

Pateros Community Resource gains new board member

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - The Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center (PBCRC) gained a new board member at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, July 12, with the unanimous approval of Bridgeport resident Maria Escobedo.



Gene Dowers

Salvation Army
We've been using the entire funding (\$775) primarily for utilities," said Dowers.

Covid food kits
PBCRC Executive Director Gene Dowers reported that the excess Covid food kits his agency has on hand have found a welcome recipient at the Brewster Food Bank.

I've been going over on Thursday morning right at 10:30 a.m. to deliver a carload full of boxes," said Dowers.

Inatai (Group Health Foundation)

Through the first half of the year we've distributed almost \$22,000 of (Inatai) funding virtually all for utilities, keeping lights on, keeping water on," said Dowers.

Eviction Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

The ERAP program ended on June 30, so we have our final invoices in with Okanogan County Community Action

Council (OCCAC)," Dowers said.

Making the connection with OCCAC benefitted the Resource Center by convincing OCCAC to send a staff person to Pateros to share some office space with WorkSource and work with local needs there.

Conference Room

It has been going well," said Dowers and cited two groups what want to use it in September, but both are having a problem finding motel space for the people they want to bring in for their meetings.

Everything's booked," Dowers said of local lodging space.

Outdoor Learning Grant

The grant is bigger than when we did it last fall," said Dowers, "The current total is right at \$66,000, because there is a 10 percent indirect fee for administration for PBCRC."

Dowers said he met with new Pateros Superintendent Scotti Wiltse about succession planning for sixth grade Outdoor Ed, so it remains viable for many years to come.

So, if we get the grant, we have a month to buy everything," Dowers said.

72nd Apple Pie Jamboree draws hundreds to Lakeshore Park



Mike Maltais/QCH

Bull and Rebecca Meadows serve as Grand Marshal and Grand Lady.

State crime numbers up, law officer numbers down in 2022

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

LACEY - Crime was up, and the number of law enforcement numbers was down in the latest Crime in Washington (CIW) report for 2022 and the state ranks 51st out of 50 states and Washington, D.C. for the number of officers per thousand residents.

Those were the points that jumped off the page in a July 10 media release from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) summarizing data compiled from 231 state, county, municipal, and tribal agencies and numbers from the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

There were 394 murders last year - a 16.6 percent increase over 2021 - the highest number since WASPC began collecting data in 1980. Homicides have increased 96 percent since 2019, the media release reports. Violent crimes increased 8.9 percent in 2022 and crimes against persons, property, and society were up as well.

CIW 2022 Facts at a Glance

- The total population for the State of Washington is 7,865,768.
Full-time commissioned officers total 10,666.
2,375 assaults - an increase of 20.7 percent - were committed on law enforcement officers, two of those killed in the line of duty.
Motor vehicle theft rose 34 percent.



Courtesy okanogancounty.org
Okanogan County Sheriff Paul Budrow

- 394 murders committed.
Domestic offenses comprised 45.9 percent of all crimes against persons.
544 hate crime incidents were reported.
1,444 arrests for drug/narcotic violations were down from 2,163 in 2021.

Douglas County Sheriff

In an address to members of the Bridgeport City Council on June 21, Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris said his department has a full complement of officers thanks to recent hires. Morris is proposing an organizational realignment from the current north and south detachments to four squads, each with a sergeant and corporal, that allow more equal coverage of the entire county.

His officers have requested a work schedule of 12-hour shifts currently used by the



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Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris

Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, and Chelan County departments. While the new system will add eight hours of straight time a month to each officer, it will also give each officer every other weekend off, a real morale booster according to Morris.

The benefit to the county and cities like Bridgeport is better night and weekend coverage and all officers will become better acquainted with the city and its residents.

The bottom line is if something happens here in Bridgeport, you will have every deputy here in a moment's notice," Morris said.

Okanogan County Sheriff Sheriff Paul Budrow was not available for comment on the WASPC media release. However, his statement posted

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The Anderson & Varrelman Stageline waits in the parade lineup on Industrial Way.



3-on-3 basketball takes over Lakeshore Drive.



A jet ski racer clears a buoy.



The PHS Cheer team turns out.



A mini-Advance Unlimited hydro precedes the real thing.



Kids along the parade route scrambled for treats.



These two girls make riding electric Hoverboards look easy.



A climbing tower is a new APJ addition.



Pateros Mayor Kelly Hook distributes treats.

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Meth house remediation is expensive, specialized

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN – Making a residence contaminated by residues from methamphetamine use safe for re-occupancy is not only costly, but it also requires specially trained personnel to do the job.

That is the conclusion recognized by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners earlier this month after allotting up to \$20,000 to pay for work done at one of the units in the Caribou Trail Apartments. The apartment build-

ing serves as a bridge between homelessness and a more permanent voucher program or self-sufficiency.

A unit required remediation after it was discovered that an individual living there – since evicted – used meth.

Nancy Nash Mendez, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Okanogan County, addressed the BOCC on July 3 to request the money from the state's Homeless Housing Assistance Act funds.

"The unit was 'hot,'" said Mendez. "We worked with the Health Department. The

remediation work was done."

Mendez presented the board with an invoice for \$16,000.

"Now the apartment is ready for rehab at a total estimated cost of close to \$20,000," Mendez said.

Statistics compiled about meth remediation in living spaces show that every pound of cooked meth results in five pounds of poisonous waste. Studies show that left untreated meth residue can remain in materials for five years or more.

Commissioner Jon Neal noticed that the abatement

contractor hired was from Bellingham and inquired if there was one more local.

Mendez replied that the companies qualified to do that type of work are scarce. An internet search turned up three such companies, two on the west side and one in Spokane.

"There are very few companies licensed to do this job," said Mendez. "One is in Spokane, but he was too busy. We went out for bids."

Commissioner Andy Hover received unanimous approval for his motion to grant the requested funds.

CORRECTION



Courtesy Brad Skiff/Bridgeport School District
Senior Brandy Valdovinos receives her AA degree from Wenatchee Valley College Board of Trustees member Paula Martinez during the graduation ceremonies at Bridgeport High School earlier this year. Valdovinos was misidentified in this photo when it ran in the Quad City Herald on June 14, with the story about scholarships that 2023 seniors received at area graduation ceremonies.

Commissioners support county's five-year homeless housing plan

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

(Editor's note: Details provided by notes from Okanogan County Watch, info@county-watch.org)

OKANOGAN – For those looking for homes to rent or purchase in the county it's old news that affordable housing is in short supply. According to the state's Office of Financial Management the county is 2,000 housing units behind and there are 600 homeless people in the county including those in RVs not hooked up to services.

That's the message Rena Shawver, Executive Director of the Okanogan County Community Action Council (OCCAC) brought to the July 3 meeting of the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners (BOCC).

Shawver was there with Nancy Nash Mendez, execu-

tive Director of the Okanogan County Housing Coalition (OCHC) to discuss OCHC's five-year homeless housing plan scheduled to update by Dec. 2024, and ask for BOCC's permission to post a request for proposal (RFP) to find a consultant to help.

"We want the plan to be more comprehensive," said Shawver. "We've looked at several other counties' housing plans and some counties are working with consultants. We'd like the work to include a review of the mission and goals of the OCHC."

Shawver said the groups' tasks include:

1. Review of the mission and goals of the OCHC.
2. Assemble a project planning team.
3. Meet with design support.
4. Community event observation input
5. Community work groups.

6. Data analysis input and sorting.

7. Financial analysis and resource development. A plan to show how to achieve it financially.

8. An analysis of our social service systems, collaboration, duplication, and wrap-around support.

9. The actual written document.

"The whole idea is to get a consultant involved who would engage with a cross section of the community - business community, law enforcement, members of the housing coalition - and others interested in solving the homeless housing situation so we move forward collaboratively and also identify funding sources," said Shawver. "We've been meeting with a federal interagency work group—HUD, USDA, Federal Reserve and others—about how to bring more affordable housing to the

county."

Shawver said the plan, required by the state and due by December 2024, will help identify what projects are attainable in the county.

"Today we are asking your permission to move forward, post the RFP and seek out a consultant to help us move forward," Shawver said.

Shawver came with a list of consultants provided by the state Department of Commerce but added that a local one would be preferred.

Funding was discussed with a possible source for the recording fees mandated under the state's Homeless Housing program (HB 2163) passed in 2005.

Commissioner Andy Hover's motion that the BOCC clerk publish the RFP to satisfy the state requirement to update the five-year homeless housing plan for Okanogan County was approved.

Commissioners approve request for FYRE housing fund

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN – The Board of Okanogan County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a \$10,000 request earlier this month from the Foundation for Youth Resiliency and Engagement (FYRE) for the agency's homeless housing fund. The action was taken during the regular BOCC meeting on July 3.

The money will help cover

pre-development costs needed for the purchase of a downtown Omak building that, if successful, will serve as FYRE's Independent Learning and Living Village.

"The state gave us a capital appropriation of \$3.3 million," said FYRE co-founder Michelle Sandoval. "We're still pre-contract, so we can't get advanced funding. We have to pay pre-development costs on our own."

Sandoval added that FYRE

needs \$15,000 for earnest money and an environmental assessment of the property.

Commissioner Andy Hover's motion to grant FYRE's funding request received unanimous approval.

FYRE was founded in 2020 by Michelle, Amitie, and Mady Sandoval. It is a local non-profit organization serving Okanogan County young people between the ages of 12-24. Since its October opening almost three years ago, FYRE has served hundreds of county youth. Last year alone, FYRE

welcomed more than 700 individuals and logged more than 3500 visits.

FYRE is located at 23 Ash Street South (across from the Omak Library) and is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and by appointment on Fridays. Mountain (MTN), its after-school handout space for middle and high school youth, is open from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Learn about FYRE's founders, board members, youth advisory committee, and mission by visiting its website at info@okfyre.org.

Three Rivers Hospital seeks renewal of levy to fund emergency room

SUBMITTED THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL

BREWSTER – As Three Rivers Hospital looks to 2024, they have decided to ask voters to consider renewing a one-year property tax levy.

"We appreciate the previous support of our hospital district voters," said Chief Executive Officer J. Scott Graham. "This funding has been invaluable for our emergency room operations."

The hospital's Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2023-02 during a special meeting on May 10, authorizing a ballot proposition for the levy.

The hospital is requesting the same amount that was approved by voters in 2021 and 2022: Thirty-three cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. If approved, the total estimated amount Three Rivers could receive in 2024 is about \$1.15 million.

As with the last two levies, this funding would pay for ER operations and physician staffing, Graham said. The hospital contracts with STATUS Health Partners, formerly ERx Group, to provide 24/7 coverage in the ER and Acute Care.

"As a non-profit hospital, our goal financially is to break even through providing services," Graham said. "However, insurance reimbursements don't fully cover the cost of providing care in the ER setting."

Chelan County Sheriff

Mike Morrison responded to the WASPC report with a letter July 10, expressing "disappointment and concern...to see such a rise in murders, violent crimes, and property crimes, which directly impact the safety and well-being of all communities to include ours."

Speaking to the state's 51st ranking of officer numbers, Morrison wrote: "This statistic is simply unacceptable. Law enforcement cannot effectively combat crime and ensure public safety without an adequate number of officers."

Property tax levies are not the only way the hospital seeks to cover operational costs.

"We do look at our other services where reimbursement is better, such as surgery, and try to find ways to increase revenue there," said Business Development Coordinator Jennifer Best. "Most of that simply involves making sure the community knows what services we do offer. We also advocate on state and federal levels for better reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, which are our largest payers."

The 18-day voting period in Washington state began Friday, July 14 and ballots must be postmarked or turned in to an official ballot drop box by August 1.

Drop boxes in the Three Rivers Hospital district are available in the following locations:

- Pateros at 180 Pateros Mall, near the bus stop
- Twisp at 118 Glover Street, at City Hall
- Bridgeport at 1206 Columbia Avenue, at City Hall
- Mansfield at 26 Main Street, at City Hall
- Winthrop at 51 State Highway 20, at the Winthrop Barn

More information about the levy and hospital can be found at www.threerivershospital.net. For direct questions about the levy, email Jennifer Best at media@trhospital.net, or call 509-645-3347.

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OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT

Douglas County Sheriff's Office

- July 7**
 10:00 911-call, 56 Zanol Loop Rd., Orondo
 20:48 DUI Arrest, 26th St. and Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport
 20:51 Psychiatric, Hansen Ln., Orondo
 22:59 DUI Arrest, 1100 block Columbia Ave., Bridgeport

- July 8**
 12:44 Runaway, 210 W. Ash St., Waterville
 18:57 Agency Assist, Quail Ln. and Combine Rd., Orondo
 20:49 Fireworks, 222 17th St., Bridgeport
 21:16 Traffic Offense, 12th St. and Foster Ave., Bridgeport

- July 9**
 01:04 Noise Complaint, 1346 Foster Ave., Bridgeport
 02:11 Noise Complaint, 1200 block Fairview Ave., Bridgeport
 07:13 Noise Complaint, 17 Moe Rd., Bridgeport Bar
 09:08 Welfare Check, 811 Jefferson Ave., Bridgeport

- July 10**
 09:46 Civil Dispute, 22 Storerosa Rd., Waterville
 15:00 Agency Assist, SR 28 and Stuhlmiller Rd., Orondo
 16:00 Hazard, 105 Rd. E NW, Waterville
 16:41 Unknown-injury Accident, SR 173 and Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
 21:58 Abuse, 85 Rd. N SW, Waterville
 22:02 Fireworks, 1700 block Raymond Ave., Bridgeport

- July 11**
 10:10 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 1050 Rd. 8 NW, Waterville
 18:19 Agency Assist, SR 173 MP 2, Bridgeport
 18:43 Non-injury Accident, 2418 Monroe Ave., Bridgeport
 19:12 Welfare Check, Rd. C NW and Rd. 6 NW, Waterville
 19:52 911-call, 23459 US Hwy. 97, Beebe Bridge, Orondo
 20:20 Trespassing, 42 Zanol Loop Rd., Orondo

- July 12**
 16:10 CPS/ APS Referral, 1505 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
 19:29 Alarm, 45 Fisher Ln., Orondo
 23:02 Alarm, 356 Moses Coulee Rd., Waterville

- July 13**
 16:38 CPS/ APS Referral, 124 W. Maple St., Waterville

Brewster Sheriff's Department

- July 6**
 13:08 An animal problem was reported on S. 3rd St. in Brewster.

- 15:53 An assault was reported on Hwy. 97 when a hispanic male subject reportedly came inside and punched a cashier of the Chevron portion of the building. The caller advised there was a brief argument over ice in a latte.

- 17:20 A domestic dispute was reported on S. 7th St. involving a verbal fight with their fiancé, and was reportedly breaking things in the house. The two were separated.

- 17:53 A caller reported a black dog that they reported cops were looking for with a dangly collar and leash, headed west on Ferry Ave.

- 22:02 Fireworks were reported on S. 1st St. in Brewster.

- July 7**
 09:07 A possible DUI driver was reported in a blue Toyota on S. Bridge St.
 09:59 Property damage was reported on W. Bruce Ave. in Brewster.
 12:40 A suspicious circumstance

was reported on Lakeview Way.

- 13:00 Property was found and reported on N. Bridge St. in Brewster.

- 21:35 A subject was reported having a seizure, the caller reported the location as in an empty lot behind Exxon and Les Schwab.

- July 8**
 19:10 911-abuse was reported on S. 4th St.

- 22:58 A parking problem was reported on Columbia Cove Park in Brewster.

- July 9**
 08:15 A stray animal was reported on S. Bridge St. in Brewster.
 09:14 An agency assist was requested for a male subject that was passed out on the sidewalk on Jefferson Ave. in Bridgeport.

- 09:13 An order violation was reported on S. 3rd St. in Brewster, the caller advised she believed a subject scratched her brother's white Lexus.

- 10:03 A subject requested a pickup at Three Rivers Hospital.

- 20:01 A civil dispute was reported on 3rd St. in Brewster, the caller reported her two daughters were visiting their father and not answering their phone.

- July 10**
 18:40 Two stray pitbulls were reported on W. Cliff Ave. running around the neighborhood and the dogs were known to have bitten people before.

- 22:12 A domestic dispute was reported on W. Indian Ave. in Brewster when the father of the caller's child was banging on the residence, no order was in place and the male subject did not live at the location. She reported the doors were locked and she was home alone with her 1-year-old.

- July 11**
 10:19 A 15-year-old minor female reported a sex offense at her place of work by a male subject in his 50's, that she was working for on W. Main Ave. in Brewster.

- 18:24 An agency assist was requested in Bridgeport.
 22:09 Fireworks were reported on the south end of Lakeview Way.

- July 12**
 09:06 911-abuse was reported on W. Main Ave.

- 13:22 An unknown-injury accident was reported on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster when a subject

driving a white SUV rolled at least once, maybe twice.

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

- July 6**
 14:24 A non-injury accident was reported on Indian Dan Canyon Rd. in Brewster when a subject's vehicle slid toward an embankment and had two flat tires. The father of the juvenile had arrived on the scene and he removed the vehicle.

- 16:31 An agency referral was requested on West Raymond Rd. in Brewster for a subject reporting to be a victim of financial exploitation.
 17:20 A domestic dispute was reported on S. 7th St. in Brewster involving a verbal fight between fiancé's.
 19:06 Littering was reported on Starr Rd. in Pateros by a subject driving a 2000's gray Honda littering on the roadway. She was described as a white female in her 50s with white hair, about 5'2" in height and dropped multiple bags and items littered along the roadway.

- July 7**
 13:24 Fraud was reported on Frontage Rd. in Pateros when an unknown subject opened multiple credit card accounts in the caller's name.

- July 8**
 01:27 A missing person was reported in Brewster in the farms area by a family friend.

- July 9**
 14:32 Two juveniles were reported "zooming" around on a quad for 45 minutes on Methow Pl. in Pateros.
 21:40 A welfare check was requested for juveniles that appeared to have been left at a location on Hwy. 153 since the day before.

- July 10**
 12:48 A civil dispute was reported on Hwy. 153 in Pateros when a caller was attempting to get his tools back from his ex-girlfriend's brother.
 15:22 Six to eight 911-calls were reported as hang-ups from Midland Rd. in Brewster.
 16:37 A vin inspection request was received from Teleport Dr. in Brewster.

- July 11**
 No local reports.

- July 12**
 13:22 A subject driving a white 4-door SUV rolled their vehicle on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

July 19, 21, 25-26, 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. July 19: Chicken, Bacon and Swiss Cheese Sandwich, Jo Jo's, Broccoli Salad, Watermelon, Dessert; July 21: Sweet Sour Meatballs, Wild Rice, Asian Vegetables, Cucumber Salad, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert; July 25: Teriyaki Chicken on Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Garden Salad, Pineapple, Egg Roll, Dessert; July 26: Hot Dog, Potato Salad, Pea Salad, Strawberry Shortcake; July 28: Fish & Chips, Coleslaw, Grapes, Garlic Toast, Dessert

July 19-22, 24-29

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 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.

July 19-20, 24-27

Chelan Valley Hope

CHELAN - Follow Chelan Valley Hope on Facebook and Instagram and sign up for their E-newsletters on chelanvalleyhope.org/join for active news and updates. Are you curious about our current needs, the services they offer, or what's new at Hope? Their Facebook, Instagram, and E-newsletters are the resources for you. Also, visit their website ChelanValleyHope.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities, donations, and events. For more information, you may call or visit them Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.), and speak with one of their helpful volunteers. Whether

you are looking to get help or to give help, they are waiting for you.

July 20

Bingo

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

July 13, 20

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is July 13. 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, July 20 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.

July 19

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.

July 21

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.

July 24

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

July 25

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.

July 27

Kindness Counts NCW

WENATCHEE - A small group of community members has come together with the belief "Kindness toward others" strengthens a community. As such, "Kindness Counts NCW" was organized to make 2023 "The Year of Kindness" throughout North Central Washington. The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2-3 p.m., at Community Foundation of NCW, 9 S. Wenatchee Avenue and open to all KIND minded folks. They meet every other Thursday. To learn more about the group go to kindnescountsncw.com or find them on Facebook Kindness Counts NCW.

August 2

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.

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 14

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.

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OBITUARIES

Melvin E. "Mel" Shenyer

Funeral services for Melvin E. "Mel" Shenyer, 75, of Ellensburg, will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Mercer Creek Church in Ellensburg, Washington with a reception to follow starting at Noon at the Armory Building at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. Viewing for family and friends will be Friday, July 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Johnston & Williams in Ellensburg. Mr. Shenyer passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at the Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle.

Mel was born on March 23, 1948 in Omak, Washington to Ernest & Phyllis (Krupkat) Shenyer. He was raised in Brewster where he excelled as a multi-sport athlete in high school, with basketball being his favorite. He graduated from Brewster High School in 1966 and enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving a six year tour that encompassed service both stateside and in Germany.

Following his honorable dis-

charge in 1973, Mel returned to Brewster where he worked his own and the family's orchards before relocating to Ellensburg when he purchased Okanagan-Seattle Transport Company from Virgil Hinchey in 1979. Mel would own and operate OST for nearly 28 years before he "retired" in 2006.

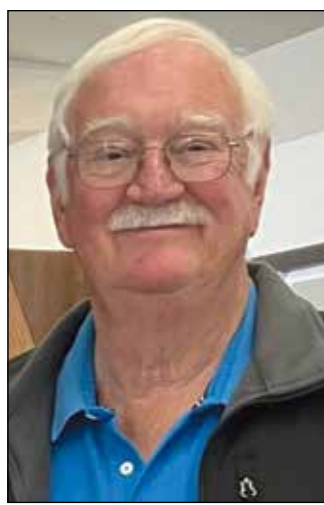
Retirement, of course, was a loose term for Mel. After about six months of doing "retired things", Mel got bored and went to work for the Washington State Department of Transportation on Snoqualmie Pass, plowing snow in the winter and doing maintenance in the summer.

Although he didn't drink, Mel met Jodee Craig one evening when he went into The Thunderbird where she was bartending. She was working alone and things got busy, so she put him to work bringing in beer to restock the cooler. Before he left, Mel gave her one of his OST pens and told her to give him a call to make sure she got home okay (by

the time she got home, he had already called and left her a message). That interaction would become the start of a lifetime romance between the two and they were married on July 18, 1981.

In addition to everything else Mel did work wise, he also took great pride in the family farm that he and Jodee established together in 1985, growing hay and raising horses. He loved to fish, hunt, and compete in Nascar races. He was a longtime member of both the Kittitas County Fair Board and the Ellensburg Rodeo Board of Directors. No matter who it was that needed a hand, Mel was there to help with his time, knowledge and equipment - and if he couldn't help, he would connect you with someone who could.

Mel is survived by his wife, Jodee and daughters Elizabeth and Amelia, all of Ellensburg; brothers Terry Shenyer of Brewster, Washington and William (Kay) Shenyer of Bridgeport, Washington as



well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and an exponentially large group of friends in the community. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Phyllis (Krupkat) Shenyer and his sister, Susan (Shenyer) Madden.

Memorial contributions in Mel's honor are suggested to the Kittitas County Friends of the Fair Foundation or the Clymer Museum & Gallery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Johnston & Williams in Ellensburg. Online condolences may be left at www.johnston-williams.com

Pastor James Leroy Davis

Pastor James Leroy Davis, was born February 15, 1950 and passed away June 27, 2022. Formerly of Bridgeport and Pateros, Washington, he passed away from multiple health issues at home in Nampa, Idaho with his family by his side.

There will be a Graveside Service Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pateros Cemetery.



Sue Ann Rader

Sue Ann Rader, 77, Omak, Washington, passed away at her home on June 29, 2023.

She was born on February 2, 1946, to Ted and Cecilia Hentges, of Chewelah, Washington.

She was raised in Chewelah, Washington, and attended Saint Mary of the Rosary School, and later Jenkins High School. She married Bob Dawson, and had two sons, Mark and Eric Dawson.

During her lifetime she worked as a waitress, veterinary assistant, and insurance administrative assistant. She was a mother, and above all, a grandmother who loved her grandkids dearly. She loved to attend her grandkids' events, and rarely missed any.

Sue married Kerm Rader in 1992 and they resided in Omak, Washington.

Sue liked to bowl and bowled in local leagues for years. She also liked to take road trips and camping trips in the RV.

She is survived by her husband Kerm Rader of Omak, Washington, two sons, Mark



Dawson of Brewster, Washington, and Eric Dawson of Malott, Washington, Bob Dawson, her sons father, of Brewster, Washington, three grandchildren, Lane Dawson and Walter Dawson both of Brewster, Washington, and Lexi Dawson of Spokane Washington, and one sister Mary Louise, of Spokane Washington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother Joe Hentges.

At her request, there will be no services.

DEATH NOTICES

Shelly Sheets

Shelly Sheets, 60, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on July 12, 2023.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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Five win medals at Tri-Cities jiu jitsu tournament

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – A group of young five-to-10-year-old grapplers from Northwest Elite made a strong debut in their first jiu jitsu tournament at Tri-Cities last month, bringing home 10 medals between them. Their coach, Anthony Hamlett, opened a martial arts studio a year ago called Northwest Elite just south of Pateros at 25323 Highway 97 on the hill near the junction of SR 153 and 97.

“They did amazing at this tourney,” said Hamlett of his students. “I had four out of five in the finals of Gi (uniform) division.”

The team’s next tournament is in September in Spokane.

Hamlett, a Brazilian jiu jitsu black belt, moved from the Tri-Cities to Malott after he was attracted to the area while helping coach Brewster Little Guy Wrestling.

A nine-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he was also a three-time All-American wrestler, Hamlett was ranked sixth at the 2000 Olympic trials. He later competed in grappling jiu jitsu worldwide before earning his black belt in 2010.

“There are two versions of grappling,” said Hamlett, “one with a gi (uniform) and one without a gi.”



Courtesy Anthony Hamlett
Jiu Jitsu instructor Anthony Hamlett poses with five of his Northwest Elite students who won 10 medals at an American Grappling Federation tournament at Tri-Cities last month.

Along with jiu jitsu Hamlett teaches martial arts and MMA (mixed martial arts) and served in the latter specialty as a professional Ultimate Fighting Championship ref-

eree. He has been coaching martial arts since 2001.

Hamlett said he teaches all ages and skill levels. To learn more contact Hamlett at 509-873-2135.

Rockit baseball team takes two from Ellensburg



Batter Remy Paz is stuck by a pitch for an automatic trip to first base.



Damon Alanbaugh, 1, makes the out at first.



Rockit pitcher Graden Paz, Liberty Bell, makes a delivery. Brewster took both games, 10-5, and 9-0.

Mike Maltais/QCH

Methow sportfisherman hauls in biggest opening day salmon



Courtesy Mauk Fishing Stuff, Bait & Tackle Shop
Kevin Jones from the Methow area used a Northwest Outdoorsman Bobby Loomis designed 10'6" fishing rod to haul in this 16-1/2-pound summer chinook salmon on opening day, July 1, at Chelan Falls. The biggest fish of the week won a prize from Mauk Fishing Stuff, Bait & Tackle Shop in Brewster

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No. 23-2-0023724
SUMMONS (60 days)

TO THE DEFENDANTS:
 A lawsuit has been started against you in the above entitled court by United States Department of 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 court.

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 and 12 EXCEPT the East 62.3 feet thereof, Block 121, Townsite of omak, as per plat thereof recorded in Volume D of Plats, Page 31, records of the auditor of Okanogan County, Washington. Which is located at: 615 7th Ave E, Omak, Washington 98841

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the complaint by stating your defense in writing, and by serving a copy upon the person signing the summons within 60 days after the service of this summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where plaintiff is entitled to what he or she asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

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This summons is issued pursuant to rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. Dated this 20th day 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

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Project documents are available for at www.architectswestplans.com. Bidders may download digital files at no cost. Hardcopy sets may be purchased. Bidders are encouraged to register as a plan holder at www.architectswestplans.com, and select "Add me as a Plan Holder". Questions regarding the plan room contact Auron (509) 747-2964 or repro@abadanspokane.com. A complete set of contract documents will also be filed with the Plan Centers listed at www.architectswestplans.com. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10:00 am, at High School Parking Lot, 503 S. 7th Street, Brewster, WA 98812.

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO ADOPT 2023-2024 BUDGET AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 28A.505.050 and RCW 28A.505.060, that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Bridgeport School District No. 075, Douglas County, Washington (the "District") will hold a regular meeting on July 31, 2023, commencing 6:00 PM in the Bridgeport Middle School Cafeteria of the Bridgeport School District, located at 1300 Douglas Avenue, Bridgeport, Washington. The meeting is called for the purpose of fixing and adopting the budget of the District for the ensuing 2023-24 fiscal year. Prior to adoption of the 2023-24 budget, the Board will hold a hearing on July 31, 2023 commencing 5:30 PM for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the 2023-24 budget. Any person may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of the 2023-24 budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240 educational programs and operation levy. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall fix and determine the appropriation from each fund contained in the 2023-24 budget and shall, by resolution, adopt the 2023-24 budget, the four-year budget plan summary, and the four-year enrollment projection. 2023-24 budget information is available in the District office or may be obtained by contacting Eddie Morales, Business Manager (509) 686-5656.
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6 backyarding renovation mistakes to avoid

SUBMITTED BY DEBBI MAYSTER, ON BEHALF OF THE TURFMUTT FOUNDATION

Summer and backyarding, the act of taking our indoor life outside, go hand in hand. This time of year especially, the backyard beckons for entertaining, working, exercising, relaxing, and reconnecting. But those looking to make improvements to their family yard for even more backyarding fun this summer need to avoid some common backyard renovation mistakes.

"Mulligan the TurfMutt and I recently moved into a new home and we were reminded about some of the backyard renovation pitfalls that can be easy to fall into," said Kris Kiser, President & CEO of the TurfMutt Foundation, which encourages people to care for and use their outdoor spaces. "By keeping a few basic principles in mind when embarking on backyard improvements, families can set themselves up for backyard fun this summer and beyond."

Here are the top backyarding renovation mistakes to avoid, according to the TurfMutt Foundation:

Not considering your yard's full potential. Your yard has the ability to safely and comfortably accommodate a range of functions for your family. From outdoor officing to al fresco dining and offering a place for kids to learn and grow as well as work out their wiggles - your backyard has unlimited potential to expand your home's living space.

Planting fake grass. Plastic grass offers none of the life-giving benefits of real grass - such as oxygen production, carbon sequestration, urban heat dissipation, or air pollution reduction. Real grass offers all these benefits, and it is easier on feet and paws. Also, real grass is a natural air conditioner.

Forgetting the "right plant, right place" rule. This is the "Golden Rule" of backyarding, but it's more than just knowing which plants will thrive in sunny spots versus shaded areas. Selecting the right plants for your micro-climate and lifestyle will result in a living landscape that requires minimal upkeep on your part while offering maximum environmental benefits.

Not treating your yard like part of the connected ecosystem. Your yard links with other community green spaces to provide food and shelter for pollinators, such as birds, bees, butterflies, bats, and other creatures. Support pollinators and wildlife by planting a healthy balance of grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees that thrive in your yard's conditions and bloom at different times throughout the year.

Not utilizing community green spaces. Think of community parks, dog parks, green belts, and school yards as an expansion of your own



Courtesy TurfMutt Foundation

backyard square footage. Not only do these community areas provide a change of scenery from your own backyard, they are particularly beneficial for those with little to no backyard space of their own.

Failing to keep safety in mind. Outdoor power equipment makes big backyarding projects easier, but it is critical to keep safety in mind. Read your owner's manual and follow all manufacturer's guidelines. Do not disable or alter any of the safety features. Always keep pets and children away from machinery during operation, and do not let children on or near lawn mowers at any time.

For more information, sign up for Mutt Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation. To learn more about creating the yard of your dreams, visit TurfMutt.com. Look for Mulligan the TurfMutt on the CBS Lucky Dog television show. Visit us online to download the International Backyarding Fact Book, to learn why spending time in our yards and community parks is good for us, and the planet.

About TurfMutt: TurfMutt was created by the Outdoor

Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) TurfMutt Foundation and has reached more than 70 million children, educators and families since 2009. Through education partners such as Weekly Reader, Discovery Education and Scholastic, TurfMutt has taught students and teachers how to "save the planet, one yard at a time." Today, TurfMutt is an official USGBC® Education Partner and part of their global LEARNING LAB. TurfMutt has been an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2017, the TurfMutt animated video series won the coveted Cynopsis Kids Imagination Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt's personal, home habitat was featured in the 2017-2020 Wildlife Habitat Council calendars. More information at www.TurfMutt.com.

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 - JFK's brother
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 - "Summer blockbuster
 - DVD player button
 - Muscle quality
 - Russian parliament
 - "Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay" singer
 - Cowboy's heel prod
 - Courage to carry on
 - Counter seat
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 - Game status
 - Granite store units
 - Explorer John ___, a.k.a. Giovanni Caboto
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 - Farm structure, pl.
 - Part of an eye, pl.
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Pangborn Festival of Flight attracts many on a sunny summer day

By MATTHEW OCKINGA, CORRESPONDENT

EAST WENATCHEE—"One of the biggest parts of owning airplanes is washing bugs."

Shane Mahoney smiled as he wiped away unwanted insects from his silver 1957 Piper Tri-Pacer. The Auburn resident's sparkling prize fit well with the dozens of planes perched on the tarmac during Pangborn's Festival of Flight Saturday July 8 hosted by the City of East Wenatchee and Pangborn Memorial Airport. The annual event serves simultaneously as showcase and lesson.

"I think aviation in general is a really important piece of our infrastructure," Mahoney said. "We can't just do trucks. We can't just do trains. We can't just do boats. Infrastructure in terms on transportation is a real complex thing. I think it's a huge part of the infrastructure that is really underutilized."

Mahoney is a member of the Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club, a group of private owners of small historic planes who tour the region in the spirit of barnstorming of the 1920s. The annual event allows the public inside the aviation world where every pilot has a plane, and every plane carries a story. The same holds true for Mahoney, who has owned his Piper for 20 years. He inherited his love for aircraft from his father John in Detroit Lakes, MN. When Mahoney was six, his father passed away never having flown with his son. Despite that early loss, Mahoney always keeps a clear flight path in his mind which still soars 62 years later.

"I was always into aviation from that inspiration," he said. "That's why it's so important to



Photos by Matthew Ockinga

ABOVE: Shane Mahoney stands next to his 1957 Piper Tri-Pacer at Pangborn's Festival of Flight. BELOW: A family takes in a few of the many planes on display on July 8 at Pangborn's Festival of Flight in East Wenatchee.

inspire the young kids." Yet Mahoney's personal take-off came decades after that initial childhood motivation. He worked for many years as an engineer at Boeing. During that time, he took a few flying lessons, but didn't buy a plane until age 48, then subsequently earned his pilot's license. Mahoney joked that he owns 2½ planes since one will never be finished during his lifetime.

While distinct, Mahoney's story shares some airspace with his fellow plane owners, especially members of the PSAAC. They took great pleasure in welcoming the many visitors to their little corner of the tarmac to tell their planes' tale. In addition to privately owned craft, several helicopters and other planes from the military and

emergency services were on display for close observation.

The plane patrons, many donning inflatable airplane hats, had plenty to observe from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the sunny summer Saturday. Three players from the Wenatchee AppleSox, along with mascot Coyote, strolled around the tarmac which drew the attention of many youngsters. In a larger hanger toward the entrance, over a dozen organizations held displays. Included among these were the local Cubs Scouts, the Army National Guard and Pangborn Composite Squadron's Civil Air Patrol. Event goers could also snag from a table free used airplane related books.

The festivities began in earnest on Friday, July 7 with the

inaugural 1940's Big Band Dinner & Dance. The avian gala included food, a silent auction, and the Wenatchee Big Band. Proceeds from the event helped support the Spirit of Wenatchee's Aviation Scholarship. Ridgeline Aviation, RH2, C&O Nursery, ALSC Architects, Davis Arneil Law Firm, Ardurra Ogden Murphy Wallace Attorneys, and Peoples Bank provided sponsorships.

Mike Werner and Theresa White are also members of PSAAC. They own a N3N-3 called Jack, named for the comic strip character that flew fictional flights through printed pages for 40 years. A previous owner slapped a decal of the cartoon on the plane's starboard side. Produced in January of 1941, two years into World War II, Jack entered into Navy Service at the Pensacola Navy Air Station in April of that year. The

Navy then lent it to the United States Department of Commerce for use in war training at Naval Air Station Glenview in Illinois for use in a civilian pilot training program.

After serving the country, Jack helped the nation in a different fashion in 1946: as a crop duster. Once retired from that task, the plane changed hands a few times before Werner purchased it. Heading for Twisp after the event with the PSAAC, Werner appreciated Pangborn's atmosphere and to be the steward of a historic plane.

"This is a great town. It's a great spot. It's a unique place being down in a bit of a bowl," Werner said. "I treat myself as a caretaker of the airplane, not so much an owner. I like to take it to venues where people can see it and ask questions and get a little more appreciation for an airplane."



THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

Fishing reports and elk conservation

By JOHN KRUSE

Fishing Reports

The coho salmon are biting in Puget Sound, especially in Marine Area 10 near Seattle where creel checkers found anglers were averaging more than one salmon apiece last weekend. A few Chinook salmon are being caught as well there but better Chinook catches were observed in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Heading to Westport the Charter Boat Association is holding its annual derby and daily winners have been hauling in Chinook up to 21 pounds (after being gutted and gilled) as well as some very nice lingcod weighing up to 33 pounds. The coho salmon, as expected, are much smaller this early in the season. As of last week,

the largest one weighed in was pushing seven pounds.

Checking in with Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus, Kylie reports the shad fishing has tailed off.

Anglers are trying for wall-eye and sockeye in this area of the Columbia River Gorge but she hasn't gotten much feedback and overall, things are a little slow right now.

On the Upper Columbia River Mike Roth with Team Take Down Guide Service says the

Brewster pool was fishing well the first week it was open but it's been more of a struggle in recent days. The number of fish over the dams are good but colder than normal water temperatures could be causing the fish to move through the river much faster than normal. Roth also fished near Rocky Reach Dam a few nights ago and caught a couple of Chinook but no sockeye.

As of July 12, 69,000 summer Chinook had passed through

Bonneville Dam, below expectations, but more than 310,000 sockeye have traveled upstream past the dam, well above the preseason forecast. www.teamtakedownguideservice.com.

If you are looking for sockeye outside the Columbia River a good bet right now would be Baker Lake. Brianna Bruce, the owner of Livin' Life Adventures, was out with clients when it opened on the July 8 and reports the fishing was lights out. Brianna said, "We had to go through a bunch of fish to finally land our 12, the guys had a hard time keeping them hooked, but we still got it done at 7:40 a.m. Another amazing Baker Lake opener." Better still, this wasn't just a good opener, Baker Lake has been fishing good all week long and as of July 11, there were over 19,150 sockeye salmon in the lake. www.livinlifeadventures.com

Rendezvous

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will be holding their annual Washington State Rendezvous August 11-13 at the White Pass Ski Resort off of US Highway 12. Dry camping for tent and RV campers is available. Things kick off Friday morning with



Courtesy M. Roth

Kylie Roth with a nice summer Chinook caught on the Upper Columbia River.

a volunteer work party meant to improve habitat in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area near Naches. Once the work day is done there will be a potluck dinner (bring a side dish) and a chance to feast on a roasted pig.

Saturday, August 12 begins with presentations from guest speakers followed by free time where you can shoot a 3D

archery course, go horseback riding with White Pass Outfitters, compete in a very informal cornhole tournament, or go GPS geocaching. Everyone gets back together for dinner which includes raffles, prizes and a live auction.

The cost to attend is \$80 per adult, \$40 for teens between 15 and 18, and no charge for kids 14 and under. The cost in-

cludes meals all day Saturday and on Sunday morning. You can register for the event at www.events.rmef.org. If you are interested in volunteering for the work party, call Dan Paulson at 425-275-1975.

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The Contract
Unveiling the healing power of forgiveness
A novel by local writer William E. Forhan.

Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez was quoted as saying, "All human beings have three lives, public, private and secret."

In our modern world of the Internet search engines and DNA testing, keeping our private and secret lives separate is increasingly difficult. Sometimes they can come crashing in on our public lives when we least expect it.

Father Robert McCarthy is a middle-aged priest who is suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with his secret past. How he deals with the revelation of that past with his family, his congregation and the impacts of

that secret life is inspirational. How McCarthy discloses the news of his college indiscretion requires him to take everyone involved on a journey of confession. That journey forces him to deal with issues of homosexuality, judgmentalism, divorce and pride.

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 and a wedding.

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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