Chris St. Germaine of Ziply Fiber reported a significant update from her quarter.

"We have awarded contractors to work for the NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) broadband infrastructure program grant in Brewster, Tonasket, and Loomis," said St. Germaine. "Many of the builds are expected to be fully ready for service within 60 days of start, so this is going to be a rapid deployment."

St. Germaine explained that Ziply "created build blocks small enough to be able to get out on the job quickly. and get

The state applied for the first round of NTIA funding from the Broadband Infrastructure Program that came out of Covid, said St. Germaine. It focused on partnerships with providers so the state reached out to all providers asking for proposals and Ziply was one of those selected.

According to the Economic Alliance website, economicalliance.com, the Okanogan County and Colville Confederated Tribes Broadband Action Team (BAT) was created in February 2019. The Alliance, Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) and the county partnered together to apply for a planning grant through the state's Community Economic Revitalization Board to conduct a strategic plan and feasibility study to identify the broadband needs in the county and the CCT Reservation. BAT is comprised of representatives from the county, cities, tribe, WSU Extension, community-based organizations, small business, ISP/ RSP's, utilities, infrastructure owners and community members. To learn more about BAT visit economic-alliance.com and

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY MEAGHAN VIBBERT, DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Ronald E. Skagen, Aaron J. Viebrock and Molly Simpson executed the following actions during the July 25, Commission

East Wenatchee office:

Reviewed bid opening results for Bid Documents 23-16-D, 15 kV Breakers for Orondo Substation and 23-31-D, Construct Urban Industrial to Rapids 230kV Tie. All bids will be evaluated prior to a recommendation for contract award.

meeting held at the District's

Affirmed change order No. 2 to contract 22-04-D, construct Rapids to Columbia 230V Transmission Line. Changes include two months of crane rental needed to unload steel poles which were delayed due to shipping issues. This change increases the contract by \$49,618.

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THREE RIVERS

FAMILY MEDICINE

Authorized acceptance of work and final payment to Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC for the first year under contract 22-25-D, provide tree trimming services. All work is complete and determined to meet the bid specifications.

Approved award of contract 23-16-D, 115kV breakers for Orondo Substation to Border States Industries, Inc. the lowest responsive bidder.

Authorized award of contract 23-31-D, Construct Urban Industrial to Rapids 230kV line to Wilson Construction Company the lowest responsive bidder.

Approved land use permit 5B-01 (32), Shane and Olivia Cronin. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing temporary boat dock, pump house and irrigation pipe.

Authorized land use permit 57.0E-01, Erik and Robyn Saathoff. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing access

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Approved land use permit 64A-01, Janet Foyle. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing landscaping, orchard, garden and access road.

Authorized land use permit 720-02, All that Jazz, LLC. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing access path.

Approved land use permit 726-02, All that Jazz, LLC. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing access path, landscaping, orchard and swim platform.

Authorized land use permit 749A-02, Gene and Jana Shaughnessy. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing access path, buoy and platform.

Approved land use permit 749B-01, Roger and Jan Erlandsen. The permit is for use of Project lands for existing dock, landscaping, fences, stairway and patio.

Authorized amendment No. 6 to the Interlocal Cooperative

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Agreement for water utility billing and payment collection with Greater Bar Water District. This will extend the agreement through March 2026 and adjust the compensation rate for services provided.

select the OK CCT BAT tab.

Approved change order No. 3 to contract 22-04-D, construct Rapids to Columbia 230kV Transmission Line. Necessary due to transmission scheduling delays outside the District's or contractor's control. The costs associated with the delays in addition to the stranded equipment will increase the contract \$280,307.

Affirmed change order No. 1 to contract 22-13-D, hydrogen production and fueling facility. Changes include additional rock to increase the elevation of the compressor pad area, a larger service door and painting the overhead door. These changes increase the contract \$49.770.

Approved professional service agreement 23-34-W, 2023 Bathymetric survey and ROV inspection of Wells Dam with David Evans and Associates, Inc. as required by the FERC dam safety program. The agreement will not exceed \$246,589 and will conclude March 31, 2024.

Authorized a sole source purchase of air gap machine monitoring equipment from Vibrosystm. They are the vendor of the existing system and they are the only company capable of providing the updates that are needed. The total purchase will not exceed \$494,778.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. August 8, 2023 at the District's East Wenatchee Office.

CORRECTION

Local attorney Alex Thomason, spoke at the July 17 Pa-

teros City Council meeting concerning nightly rentals in the city of Pateros. His name was misspelled in the article which appeared in the July 26 issue of the Quad City Herald.



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33-year-old son was visiting

the property and went outside

and the door locked behind

1:52 Animal abuse was re-

ported on Riverside Dr. in

Pateros when a dog was left in

a camper of a tan Ford F150.

10:56 A civil dispute was report-

ed on Alta Lake Rd. in Pateros

when a male subject had been

sending and posting harass-

ing messages and slandering

17:48 Trespassing was reported

on Starr Rd. in Pateros when

people that were evicted a

few months ago came down

and started to steal parts off of

an abandoned Ford Ranger.

They were told to never come

back after they were evicted.

17:25 A citizen assist was re-

quested on Unger Rd. in

Brewster for a caller's sister,

and the caller advised after

not speaking to her sister

since June she would like a

07:32 A civil dispute was re-

ported on Monse River Rd. in

Brewster for a sprinkler that

was left on in the roadway and

the caller ran over it and fish-

tailed because the roadway

was a big mud pit.

welfare check.

the caller on Facebook.

July 24

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OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT

Douglas County Sheriff's Office

July 21

08:22 Unknown-injury Accident,

SR 17 MP 126, Mansfield 09:48 Vehicle Prowl, 525 SR 173, Bridgeport Bar

13:10 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 27 Auvil Canyon Rd., Orondo

16:37 Extra Patrol, 102 Bluebird

Ln., Waterville 20:44 Noise Complaint, 1717 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport

July 22

11:37 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 2 and Elm St., Wa-

terville 11:56 Hazard, Rd. B SW and Rd. 5 SW, Waterville

12:01 Public Assist, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

12:16 Welfare Check, 200 S. Douglas Creek Rd., Waterville 12:28 Hazard, McNeil Canyon and Haystack Roads, Mansfield

19:53 Noise Complaint, 1529 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport 23:14 Noise Complaint, 50 Orondo Loop Rd., Orondo

July 23

16:50 Unknown-injury Accident, 1514 Fairview Ave., Bridge-

20:40 Drugs, 224 W. Ash St., Waterville

21:59 Suspicious Circumstance, 208 E. Elm St., Waterville

06:57 Animal Problem, 45 Hayden Rd., Chief Joseph Dam

08:49 Suspicious Circumstance, 102 Yarrow Ln., Waterville 11:27 Marine, US Hwy. 97 MP

232, Orondo 13:35 Marine, 3 S. Daroga Park, Orondo

13:38 Suspicious Circumstance, 23459 US Hwy. 97, Beebe Bridge, Chelan

17:59 Civil Dispute, 112 Aspen Rd., Waterville

19:37 Welfare Check, 0 block Fisk Ave., Bridgeport

21:00 Domestic Disturbance, 1125 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport

22:17 Agency Assist, 218 W. Walnut St., Waterville

July 25

09:32 Public Assist, 0 block McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo 12:47 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, RD F NW and Rd. 13 NW, Waterville

18:24 Runaway, 400 E. Poplar St., Waterville

July 26

01:21 Alarm, 356 Moses Coulee Rd., Waterville

02:06 Court Order Violation, 1419 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport 06:19 Agency Assist, US Hwy.

97 and Reeds Way, Orondo 2:35 Welfare Check 929 Manle St., Bridgeport

Health Services:

COVID Vaccines

Behavioral Health **Career Opportunities**

Health Screening

Community Resources

13:30 Public Assist, 1345 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport

15:22 Civil Dispute, 102 S. Chelan Ave., Waterville

20:47 Noise Complaint, 14th St. and Columbia Ave., Bridge-

July 27

02:39 Welfare Check, 102 S. Chelan Ave., Waterville

08:26 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, Bridgeport area

08:34 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 108 E. 2nd St., Waterville 12:27 Extra Patrols, 826 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

19:21 Runaway, 400 E. Poplar St., Waterville

19:51 Malicious Mischief, 1610 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport 20:52 Agency Assist, SR 17 MP 124, Mansfield

Brewster Sheriff's Department

July 20

06:41 A parking problem was reported on W. Bruce Ave. and S. Bridge St., Brewster.

10:21 A 911-hangup call was reported on W. Main Ave. in

17:06 A caller on W. Griggs Ave. reported trespassing after tenants were given a deadline to vacate the premises and were refusing to do so.

July 21

06:22 A parking problem was reported on S. 7th St. and W. Hanson Ave. in Brewster.

13:41 A male subject was reported as intoxicated at a gas station on Hwy. 97 in Brewster, he was driving a gold Chevy Impala and kept pulling up to the gas pump on the wrong side three times.

14:09 A citizen contact was requested on S. 3rd St. for a reported overdose.

16:41 A disorderly male subject was reported locked in a bathroom, screaming and punching walls at a location on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

22:27 A male subject stole a drink from a location on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

July 22

05:11 A burglary was reported on W. Main Ave. in Brewster when a male subject broke into a building and was also reported making a mess.

06:50 A male subject locked himself inside a bathroom on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

July 23

07:27 Animal noise was reported

on W. Bruce Ave.

Saturday, August 5th.

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

July 24 04:34 A suspicious circumstance was reported on S. Bridge St. in Brewster for a vehicle in the alley since 1 a.m. 1:03 An agency assist was

requested on Douglas Ave.

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in Bridgeport for a domestic dispute in which the male subject reportedly through a female subject to the ground.

22:44 Cows were reported in Hwy. 97 and West Indian Ave. in Brewster.

July 25

06:23 A parking problem was reported on W. Bruce Ave. and Bridge St. in Brewster.

13:27 An automated collision report was received for a onevehicle collision on Lakeview Way in Brewster.

17:44 A hit-and-run accident was reported when a subject in a white Honda four-door car struck a caller's blue Subaru Impreza and left the scene on W. Indian Ave.

19:34 A burglary alarm was reported on Hwy. 97.

July 26

19:34 A commercial burglary alarm was triggered on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

13:28 A vehicle prowl was reported on Lakeshore Dr. in Pateros when subjects were in a white Dodge Dakota with a canopy going around to vehicles at the camps attempting to open vehicle doors, the occupants reportedly appeared to be intoxicated and were acting strange.

July 21

09:45 An agency assist was requested per state patrol to spray off rocks, dirt and cement spilled from a large dump truck.

July 22

02:29 A noise complaint was reported on Pedersen Rd. for bribers blaring and shouting with loud music, reportedly not letting neighbors sleep.

July 23

00:05 A citizen assist was requested on W. Warren Ave. in Pateros when a caller's

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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Too early for apple saucer



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A crew of extraterrestrials out for a July 4th joy ride hover over an orchard hoping to find some ripe apples. Not only were they too early in the season but they also did a poor job trying to disguise their flying saucer as a cloud.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

July 26, 28

Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and

home delivery 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. August 2: Bacon & Egg Salad Sandwich, Vegetable Tray, Pea Salad, Watermelon, Dessert; August 4: BBQ Riblets, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Strawberry Shortcake; August 8: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Salad, Three Bean Salad, Apple Slices, Dessert: August 9: Cheese Stuffed Shells with Pesto Sauce, Venetian Veggies, Tossed Salad, Apricots, Dessert; August 11: Chicken

Bread, Dessert.

August 2-5, 7-12

Senior Center Thrift Store

Strips, Jo Joís, Spinach Sal-

ad, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic

BREWSTER – The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Check out our 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.

August 2-3, 7-10

Chelan Valley Hope

CHELAN - A big thank you to the Chelan community. After a Facebook post circulated showing a nearly empty pantry, the community showed up and fully restocked with lots of food, water, blankets, and more. We at Hope feel so much love and appreciation seeing our Little Essentials Pantry fully stocked thanks to you all. We are grateful to be part of a community that generously looks out for one another. If you would like to add your name to our newsletter list, our latest edition explains more about food insecurity. You can find it on our website at chelanvalleyhope.org/ join. Visit the Little Essentials Pantry and Library (located outside next to the front door) for immediate items such as blankets, bottled water, snacks, books, and more, open 24/7. The Lake Chelan Methodist Church, located at 206 N Emerson St, Chelan, also has a food pantry outside and is available 24/7.

August 2

American Legion Auxiliary to meet

BREWSTER – The American Legion Auxiliary #97 meets the first Wednesday of each month, a the American Legion Hall at 6 p.m. August 2, 16

American Legion meetings

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.

August 3

Bingo

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

August 4

Dance lessons

BREWSTER - Dance lessons by Jen Phillips at the American Legion for Country Cha Cha Dancing. For Information to join, contact Jen to sign up or for more info at 509-679-2582. Lesson is 6:30-8 p.m.

August 8, 22

Douglas County PUD meetings

EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office.

August 8

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

August 9

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, July 12, 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.

August 10, 17

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is August 10. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Thursday of each month, August 17 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.

August 14

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

Obituary & Memorial Policies

NCW Media, Inc.: Leavenworth Echo, Cashmere Valley Record, Lake Chelan Mirror, Quad City Herald: An Obituary is a way for family member(s) to commemorate a loved one's life and to notify the community of the passing of the loved one. Obituaries are also used for historical and ancestral data. Memorials are another way to let the community know about the life and memories of the person who has passed. A Memorial is different from an Obituary. An Obituary is usually current, while a Memorial can be written later. Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday. Obituaries are priced by the number of words and include one color photo and go online at no extra charge. Memorials are priced per column inch.

Please call for cost. *Payment is due at the time of placement. *Exception: Chapels, funeral homes who have an account, can be billed. There is no charge for a Death Notice - information is limited. Deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday - some exceptions may apply. Please call 682-2213 or 689-2507 for more information Or email ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Sockeye salmon madness and more

By John Kruse

LAKE WENATCHEE

Lake Wenatchee is experiencing a big sockeye boom this year. As of July 21, 67,354 sockeye salmon had passed through Tumwater Dam enroute to Lake Wenatchee. This is well over the ten-year average for the entire run that typically ends in mid-September. This equates to many more sockeye in Lake Wenatchee than anglers have seen in years.

Nate Stull, the owner of Stully's Guide Service (www. stullysguideservice.com) has been fishing Lake Wenatchee and says the fishing is pretty good though the boat ramp at Lake Wenatchee State Park is so busy you may end up not getting on the water at first light for the best bite. Even though Stull didn't get on the water to fish until 6:30 a.m. on his most recent trip, several of his clients still caught limits of sockeye out of his boat during an abbreviated morning bite that saw lots of fish hooked, and several lost with the barbless hooks required here.

Stull is trolling a Mack's Lure 1.5 Smile Blade spinner in pink or green or glo-burst. Also being trolled are pink hoochies. Eight-inch green or chrome dodgers are tied about 8 to 12 inches in front of the lure. Stull is using downriggers and trolling 45 feet deep in the early morning and going as deep as 90 feet in the late morning. The entire

upper end of the lake is fishing well since the sockeye are going up both the White and Little Wenatchee Rivers. Stull does have several openings for Lake Wenatchee. He expects the fishing should remain solid for quality fish until mid-August. You can book a trip with him through his Facebook page or through his website at https://stullysguide-service.business.site/.

WENATCHEE RIVER

The large bounty of sockeye returning to Lake Wenatchee this year has the Washington

Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announcing a rare opening of the Wenatchee River from August 1st through September 30th for sockeye salmon with a limit of four sockeye a day, as well as two adult hatchery Chinook salmon per day. The river is open for fishing from the mouth to the Icicle Road Bridge in Leavenworth.

I checked in with Rick Graybill, the fishing guru at Hooked on Toys in Wenatchee and asked him about this new opportunity. Graybill told me the vast majority of the sockeye run has already made it to Lake Wenatchee but with several hundred sockeye a day still entering and traveling up the Wenatchee River on a daily basis, there is the possibility of hooking into some

Graybill recommends plunking for the fish, casting out a pyramid sinker heavy enough to keep your bait in place without drifting. Twelve to 15 inches up from the sinker he'll tie on a three-way swivel. Connected to that swivel is a



Courtesy Stully's Guide

Nate Stull shows off the sockeye his clients caught at Lake Wenatchee.

two-foot leader. At the end of the leader, rig up a Spin-N-Glo lure, pink and red being good color choices, along with a couple of beads and then two barbless hooks. On the top barbless hook rig up a canal shrimp for bait. Above that first offering tie on a second three-way swivel and add a second bait rig similar to the

As for where to fish, Graybill recommends looking for a point and fishing three to

six feet deep since the fish will be hugging the shoreline, especially during the early morning hours. As the day progresses you can still catch them at times but you will want to fish deeper water, like 10 to 12 feet deep.

BREWSTER SALMON DERBY

If you are fishing this weekend around Brewster, you'll likely have lots of company.

Brewster King Salmon Derby takes place August 4-6 and up to 300 anglers are

expected to attend. If you want to participate you may be too late. Ticket sales end at midnight on August 1. You can find out more about the event at www.brewsterkingsalmonderby.com.

MID-COLUMBIA STURGEON CLOSURE

Anglers have come to take sturgeon fishing on the Columbia River for granted but things are changing this summer as both WDFW and ODFW announced a closure to all sturgeon fishing between The Dalles Dam and Priest Rapids Dam until September

At least 24 sturgeon have been found dead in this section of the river this summer, most of them being found in the John Day Pool. One reason why these sturgeon deaths are occurring is the warming temperature in this part of the Columbia River, which is running higher than normal.

Just as catching trout in warm water can be fatal for the fish, the same goes for sturgeon and WDFW biologists say, "High water temperatures and lower dissolved oxygen have been shown to stress and kill sturgeon. While only catch-and-release fishing is allowed this time of year, closing all fishing will help reduce stress from capture and handling and give sturgeon some relief until water temperatures cool off in September."

John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.

Master Hunter Program application period open

Orientation on program August 10

SUBMITTED BY KRIS THORSON, WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is inviting new applicants to join the ranks of over 1,200 certified master hunters across the state. WDFW administers the Master Hunter Permit Program to enlist skilled volunteers who are willing to aid Department efforts to support the public and Washington wildlife. The program is designed to promote safe, lawful, and ethical hunting and strengthen Washington's

hunting heritage and conservation ethic.

"To qualify for the program, applicants must demonstrate a high skill level and be committed to lawful and ethical hunting practices," said David Whipple, WDFW hunter education division manager.

Interested individuals can submit applications now through August 15, and must complete all program requirements by May 15, 2024. For information on master hunter eligibility requirements and how to apply, visit WDFW's website.

Whipple encourages individuals who enroll in the program to prepare thoroughly for the written test. "Master hunters are expected

to be knowledgeable on many aspects of WDFW and the agency mission-so the test is fairly comprehensive, and applicants only get one chance to re-take the exam," he explained.

WDFW has upcoming an in-person orientation scheduled so applicants, current master hunters, and the public can receive information on the program and ask questions. An orientation will take place on August 10 at WD-FW's Southwest Region office in Ridgefield (5525 South 11th St.), also from 7-9 p.m.

Master hunters in Washington provide approximately 15,000 hours each year on volunteer projects involving landowner relations and access to private lands, conservation projects for game and diversity species, and hunter education. WDFW also enlists master hunters to assist the Department in certain human-wildlife conflicts.

WDFW works to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportuni-

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Don't forget to renew your

Landowner Hunting Permit Program application period now open

SUBMITTED BY OTTIE McCLELLAN, WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

OLYMPIA-The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is now accepting applications for the Department's Landowner **Hunting Permit Program for** the 2024-2026 season.

Landowners must submit applications by Augiust 15. A copy of the application packet, details on how to submit an application, and more information about the program is available on WDFW's website or by contacting the Private Lands Access Program Manager (360-280-3020).

WDFW's Private Lands Program is focused on working with landowners throughout Washington to provide public recreational opportunities. WDFW works within formal agreements with landowners to outline and develop a plan that supports hunting and other public access and/ or habitat conservation on enrolled private lands.

WDFW has been helping private landowners open their lands to public hunting since 1948. The Department helps landowners manage hunting on their property by providing technical assistance and signage. Many of

the private landowners who are part of the private lands access program also get assistance from WDFW staff to help improve fish and wildlife habitat on their lands. Department staff are available to help landowners plan habitat improvements and may also help landowners apply for or implement federal- or statefunded habitat improvement programs. For more information, visit WDFW's Private Lands website.

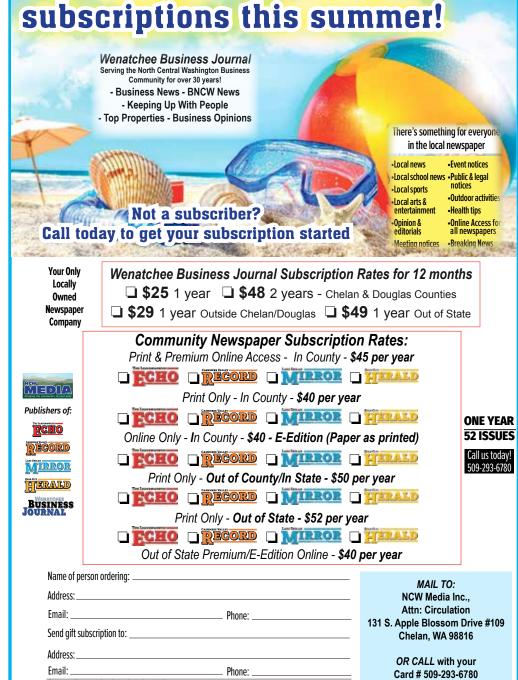
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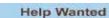
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If you would like to receive a Zoom link to attend this meeting, please visit:

https://www.aaccw.org and click on the "Area Plan Meeting Registration" link. This will redirect you to our registration page. Questions? Please contact: Erin Nelson at 509-886-0700 x232.

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Public Notices

City of Pateros Public Notice of Application for Variance Permit -and--Determination of

Non-Significance (DNS) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Pateros, Washington, in accordance with the City of Pateros Municipal Code, has and 12 EXCEPT the East 62.3 prepared an application for a feet thereof, Block 121, Townsit of Variance Permit. The applicants omak, as per plat thereof are requesting a front yard recorded in Volume D of Plats, setback variance to reduce the Page 31, records of the auditor ok front yard setback from 20 feet to 5 feet.

Location: 505 W. Beach Pateros, 615 7th Ave E, WA, Tax a Lot 10 & 11 Block & Omak, Washington 98841 Vac Alley Orchard Park Addition, Pateros, Okanogan County WA. Threshold Determination: The complaint by stating your defense lead agency for this proposal has in writing, and by serving a copy determined that it does not have a upon the person signing the impact on the environment. An service environmental impact statement excluding the day of service, or a (EIS) is not required under RCW default judgment may be entered 43.21C.030(2)(c). was made after review of a default judgment is one where checklist and other information on she asks for because you have file with the lead agency. The not responded. If you serve a information is available to the notice of appearance on the public on request.

{X} This DNS is issued under IMPORTANT NOTICE 197-11-340; the lead agency will If judgment is taken against you, not act on this proposal for 21 either by default or after hearing days from the date below. Comments must be submitted no sold at public auction. You may later than August 24, 2023.

information may contact

Pateros City Hall, 113 Lakeshore Drive, between the the right to redeem the property hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM during the redemption period if Monday through Friday. Written applicable, by paying the amount comments must be submitted to for which the property was sold, the City of Pateros, P.O. Box 8, plus interest and costs of the sale. Pateros, WA 98846, no later than If you wish to seek the advice of 3:30, August 24, 2023 to be an attorney in this matter, you included in the staff report. You should do so promptly so that may appeal this determination. your written response, if any, may Appeals must be submitted in be served on time. writing. You should be prepared This summons is issued pursuant make specific objections. For information contact Kerri Wilson Washington. at (509)923-2571. Published in the Dated this 20th day of

Quad City Herald August 2, 9, 2023.

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF **WASHINGTON STATE COUNTY OF OKANOGAN United States Department of** Agriculture (USDA), Plaintiff,

Helen M. Snyder, an individual or marital community thereof; and John and Jane Does I through X; occupants of the subject real property; and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, interest, lien or Estate in the property herein described, Defendant(s).

No. 23-2-0023724 SUMMONS (60 days) TO THE DEFENDANTS:

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above entitled United States Department Agriculture (USDA), Plaintiff. Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written complaint, a copy of which is available upon request and is on file with the

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after 19th day of July, 2023 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff at his (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do. judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The purpose of this suit is to foreclosure on your interest in the following described property: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 11

Okanogan County, Washington. Which is located at:

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the significant adverse summons within 60 days after the of this summons, This decision against you without notice. A environmental plaintiff is entitled to what he or undersigned person, you are {} There is no comment period for entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

by the court, your property will be prevent the sale by paying the Persons wishing to view project amount of the judgment at any time prior to the sale. If your property is sold, you may have

factual to rule 4 of the Superior Court further Civil Rules of the State of June, 2023.

WONG FLEMING Vanessa Moore. WSBA No. 52668 Attorney for Plaintiff Published in the Quad City Herald July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023.#5994

Public Notices

THE CITY OF PATEROS **COUNCIL TRAINING WORKSHOP** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

The City of Pateros is holding a council training workshop on August 15, 2023, at 5:30pm at Pateros City Hall. This is a training workshop only and no business will be conducted. Published in the Quad City Herald August 2, 2023. #6077

Public Notices

The Brewster School District has declared the following as surplus:

The minimum bid is \$3,000. These items are available to the public or private schools for 30 days. August 25th, 2023, after that, the surplus items will be offered to the public/destroyed or given to non-profit on August 26th, 2023.

Sealed bid will be accepted until 3pm August 25th, 2023. Bids will be opened August 25, 2023, at 3:30 pm.

Bids are to be delivered to the Brewster School District Office located at 520 W Main St in Brewster, WA 98812.

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Six tips to keep pets safe during storm season



Make your life easier and alleviate stress as you head into the busyness of the fall season. Have some simple, nutritious meals and snacks you can make in a pinch.

Submitted by Debbi Mayster, TURFMUTT FOUNDATION

While no one is immune from the devastation of a natural disaster, preparing before a storm hits is key to keeping everyone in your family—including pets—safe. "What's good for us is good for our pets," said Kris Kiser, President of the TurfMutt Foundation, an environment education and stewardship program, and President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), international trade an association representing manufacturers and suppliers power equipment, small engines and battery power, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars. "My dog is a member of the family, so we have a plan for keeping her safe in the event of an emergency, and we encourage all pet parents to do the same. "Here are six ideas from the TurfMutt Foundation to help you include pet safety when mapping out a disaster

preparedness plan. Have pets microchipped. In the event of an emergency, natural or otherwise, you want to ensure your pet can get back to you if you're separated. Collars and ID tags, though important, can break or detach. Microchips, computerized and scannable implants about the size of a grain of rice, are more foolproof since they're inserted under your pet's skin.

Bring pets inside at the first sign of danger. Disasters can be disorienting for pets, and they could run away or hurt themselves reacting to loud noises and strange changes to their landscape. Also, rain, flying debris and high winds pose a danger.

If you have to leave, keep pets with you. Leaving your pets behind during a natural disaster is never a good idea because they could escape or become exposed to a number

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of life-threatening hazards. Keep them on a leash or in a pet carrier so they don't escape, even if you are in a "familiar" neighborhood.

Determine where you'll go. You need a Plan B if you are advised by government officials to leave your home. Not all emergency shelters will accept pets and physical distancing guidelines may reduce capacity in public shelters. Make a plan and develop a list of pet-friendly hotels open for business and outside your immediate area that you might evacuate to.

Create a pet-friendly resource list. Research a list of veterinarians in the area should your pet need medical care, your regular vet may have some recommendations. Also, figure out which boarding facilities are nearby in case you need to separate from your pet for a time. Pack an emergency

bag. Pack emergency provisions for pets well in advance of a catastrophe so you can evacuate your home quickly if needed. Choose an easy-to-carry bag, label it and keep it where everyone in the family can find it quickly. The bag should include a pet first aid kit; enough food and bottled water for a week (rotate this every couple of months to keep it from going bad); medications (check periodically ensure medicines in your emergency bag don't expire); cleanup supplies; food and water dishes; bags (or litter for cats) for collecting waste; an extra collar and leash; photocopies of medical records; towels; recent photos of your pets; and a favorite toy or chewy for comfort. It's also a good idea to have a sturdy carrier or crate for each pet. By keeping in mind these ideas, pet preparedness plans can be put into action ahead of a storm instead of spending valuable time trying to determine what needs to be done to best protect pets.





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57. *Louisiana Territory's previous owner 60. *Infamous 1995 Oklahoma City event 64. Olympic torch, e.g. 65. Toni Morrison's " 67. The press

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15. Hand over 20. Ritchie Valens' 1958 hit 22. Modern address 24. *Grant, Patton or Sheridan

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row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Geological Wonders of Iceland to be presented August 8



Courtesy Wenatchee Valley Erratics

The Wenatchee Valley Erratics, Ice Age Floods Institute's next program will be on Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m. at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 127 South Mission St., Wenatchee, Brent Cunderla, IAFI Wenatchee Valley Erratics' long-time president, will give a Powerpoint Program on the Geological Wonders of Iceland. His talk stems from a trip he took in September 2022. Highlights include seeing the divergent plate boundary apparent at the surface, the Icelandic Hotspot, many basalt flows, geothermal fields and geothermal energy, geysers and hot springs, glaciers and waterfalls. This is a hybrid meeting. You can attend in-person at the Museum. Or you can participate via a Zoom link: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/84520197937 Please sign in at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Charting a new course: **Confluence Health announces** mission and vision statements

SUBMITTED BY ADAM MACDON-ALD, CONFLUENCE HEALTH

WENATCHEE - Shared values and goals are essential to the strong foundation of any organization. This is especially true for a local healthcare provider, which has meaningful, long-lasting outcomes on communities and families now and into the future. That is why Confluence Health, North Central Washington's largest healthcare provider, is so excited to unveil its new mission and vision statements.

The new mission of Confluence Health is: "Local care by and for our community." The new vision is: "To serve our community with compassionate care through our dedication to: enabling joy and pride in our work, focusing on local sustainability, ensuring access for all, and committing to excellent care and service."

"These new mission and vision statements serve two very different but important purposes," said Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO for Confluence Health. According to Jones, the mission statement is what makes Confluence Health unique and why it opens its doors each day, while the vision statement provides strategic guidance on where the organization

and secret lives separate is increasingly

difficult. Sometimes they can come crashing in

Father Robert McCarthy is a middle-aged

confronted with his secret past. How he deals

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on our public lives when we least expect it.

priest who is suddenly and unexpectedly

with the revelation of that past with his

"Not only do these new statements set a course for Confluence Health now, but they will guide us in the years to come," added Jones. "To put it simply: our mission is our heart, and our vision is where we are heading.'

In shaping the new mission and vision statements, the leadership of Confluence Health was

New vision is: "To

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faced with the challenge of using a handful of words to convey the larger values not only of the organization itself, but also of its staff and providers who make it all possible.

In order to hear from as

many stakeholders as possible, leadership held multiple employee forums in addition to several leadership, board, and patient advisory discussions. Throughout the extensive development process, one of the most consistent pieces of feedback received from focus groups and surveys was the importance of community.

"At Confluence Health, we are the community we serve," Jones explained.

"The people we care for are our friends, neighbors, and families. Plus, the sense of community we have with our co-workers and colleagues makes this a great place to work. Community matters."

Jones also acknowledged that Confluence Health should continue to strive to create an excellent experience for patients and employ-

> ees, saying, "We recogsion and vi-

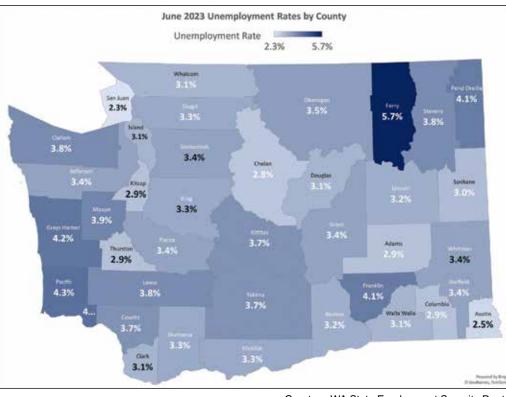
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availability and access to physician board members.

nize we have a lot of work to become the care provider and employer of choice in the region and beyond. We believe the new mission statements can be

guide to get there."

About Confluence Health: Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence Health is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health and includes nine community board members and six



Courtesy WA State Employment Security Dept

County unemployment numbers for June 2023 released

SUBMITTED BY WA STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPT.

OLYMPIA - The BLS estimates Washington's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2023 is 3.8 percent. The revised estimated May 2023 unemployment rate is 4.1 percent. According to BLS estimates, the number of unemployed people fell by 10,500 in June 2023 compared to May 2023. At the same time, the number of employed people rose by an estimated 13,400. Overall, this amounted to an increase of 2,900 people in the labor force. The preliminary June 2023 unemployment rate is 0.1 percentage points lower than the June 2022 rate of 3.9 percent. June 2023 preliminary unemployment rates: U.S. (preliminary) 3.6%, Washington (preliminary) 3.8%, Chelan County (preliminary) 2.8%, Douglas County 3.1%, Okanogan County 3.5%.

Based on BLS estimates, Washington state nonfarm employment increased by 11,900 jobs from May 2023 to June 2023.

One-month employment change by industry

Based on a BLS survey of businesses and governments, Washington gained an estimated 11,900 jobs during the month, on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Overall, employment increased in seven major industries and decreased in six in June.

 Private sector employment is estimated to have increased by 8,800 and government employment increased by 3,100.

· Leisure and hospitality employment increased by 8,900 overall, with 5,200 jobs added in food services and drinking places.

• The number of jobs in education and health services increased by 4,600 overall, with 3,100 jobs gained in social assistance.

· Professional and busi-

ness services employment increased by 500 overall, with 800 jobs gained in professional, scientific and technical services.

 Manufacturing employment fell by 2,500, led by 1,700 jobs lost in food manufacturing.

· Retail trade employment decreased by 2,800 overall, with 900 jobs lost by food and beverage stores.

Speaking to kids about drugs has become critical

By Marcel Gemme

Drug education and prevention work; it's proven effective. Parents' or caregivers' early conversations with their kids make a real difference. Amid the opioid epidemic, these conversations have become criti-

Fentanyl and fentanyl analogs are found in most drugs and are even made to look like prescription pain medication. There is a real risk of deadly overdose. Social media platforms provide easy access to illegal drugs.

Online drug dealers target young people because of the frequency they use social media. Anyone buying drugs online will never know what they are getting. Over the past 15 years, over 17,500 Washington residents have died from a drug overdose. Approximately 68% of those deaths involved opioids. Since 2019, opioid-related deaths have nearly doubled.

Prevention and education resources are critical, such as The Parent's Guide to Fentanyl and local resources and organizations. Yet, it begins with parents and caregivers speaking with their kids. Consider some of the following tips:



Courtesy photo **Marcel Gemme**

Keep conversations frequent and small, rather than one big talk; this helps to build strong communication and trust. These conversations should fit into everyday life, and it's never too late to start.

Make your views and rules about legal substances clear; set boundaries. They must have an understanding of the consequences.

Be a reliable source of factual information; search out the answers together and find accurate data.

Ask them what they know about fentanyl, listen to their opinions, and answer their questions. The conversation

goes both ways. Avoid lecturing, threatening, or using scare

Be prepared to share personal experiences. Help them prepare to manage peer pressure, rehearse scenarios and practice what to say when faced with it.

Teach them about online safety and using social media safely, such as not giving out personal information. These talks aim to build

trust and a safe environment where youth can come to their parents at any time and speak about the things they are experiencing.

It's never too late to start having these talks. When youth and teens know the dangers, they begin making informed decisions and avoiding dangerous situations. There are different risks now with recreational drug use, and young people must understand these risks.

Marcel Gemme has been helping people struggling with substance use for over 20 years, most recently with the creation of SUPE: Substance Use Prevention Education. His work focuses on a threefold approach: education, prevention, and rehabilitation.



His pastoring skills and the depth of support from his wife help him bring forgiveness and restoration to many broken relationships. The bonds of three families are ultimately restored through celebrations of life experiences including fishing, holiday gatherings, the discovery of unknown family connections

Bill's Book is available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook. The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. You can also pick up a copy of the book or order the book directly from Carol Forhan at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), or the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to Carol@leavenworthecho.com. Mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no extra charge if your order is picked up at the Echo/Record office, call for details, 509-548-5286.



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