

New Cove restroom coming along

Transportation Improvement Board to help Brewster street projects

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Andrew Beagle, Southeast Region Engineer for the Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) paid a call on Brewster Public Works last month and told Director Lee Webster he was impressed with what the city has done in the way of street improvements – much of it without state assistance.

“He said it is going to help us with Seventh Street, Main Street and Hospital Way,” Webster told the Brewster City Council at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday. “I think that’s going to be a tremendous benefit.”

That is good news for the city coming on the heels of the first TIB grant it was awarded last December after years of trying. That award saved the city \$182,500 in matching funds for the Old Highway 97 project when TIB came to the rescue with the grant match. City Finance Director Misty Ruiz advised the city council of the savings windfall at its mid-December 2022 meeting.

“This one is super-exciting,” said Ruiz then. “Last year we talked about the Old 97 project where our match was going to be \$200,000. It is now going to be \$182,000 less than that because of the grant match we received from the TIB.”

Ruiz added that TIB also awarded the city \$24,225 for an earlier chipseal project.

“In all the years past we have never been able to get



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A new concrete slab that is part of the landscaping improvements at the city library was half-poured by the time the city council met last Thursday, June 15.

TIB money and finally we got it,” said Mayor Art Smyth.

The council was so impressed with the news that they gave Ruiz a round of applause.

Webster said the new bathroom that Douglas is going to build at Columbia Cove is making progress.

“We picked tile and color,” said Webster but could not predict what the construction timeline will be.

The new restroom is the second leg of a two-part improvement project at the Cove that also includes new playground equipment. The PUD installed the new playground last year.

Landscape and sidewalk improvements at the city library now include a new concrete slab that was half-complete as of meeting day.

Webster reported that the city has received two bids to improve the Anderson Airport road. Related to that the council earlier approved the mayor’s signature ratification on two FAA grants, one

for \$813,123 and the other for \$304,000. The city also awarded the airport contract JM Construction of Kennewick. JM was the lowest bidder at \$940,987.88.

The Old Highway 97 project has the green light to go out for bid.

“We got approval from the state yesterday (Wed., June 14), so we are ready to go out to bid for that.”

In other business the city:

- Approved signature ratification on a Washington Department of Commerce (DOC) agreement to reimburse the city for residential water utility customer arrearages in the amount of \$20,302. That amount was reduced by more than half the original arrearages. Mayor Smyth noted that as other customers qualify for the coverage the city will again apply to DOC for additional reimbursements.
• Approved a Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Okanogan County

Where are the swine?



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American Pipeline Solutions travels with two flatbed trailer loads of equipment



Courtesy City of Brewster

Public Works Director Lee Webster shared with the city council some “before” and “after” photos of the difference in water clarity from a section of treated water filtered through the APS equipment.

Ice Pigging treatment boosts clarity and quality of city’s water

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Ice Pigging... so many possibilities come to mind...wrestling greased porcine on a frozen rink (just picture that) ...an ice cube eating contest...something you might see – between fights - at a hockey game.

But while this ice pigging may be less entertaining and

more conventional than all the above, it’s an important treatment for improving the quality of the city’s water supply. That’s why the city is having it done – and the good news for the city budget and water bills; federal dollars are paying for it.

American Pipeline Solutions from Hackensack, New Jersey, is one of the few companies that specializes in the

process called “ice pigging” where a brine solution of water, ice, and salt is used to scour out water lines to remove impurities. APS has been in town for the past two weeks treating the lines in a planned order to remove concentrations of manganese and other unwanted accumulations from the system.

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Third permit application submitted



Courtesy Grette Associates

The red bordered area on the aerial map encompasses the Copperstone project.

Copperstone Planned Development

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Among the topics currently under discussion by the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners and the Office of Planning and Development (P&D) is the Copperstone Planned Development between Methow and Pateros. According to documents filed with the P&D, Copperstone

is applying for permits to construct 56 residential lots and related facilities on 275.5 acres of former orchard and grazing land on the east side of the Methow River and south of the Burma Road bridge that crosses the river and connects with SR 153. The site is about two miles south of the town of Methow and 8.25 miles north of the City of Pateros.

Of the 275 acres mentioned approximately 63.4 acres

would involve development, 190.5 acres of community-owned open space, and 21.6 acres of privately-owned open space. Included would be “internal paved roadways, various sizes of individual residential lots, an 11-acre solar farm to support power needs at the site, and shared community amenities including a lodge, man-made pond,

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Maria Escobedo seeks board post

Covid emergency programs ending for Pateros Resource Center

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – A discussion with new board candidate Maria Escobedo of Bridgeport was the highlight of the regular monthly meeting of the Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center Board of Directors last Wednesday, June 14.

Escobedo just moved back to the area last August and has been working with Room One in Omak and Twisp. Board secretary Grace Larsen said she would send Escobedo an application and meet with her to explain more about the kind of work PBCRC does.

Executive Director Gene Dowers reported on the following agencies or events:

- Salvation Army
The contribution from the Salvation Army has been reduced from \$1,000 to \$775 per month. Dowers reported that the allocation was spent in about 35 minutes this month.
“I had a line of 20 people at my door on the first Friday of the month (June 2) and we took care of them,” said Dowers citing the lull in agriculture work. “Basically, everything we wrote vouchers for this month was food because folks aren’t working.”



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A volunteer at the Brewster Food Bank helps move boxes of food from the conveyor line at the rear of the building during the weekly food distribution last Thursday, June 15. The Food Bank received boxes of Covid emergency food from the Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center later that day. PBCRC was looking for a home for 180 extra boxes it had on hand.

• Covid kit distributions: “We are not delivering anymore so I have been working on ways to get rid of our 180 boxes,” Dowers said. A delivery was scheduled to the Brewster Food Bank for its weekly Thursday distributions to help it restock for the following week.

“If they can’t take as much as we need to get rid of within several weeks then I will approach the food bank in Chelan as well,” said Dowers.

“I’m also making food boxes available to folks who come in looking for food. If they need a Salvation Army voucher, I will give them a box of food rather than a voucher when those are gone.”

Dowers said the center will hold onto its evacuation kits which are mainly hygiene items to make sure those are on hand in case of fires or other kinds of disasters this

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park with picnic pavilion, and community open space with seasonal pedestrian trails," the project description said.

The development has been in the works for more than a decade and earlier versions have been submitted to the county. The county originally approved the preliminary plat in 2008 but those permits have since expired. They were resubmitted for approval in 2020 by which time the county had rezoned the property from an R-5 to an R-1 zone, reducing the lot yield and increasing minimum lot size requirements. Then in 2021, the county updated its Comprehensive Plan. This is the third version that Copperstone has submitted.

Earlier public comments on the project predictably drew opposition citing issues of water availability, air quality, traffic, and wildlife.

In a letter to the county P&D last April, Ian Faulds, senior planner for LDC, Inc., responded to each of those concerns in turn:

Water: "The applicant has proof of water rights to 56 homes for the proposed project," Faulds wrote.

Air quality: "This project proposes paving of all access roads to the site, which will limit dust after construction is completed and the inclusion of solar panels for energy production will reduce the overall need for fossil fuel-based pollutants from energy production in the region," said Faulds. "All required mitigation of former orchard land will be completed as part of this project."

Traffic: "A traffic impact analysis has been prepared by Kimley Horn in November 2022 for this project," Faulds wrote.

Wildlife: "A SEPA checklist has been prepared in March 2023 and a majority of the site will be maintained as open space. Additional reports have been prepared addressing critical areas, impacts, and wildlife habitat," wrote Faulds. "Finally, a designated mule deer habitat is provided in the eastern portion of the project area."

At the BOCC meeting on Monday, June 6, a county resident voiced concern over the permit applications materials as incomplete or inaccurate. Planning Director Pete Palmer and Commissioner Chris Branch concluded that any application must be complete and accurate before a decision can be made.



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APS crew member Herman Leach is from Georgia



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Shane Garner is among the three-man crew that travels the APS circuit.

ICE PIGGING

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The slurry, including the ice used, is made on-site by the APS equipment. The process starts with 2,700 gallons fresh water in a specially designed slush maker. Into the mix goes 1,250 pounds of table salt, and the brine is formed at low temperature (18-19 degrees F.) so the ice particles are of a size and consistency for maximum effectiveness for the type and diameter of water line being cleaned.

The mix is pumped into hydrant on a section of water line that the city isolates by closing valves and that section is treated. Then it's on to the next isolated section. Throughout the process the three-man APS crew monitors the water content as it cycles through a Flow Analysis System (FAS).

Director of Public Works Lee Webster explained the process in a presentation before the city council at its



Mike Maltais/QCH

The APS trailer parked at Fifth and Jay last Thursday, June 15, injected the high-pressure brine into a section of the city's water line that exited farther south on Indian Avenue.

regular monthly meeting last Thursday, June 15. Dramatic "before" and "after" photos show how both the speed and efficiency of the process.

"I am so impressed with what we are getting out of it," said Webster of the process,

"and how quickly it turns into clear water."

And clear water means just that.

"In most cases we have been able to get down to 0.0 turbidity after the pig has gone through," said Webster, "so it

has been absolutely scouring those pipes."

The rotating three-man APS crew travels from city to city pulling 15-day shifts with time off in between. The next stop for the Brewster crew is south to Vancouver.

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summer. He will continue to invoice Action Health Partners for more food and kits since the center is down to four pallets of the former and three pallets of the latter.

• Inatai (Group Health Foundation)

Will no longer provide the Recovery and Rescue Grant that PBCBC has been receiving since the Covid disaster has officially ended. Inatai's focus will be on political advocacy over direct assistance.

"Being that nonprofits cannot be political and cannot advocate we need to have a different angle to work with them," Dowers said.

Inatai will continue with the Community Learning Grants that PBCRC has received the past couple of summers.

• ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program)

ERAP ends June 30. Dowers said his office is doing follow-ups with those who have applied.

"We're still adding hours to it and making sure that Okanogan County Community Action (OCCAC) gets the information they need to process the applications they have so far," said Dowers. "We've sent a lot of people their way."

• Conference Room

The PBCRC conference room is attracting users. Prior meeting series from WorkSource and Western Washington University interns are coming to an end, so it is back to single events like the Okanogan Angels dog adoption.

• Tech Center

Dowers said Brewster Chamber President and Salmon Derby organizer Mike Mauk used the Tech Center to help with the design and printing of the promo posters for this year's derby.

"He's super pleased with the product," said Dowers. "We worked through a couple of different options on the paper, and they came out really well."

• APJ/4-on-4 Volleyball

"We have secured the (Pateros) gymnasium for the Apple Pie Jamboree 4-on-4 volleyball tournament for Sunday, July 16," said Dowers. "A lot of kids will play 4-on-4 basketball on Saturday and come back to play volleyball on Sunday."

• Outdoor Learning Grant

Application has been made for a two-year Outdoor Learning Grant to help cover costs of equipment replacement for the Pateros sixth grade outdoor education experience. In the past Dowers and wife, Carlene Anders, have been providing and replacing that gear.

"Items like the sit-on-top kayaks, the trailer to store and transport them, the big tents for the kids, all the sleeping and cooking gear, a trailer for all those things to be stored in," said Dowers. "At the end of sixth grade outdoor ed it all goes back in the trailer and gets parked by the bus barn."

• Pateros Market update

The city held its first public market of the summer on June 10 despite the rain. Director-At-Large Angela Van Eysinga said four committed vendors were on hand and the rain subsided so quite a few people came through. After schools are out statewide tourist traffic should pick up in the coming weeks.

• Office space lease

OCCAC plans to rent a small space in the Center for the next two years for \$300 a month. It would share a space that WorkSource uses one day a week.

"We have been trying to work with Community Action," said Dowers. "This might be a way to convince them to bring some of their programs here."

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Stop by the Pateros Market

Pateros Movies in the Park begin Friday, June 23

PATEROS – The first of three movies that will play in Pateros Lakeshore Park this summer will be showing from 8:30-11 p.m., Friday, June 23, at the Riverview Pavilion.

The movies are a partnership with the City of Pateros and the annual Salmon Bake on June 23-24. Between June and August the movie schedule includes:

- Friday, June 23: Minions:

- The Rise of Gru
- Friday, July 14: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
- Friday, Aug 18: The Super Mario Bros movie

The Pateros Booster Club will be selling concessions.

The Pateros Library will have a movie themed photo booth and activity starting at 8:30 p.m. Prior to the movie the Pateros Market will run from 5-8 p.m.

Behavioral Health requests help

Commissioners hear housing aid, apple maggot quarantine, noxious weed issues

Editor's note: The following meeting summary of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) for Monday, June 6, is taken from notes provided by County Watch (countywatch.org).

OKANOGAN – The Board of Okanogan County Commissioners heard an agenda of weighty issues from behavioral health care to help for homeless housing at its bi-monthly meeting during the first week of June. Agencies from Okanogan Behavioral Health Care to the Okanogan County Community Action Council brought financial concerns to the table.

The Tri-County Pest Board and the Noxious Weed Control Board reported on projects to address apple maggots and water weed growth.

Monday, June 6

- Copperstone development
- Will Carpenter, of the Tri-County Pest Board, discussed his work with apple growers and packers to create a proposed apple maggot quarantine area in the north part of the county.
- Josh Thomas, Director of Public Works, and Kent Kovalenko, of Solid Waste Management, are concerned because they were not included in this group even though they are stakeholders in the quarantine. Carpenter assured them that while his work included only people involved in agriculture, all stakeholders would be involved later in

the process. The Washington Department of Agriculture will determine the boundaries of the quarantine area.

- Craig Nelson, Executive Director of the Okanogan Conservation District, and his staff discussed onerous reporting requirements of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and the district's proposed water bank. He also told the commissioners the district will probably request an increase in its rates and charges in the near future.
- Larry Hudson, Coordinator of the Noxious Weed Control Board, told the commissioners that he is having trouble hiring seasonal help and asked that he be allowed to hire full-time help and fewer seasonal workers. The commissioners agreed. He also said that he can begin treating Lake Osoyoos with procclacor because it has recently been approved for use by Canada. (Procclacor provides long-term control for hydrilla, milfoil, Crested floating heart, and other tough-to-control aquatic weeds).
- The Board was asked to cover \$11,000 in Okanogan Behavioral Health Care (OBHC) bills. Additional grant money was requested from the State Health Care Authority. OBHC has requested additional funds from the Criminal Justice

and Treatment grant. They have bills for treatment and services that fall under their contract, but they will not be reimbursed unless they receive this money. The county made the request through HCA (Health Care Authority) for \$11,000 but mention was made for \$30,000. Commissioner Hover recommended getting a budget supplemental for \$41,000 cleared with the auditor.

- Public Works' \$32,124 HVAC replacement request opened the opportunity to discuss which fund to use for big capital expenditures. Commissioner Branch will contact PW for clarification to determine if the HVAC bill should come under bond expenditures or the capital improvements fund. Commissioner Hover wondered about a budget line to use bond interest for capital expenditures. He is concerned about the capital improvements rate being tied to the real estate excise tax. The county has a bond payment that comes out of that fund.

- The Public Health Board Position No.7 has generated two letters of interest.
- The Okanogan County Community Action Council (OCCAC) must scale down housing aid if its bid for a \$3.4 million Community Homeless Grant over two years is not approved. Executive Director, Rena Shawver wants

to update the BOCC about the Community Homeless Grant discussed the previous week. That grant is for rental assistance and eviction prevention. The latter is going away as part of the expiring COVID programs. OCCAC's allocation for the next two years did not include staff and administration. The requested another \$3.4 million is the amount required to cover the community's needs. If OCCAC does not get it, some people will not be housed.

- Commissioner Neal attended the dedication of Highway 20 as "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway".

Mauk's Fishing Stuff celebrates grand opening of new store



Mike Mauk, owner of Mauk's Fishing Stuff at 1408 Sunset Drive in Brewster, cuts the ribbon during the grand opening of the new business last Saturday, June 17. Joining Mauk for the occasion is niece Erin Mauk, left, with daughter, Piper, and brother Ernie Mauk and wife, Marilyn. In addition to being a business owner, Mauk serves as Brewster Chamber of Commerce President, and organizer of the annual Brewster King Salmon Derby celebrating its 17th year on August 4th, 5th, and 6th. Mauk's Fishing Stuff specializes in bait, tackle, and the custom Lure Safe tackle covers. Contact the business at 509-449-0605 or visit luresafe.com online.

Commissioners imposes countywide burn ban effective June 15

OKANOGAN – Acting on a recommendation from the Fire Advisory Committee (FAC), the Okanogan County Commissioners approved Resolution 61-2023 imposing countywide burn restrictions from midnight, June 15 through midnight, October 15. The FAC is comprised of representatives from DNR, Emergency Management, Fire Chiefs, Forest Service, and the Sheriff's Office who meet when necessary to discuss the burn restriction, burn ban process and fire danger levels.

The resolution does not apply to areas within city limits, silvicultural burning on lands regulated solely by DNR's outdoor burning rules and regulations, fire in DNR recreation sites and campgrounds, or on U.S. Forest Service protected lands and within the Colville Reservation. The DNR, U.S. Forest Service and Colville Tribes may have similar burn restrictions/bans in effect. Some private parcels may also have DNR restrictions if it includes a DNR Fire Tax Assessment. This can be found on County tax statements.

Provisions of the ban per the

Okanogan County Emergency Management website include:

- No field/pile/rubbish/rule/slash/yard vegetation or non-emergent agricultural burning on private lands within Okanogan County.
- Recreational Fires allowed. Recreational fires must be contained in a concrete, rock, or steel ring (made from non-combustible material), no larger than 3 feet in diameter and no less than 8 inches in height. The fire (flames) shall be no higher than 2 feet and not conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. **Recreational fires shall be attended to at all times.**

The burn restriction prohibits all field/pile/rubbish/rule/slash/yard vegetation and non-emergent agricultural burning on private lands within the unincorporated areas of Okanogan County reducing the risk of wildfires.

Recreational Fires are allowed during a burn restriction if used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes and the fuel being burned is other than


rubbish. Fires used for debris disposal purposes are not considered recreational fires.

Emergency Agricultural Permit Burning:

The Tri-County Pest Control Agent may issue an Okanogan County Agricultural burn permit after a site inspection and obtain a signature from the property owner/orchardist on said permit, having them accept full responsibility to comply with all conditions of the permit.

Property owners/orchardists needing to burn fire blight trees shall contact the Tri-County Pest Control Office at (509-667-6827 or 509-393-0975) to obtain an Okanogan County Agricultural Burn Permit before burning.





Property owners issued an Okanogan County Agricultural Burn Permit must call the Okanogan County Sheriff Dispatch at 509-422-7232 option #4 before conducting any burning and have on-site sufficient water supply and fire tools to man the burn at all times until fire is fully extinguished. The permit will be onsite and available to authorities during the agricultural burn.




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Bridgeport School District announces Summer Food Service Program

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June 21: Chicken Caesar Salad, Tortellini Soup, Apples & Grapes, Cheesy Garlic Toast, Dessert; June 23: Roast Beef, Mashed, Potatoes/Gravy, Key West Veggies, Garden Salad, WW Roll, Berry Shortcake; June 27: Chicken Strips, Jo Jo's, Broccoli Salad, WW Bread or Roll, Strawberry Shortcake; June 28: Stuffed Pepper Casserole, Chopped Salad, Watermelon, WW Roll, Dessert; June 30: Clam Chowder, Tuna Sandwich, Garden Salad, Pineapple, Dessert.

June 21-24, 26-July 1

Senior Center Thrift Store

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open

DEATH NOTICES

George Brady

George Brady, 76, of Pateros, Washington, passed away Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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.

June 21-22, 26-29

Chelan Valley Hope

Summer Food Program for children

CHELAN - Summer Food Program is Available. Chelan Valley Hope and the Lake Chelan Food Bank are sponsoring the Summer Food Program. We will be offering a free summer lunch for any child at 417 S. Bradley St. Summer lunch can be picked up between Noon and 1 p.m. and will be operating during these dates: June 26-August 24, Monday-Thursdays only. If you are in need of additional resources visit Hope Monday - Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. You may also call 509-888-2114 for more information.

June 22

Bingo

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

June 23

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. Next class is June 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

June 21

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.

June 22

Blood drive

PATEROS - There will be a blood drive hosted by Vitalant on Thursday, June 22, 2-6 p.m. Donations will be done at the Pateros Fire Hall, 191 Industrial Way, on Vitalant's mobile blood donation bus. Appointments can be made at donors.Vitalant.org or by calling 877-25-VITAL (84825).

June 26

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

June 26

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 5

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.

July 10

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.

July 11

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

July 12

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.

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.

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Reese Vassar named to SBLive All-State baseball team

BREWSTER – Bears senior and middle infielder Reese Vassar has been named to the SBLive 2023 All-State baseball team.

On a Brewster Sports Facebook post head coach Todd Phillips said Vassar has been as reliable as they come the past two seasons as the Bears' leadoff hitter. With a batting average over .500, Vassar was an important piece of the Bears' state title run in 2022 and nearly got them back there in 2023.

Brewster finished the season as District 6 Champions and placed third at state with a 25-2 overall season record.



Courtesy baseballnorthwest.com
Reese Vassar

Revisiting the 10 essentials

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

As a young Boy Scout who went on monthly hiking and camping trips, the Ten Essentials for survival was drilled into me as the items I always needed to have with me, even if I was on a day hike. In the last few years, Search and Rescue teams have become increasingly busy, in large part because novice hikers hit the trail unprepared and get in over their heads, relying on only their cell phones for help. With that in mind, revisiting the Ten Essentials seems like a good idea.

POCKET KNIFE – Never underestimate the many uses of a pocket knife for cutting, whittling, cleaning fish or game and more. If you want to get even more use out of a pocket knife carry a Swiss Army Knife or Leatherman Tool which gives you all sorts of tools at your disposal.

FIRST AID KIT – It's all fun and games until you fall, cut yourself or otherwise become injured. That's why a basic first aid kit is needed, especially since you will not be anywhere near a medical facility.

EXTRA CLOTHING – Layered clothing is a must when out for a hike. That sunny day can cool down in a hurry when the sun goes down or even if clouds obscure the sun.

RAIN GEAR – Those clouds can turn into rain and especially in the mountains, thunder storms and rain can happen fast. That's why a lightweight rain jacket should be part of your extra clothing.

WATER BOTTLE (filled) – Hydration is key and a filled water bottle (or two) will not only be needed, but appreciated while hiking on a hot day.

FLASHLIGHT – Why would you need a flashlight for a day hike? Because sometimes things go wrong and you are stuck in the woods when the sun goes down. Fortunately, cell phones have flashlights in them but a small (and more powerful) flashlight is easy enough to carry with you.

TRAIL FOOD – It's amazing how much energy you burn hiking, especially if you are going uphill. Trail food that includes protein can give you a quick pick me up. Some of my favorites include trail mix, jerky, or protein bars.



Courtesy John Kruse

Hiking into the wilderness.

MATCHES AND FIRE-STARTERS – If you get caught in the weather or are forced to stay in the woods overnight a fire provides both warmth, comfort and the opportunity to cook a meal. A box of waterproof matches, a lighter or a flint or carbide fire starter are all easy to carry and worth their weight in gold.

SUN PROTECTION – Its easy to get dehydrated while on a hike or camping and not only do you want water to replenish lost fluids, but also protection from the sun. Sunburnt skin or lips are not only uncomfortable, but also a major factor in dehydration. Use sunscreen with a high SPF, lip balm and wear a hat to ward off that sunburn.

MAP AND COMPASS – Orienteering is rapidly becoming a lost art but having a map of the area along with a compass can be very handy, assuming you know how to use them. It's an enjoyable skill to learn, and a reason to get out into the woods in and of itself. It's also a lifesaving skill if your smartphone bat-

tery dies or if you are out of cell range and can't access digital mapping.

ADDITIONAL MODERN DAY ESSENTIAL: COMMUNICATION – Cell phones can give you a false sense of security, with many novice hikers assuming they can just call 911 and get rescued if they need help. Unfortunately, a lot of wild places do not have cell service. A better idea is a satellite phone or a less expensive satellite messaging device that works anywhere on earth.

Speaking of communication, another essential thing to do occurs before you hit the trail. That would be telling someone where you are going, when you plan to return, and when to call the authorities if you don't arrive back at a specified time. In the event you are incapacitated or can't call for help, someone else can do it for you. Be safe out there on the trail, and don't forget the Ten Essentials.

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

Over \$1 million in scholarship funds awarded from the tree fruit industry

SUBMITTED BY FAVIOLA BARBOSA, WASHINGTON APPLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

NCW - The Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) awarded 316 scholarship recipients to students this year. Of the 316 scholarships, 206 were awarded to renewing students, and 110 new students were welcomed to the WAEF family. These scholarships represent over \$1 million sponsored by the tree fruit industry through various fundraisers, scholarships in memory of industry leaders and friends, and annual donations. To be eligible for a WAEF scholarship, students must submit one of our two scholarship applications:

Universal for students raised in families with direct ties to Washington's tree fruit industry or students interested in a Washington tree fruit career pathway; and Vocational/Technical for Washington State high school seniors or current college students on a pathway that aligns with potential work in the tree fruit industry.

Every WAEF scholarship recipient receives student support services to ensure their success through the Beyond the Scholarship Program. This includes workshops led by WAEF volunteers, virtual mock interviews, guided resume sessions, facilitated monthly sessions focused on various topics, personalized quarterly/semester care packages, and many more perks. WAEF delivers a successful program with a 90% retention rate for scholarship renewal awards. Additionally, our WAEF students complete their degrees within four years or less at a rate of 86%, and 79% of WAEF scholarship recipients are 1st generation college students.

Douglas County Scholarship Recipients

- Geiza Sanchez, Orondo, is the recipient of the Cider

Works Farms Scholarship. Sanchez is a graduate of Eastmont High School and the daughter of Jose Luis Sanchez and Rosina Sanchez. Kevin Hernandez-Ramos, Orondo, is the recipient of the Thomas K. Mathison Memorial Scholarship. Hernandez-Ramos is a graduate of Eastmont High School and the son of Jose Luis Hernandez Hernandez and Candida Ramos Quintero.

- Lesly Valdovinos-Arevalo, Bridgeport, is the recipient of the Jerry Haak Memorial Scholarship and the Northwest Nursery Improvement Institute Scholarship. Valdovinos-Arevalo is a graduate of Bridgeport High School and the daughter of Abel Valdovinos and Araceli Valdovinos.
- Liliana Medel Martinez, Bridgeport, is the recipient of the Nordic Scholarship. Medel Martinez is a graduate of Bridgeport High School and the daughter of Juan Medel and Beatriz Martinez Marquez.
- Mauricio Negrete, Waterville, is the recipient of the Orondo Cares Scholarship. Negrete is a graduate of Waterville High School and the son of Alfredo Negrete and Irma Bravo.
- Melissa Vela, Waterville, is the recipient of the CMI Legacy Scholarship. Vela is a graduate of Waterville High School and the daughter of Leobardo Vela Rodriguez and Maria Vela.
- Myrka Trejo, Bridgeport, is the recipient of the Shane Marston Memorial Scholarship. Trejo is a graduate of Bridgeport High School and the daughter of Juan Trejo and Teresa Trejo.
- Veronica Ramirez, Orondo, is the recipient of the

Honeybear Marketing Scholarship. Ramirez is a graduate of Chelan High School and the daughter of Juan Ramirez and Rosa Sanchez.

Okanogan County Scholarship Recipients

- Amizadai Mora-Ramirez, Malott, is the recipient of the John Daniel Gebbers Memorial Scholarship and the Scott Baker Technical Education Scholarship. Mora-Ramirez is a graduate of Brewster High School and the daughter of Santiago Mora and Elvira Ramirez De Mora.
- Claudia Tinoco Pio, Brewster, is the recipient of the Rubio Family Scholarship. Tinoco Pio is a graduate of Brewster High School and the daughter of Alejo Tinoco and Maria Tinoco Pio.
- Daisy Gomez-Ruiz, Brewster, is the recipient of the Jonathan Crane Memorial Scholarship. Gomez-Ruiz is a graduate of Brewster High School and the daughter of Javier Gomez and Elvia Ruiz De Gomez.
- Elizabeth Garcia Perez, Brewster, is the recipient of the Jonathan Crane Memorial Scholarship. Garcia Perez is a graduate of Brewster High School and the daughter of Lorenzo Garcia and Elia Perez.
- Luisa Lucas, Brewster, is the recipient of the Jonathan Crane Memorial Scholarship. Lucas is a graduate of Brewster High School and the daughter of Stan Parks and Rosa Soto.
- Miriam Garcia, Brewster, is the recipient of the Jonathan Crane Memorial Scholarship. Garcia is a graduate of Brewster High School and the daughter of Miguel Garcia and Jessica Garcia.

Lake Chelan Realtor Council announces its 2023 scholarship recipients

SUBMITTED BY LAKE CHELAN REALTOR COUNCIL

BREWSTER/BRIDGEPORT - During recent graduation ceremonies for Chelan, Manson, Bridgeport, and Brewster High School seniors, the Lake Chelan Realtor Council (LCRC) was pleased to announce the recipients for its 2023 scholarship awards.

Kira Sandoval was the graduate chosen from Chelan, Jude Petersen from Manson, Emma Oswald from Bridgeport, and

Reese Vassar from Brewster. Sandoval and Petersen were each awarded a scholarship worth \$5,000, and Oswald and Vassar each received a scholarship worth \$1,000.

Ms. Sandoval plans to attend Southern Oregon University with an academic emphasis on Environmental Studies. Mr. Petersen will attend Biola University where he will study Business and Finance. Ms. Oswald will enroll at the University of Washington to pursue a career in Nursing.

Mr. Vassar plans to attend Spokane Falls Community College to begin his pursuit of a degree in Education with the goal of eventually teaching in Middle School.

Cora Nordby, LCRC Scholarship Committee Chairperson, said, The Committee was once again pleased with the number of applications received and that, as in years past, it faced a challenging task to determine the four finalists from such a qualified and deserving field of local graduates."

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Public Notices

The Brewster School District #111 is requesting proposal for Food Service Management Services for the 2023-2024 school year starting August 30, 2023. Bids must be returned to the Brewster School District #111, 520 W Main St., Brewster, WA 98812, no later than 2:00 p.m., on Monday, July 10th, 2023. Bids shall be delivered or mailed in a sealed envelope plainly marked **Food Service Management Services RFP.** For an RFP package, please contact Estella Martinez emartinez@brewsterbears.org or 509-689-3418 at the office of the Brewster School District. Published in the Quad City Herald June 14, 21, 2023. #5876



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Brewster Police, Okanogan and Douglas Counties Sheriff's Reports

Douglas County Sheriff's Office

June 9
11:01 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 97 MP 215, Orondo
12:37 911-call, 505 Rd. 20 NW, Mansfield
18:36 Injury Accident, SR 17 MP 127, Bridgeport

June 10
08:13 Information, Bridgeport
10:12 Civil Dispute, 230 Vineyard Dr., Orondo
12:47 Domestic Disturbance, 415 N. Greene St., Waterville
19:44 Domestic Disturbance, 122 Davis Ave., Bridgeport
20:48 Traffic Offense, 227 E. 1st Ave., Mansfield
21:57 Traffic Offense, 105 W. Poplar St., Waterville
22:22 Disturbance, 108 Pine St., Bridgeport

June 11
09:35 Harassment/ Threat, 514 N. Greene St., Waterville
19:19 Trespassing, 1300 block Rd. 2 NW, Waterville

June 12
01:42 Suspicious Circumstance, 418 N. Columbia Ave., Waterville
02:01 Animal Problem, 320 9th St., Bridgeport
10:57 Public Assist, 21318 US Hwy. 97, Orondo
17:04 Fraud/ Forgery, 103 Sagebrush Rd., Waterville

21:20 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 513 E. Ash St., Waterville

June 13
08:25 Vehicle Theft, 306 S. Chelan Ave., Waterville
08:29 Runaway, 106 Sunset Way, Waterville
11:00 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 10 Mountain Spring Rd., Orondo
15:37 Vehicle Prowl, 400 Falcon Ridge Rd., Waterville
20:52 Extra Patrol, 422 S. Harrison St., Waterville

June 14
10:25 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 860 SR 173, Bridgeport Bar

June 15
07:40 Burglary, 502 W. 1st St., Waterville
10:54 Trespassing, 125 Yarrow Dr., Orondo
11:29 Court Order Violation, 302 S. Central Ave., Waterville
11:56 Suspicious Circumstance, 205 8th St., Bridgeport
13:40 Animal Problem, 545 Crane Orchard Rd., Bridgeport
13:56 Animal Problem, 15 Edison St., Bridgeport Bar
15:27 Weapons Violation, 98 Hillcrest Dr., Bridgeport
15:54 Suspicious Circumstance, Rd. 2 NW and US Hwy. 2, Waterville
18:57 Traffic Offense, 21318 US

Hwy. 97 MP 218, Orondo

Brewster Sheriff's Department

June 8
13:46 A suspicious circumstance was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
20:41 An ATM burglary alarm was triggered on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

June 9
09:52 Vicious animals were reported on S 3rd St. in Brewster when two dogs attacked a caller's dog and scratched her.
18:49 A suspicious call was received from a caller advising a man was trying to rape a woman on N. Bridge St.
20:21 An agency assist was requested from State Patrol out on a DUI arrest and requested assistance for translation at the Shell station on Hwy. 97.
21:26 A caller's black 2015 Lincoln was backed into by a female in a Nissan Altima at McDonald's.

June 10
08:18 A caller reported a big rock hit the side of a house on W. Cliff Ave. and was now laying it the yard.
19:49 An agency assist was requested on Davis Ave. in Bridgeport for an open 911-

line with a male screaming and a child screaming as well.

June 11
19:22 A traffic hazard was reported when a subject with an insecure load dumped on the bridge on Hwy. 173 and S. Bridge St. in Brewster.

June 12
17:15 A civil standby was requested for a vet bill a caller was bringing and she reported a child seemingly left alone on N. Bridge St. in Brewster.
20:47 A 52-year-old female reported chest pain on 3rd St. in Brewster.
21:59 A noise complaint was received from W. Griggs Ave. in Brewster for two or three subjects smoking and being loud disturbing other tenants.

June 13
14:13 An agency assist was requested for a brush fire on US 97 in Pateros on both sides of the highway and it was reported that a witness watched two subjects get out of a white passenger car and start both sides of the highway on fire.

June 14
No local reports.

June 15
07:38 A stray dog was reported on S. 7th St. in Brewster.

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June 8
20:31 A traffic hazard was reported on Old Hwy. 97 and North Star Rd. for tree branches in the roadway.
20:54 A tree was reported down and blocking both lanes on Monse River Rd.

June 9
15:08 A caller reported while working at Gebbers Farms last week someone attempted to stab them.

June 10
01:00 A caller on Valley Rd. reported swerving to miss a deer and driving their black Audi off the roadway down a hill and the vehicle rolled a few times.
19:49 An agency assist was requested on Davis Ave. in Bridgeport involving a male subject and a child screaming.

20:30 A noise complaint was reported on Monse River Rd. in Brewster.
22:05 Loud music was reported on Monse River Rd.

June 11
No local reports.

June 12
11:29 A juvenile problem was reported on W. Warren Ave. in Pateros.
18:57 A citizen assist was requested for small ski boats that broke down with a total of three adults on board, they requested a town back to Pateros.

June 13
12:03 A tan shepard or husky mix dog was reported on N. Dawson St. in Pateros.
13:30 A wildland fire was reported on US Hwy. 97 in Pateros on both sides of the highway. It was reported there were possibly multiple fires in the area and it was advised there was an eye witness who watched a white passenger car, two subjects got out and started both sides of the highway on fire.

14:13 An agency assist was requested on US Hwy. 87 for a brush fire on both sides of the highway, advised an eye witness watched two subjects get out of a white passenger car and start both sides of the highway on fire.

June 14-15
No local reports.

Tips for homeowners to improve safety, sustainability

STATEPOINT - You may not realize it, but building safety has a huge impact on our everyday lives.

According to InjuryFacts.NSC.org, about 16 out of 100 people were injured in a home or community venue in 2021. The leading causes that contribute to these injuries, such as drowning, fire smoke, and general home maintenance, can be prevented by acting ahead of time.

As the leading global source of model codes, standards and building safety solutions, the Code Council is passionate about educating homeowners on fire safety, home maintenance and sustainability practices. Here are some safety tips from the Code Council to help prevent accidents and keep your family and community safe:

Fire Safety Tips:

- Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside every bedroom. Test each smoke alarm regularly and replace it every 10 years.
- Install home fire sprinklers. They are relatively affordable and can increase property value and lower insurance rates.
- Make an escape plan with a meeting place outside so everyone knows how to get out fast.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from portable heaters.



Courtesy StatePoint

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- Keep all items that can burn away from your home. Remember to clean leaves from your gutters and clear dead leaves and branches from shrubs and trees surrounding your home.

Home Maintenance

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from portable heaters.
- Never overload electrical cords or power strips.

- Don't use appliances that have damaged cords.
- For mold prevention, watch for leaky pipes, condensation and wet spots, and fix sources of moisture problems as soon as possible.
- Keep in mind that there are several materials and items that should never

be flushed down the toilet, including medication, disposable wipes, coffee grounds and more.

To prevent your pipes from freezing in the winter, drain water from the swimming pool and water sprinkler supply lines following the manufacturers or installer's directions.

Make sure all pedestrian gates in the barrier fence of your swimming pool are self-closing and self-latching.

According to the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, the average U.S. family can spend \$2,000 a year on energy bills. This means that reducing your home energy use is the single most effective way to save money and reduce your home's contribution to greenhouse gasses. The Code Council recognizes that for many people, it's unclear where to start, and suggests the following tips to help communities forge a path forward.

Energy and Sustainability Tips:

- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators and use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. These steps can improve water conservation.
- To prevent stormwater runoff pollution, never dump anything down storm drains.
- Change the filters in your home's heating and cooling system regularly to increase energy efficiency.
- Replace your light bulbs

with LEDs, which use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs.

Build green and design your home with materials that are easily recyclable, reusable, renewable, durable, affordable, and low maintenance.

- Build a rain garden to

capture roof drainage and divert it to your garden or landscaping to recycle non-potable water. Be sure to check your local rules on rainwater harvesting prior to installation.

For more information, check out the Code Council's Safety Tool Kits and additional resources at iccsafe.org.

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

Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez 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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THEME: FOURTH OF JULY ACROSS

1. Cutting the mustard
5. French vineyard
8. Expression of satisfaction
11. Chicago's Navy ____
12. Not that
13. Lock horns
15. Sound of pride
16. Tom Hanks' character had this in "Philadelphia"
17. Dre's headphones
18. "Handheld firework"
20. Eurozone money
21. Chinese weight units
22. Campaigned
23. "Popular July Fourth salad"
26. Ltd
30. A in I.P.A.
31. Type of embellished surface
34. Dunking treat
35. Potato state
37. Type of poem
38. Rabbit trap
39. "I, Claudius" role
40. As much as necessary
42. Opposite of trans- in chemistry
43. Bring into servitude
45. "Bottle ____"
47. Ill temper
48. Olive branch
50. Campaign worker
52. "Declaration signer"
55. Extinct Italic language
56. Forsaken or desolate
57. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
59. Between Egypt and Algeria
60. Head
61. At the summit
62. Beaver's construction
63. "I Thee ____"

64. "Liberty Bell did it to mark Declaration reading"
DOWN
1. Calendar abbr.
2. Life stories, for short
3. Faith jump?
4. Misprints
5. "Cooler purpose"
6. "Fair attractions"
7. CCCP, in English
8. Lab culture
9. Type of pilot
10. "For ____ a jolly ____"
11. Hit 80's song "____ Me"
13. Crosswise, on deck
14. "Popular type of July Fourth gathering"
19. Two to one, e.g.
22. Antonym of keep
23. "Common Sense" author
24. "Like the days of 1776"
25. Crocodile ones are insincere
26. Place, in French
27. Race course
28. Causing fear
29. "That thou ____, do quickly"
32. Like a certain ranger
33. Fuss
36. "4th of July, e.g."
38. Sudden upset
40. The night before
41. Dad's mom
44. Gladiators' battlefield
46. Cold storage
48. Space exploration mission
49. Dog-____ pages
50. "Heat of the Moment" band
51. Intercontinental ballistic missile
52. Opposite of ebb
53. I, to a Greek
54. High part of day
55. Like Methuselah
58. Fuel economy acronym

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Payroll tax for long-term care program starts July 1

By Rep. Mike Steele

OLYMPIA - The WA Cares Fund, a new state-run, long-term care insurance program, will begin payroll deductions on July 1. Originally set to take effect in January 2022, the Legislature voted to delay the payroll tax by 18 months. For those eligible, WA Cares provides up to \$36,500 for nursing care and other services.

The cost: Most workers in Washington, including part-time and temporary workers, will pay up to 58 cents on every \$100 of their earnings for this new program. That means, for example, someone making \$50,000 per year the new tax will pay \$24.17 monthly or \$290 yearly.

Background: In 2019, the Long-Term Care Act, House Bill 1087, was approved by the majority party and signed into law by the governor. Republicans voted “no” on this

measure for several reasons, including its deep unpopularity with voters.

- Nearly 63% of Washington voters said the long-term care payroll tax should be repealed with Advisory Vote No. 20 in 2019.

What about exemptions? Two deadlines in 2021 and 2022, set in state law, were offered for those looking to opt out of the program. If you purchased a qualifying long-term care insurance plan by November 1, 2021, and applied for a permanent exemption from the WA Cares Fund, you are not subject to the new payroll tax.

- The deadline for applying for this exemption was December 31, 2022.

- Although some people could take advantage of this exemption, many others couldn't find a private plan in time, and countless others simply didn't know about the

new payroll tax.

- The Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Commission makes recommendations regarding criteria for determining who is a qualified individual, minimum provider qualifications, service payment maximums, actions needed to maintain Trust solvency and monitoring of agency expenses.

Beyond the private insurance exemption, there are a few, very limited, exemptions that exist in state law:

- Live outside of Washington state.
- Are the spouse or registered domestic partner of an active-duty service member of the U.S. armed forces.
- Have non-immigrant work visas.
- Are veterans with a 70% service-connected disability rating or higher.

More on the Long-Term Care Act

When the program was originally debated, members of my caucus repeatedly offered amendments to further open exemptions for those unable to meet the deadlines listed above, which were rejected by the majority party. If denied an exemption, this program will force those who want nothing to do with it to pay the payroll tax. It's unfair to lock Washingtonians into a state-run program with no further options.

As a legislator, I understand the Washington State Long-Term Care Act aims to provide a public long-term care insurance program to residents. However, I have several concerns about the viability and effectiveness of the program.

First, the Long-Term Care Act imposes a state mandatory payroll tax for current and future workers, without exemptions, including those

who may not require long-term care in the future or already have private long-term care insurance. This approach places an additional burden on individuals, especially low-income workers, who may struggle to afford the tax.

Second, the benefits provided by the Long-Term Care Act are extremely limited and may not adequately cover the costs associated with long-term care services. The maximum benefit of \$36,500 is wholly inadequate and may give a false sense of security about future long-term needs. This could leave individuals and families with significant out-of-pocket expenses, defeating the purpose of having long-term care insurance in the first place.

Additionally, the Long-Term Care Act does not provide flexibility for individuals to choose their preferred long-term care services or

providers. It establishes a one-size-fits-all approach, limiting the freedom of choice for residents. This lack of flexibility may not align with the unique needs and preferences of individuals and their families, leading to problems with the quality and type of care received.

And finally, and most importantly, the implementation of the Long-Term Care Act raises serious concerns about the sustainability and financial viability of the program. The act's funding mechanism relies solely on payroll taxes, which may not be sufficient to sustain the program in the long run. This could result in increased taxes or reduced benefits in the future, further burdening taxpayers and undermining the effectiveness of the program. In the coming session, I expect several more efforts to amend this program.

Governor appoints longtime Wenatchee port commissioner to state Transportation Commission

Will begin term on the board on July 1

SUBMITTED BY WSDOT

OLYMPIA - Gov. Jay Inslee has appointed Janet “JC” Baldwin of Wenatchee to fill an open seat on the Washington State Transportation Commission. Baldwin is a small business owner and longtime elected port commissioner, serving on the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority since 2005.

Baldwin, whose six-year term starts on July 1, brings to the

commission the expertise of working in the tech sector as chief executive officer and co-founder of GTC Technical Support in Wenatchee. In addition to her experience as a business owner and elected official, Baldwin brings to the commission extensive experience in the areas of public infrastructure and economic development, amassed from service on a range of boards including the state Community Aviation Revitalization Board, the state Public Works Board and the Washington Public Ports Association Executive



JC Baldwin

Committee. Baldwin said her service with

the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority, combined with the other roles she has served in, gives her a unique perspective and valuable insights that will support the development of statewide transportation policy. Among its responsibilities, the commission advises the state Legislature and the governor on transportation policy matters. This summer, it will begin the work of updating the Washington State Transportation Plan, an endeavor taken on every four years.

“Ports serve a critical role in our state's economy, and the

linkage between transportation and ports is undeniable,” Baldwin said. “An efficient and accessible transportation system is vital to enabling the movement of freight and goods in and out of ports and will be a priority of mine as I work with my fellow commissioners in authoring the update of our state's 20-year transportation plan.”

The commission also serves as the state tolling authority, setting toll rates and ferry fares, and provides annual guidance to lawmakers on statewide funding and fiscal matters.

“I look forward to support-

ing the advancement of viable approaches to creating long-term, sustainable funding for transportation so that our entire statewide system is able to carry our state into the future and meet the diversified needs of our citizens,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin replaces Commissioner Jerry Litt of Grant County, who served two terms on the commission for a total of 12 years. She will be one of three commissioners appointed from east of the Cascade Mountains. The other four are from the west of the mountains, per requirements in state law.

Local nonprofits awarded \$65,000 in consulting grants

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NCW - The Community Foundation of NCW in partnership with Icicle Fund, Thriving Together NCW, and Methow Valley Fund, has awarded \$65,000 in Strategic Consulting Grants to 13 nonprofits across the NCW region. The grants provide nonprofits with a consultant to help guide them through their organizational strategies and planning goals for long-term growth and sustainability.

“We know how challenging it can be as nonprofits to find the time, money, and human resources to work with a consultant on strategy and planning work” said Claire Oatey, director of community grants for the Community Foundation. “Organizations are working hard to keep up with the needs of our communities. This funder collaborative gives local nonprofits an opportunity to invest in themselves, including their resiliency and effectiveness, which we know will

ultimately benefit all of us and make our region stronger.”

Since 2008, the Community Foundation of NCW has been partnering with the Icicle Fund through the Non-profit Practices Institute (NPI) - a collaborative effort to offer affordable and accessible capacity-building and training opportunities. Last year, NPI piloted the Strategic Consulting Grant, which was a success for those organizations who received direct consulting.

“We have seen the prior recipients of this grant take great leaps in growth and sustainability as a result of this program” said Christine Morgan, executive director of the Icicle Fund. “The Icicle Fund is pleased to partner with the Community Foundation of NCW and Thriving Together NCW to help strengthen another 13 organizations in our com-



munity.”

Recently, the Foundation began partnering with Thriving Together NCW, another organization that offers funding and opportunities

to build communities.

“We recognize that having access to fulfilling jobs with meaningful work is crucial for the development of thriving communities which is why we are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate on this initiative” said Thriving Together NCW. “We know these grants will help our nonprofit partners to be better equipped to achieve their goals and we look forward to celebrating their successes.”

There will be one more opportunity for Strategic Consulting Grants in February 2024. For more information, visit <https://cfnew.org/strategicconsultinggrant>.

Strategic Consulting Grant Recipients

- C6 to Farm
- CAFE: The Community for the Advancement of Family Education
- Chelan Valley Housing Trust
- Chelan Douglas CASA
- Common Ground Community Housing Trust
- Friends of the Pool (Twisp)
- Leavenworth Community Farmers Market
- Methow Conservancy
- Our Valley Our Future
- Room One
- TREAD (Trails, Recreation, Education, Advocacy, and Development)
- Wenatchee Pride
- Wenatchee Valley Humane Society

The Community Foundation of North Central Washington's mission is to grow, protect, and connect charitable gifts in support of strong communities throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. Established in 1986, the Community Foundation manages \$130 million in assets through 600+ individual funds and has awarded over \$55 million in grants and scholarships.



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Magician Jeff Evans

Summer programs at NCW Libraries

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NCW - Virtual Music Technology with Brent Daniels, Ages K-12 June 28, 1 p.m. online

Enjoy a high-energy, interactive virtual workshop with a music producer and learn how everyday devices are used by professionals to create the music and sounds that you love. Then create your own original track.

Magic Tricks and Secrets, Ages K-12, July 12, at 2 p.m. online: Magician Jeff Evans brings his magic directly to you in this virtual, interactive program that you can follow along and participate from home. Learn three simple tricks and stunts you can use to amaze

your friends. Register online to receive the Zoom link via email. If you want to follow along with the tricks at home, here are the supplies you'll need: a deck of cards*, Scotch tape or glue stick, paper and pen or marker. *Two cards will be permanently ruined to make a gimmick for one of the tricks. You may want to use an older deck of cards or find a couple of spare cards from an old deck. And, of course, performing this trick is totally optional.

Attend a free program at your local library. Find something for everyone, no matter your age, stage, or interest.

June 22- Mariachi Music & Culture, Brewster Library

June 23- Movie Night in the Park, Pateros Library

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