



Gorillas win first title

Bears finish second at state basketball championship

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

SPOKANE – A second half surge by Davenport erased a Brewster halftime 31-28 lead and provided just enough momentum for the Gorillas to hold off the experienced state fixtures for a 65-58 win the 2B state basketball title last Saturday, March 4.

The Bears led from the opening tipoff when senior Kelson Gebbers got the game's first two points. They controlled the tempo of the first quarter and held Davenport's 6-foot, 7-inch leading scorer Tennessee Rainwater scoreless and took a five-point, 18-13 lead into the second.

Consecutive buckets by Tyson Schertenleib helped give Brewster its biggest lead of the game, 22-13, before Davenport slowly closed to within

three, 31-28, at halftime. The mid-game locker room often proves to be the turning point for many teams and so was the case with Davenport. When the Gorillas took the floor in the third quarter, they started to get some production from Rainwater who would go on to score some 25 points down the stretch.

Brewster had a one-point lead early in the fourth quarter before Davenport took a one-point lead and gradually built on that. The Bears remained within striking distance where a three-point play could have the difference until the final minutes of the game when the Gorillas put the lead out of reach from the free throw line. It was Davenport's first state championship and its first appearance at state since 2010.

Both teams' big men were the scoring leaders despite



Courtesy brewstersportsfacebook

The Bears celebrate following an earlier state playoff win.

Rainwater's late start saw him scoreless through the first two quarters.

Brewster had a challenging ride through the playoffs including an opening round 21-point, 93-72, loss to Columbia (Burbank) who that went on to place third in state.

The Bears then regrouped to beat Tri-Cities Prep by 10 in the Round of 12 to advance to the quarterfinals against Napavine on March 2. Another 10-point win over the Tigers sent the Bears to the semis to meet Lind-Ritzville-Sprague-Washtucna (LRSW) on March 3. They defeated the Broncos by five, 55-50, to reach last weekend's finals.

It's the third consecutive state championship appearance for the Bears. They placed second to Liberty Spangle in 2022 and were state

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Businesses respond to call

Growing Bridgeport chamber gears up for a fun-filled 2023

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – About a year ago the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce got a new president following some years of dormancy when Carlos Henriquez, the co-pastor of the Foursquare Wellspring of Life Church, resurrected the organization with the goal of bringing more cooperation and communication between the city, the business community, and its residents. A year on there has been progress – a successful Bridgeport Daze celebration last June and

Santa Comes to Town near the Christmas holiday.

Word has gotten around the business community because at the first chamber meeting earlier last month every business owner in Bridgeport not only attended but also many are now chamber members.

Chamber members are already busy with the first event of the year, an Easter celebration and bike raffle in April.

"We held a special meeting last Tuesday (Feb. 28) and some of the city council members joined us," said Henriquez. "We decided on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in Berryman Park.

Bridgeport Daze is on the radar for the first weekend of June.

We already have the application in," said Henriquez, "and this year we're applying for two days, Saturday and Sunday."

A Mother's Day observance is under consideration as another event with a specific date still under discussion.

Henriquez said communication between the chamber and council is much improved and chamber members hope to schedule more events at the city parks. Toward that end the chamber is hoping to source

some professional marketing advice to help guide efforts to bring more attention to the city.

The city, on the other hand, is pursuing improvements on several fronts. A new RV park is welcoming travelers at Conklin Landing. A second water reservoir is nearing completion. Berryman Park is on the schedule for a major facelift. A parking lot and walking tour is in the works for the tree sculptures. The city is knee-deep into a new Community Revitalization Plan for the SR-173 corridor. So there is plenty to celebrate and plenty more in the wings.

New location sought



Courtesy Wellspring of Life Church

Zuni and Carlos Henriquez, co-pastors of the Bridgeport Wellspring of Life Church and food bank cut the ribbon at the new church in 2019.

Don Childers signs on as new Brewster City Council member

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Lifelong Brewster resident Don Childers was selected to fill a Brewster City Council vacancy during the council's regular monthly meeting on February 16. He was sworn in to his new position by city attorney Chuck Zimmerman. The vacancy occurred after the passing of former council member Tim Reib on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, last year.

"I just retired," said Childers, "and thought it would be something interesting, would serve Brewster, and I have the time."

Born in Brewster to a family that had a small orchard



Mike Maltais/QCH

Don Childers

business, Childers is a Brewster High School graduate. He attended Wenatchee Valley College for two years and saw military service in Vietnam with the U.S. Army.

"I'm also a Vietnam veteran," said Childers. "I spent two years stationed with the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion (helicopter gunships) at Cu Chi."

Childers joined the Omak Plywood Mill as an industrial electrician where he worked for the next 30-and-a-half years. Following retirement, he began a second career driving bus for Northwest Stage Lines Apple Line route from Omak to Ellensburg.

Brewster Finance Director/Clerk Misty Ruiz asked Childers, with his experience in transportation, if he would represent Brewster on the Okanogan County Transportation Board.

Childers said he has always liked living in a small town.

"Brewster has been a slow growing town and I love that," said Childers. "I like traveling to big cities, but I just love this place." As a council member Childers said he would like to offer more residential opportunities in the city.

"At this stage and with population increasing so fast it would be good to promote more housing," Childers said.

He added that he is in favor of a steady, slow growth curve.

"We are really fortunate to have steady employment," said Childers, "and the city has been doing a good job regulating things."

Bridgeport Food Bank closes doors

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – In a surprise announcement last week the co-founders of the current Bridgeport Food Bank headquartered at the Wellspring of Life Church at 1300 Foster Avenue said the food distribution service will cease operations immediately.

Church co-pastors Carlos and Zuni Henriquez, who re-started the food bank that had served the community for a quarter century before their arrival, have operated the current food bank since April 2020.

The previous food bank that operated under the Bridgeport Community Church at the same location was forced to close its doors in October 2017 when the church lost its pastor and the food bank lost the necessary insurance, utilities, and other financial support it could not afford as a nonprofit.

Mayor Janet Conklin exhausted all options to find another location to house and support the service that served up to 200 families, but

none materialized until the new pastors arrived from Moses Lake. On the first day of operations three years, more than 100 cars queued up for boxes of food delivered to each vehicle by volunteers.

"I'd love to keep it here, but we just don't have a building we can put it in," said Conklin last Friday, March 3. "It has to be up to code with running water and nothing like that is available."

An earlier suggestion to bring in a doublewide mobile home and set on church property to provide an extra building did not happen. Conklin has inquired about a mobile food truck out of Wenatchee that could park in the city and distribute from there but so far that has not materialized.

Coming on the heels of the suspension of monthly food deliveries from Second Harvest in Spokane compounded by the end of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) pandemic-related emergency allotments last month, the food bank closure puts an extra burden on existing services.

Joined November 2022

Darren Curtis brings extensive experience to Brewster Police Dept.

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The latest addition to the ranks of the Brewster Police Department comes with extensive experience in law enforcement.

Darren Curtis, former Tonasket Police Chief and Okanogan County Sheriff's deputy, joined the Brewster Police Department last November. He spent most of his career with Tonasket before jumping to the Okanogan County Sher-

iff's Office in 2018 and served there five years before coming to Brewster.

Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz said the addition of Curtis brings the department



Courtesy Darren Curtis

Darren Curtis

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Commissioner of Public Lands testifies in favor of statewide wildfire impacts bill

The DNR-led Cascading Impacts of Wildfire bill would secure funding for critical wildfire and smoke prevention and mitigation work

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OLYMPIA – With Western Washington wildfire impacts still top of mind after the Bolt Creek Fire belched smoke across the Puget lowlands this past October, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz testified in favor of House Bill 1578 before the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on Wednesday February 8.

The bill, which has bipartisan support, would secure \$12.8 million over the next biennium to prepare communities for wildfire smoke

risks and impacts, expand community resilience efforts statewide, and manage post-wildfire risks including landslides and debris flows.

“No one is immune from the impacts of wildfire in Washington state,” said Commissioner Franz, who leads the Department of Natural Resources. “Whether your home or business is in the path of the fire or you’re trying to breathe through choking smoke, wildfire touches all of us.”

Among other things, HB 1578 would see DNR expand its already popular Wildfire Ready Neighbors program from eastern to western Washington. Three pilot programs in development in Pierce, Thurston and Mason counties would become permanent, along with five additional

high-risk counties in western Washington.

The bill also takes steps towards reducing health impacts from wildfires and smoke through a multi-pronged approach, establishing a statewide smoke monitoring and predictive services team while enabling the agency to deploy mobile air quality monitoring equipment, conduct simulation modeling, and provide real-time data and smoke exposure forecasts to support community-level public health efforts.

HB 1578 was sponsored in the state House of Representatives by Reps. Larry Springer (D-Kirkland) and Joel Kretz (R-Wauconda) and in the state Senate by Senator Keith Waggoner (R-Sedro-Woolley) and Senator Sharon Shewmake (D-Bellingham).



Courtesy brewersportsfacebook

The Waterville/Mansfield Lady Shockers finished in sixth place after losing to Oakesdale.

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champs in 2020 when Cade Gebbers conducted a shoot-

ing clinic against Life Christian Academy with 34 points, including the game-winning free throw to give Brewster the 58-57 win. The Bears have won the state basketball title

nine times. In the only other Quad City schools game, the Waterville/Mansfield Lady Shockers placed sixth after losing to Oakesdale.

WVC Foundation seeks nominations for 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award

SUBMITTED BY WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE

OMAK/WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Valley College Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2023 WVC Distinguished Alumni Award. Nominations must be submitted online by March 30..

Established in 1975, the purpose of the WVC Distinguished Alumni Award is to recognize an alum who has:

- distinguished themselves in their chosen professional field,
- made significant contributions to their community on a local, state, national or international level, and
- demonstrated integrity

in their personal life and gained the respect of their peers.

To qualify for this award, the nominee must have attended WVC for a year or longer. A group of alumni may also be considered for the award, but all members must be alumni. Self-nominations are also permitted. Nominations can be submitted online at wvc.edu/Awards.

In 2022, Darrell Dickeson received the award for his service to WVC as a donor and interim director of the WVC Foundation and as a community leader.

Recent recipients also include Eastmont High School educator Jaime Ramirez

(2020), NCW Libraries Executive Director Barbara Walters (2019), regional entrepreneur Malachi Salcido (2018) and City of Wenatchee Human Resources Director Kari Page (2017).

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The WVC Foundation was incorporated in 1971. The foundation's mission is to provide equitable access to education and invest in student success through philanthropy. For information on how to make a gift to the foundation, establish a scholarship or include the WVC Foundation in your estate plans, contact (509) 682-6410. Visit the WVC Foundation website at wvc.edu/Foundation.

Celebrate Women’s History Month with NCW Libraries this month

SUBMITTED BY NCW LIBRARIES

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March is Women’s History Month, and there are many ways to celebrate with your library card through books, movies, music and online

resources highlighting the voices and experiences of women. Library staff have curated lists of recommended reading for children, young adults and adults in English and Spanish.

Join a reading challenge. Log your reading on the Beanstack app and complete activities to earn digital badges throughout the month.

Many of the online resources that can be accessed for

free with a library card also have special Women’s History Month collections. Download digital books and audiobooks on the Libby app. Check out books, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, magazines and more on Hoopla. And stream films, television programs and documentaries on Kanopy.

Explore more ways to celebrate Women’s History Month with the library at www.ncwlibraries.org/womens-history.

CURTIS

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up to capacity with a total of four deputies.

“Brewster has been lucky in getting good officers,” said Ruiz who appreciates seasoned deputies with people skills gained through years of interaction with the public.

“We pay a little more to hire laterally,” said Ruiz of attracting experienced deputies, “but it’s worth it in terms of potential liability.”

Experienced officers are less likely to make rookie

mistakes that can result in expensive settlements stemming from poor judgement.

Curtis is “a great asset to the city,” said Ruiz and fits well with the chief’s philosophy of community-oriented policing.

“Right now, we have no real problems,” said Ruiz. “We’re keeping dopers out of the city.”

The problems cited in a recent news story about the homeless and vagrancy issues facing the City of Omak stand in stark contrast to conditions in Brewster.


“Ninety percent of the population is employed in Brewster,” explained Ruiz adding

that since the closure of the Omak mill the principle industry there has been social services.

Curtis joins patrol officers CJ Harmier, Vernon Reyes, and Kevin Arnold, as the fourth officer on the patrol staff.

Chief Ruiz, a Brewster High School graduate, joined the Brewster Police Department in 2000 following service in the U.S. Army. He remained with the department until 2014 when he joined the Omak Police Department as a detective. He returned to Brewster as the Chief of Police in 2019.

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Bringing the community to your door

WVC at Omak presents “Older Than the Crown” film screening March 9

SUBMITTED BY WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE

OMAK - There will be a screening of the film “Older Than the Crown” at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 at the Omak Theatre (the red theater). The screening is presented by the Associated Students of WVC at Omak Red Road Association. Doors open at 6 p.m. and admission is free, with an option to donate non-perishable, unexpired food items for the local food bank.

There will also be a discussion panel with a time for audience questions and answers following the film.

The 57-minute film documents the landmark trial of Sinixt Ceremonial Hunter Rick Desautel, who in 2010 was charged with illegal hunting on ancestral lands. To the Sinixt, hunting on ancestral land is an aboriginal right gifted

to them by Creator. However, they have been legally denied this right since 1956, when the Canadian government unjustly declared the tribe extinct. The Sinixt’s courageous fight and legal victory becomes a pivotal precedent for other Native tribes struggling for reconciliation with their homelands, as well as an emotional recognition of a people’s right to exist.

“This documentary is a tribute to the strength and resilience of generations of our people who struggled against overwhelming colonial forces and fought for our very survival,” said Rodney Cawston, chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes. “Having at least part of our story finally told is very gratifying. For well over 150 years, the Sinixt have sacrificed and lost so much. Rick Desautel honors all of our ancestors and this film is

for them.” “Older Than the Crown” is directed by Derrick LaMere. LaMere, Shelly Boyd and Meghan Francis are producers. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation is the executive producer. This is a War Pony Pictures Production and copyright by the Colville Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

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Year of the Apple High School Student Art Contest

Deadline for art May 1

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON APPLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WENATCHEE -The Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) invites all current high school students in the following counties to participate in the 21st Annual Year of the Apple Art Contest: Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Grant, Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Yakima, and Walla Walla. The Washington apple-themed

contest will grant over \$1,750 cash in student prizes. First place will receive \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, and 3rd place \$250. In addition to cash prizes for students, the top three winner’s art class/teacher will win a \$150 Amazon gift card for art supplies. Start working on your artwork today! The overall grand prize winner is awarded \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to see his/her artwork reproduced onto a poster-sized calendar.

Submit Artwork to: Washington Apple Educa-

tion Foundation C/O Art Contest 2900 Euclid Avenue Wenatchee, WA. 98801. Deadline of May 1, 2023

The Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) is the charity of the tree fruit industry. The organization is best known for its scholarship program. Annually, WAEF awards over \$1 million in scholarship aid to students raised in tree fruit industry communities. For more information on Foundation activities, please contact 509-663-7713 or www.waef.org.

BOH gets \$500,000 in ARPA funds

Okanogan County Health Officer reports on growing opioid crisis, care shortages

Editor’s note: The following meeting summaries of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) for the second week of February, and the Board of Health meeting of Feb. 24, is taken from notes provided by County Watch (countywatch.org)

OKANOGAN – The Board of Okanogan County Commissioners heard a grim report from Okanogan County Health Officer Dr. James Wallace about the growing opioid crisis affecting area schools. Wallace also stressed the shortage of psychiatric and health care providers and hospital beds.

In other BOCC/BOH summaries:

Monday, Feb. 13, BOCC a.m.

- Risk Manager Shelley Keitzman reported on jail personnel, courthouse security, and settlement with a jail inmate.
- Funding for Twisp well was discussed.
- Funding for Oroville EMS was discussed.
- Lobbyist report – jaywalking bills and how they are an attack on pickup trucks, improved riparian bill
- Reviewed request for quotes (RFQs) for work on the new judicial center.
- Discussed potential grants for Fire Districts, pros and cons of annexation.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, BOCC a.m.

- Discussed with court staff upcoming renovations and the new detention center, watching significant bills in the legislature, financial planning.
- Public comment: Paul Sisson thanked BOCC for work on Tunk Re-Zone, Dave Mullens commented on EMS/

ambulance service in the north county.

- Public hearing on proposed public record request fees – a lot of discussion regarding getting information to public when a legal notice/hearing is required. Looking forward to a public records officer/position.
 - Getting organized for opioid settlement monies process.
 - Auditor discussed the need for bullet proof safety glass in office and need for overflow room during elections – reported that there are 4,000 new registered voters since her election. Approved hiring of two security officers from Pacific Security.
 - Public works update: road restriction exemption from midnight to 9 am should help keep calls down as it is still freezing at night, BOCC agreed to maintain Libby Creek Road (a Forest Service Road) extending to the Sky Ranch turn-off,
 - Will be advertising for open position in the Commissioner’s Office.
- Tuesday, Feb. 24, Board of Health meeting
- New \$500,000 of ARPA funds allocated over four years. BOH budget healthy.
 - Nepotism concern: Environmental Health Supervisor replacement cannot be overseeing a family member, resolution debated; Organizational chart to be studied, single administrator should replace the administrative team.
 - Requests for variances will go through the Health Officer; appeals through the Hearings Examiner.

- Health Officer Dr. James Wallace signaled a growing opioid crisis affecting schools and rivaling those in larger counties despite strong support programs: peer counselors, food and transportation aid. Behavioral health compromised by decrease in psychiatric care providers. Shortage of care providers and hospital beds persists.
- BOH requested a blood and urine testing machine to help the Coroner determine cause of death. The \$61,000 “investigative tool” can be shared with law enforcement to avoid long delays from outsourcing. Wastewater testing for Covid continues in Brewster and could be widened to include drug detecting.
- The septic system application process was simplified. A Health Board retreat is scheduled for March.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, BOCC a.m.

- Process advances for hiring Public Records Officer
- Maintenance Supervisor secured rental agreement renewal for July-October cooling system, passed on recommendation that county buy \$250,000 plate heat exchanger. Untreated well water is bad for the jail’s heat pumps.
- Renewed agreement for automation system. It adjusts energy use and detects if the well pump is not working –\$11,800/year for five years.
- Instead of a seasonal full-time recruit, year-round post, flexible, for 20 plus hours/week?

Notices go out April 1

Medicaid recipients required to renew coverage eligibility

Editor’s note: The following article regarding upcoming Medicaid changes in Washington state was provided by Caitlin Duffy, Director of Business Development at Community Health Plan of Washington (chpw.org), a not-for-profit providing Apple Health (Medicaid), Medicare Advantage, and Individual & Family health plans.

SEATTLE – If you are one of the 3,210 Okanogan County residents already covered by or eligible for continuous enrollment in Medicaid (Apple Health) you will be required to renew that eligibility starting next month.

On April 1, the Washington State Health Care Authority anticipates returning to normal operations and begin to mail renewal notices to confirm the eligibility of Medicaid (Apple Health in Washington state) recipients in Washington state. This is after nearly three years where Apple Health members had continuous enrollment due to the Federal Public Health Emergency in 2020.

As a result, an estimated 300,000 Washingtonians will be required to complete a renewal form that will determine if they still qualify for Apple Health coverage or if they need to shop for a new health plan. This can be overwhelming to Washingtonians who may no longer qualify for Medicaid and need to rethink their healthcare coverage options.

Here’s what you need to know about recertification and how it could affect you.

Why is Recertification Happening Now?

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals provided their annual income information to confirm eligibility during their annual renewal of Apple Health coverage. However, that process was temporarily waived under the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). This allowed individuals covered by Apple Health to continue receiving coverage during the COVID-19 public health emergency pe-

riod regardless of changes to their income, assets, or other eligibility criteria. At the end of December 2022, the federal Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2023 separated the declaration of Public Health Emergency from the continuous enrollment extension set for Medicaid.

How Does This Impact Me?

If you or your family are currently covered under Apple Health, you may be required to go through this renewal process within the next 12 months. Your exact review timeline will be based on your current renewal end date and when you last supplied your eligibility information. This recertification or redetermination process will include a review of the annual income of the individuals or families receiving Apple Health. Those who still meet the eligibility requirements will be able to retain their existing coverage.

Three Ways to Prepare for the Recertification Process

Normally, Apple Health renewal takes place every year. But if you started getting Apple Health during the COVID-19 pandemic, this may be the first time you’re being asked to do this. To help prepare and to simplify the process, take these steps:

1. Update your contact information: Ensure that your mailing address, phone number, email and other contact information are up to date in your Washington Healthplanfinder account. This will enable them to contact you about your Apple Health eligibility.

2. Check your mail frequently: You should watch for mail alerting you to take action to renew your coverage. If you receive a notice, it will let you know what you need to do next.

3. Complete your renewal: If you receive a request from Washington, reply right away to avoid any delay or interruption in your coverage. You may be asked for information about your income, ages of household members, or citizenship status.

If You Lose Apple Health Coverage Eligibility

If you are among the 300,000


who could lose coverage in this process due to not meeting the requirements, you will have several options available to you.

Upon losing coverage, a special enrollment period will open to allow you to purchase other plans, such as Cascade Care, a Washington plan subsidizing individual and family plans on the Health Insurance Marketplace Washington Health Benefit Exchange. These plans are an affordable, comprehensive option that can cover prescription drugs, doctor visits, urgent care, hospital visits, and more.

To learn more about Marketplace plans, visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org or HealthCare.gov.

For more information, view the Apple Health and the public health emergency. To learn more about Apple Health and the public health emergency (PHE) period, visit the Public Health Emergency FAQ.

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06:28 Welfare Check, 3000 block Eastmont Ave., Bridgeport
08:53 Suspicious Circumstance, 929 Maple St., Bridgeport
11:44 Suspicious Circumstance, 33 Main St., Mansfield
11:57 Domestic Disturbance, 1800 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport
16:07 Disturbance, 1800 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport

Feb. 25
02:03 Juvenile Problem, 106 Arden Ave., Bridgeport

Feb. 26
03:26 Domestic Disturbance, 24 Lucky Badger Ct., Orondo
15:18 Trespassing, 619 E. Birch St., Waterville

Feb. 27
05:29 Public Assist, Rd. J SW and Rd. 1 SW, Waterville
12:20 911-call, 705 Rd. 8 NW, Waterville
20:08 Traffic Offense, 600 block Columbia Ave., Bridgeport

Feb. 28
06:23 Hazard, 900 block Maple St., Bridgeport
07:31 Domestic Disturbance, 1800 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport
07:54 Burglary, 305 W. Ash St., Waterville
11:30 CPS/ APS Referral, 22840 US Hwy. 97, Orondo
14:47 CPS/ APS Referral, 415 N. Columbia Ave., Waterville
17:49 Domestic Disturbance, 1800 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport
18:11 Disturbance, 26th St. and Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport
18:21 Trespassing, 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield

Mar. 1
00:05 Welfare Check, 800 E. Locust St., Waterville
14:30 Domestic Disturbance, 2331 Monroe Ave., Bridgeport

Mar. 2
08:53 Extra Patrol, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport
12:25 Non-injury Accident, 900 block McNeil Canyon Rd., Mansfield
18:51 Suspicious Circumstance, 1011 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport

Brewster Police Department

Feb. 23
08:54 A parking problem was reported on W. Indian Ave. and Hwy. 97 in Brewster when 20 cars were parked alongside the roadway.
12:30 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the upper parking lot for months on Hospital Way.
20:49 Animal noise was reported on 3rd St. for a Ger-

man Shepard dog barking constantly.

Feb. 24
14:35 An injured dog was reported on Hwy. 97.
16:17 A caller on S. 7th St. reported a non-injury accident when their white 2021 Toyota Rav 4 was hit.
16:58 A traffic stop was reported on S. Bridge St. and Ferry Ave.

Feb. 25
08:57 A caller reported finding a small bag with what looked like smashed up glass inside on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

Feb. 26
00:19 A caller on W. Indian Ave. reported their ex-boyfriend calling several times from a blocked number.
18:17 A caller on Hwy. 97 traveling northbound reported a vehicle following them for the last several miles, nearly rear-ending her vehicle three times, possibly a van.
21:40 Harassment was reported on W. Indian Ave., the caller received a call from a blocked number, telling the caller's girlfriend he misses her and wants to see her.

Feb. 27
09:15 A hit and run accident was reported on Plaza Way and Old Hwy. 97.
12:42 An agency assist was requested on Hwy. 17 in Bridgeport.
13:12 A stray cat was reported on Hwy. 97 in Orville.

Feb. 28
04:38 A burglary alarm was triggered at a warehouse on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
07:35 An agency assist was requested on Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport for a domestic call.
08:24 An agency assist was requested on S. 1st St. in Brewster.
09:41 A non-injury accident was reported on W. Indian Ave. and S. 7th St. in Brewster.

Mar. 1 - 2
No report available.

Okanogan County Sheriff

Feb. 19
13:48 A civil dispute was reported on Hwy. 153 in Pateros when a caller's ex-husband was arrested in King County and the caller would like their mutual child to come stay with her instead of the paternal grandparents in Cashmere.
15:56 A welfare check was requested for a caller's ex-girlfriend and son on Old Hwy. 97, that live with a male subject that was reportedly

abusive and sexually assaulted her.

Feb. 20
03:51 An injury accident was reported on Old Hwy. 97 and Teleport Dr. in Brewster when a caller was waved down by a female subject driving a Toyota Tacoma that was in the ditch and she'd hit her head and was bleeding from her hand.

Feb. 21
10:36 A sex offense was reported on S. Dawson St. in Pateros when a caller reported she'd been drinking at a friend's apartment and her friend's husband assaulted her.

Feb. 22 - 23
No local reports.

Feb. 23
08:54 A parking problem was reported on West Indian Ave. and Hwy. 97 for 20 cars parked alongside the roadway.

Feb. 24
08:45 A caller on Maple St. in Bridgeport was told he had an accusation with a minor and wanted to verify.
12:24 An agency assist was requested on Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

12:30 A hit and run accident was reported on W. Warren Ave. in Pateros, reportedly leaving a fire hydrant completely bent over and the sidewalk cracked.
20:03 A domestic dispute was reported on Jack Wells Rd. in Bridgeport involving a caller's minor daughter.

Feb. 25
No local reports.

Feb. 26
11:44 Fraud was reported on W. Warren Ave. in Pateros involving a hacked Facebook account.
19:39 An agency assist was requested for a rollover 1-vehicle collision on Hwy. 17 in Brewster.

Feb. 27
12:42 An agency assist was requested on Hwy. 17 in Bridgeport.
13:58 A suspicious call was reported from Valley Rd. in Brewster when an unknown subject with a Spokane number called identifying themselves as law enforcement.
16:53 An agency assist was requested on Hwy. 97 in Pateros for three subjects that were uninjured following a two-car collision.

Feb. 28 - Mar. 2
No local reports.

DEATH NOTICES

Renee Brooks

Renee Brooks, 78, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on February 25, 2023. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

March 8, 10, 14-15, 17

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, Wednesday and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-826-7979 to reserve or cancel your meal. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. Menu: March 8: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Venetian Vegetables, Greek Salad, Fruit Salad, WW Roll, Dessert; March 10: Chili Stuffed Potato, Green Salad, Peaches, Cornbread, Dessert; March 14: California Chicken Casserole, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Orange Quarters, Cheesy Biscuit, Dessert; March 15: Tater Tot Casserole, Cuke & Tomato Salad, Apricots, WW, Roll, Dessert; March 17: Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Carrots, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Pistachio Pudding.

March 8-11, 13-18

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.

March 8-9, 13-16

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March 9

Bingo

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

March 9, 16

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is March. 9. 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, March 16 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.

March 13, 27

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

March 13, 27

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.

March 13

Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee

OKANOGAN – The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Com-

mittee 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.

March 14

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: tcf-wenatcheevalley.org

March 15

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.

March 15

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, March 15, 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.

March 20

Family and friends Support Group

WENATCHEE - Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday 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: tcf-wenatcheevalley.org

March 27

Bridgeport School District

BRIDGEPORT - The Bridgeport School District Board meets the last Monday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the Middle School commons.

Screening of Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten students for 2023-2024 school year, March 14-16

SUBMITTED BY BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRIDGEPORT - Bridgeport School District is looking for Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten students for the 2023-24 school year.

Children must be five years of age on or before August 31, to register for kindergarten. To register for Transitional Kindergarten, children need

to be four years old on or before August 31.

Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten screenings will be March 14-15-16, from 3:20-5 p.m., by appointment. Please call the Bridgeport Elementary School to schedule an appointment, 509-686-2201.

El Distrito Escolar de Bridgeport está buscando estudiantes de kinder y kinder transicional para el año esco-

lar 2023-2024

Niñ@s deben tener 5 años cumplidos para agosto 31, para inscribirse al kinder. Para inscribirse para kinder transicional, nin@s deben tener 4 años para el 31 de agosto del 2023.

Inscripciones al kinder y kinder transicional serán del 14-15-16 de marzo de 3:20 - 5 p.m., por cita. Por favor marque a la Escuela Primaria para hacer una cita, 509-686-2201.

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WDFW seeks public comments on 2023-2024 hunting seasons

Deadline to comment March 27

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE

OLYMPIA – From February 15 through March 27, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will accept written public comments on proposed rule changes to regulations for 2023-2024 hunting seasons.

Proposals included in this round of rulemaking include those related to landowner hunting permits, deer and elk special permits; hunting seasons, areas, and permit quotas for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat; and hunting seasons and regulations for migratory gamebirds.

“We encourage everyone interested in the upcoming hunting seasons to review the proposed changes and send us your feedback,” said Anis Aoude, WDFW Game Division

Manager.

The rulemaking proposals and comment submission forms are available on the WDFW website. Comments are accepted beginning Feb. 15. Written comments may also be submitted via postal mail to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife - Wildlife Program, PO Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504.

WDFW will also accept public comments on the proposed recommendations at a public hearing on March 27. Those interested in providing verbal comments during the virtual meeting should pre-register online. Pre-registration for public comment closes at 8 a.m. on March 26.

WDFW Director Kelly Susewind will issue a decision on the proposed recommendations shortly after the public hearing.

All members of the public are invited to share their perspectives and participate

in WDFW public feedback opportunities regardless of race, color, sex, age, national origin, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, status as a veteran, or basis of disability.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife works to preserve, protect, and perpetuate fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

Individuals who need to receive this information in an alternative format, language, or who need reasonable accommodations to participate in WDFW-sponsored public meetings or other activities may contact the Title VI/ADA Compliance Coordinator by phone at 360-902-2349, TTY (711), or email (Title6@dfw.wa.gov). For more information, see <https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/requests-accommodation>.

Forest seeks public comments on proposal to balance bighorn sheep, domestic grazing needs

Scoping comment period now open

SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH KELLY, USFS

CENTRAL WASHINGTON - The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is reinitiating scoping for an environmental impact statement (EIS) that would update the existing forest plans direction for the management of domestic grazing allotments.

Washington State has 17 bighorn sheep herds that inhabit grassy mountain slopes, canyonlands, and foothill country in the central and eastern portions of the state. Ten of those herds utilize habitat within portions of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (Forest).

Since the early 2000s, the Forest has been working to address the interaction between domestic sheep grazing and bighorn sheep population viability on national forest system lands. The Forest published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register on May 17, 2019. The purpose for this action remains the same as described in 2019. The analysis will also address new concerns related to existing allotment management plans, evaluate site-specific conditions for each allotment relative to the risk of disease transmission between bighorn sheep and domestic livestock, and identify potential site-specific grazing opportunities which could be made available to existing sheep permittees on the Forest.

The revised proposed action would amend the Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest Plans to identify which existing grazing allotments are suitable or unsuitable for domestic sheep and goat grazing, and develop site-specific allotment management plans for grazing of domestic livestock,



Courtesy Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. **Two Bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis) stand together.**

including sheep, goats, and cattle.

“Together with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and USDA Agricultural Research Service, we are working to design a sustainable management approach for both grazing and wildlife,” said Forest Supervisor Kristin Bail. “This analysis will take a holistic and balanced approach to grazing and wildlife management across the Forest by considering social, economic, and natural resource issues.”

In accordance with federal regulations, comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received within 45 days of publication in the Federal Register. To submit comments, please visit the project comment page: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=53257>

“We invite interested members of the public to get involved early on in this analysis and want to continue to build on early participation and

collaboration efforts with the intent of gathering your input before a final decision is made,” said Bail. “If you had provided comments in the initial round of scoping in May 2019, those comments have been retained and are still valid, so there is no need to resubmit those letters.”

An online public information meeting is planned for March 14 from 6 - 7 p.m. PDT. For more information or instructions on how to join the public meeting visit the project page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53257>; project background information, maps and other documents are also posted to the project page.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected in December 2023. A 90-day formal comment period will follow.

For further information, please contact Environmental Coordinator Stacy Lundgren, at 509-470-4134 or stacy.lundgren@usda.gov.

THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Outdoors roundup

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

New WDFW Commissioners appointed

Governor Jay Inslee has appointed two new Fish and Wildlife Commissioners to replace outgoing commissioners Don McIsaac and Kim Thorburn. The outgoing commissioners were known to be supportive of hunting and the North American model of Conservation.

There was concern Governor Inslee was going to continue a trend of appointing commissioners who were not supportive of hunting or recreational fishing opportunities. Recent appointees torpedoed a long standing spring bear hunting season in our state despite the recommendation from WDFW staff that it go forward. Recently appointed commissioners have also made questionable statements and decisions about the Blue Mountain elk herd, which has been decimated by cougar predation.

Fortunately, the two new appointees to the commission have a solid background when it comes to sound fish and wildlife management. One of the appointees is Steve Parker. He resides in Yakima County and spent 45 years working as a fisheries biologist for the Yakama Nation.

The other appointee is Woodrow “Woody” Myers, Jr. He lives in Spokane County and worked for 40 years as an ungulate research biologist for WDFW. Like Parker, he is now a retired biologist.

Pro hunting and fishing groups such as Backcountry Hunters and Anglers as well as Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation both expressed support for the appointments of Parker and Myers to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Early season trout openers

Several lakes around Quincy, George and Pomeroy opened up for trout fishing on March 1st but some of these lakes were partially or completely covered by ice on opening day.

Mike Schmuck is a WDFW Fisheries Biologist in Ephrata. He visited the Quincy Lakes on the opener and reported Burke Lake had some open water for fishing near the boat ramp. There was one boat in the open water and 25 shore anglers when he was there around 11 a.m. Schmuck said quite a few trout were caught



Courtesy John Kruse. **Michelle Kruse with a Lahontan Cutthroat trout at Lake Lenore.**

from shore and anglers averaged 2 ½ fish per angler. As for the size of the trout, Schmuck said catches ranged from 10 to 12-inch yearling fish as well as carryovers and even a couple of 21 to 22-inch trout.

Schmuck said Quincy Lake was completely frozen over. A few anglers were ice fishing but were not catching many fish. Heading south towards George, Schmuck said Caliche Lake near George was frozen but 17 anglers were fishing Martha Lake which was partially ice-free. Schmuck said the fishing was slow at Martha Lake but the trout caught were good sized, averaging 16 inches.

Other March 1 opening lakes included Lenice Lake east of Beverly which was ice free. Fly fishing anglers were catching good numbers of trout there averaging 14 inches. Meanwhile, Lake Lenore north of Soap Lake was partially unfrozen. Schmuck said one angler fishing out of a small boat marked a lot of fish but only caught (and released) three Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Heading to the Tucannon Lakes in Southeast Washington, Paul Anderson at the Last Resort near Pomeroy said that in addition to the catchable rainbow trout normally planted, jumbo size trout were stocked as well in Watson (100), Rainbow (150), Spring (100) and Blue Lake (150). Anderson said that Spring and Blue Lake were ice free for the March 1 opener. Rainbow Lake had a small amount of fishable open water available and Watson Lake was still frozen over. Anglers who stopped by or stayed at the resort reported having good success on opening day. Anderson said they do have vacancies available through the month of March. You can look into booking a stay at www.thelastresortrv.com.

Northern Pike netting schedule

Staci Lehman with the Wash-

ington Department of Fish and Wildlife reports, “Northern Pike suppression efforts in Long Lake (Lake Spokane), the Pend Oreille River, and Lake Roosevelt will kick off soon. This work generally takes place between March and June of each year when Northern Pike are staging to spawn.

WDFW will begin removals of Northern Pike at Lake Spokane in March, primarily in the upper half of the reservoir between the McLellan Conservation Area and Nine Mile Recreation Area. Efforts will shift to Lake Roosevelt in April as water temperatures increase. WDFW partners with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Spokane Tribe of Indians on Lake Roosevelt and with the Kalispel Tribe on the Pend Oreille River to net and remove invasive Northern Pike.”

Lehman continues saying, “The Northern Pike is an apex predator with prolific spawning potential and a voracious appetite for fish, particularly soft rayed fish like trout and salmon. When introduced outside of their native range, they are capable of causing large-scale changes to fish communities, in some cases leading to elimination of entire species.

Efforts are focused on reducing impacts of invasive Northern Pike to resident fish populations and limiting the potential for downstream distribution into the anadromous zone of the Columbia River. Establishment of Northern Pike in the anadromous zone would put at risk the billions of dollars invested into the recovery of salmon and steelhead populations. More information on Northern Pike and reports on suppression efforts implemented since 2013 can be found on the WDFW website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/02382>.”

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That the authorized point of diversion being within the Wells Pool of Columbia River in the SW¼SW¼ of Section 30, in T.30N., R.24 E.W.M.

That In 2020, the owner of the water right placed 190.3 acres, 561.37 AF/yr into the State Trust Water Account as a Temporary Donation. The balance of 277.4 acres, 817.96 AF/yr remained at the original place of use for irrigation.

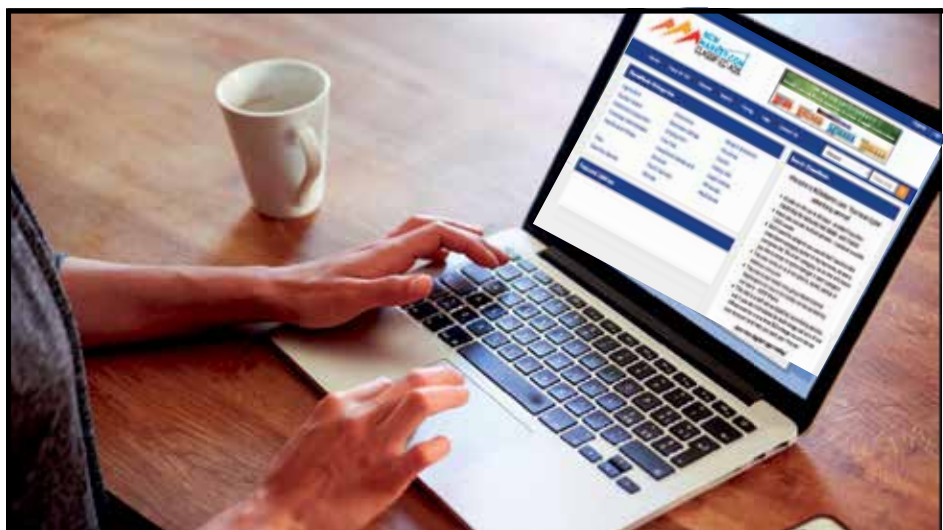
That they propose to add a point of diversion for a total of two diversions within the Wells Pool of the Columbia River in the SW¼SW¼ of Section 30 and SE¼SE¼ of Section 20, both in T.30 N., R.24 E.W.M.

That they propose to transfer 93.7 acres of the original place of use which is currently in the State Water Trust account to irrigation within the NW¼, NW¼NE¼, SW¼NE¼, NE¼SW¼, E½SE¼ and NW¼SE¼ of Section 20, in T.30N., R.24E.W.M. The balance of 277.4 acres, 817.96 AF/yr will remain at the original place of use for irrigation, and 96.6 acres, 284.97 AF/yr will remain in the State Trust Water Account.

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March 20-25 is National Poison Prevention week

In the United States, help for a poisoning emergency is a toll-free phone call away. In 2021, someone in the United States called a Poison Control center every 15 seconds. In 2021, 55 U.S. Poison Centers responded to over 2 million human poisonings. Over 90% of poisonings occurred at home, 75% were unintentional, and 41% involved children 5 years of age or younger.

Before a national toll-free phone number was established, poison control centers used local telephone numbers plus a state or region-wide toll-free phone number. In 2002, a national toll-free hotline was introduced, connecting callers to the nearest poison center. That same phone number is used today: 1-800-222-1222.

When working the night shift at my local hospital in the early 1980s, one of my responsibilities was answering the red poison control phone (yes, it really was red). The phone sat inside a small glassed-in booth in our basement-level pharmacy.



During the week, a trained information specialist handled incoming calls and did poison prevention outreach. After 5 p.m., the emergency room staff answered incoming calls during evening hours. At 11 p.m., the phone was switched back to the red phone in the pharmacy, and the night shift pharmacist answered it.

The pharmacists answering the phone were trained to identify the source of the exposure and look up the instructions required for managing the event. Responsible for collecting information on each call, we documented the needed details on a "bubble sheet" scanned into a national database, much like a mail-in voting ballot.

Back then, a microfiche

reader helped us find the information needed to rapidly identify the offending substance and instruct callers on the most appropriate treatment. Rapid access to this vital information helped prevent additional and more expensive care at a hospital or urgent care center. Today's Poison Centers access this essential data online.

According to a report by the Lewin Group to determine the value of poison control services, every \$1 spent on poison center services saves approximately \$13 by decreasing direct medical costs from avoiding a visit to the ER, having a shorter stay in the hospital, or experiencing fewer lost workdays.

Every year, the third week of March is National Poison Prevention Week, one of the

longest continuous health and safety programs in the United States. It's also one of the most cost-effective: today's 55 poison centers around the country save over \$1.8 billion yearly in reduced direct medical costs, lost work, and productivity.

According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths and the third leading cause of unintended hospitalizations.

In 1992, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital was one of 4 hospitals in Washington State hosting a poison center, with St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, and Children's Hospital in Seattle as the other Poison centers. Due to funding issues, later that year, the Washington State legislature voted to consolidate the 4 centers into one, and by 1995 the transition to the current Washington Poison Center was complete. Many Poison centers were

initially established to inform and support pediatricians and emergency room physicians faced with child poisonings, such as swallowing a toxic household chemical or prescription medication.

One of the most visible campaigns to warn children about dangerous substances is the lime green face of Mr. Yuk.

Mr. Yuk was created in 1971 by the Pittsburgh Poison Center, based at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. In the early 1970s, the Poison Center wanted to use a symbol to warn children of dangerous substances that should NOT be eaten.

For adults, a skull and crossbones are warning symbols. But most children see a skull over an "X" made up of crossed bones and think about pirates and adventure. Several professional sports teams even use a skull and crossbones for their logo.

The Pittsburgh Poison Center sought a symbol that would make a child not want to play or interact with the

container it was attached to. They showed 3 different characters to groups of young children: a red stop sign, a black skull and crossbones, and a green frowning circular face.

The children weren't scared off by the skull with the crossed bones or by the red stop sign. They DID avoid playing with the container with a green frowning face. When asked why, one child said it looked "Yucky," and Mr. Yuk was born.

In 1973, the Poison Center at Children's Hospital in Seattle was the first outside of Pittsburgh to adopt Mr. Yuk as its poison warning symbol.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 44-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com. ©2023 Louise Achey

Rep. Schrier introduces bipartisan bill to improve rural health care access

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH CARLSON, OFFICE OF REP. SCHRIER

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Kim Schrier, M.D. (WA-08) recently introduced the Rural Physician Workforce Production Act. This bipartisan bill aims to improve access to health care for rural Americans by increasing the number of physicians in their area.

Specifically, this bill pro-

vides additional funding to hospitals to incentivize medical residents to train and practice in rural areas. The funding comes through Medicare and addresses some of the financial challenges that often prevent physicians from practicing in rural communities.

"As a doctor, I understand the importance of being able to access timely care. In many parts of the 8th District, residents need to drive



a long distance to visit their doctor," said Rep. Schrier, M.D. "That's why I am glad to be introducing this commonsense, bipartisan legislation to increase the number of health care providers in rural areas and alleviate physician shortages. This is an important step to increasing

health care access for all 8th District residents."

The 8th District is nearly 10,000 square miles, with many residents living in rural areas, often a significant distance away from the nearest physician. This is a common challenge for rural Americans. Lack of access to

proper health care has dire consequences. The Rural Physician Workforce Production Act works towards fixing this problem.

"Rural areas suffer disproportionately from physician shortages," said Dr. Keri Bergeson, M.D., who is the site training director for the family medicine residency rural program at Columbia Valley Community Health. "The data is clear that physicians tend to live and work near where they train. In order to improve physician access for rural areas, we need to train physicians in rural areas. This bill would allow fair and equitable funding for rural sites to do just that."

This bill is supported by a coalition of medical organizations including the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the National Rural Health Association, and many more. Additionally, Congresswoman Schrier is joined in introducing the bill by fellow U.S. Representatives Harshbarger (R-TN), Cuellar (D-TX), and Bacon (R-NE).

"The shortage of primary care physicians across the country, particularly in rural areas, must be addressed. That's why the AAFP is

pleased to endorse the Rural Physician Workforce Production Act, which will take concrete action to support rural residency training and alleviate physician shortages in rural communities. This legislation addresses health inequities by strengthening the physician workforce in communities that desperately need more physicians and would provide much needed federal support to incentivize residents to train in rural areas. This bill is a critical step toward stemming our national physician workforce shortage and ensuring patients have equitable access to timely and comprehensive care," Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD, MPH, MBA, FAFPP, President, American Academy of Family Physicians.

"Many osteopathic family physicians serve as the sole access point for critical health care services in the rural communities they serve, and they witness firsthand the challenges that rural Americans face in obtaining primary care services. We are grateful that Representatives Harshbarger and Schrier are leading the effort to increase access to primary care services in rural areas by introducing the Rural Physician Workforce Production Act of 2023 in the House. This legislation is essential in resolving the geographic maldistribution of primary care physicians by providing equitable access to care for patients in all areas of the country," Bruce R. Williams, DO, FACOPF, President, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

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, judgementalism, 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 office, 215-14th Street, Leavenworth, WA 98826 or Lake Chelan Mirror office 131 S. Apple Blossom Dr. Suite #109, Chelan, WA. 98816

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THEME: THE OSCARS ACROSS

1. "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard _____
6. Marlboro debris
9. "Academy Award ceremony audience sound
13. Botch
14. Sigma _____ fraternity
15. Ten million, in India
16. Embryo sacs
17. Literary "even" _____
18. Tax evader's fear
19. "Most nominated streamer in this year's Oscars
21. "Most-nominated Black actor in Oscar history
23. Opposite of yang
24. Lard cousin
25. "Milk _____ movie snack
28. Poetic source of Norse mythology
30. 2020 demographic event
35. Arrival times, acronym
37. Baseball points
39. Camelot to King Arthur
40. Actress Campbell
41. "Where Oscar-winner "Slumdog Millionaire" was set
43. Not in favor
44. "What Halle Berry did when she won an Oscar in 2002
46. Jet black
47. Lively
48. Paid killers (2 words)
50. Upon
52. Rally repeater
53. Sweet-talk
55. Not outs
57. "Total Oscar nominations for "The Power of the Dog"
60. "One of this year's Oscar hosts
64. Exotic juice flavor
65. "Jamie Foxx won an Oscar in 2005 for this flick
67. Bizet's "Carmen," e.g.
68. Off kilter
69. "1942's "Holiday _____," Oscar winner
70. Admit (2 words)
71. Afterward

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DOWN

1. J. Edgar Hoover's man
2. Ice on a window
3. Antonym of "is"
4. Enlighten
5. Puck stopper
6. Kilimanjaro top, e.g.
7. Pronoun
8. Hinduism follower
9. "Parallel Mothers" nominee Penelope
10. Prospector's mother
11. Seed coat
12. Lassie, e.g.
15. Type of horse gait
20. Lemur from Madagascar
22. European Economic Community
24. Playground attraction
25. "Belfast" nominee, "Shakespeare in Love" winner
26. First cradles
27. Lifeboat support
29. "Denis Villeneuve's sci-fi nominee
31. Type of tide
32. Not so crazy
33. Extremist
34. "King Richard" nominee, once a fresh prince
36. Give an impression
38. Land of Israel
42. Shenanigan
45. Remove claws
49. Presidential election mo.
51. Waiting on the phone (2 words)
54. Eagle's nest
56. Like the Incredibles
57. Backside
58. Boat track
59. Not odd
60. Update, as in a FitBit
61. Formerly Facebook
62. "Julia Robert's 2001 Oscar-winning role
63. Colonel or captain
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66. _____ eater or _____ hill

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Long-term human trafficking investigation results in five search warrants, arrest warrants issued

SUBMITTED BY COLUMBIA RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE

WENATCHEE - The Columbia River Drug Task Force (CRDTF) reports a long-term human trafficking investigation that has resulted in the service of five search warrants at various locations across the state. In 2022, CRDTF detectives

were made aware of two local massage parlors which were a front for prostitution. Over the course of the investigation, two suspects were identified as a part



Courtesy CRDTF

of this human trafficking organization and warrants were issued for their arrest. The charges include: leading organized crime, promoting

prostitution, and money laundering. These individuals have been identified as 60-year-old Linhui Yan and 43-year-old Yan Yang out of Tacoma.

On March 1, CRDTF detectives led a joint operation involving the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office,

Wenatchee Police Department, East Wenatchee Police Department, Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Kennewick Police Department, South Sound Gang Task Force, Department of Corrections, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security.

Search warrants were served at the following loca-

tions: 400 block of North Mission Street in Wenatchee, 300 block of North Chelan Avenue in Wenatchee, 6200 block of Clearwater in Kennewick, 3600 block of Tyler Street in Tacoma, and 2000 block of 1022nd Street in Tacoma.

This is an ongoing investigation, additional details will be released when available.

A proud history of clean energy leadership continues

BY SENATOR BRAD HAWKINS

OLYMPIA - It has been exciting to read about the progress Douglas County PUD has been making toward its Wells Hydrogen Project and the possibilities of our region accessing federal funds under the Department of Energy's regional hydrogen hubs initiative. While some people in our state may just be beginning to hear about the potential benefits of renewable hydrogen, local utility officials and I have been proudly pushing the potential benefits of renewable hydrogen for several years.

Back in 2019, I partnered with Douglas County PUD to sponsor and pass my Senate Bill 5588 to authorize public utility districts to produce and sell renewable hydrogen. Back then, I had to educate myself and my colleagues on renewable hydrogen and how it could benefit us all. In short,

hydrogen (H2) is a colorless and odorless gas that can be created from a process that uses electricity to separate hydrogen and oxygen molecules in water. I knew gaining a new "authority" for PUDs to produce and distribute hydrogen wasn't going to be easy.

I worked closely that year with Douglas County PUD because of their interest in using surplus hydropower to produce hydrogen. After months of hard work by everyone involved and lots of bipartisan support, Senate Bill 5588 eventually passed to allow for the production and sale of PUD "renewable hydrogen," which is defined as hydrogen created from an emissions-free electricity source. The Governor signed the bill in April 2019. Fast forward a few years and following COVID delays, renewable hydrogen will soon be developed in Douglas County.

This new authority will provide our hydroelectric facilities with a new way to address an ever-increasing challenge. With the expansion of wind and solar generation across many western states, the Pacific Northwest's electric grid experiences periods of surplus power generation in the spring. During springtime snow melt, hydropower generation is abundant because of high flows in the Columbia River. Wind and solar generation are often strong in the spring as well.

Not generating power by spilling excess water through our dams can adversely impact fish and securing buyers for our hydropower when supply exceeds demand can be financially ineffective and challenging. Using surplus hydropower electricity (renewable hydropower) to produce "renewable hydrogen" is an exciting opportunity because

it can be both environmentally and economically beneficial. If power demand is low but water flows are high, the PUD can produce hydrogen rather than just spilling the water and harming fish. Less water spilled means more financial value from the water itself. As owners of the PUDs, anything that benefits a PUD will ultimately help its customers, so it's a win-win.

Renewable hydrogen is a cleaner version than hydrogen produced in most parts of the world because hydropower is a non-emitting electricity source. Hydrogen can serve many purposes, but one of its uses is clean fuel for vehicles. Hydrogen-based vehicles, similar to plug-in electrics, produce zero greenhouse gas emissions. Plug-in electric vehicles, like Teslas, have a huge head start over hydrogen vehicles. It could be that hydrogen as vehicle fuel may be

better suited for heavier-duty commercial vehicles, like utility rigs and semi-trucks, but it certainly could have a key role in our future zero-emissions transportation system.

In 2021, two years following the passage of my Senate Bill 5588 for PUD hydrogen, I sponsored and passed Senate Bill 5000 to extend sales tax incentives to hydrogen vehicles similar to our existing incentives for plug-in electric vehicles. That same session - continuing the partnership with Douglas PUD and other officials - I sponsored a transportation budget item to fund the state's first combo fast-charging electric vehicle and hydrogen fueling station. It will soon be located in East Wenatchee.

Creating clean fuel from our surplus hydropower and actually fueling vehicles locally will be quite exciting. If the state invests in hydrogen fuel-

ing stations at our ports, we'll be able to haul the world's best apples from Wenatchee to Seattle on zero-emissions hydrogen semi-trucks, refueling at the port in just five minutes before the return trip. If the west coast continues to build fueling stations along its interstates, we'll likely be able to travel across multiple states. If the Pacific Northwest ultimately becomes a "hydrogen hub," anything is possible.

Renewable hydrogen has certainly gained incredible interest - locally and nationally - in recent years. The Washington State Legislature is now pursuing clean hydrogen expansion in earnest. We don't want to brag, but it seems like, once again, the utilities in North Central Washington are way ahead of the curve on clean energy. This is something to be proud of.

Masking requirements in healthcare, long-term care, and correctional facilities to end April 3

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue downward trend nationwide

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - Effective April 3, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) will end the Secretary of Health Mask Order, which

currently requires universal masking in healthcare, long-term care, and adult correctional facilities for people age 5 and older.

In Washington, COVID-19, RSV, and influenza disease rates and hospitalizations have continued to decline since the end of last year. The end of Washington's universal masking requirements aligns with similar announcement made today by the state of Oregon.

"Masks have been - and will continue to be - an

important tool, along with vaccinations, to keep people healthy and safe," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "We are thankful for our health and long-term care providers, staff members, patients, and all Washingtonians, for following the important public health measures put in place during the pandemic to protect one another."

DOH infection prevention and control guidance continues to recommend masks for patients, health-

care providers, and visitors in healthcare settings. Licensed healthcare facilities are required to have infection prevention policies and programs consistent with CDC guidance.

Several worker protection requirements enforced by the state's Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) remain in effect, including that employees and contractors may choose to use facemasks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) on the job without employer retaliation.

Additionally, under the state Health Emergency Labor Standards Act (HELSEA) rules, several key worker protections remain in place until the federal pandemic response declaration ends May 11.

The current Secretary of Health Mask Order will remain in place until 11:59pm on April 2. Local or tribal governments, facilities, and providers may choose to continue to require masks in these or other settings.

DOH will continue to issue

and update COVID prevention guidance for the public and key sectors, including the use of masks, vaccines, ventilation, and other preventive measures to inform individuals, families, communities, and health leaders on how to stay healthier from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

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Confluence Health announces updates to Employment Vaccination Policy

SUBMITTED BY ADAM McDONALD, CONFLUENCE HEALTH

WENATCHEE - Confluence Health has announced an update to its employment vaccination policy. Starting March 1, Confluence Health Health began allowing staff who were unable to work onsite due to not having received the initial COVID-19 vaccination series to again work onsite at Confluence Health facilities after meeting certain requirements.

"This change in policy reflects our shift in status within the wider pandemic and the needs of our communities," commented Dr. Jason Lake, chief medical officer of Confluence Health. "While vaccinations continue to be vital in our ability to address the needs of public health, the transition to a post-pandemic world allows us greater flexibility in requirements moving forward."

Under previous policy, staff who had not received their

initial COVID-19 vaccination series were not able to work onsite due to Washington State COVID-19 mandates and policy requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Changes in requirements now allow for greater flexibility in policies and more accommodation options for exempted individuals.

The update to Confluence Health employment vaccination policy allows staff who received a religious and/or medical accommodation and currently work remotely to come onsite for meetings and social events, and, where appropriate and where space is available, to return to onsite work.

Additionally, Confluence Health welcomes applications from prospective and former employees who may need religious and/or medical exemptions to apply for open positions. All standard vaccinations, including the COVID-19 initial series, are still required for employees unless they have

an approved medical and/or religious exemption and appropriate accommodation can be made.

"We are pleased to be able to make these updates to our employment vaccination policies," stated Dr. Andrew Jones, chief executive officer of Confluence Health. "As we make this important transition, we are thankful to our staff, providers, patients, and our wider communities for their continued efforts to support our work

to promote public health."

About Confluence Health: Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining availability and access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services

for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health, the Clinic, Central Washing-

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