

More help needed

Team Okanogan secures pet food donation for county dogs and cats



Courtesy Team Okanogan

Pet food donations and volunteers gather in the Omak Home Depot parking lot.

By MIKE MALTAIS
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OMAK - On Sunday, Jan. 15, Team Okanogan Animal Welfare (TOAW) group worked with Greater Good Charities in Seattle to coordinate and distribute a 10,000-pound donation of dog and cat food to local animal rescues and foster homes serving Okanogan County.

"With the help of gracious volunteer drivers, the pet food was transported to Omak where it was offloaded with the assistance of Home Depot equipment and employees," a TOAW media release said. "Animal rescue workers and volunteers helped unload, sort, stack, and distribute food into vehicles where it could be sent on its way to feed the mouths of hundreds of hungry dogs and cats."

Caso's Country Foods chipped in with hot coffee and



Volunteers transfer food into vehicles for delivery to hungry dogs and cats.

treats to keep the volunteers fueled up and warm during the labor-intensive food distribution.

"A pet food donation of this size has never before been delivered to Okanogan County animal rescue groups," said TOAW. "The food will go a long way in feeding the excessive number of animals

currently in the care of rescue workers and foster families."

Last December Team Okanogan brought together nearly three dozen animal welfare groups to discuss the problem of excess dogs and cats in the county and potential solutions to address the surplus. At that meeting some facts were shared relative to the current crisis:

- Animal Foster Care Cat Shelter (AFC) took in 1,300 cats and kittens in 2021.
• That same year AFC took 1,200 dogs and puppies were taken to rescues.
• Many of these animals required advanced medical care and costly operations.
• Adoption fees do not begin to cover the substantial per-animal care costs.
• Over-capacity shelters and rescues are turning animals away; most have a waiting list that will take months - if not years - to clear.

Local rescues are in desperate need of more foster homes, more adopters, and more financial assistance to purchase supplies for the large number of animals currently in shelters. To receive updates from Team Okanogan Animal Welfare, please sign up through their email address: teamokanogan@gmail.com.

Airport taxilane contract approved

City approves major public event applications

By MIKE MALTAIS
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BREWSTER - The Brewster City Council approved applications for three of the city's most important public events at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, Jan. 19. Those included:

- Fourth of July celebration (July).
• King Salmon Derby (August).
• Thunderfest Hydro Races (October).

Better communication sought

In other business Brewster business owner and former council member Manny Hurtado requested a more effective way to communicate text alerts or public information in both English and Spanish to residents over the phone network.

Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz said his department started a Facebook page during the Covid pandemic.

"We saw how popular it was and how easy it was to put out information," said Ruiz. "The problem is that just for our records retention alone the cost is \$6,000 a year."

Ruiz said the issues with texting for his department include infrastructure, equipment, and cost, but that a text alert was issued to the public earlier this month when an ammonia leak occurred at a city business.

Crossing safety urged

Hurtado also expressed concern that no crossing or warning lights warn drivers when students cross Seventh Avenue between the middle school and high school. He asked if the city could do something about the accident



Mike Maltais/QCH
Former council member Manny Hurtado addressed the council.

potential there.

Ruiz said his department recently dispatched officers to the school to help coordinate traffic control with crossing use.

City finance director Misty Ruiz said the city has already committed its safe routes to schools program funding to install a sidewalk to the Boys & Girls Club. She suggested that Hurtado take his concerns directly to school officials because the school can apply to the state and get the funds to install safety features.

Taxilane contract approved

An amendment to approve the west taxilane at Anderson Airport won approval to add to the infrastructure to attract more airplane owners. Mayor Art Smyth pointed out that infrastructure supports planes.

"Now you have dirt lots that are set up for somebody to build hangars on but there's no way to get their planes from the hangar to the runway," Smyth said.

City approves service contractors

Pateros pipe break causes \$20,000 damage

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - A mid-December pipe break flooded the main lift station with sewage near the city's sewer treatment plant.

"We lost the electric in the lift gate, all the small pieces of equipment - the aerator, the dehumidifier, the air ventilator, the lights, and we'll have to replace some mercury switches," city administrator Jord Wilson told the Pateros City Council at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 17. "We had two spare pumps on the shelf that we pulled out from the previous project and were able to put those in. They are working good, while the repaired pumps are on their way back."

Wilson said he has contacted the city's insurance and estimates the repair costs "on the low end about \$20,000."

Snow was a serious issue for residents this year, said Wilson, and city staff continue to work in widening roads

despite a backhoe breakdown that forced the substitution of the smaller Toolcat.

The city continues to work with city engineers Varela & Associates drafting plans for downtown ADA improvements and Commercial Avenue and pedestrian crossing upgrades.

"We will be combining The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and ARPA projects to try to get better construction pricing," said Wilson. "The city also asked for additional funding which should go before the TIB on Jan. 27."

A public hearing on the city's sewer plan review drew no public comment. Wilson introduced the plan by reviewing Department of Ecology requirements as they related to components of the city's 20-year-old plan that are at or nearing the end of their useful life.

Resolutions approved

Following a request for proposal that resulted in three candidate responses,

the council approved a resolution recommending Varela Engineering and Management for city engineering services and Erlandsen and Associates for surveying services.

A second resolution approved a software agreement with Aktivov Asset Management for the next three years following a negotiated adjustment of the annual fee that saved the city \$6,043.69 for 2023 and set at an agreed rate for the next three years.

Three informational posters were also approved and will be displayed on the new downtown kiosk on Commercial Avenue.

"We are coordinating with EVCS (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations) to get the best possible placement and still consider parking lot and Commercial Avenue improvements," Wilson said (see "State selects EVCS for charging station contract" on this page)

Due to a holiday conflict, the next regular meeting of the Pateros City Council will be a 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Pateros on installation list

State selects EVCS for charging station contract

By MIKE MALTAIS
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PATEROS - The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has selected EV Charging Solutions (EVCS), to build and retrofit 21 EV Fast Charging locations in the state, including one in Pateros. The \$8.1 million contract was awarded by the WSDOT's Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Partnerships (ZEVIP) to EVCS in collaboration with Forth Mobility Fund and Energy Northwest. The partnerships will support the installation of 76 new and upgraded EV chargers along priority corridors in Washington.

Construction is scheduled to begin this month in 21 communities.

"The City of Pateros is pleased to partner with EVCS to offer DC fast charging to the general public while visiting our town center," said city administrator Jord Wilson. "The fast-charging

site will feature two 150 kilowatt (kW) chargers, one level two charger and an outlet for electric bike charging. The 150kW chargers will be able to provide up to 200 miles of range during a 30-minute stay in Pateros."

Wilson told the Pateros City Council at its Jan. 17 monthly meeting that the city is "coordinating with EVCS to get the best possible placement" that will still allow the city to consider its planned parking lot and Commercial Avenue improvements.

Commenting on the contract, EVCS co-founder and CEO Gustavo Occhiuzzo said "We're honored to partner with WSDOT to help accelerate consumer confidence across Washington to switch to an EV. Our goal is to democratize the EV charging experience by tackling some of the largest hurdles EV drivers face today."

Those hurdles include access to reliable and fast public EV charging across all appli-

cations, simplified and upfront pricing, and access to more locations.

"With the help from the ZEVIP grant, we're able to address these issues for Washington-based drivers and make the EV transition more seamless," Occhiuzzo said.

The award supports Washington's mandate to ban the purchase of new gas-powered vehicles by 2035. Electric vehicle demand spiked in 2022 as the number of first-time EV purchases in Washington state rose 43 percent from the previous year, with more than 29,000 vehicles sold, an EVCS media release said.

WSDOT Alternative Fuels Manager Tonia Buell, Alternative Fuels Manager said WSDOT "is pleased that EVCS is upgrading the legacy West Coast Electric Highway equipment to serve more electric vehicles. The modern equipment will provide faster charging and expand access to all EV drivers."

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Upper Valley Scholarship for women returning to higher education

NCW - Applications are now being accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship supported by P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women in need of financial help in returning to higher education at an accredited university, college, or technical school in the State of Washington. This needs-based scholarship must be used for school expenses and will be paid directly to the school.

Applications must be received for consideration by April 30. Scholarship funds will be available by the Fall of 2023 and

be sent directly to the school financial department upon confirmation of enrollment.

Women applicants must be seeking further higher education at either the undergraduate or graduate level and meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be age 30 or above and reside in Chelan or Douglas County.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in or returning to a higher education program after a two-year or more absence.

The colleges, universities, or technical schools where ap-

plicants have been accepted must be fully accredited and within the State of Washington, however, out-of-state on-line accredited schools, are acceptable. Applicants may re-submit applications each year until they complete their programs of study.

Women interested in applying for the scholarship may receive more detailed information concerning the application process, as well as request the application forms by sending an email to the Scholarship Committee at the following address: peoleavenworth@nwi.net

Meeting for those interested in getting involved with Special Olympics in Chelan, greater Brewster area

Meeting Jan. 30

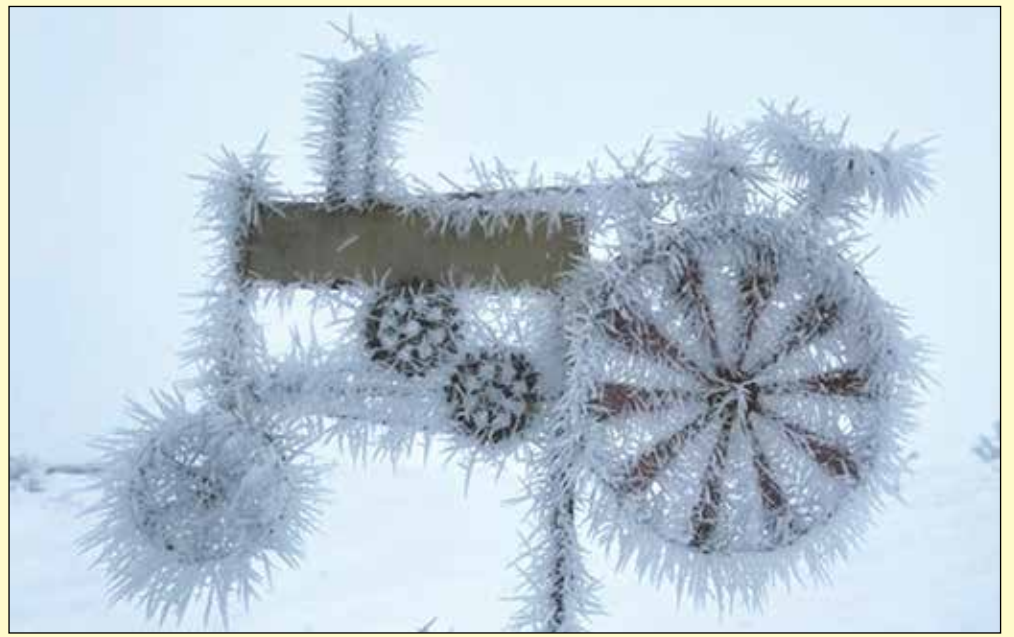
SUBMITTED BY TIM TOON, SPECIAL OLYMPICS WASHINGTON

CHELAN: Special Olympics is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 30, 5:30 p.m., at the Lake Chelan

Chamber of Commerce, at 216 E. Woodin Avenue. Attendees will learn more about how they can get involved with new Special Olympics programming in the Chelan, Manson, Brewster, Pateros, Bridgeport area. The goal is to sponsor programs start-

ing in the Spring of 2023. For those unable to attend in person, there is a Zoom option. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897172414>. Those unable to attend can contact: Tim Toon, East Region Manager, Special Olympics Washington, ttoon@sowa.org, 208-681-9385.

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Mike Maltais/QCH

This accumulation of ice spike frost that formed overnight last Friday, Jan. 20, is called "advection" or more commonly hoar frost or wind frost. It forms when a very cold wind blows over objects like this tractor sculpture decorating a local mailbox.

Bridgeport approves 2023 planning commission docket

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

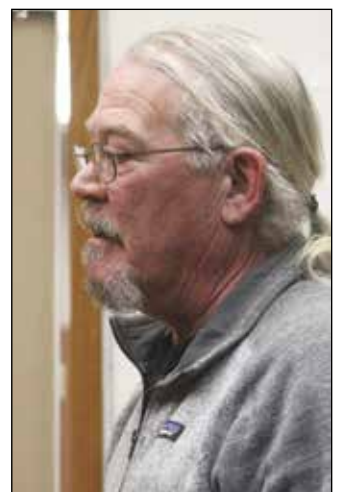
BRIDGEPORT – Contract city planner Kurt Danison of Highland Associates addressed the Bridgeport City Council at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 18, to review 2023 docket items selected earlier by the city planning commission as required by the city's comprehensive plan.

The planning commission discussed the docket items at its November and December 2022 meetings then put notices in local media asking interested citizens to submit any requests for changes to land use regulations and plans. The commission then held a Jan. 5 public meeting to hear

any public input. Absent any requested changes from the public the commission discussed the following potential projects:

1. Review of economic development element of the comp plan for consistency with the community revitalization plan for the SR-173 corridor.
2. Review of commercial agriculture in the land use element of the comp plan.
3. Preparation of a non-motorized transportation plan.
4. Updating administrative procedures.

Danison addressed the council requesting direction from the council as to what items the commission should focus on in 2023. Council approved the docket as presented.



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City planner Kurt Danison

Council also approved the Berryman Park planning supplement for Gray and Osborne.

Measuring Homelessness in Chelan, Douglas Counties to be held Jan. 26

Chelan Valley HOPE in Chelan will cover the Chelan Valley, Northern Douglas County

SUBMITTED BY JILL FITZSIMMONS, CHELAN COUNTY PIO

CHELAN/WENATCHEE - Chelan County and community partners will conduct the annual Homeless Point in Time Count from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the YWCA in Wenatchee, 212 First St. The information gathered annually by local municipalities and nonprofits participating in the national event demonstrates the need in communities across the country for homeless housing services, based on the number of people experiencing homelessness on the day of the Point in Time count, explained Sasha Sleiman, Chelan County housing program coordinator and a coordinator of the outreach event. "That information then will be used to help local policymakers make better informed decisions to help remedy our growing need for affordable housing," Sleiman said. "Doing this event

annually gives us the ability to compare our results year over year, potentially giving us an indication of where we are headed as a community." Surveys conducted by outreach teams aim to collect information on individual's living situations, including how long someone has been without a permanent home, where they sleep, where they are from, and whether or not they had been denied access to a shelter or would go to a shelter if available. Demographic questions are also asked, including age, race, gender, veteran status, the number of children under 18 in the household, and if they were fleeing domestic violence. In addition to the centralized event at the YWCA in Wenatchee, staff from various nonprofits who work with the unhoused population will be going out throughout Chelan and Douglas counties to speak to people on the street and provide them resources. Chelan Valley HOPE in Chelan will cover the Chelan Valley and Northern Douglas County and Upper Valley MEND in Leavenworth will cover the Cascade School District service area and Cashmere. Upper Valley MEND will also have a centralized site for people in the upper valley to be interviewed

and get connected to services at the Community Cupboard, 219 14th St. in Leavenworth. At this event in 2022, 163 people were interviewed. Of those interviewed, 123 people were unsheltered, meaning they were living out of doors, in a vehicle or RV, in an abandoned building, or in a tent or other outdoor area not meant for habitation. In addition, 275 people were recorded staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs or in a hotel through an emergency hotel/motel voucher program. The local event also allows housing services providers and other service-based nonprofits an opportunity to communicate directly with people in need of their services while providing resources, including backpacks, gloves, socks, hand warmers, food and more, to those in need who participated in the survey. The backpacks full of supplies are being provided by Community Action Council, in partnership with Chelan County. The Columbia Valley Community Health Mobile Clinic will be on site at the YWCA to provide access to medical professionals for those who needing medical services and to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccines to those who request them.



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Branch favors AFRC amicus brief

Commissioner Branch weighs in on Twisp Restoration Project

Editor's note: *The following meeting summary of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) for the second week of January 2023, is provided by County Watch (countywatch.org).*

Monday, Jan. 9 (a.m.)

- Commissioner Chris Branch discussed the Forest Health Collaborative's approval of the Twisp Project. He'd like to sign an amicus brief written by the American Forest Research Council opposing a challenge to the Twisp Restoration Project filed by the North Cascades Conservation Council (NCCC)*. The commissioners will discuss the amicus in an executive session with Ester Milner, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor and an official from Chelan County as soon as the meeting can be arranged.
- *Editor's note: *The NCCC challenge refers to a lawsuit the nonprofit group filed in U.S. District Court in Spokane on Nov. 23, 2022.*
- Isabelle Spohn, of County Watch, makes a public comment, asking the commissioners make sure that legal notices are accurate. She cites examples of notices being inaccurate and problems the inaccuracy may have caused.
- Okanogan County lobbyist Zak Kennedy updated the Commissioners about the opening legislative session. He noted that many refiled bills include the compromises worked out in the last session.
- Emergency Management Director Maurice Goodall updated the Commissioners about the recent ammonia leak in Brewster.
- Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager, updated the Commissioners about her goals for 2023 that included a list of upgrades for the facilities. Commissioner Branch asked Peasley to rate the upgrades with safety concerns as the highest priority and note which year she hopes to complete the upgrade, so that the county will have a capital facilities plan with dates.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 (a.m.)

- Commissioners Neal and Branch discussed Neal chairing Okanogan Council of Governments, failed and un-permitted septic systems, flooding, and Canada's snowpack.
 - Public Hearing on Tunk/Tamarack Springs subdivision moratorium - approved for 60-day extension.
 - Planning Director to recommend new R160 county zoning designation for minimum lot size of 160 acres in county zoning code, along with addition of permitted uses for this category on district use chart.
 - January 23 public hearing scheduled before Planning Commission on (above) county zone code change and Tunk Valley/Tamarack Springs change to R160.
 - Short discussion on ATV/ORV rule inconsistencies.
 - Alta Vista Irrigation District prepares to close.
 - Auditor to coordinate voting in jails and new accounting system being prepped. Federal laws if passed would complicate voter registration and expense reporting.
 - Cash Road being cleaned up after landslides in burn area.
 - Commissioners Andy Hover and Branch discussed criteria for choosing advisory group members for Methow sub-area B.
 - Commissioners approved Northwest Forest Plan Advisory Committee and letter supporting committee candidate Michael Anderson.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, Board of Health meeting**
- Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Public comment period: A county health department official brought up a proposal regarding when it is determined that people need to be isolated or quarantined, (due to health concerns) that the Sheriff needs to be consulted for constitutionality as he is the constitutional authority.
 - Financial Report
 - Update from health officer: Respiratory illness, Covid, and influenza peaked in early December - we were

hit harder earlier, numbers are going down and less hospitalizations. Also discussed opioid overdoses reported in the County - average two per week. Lots of collaboration between agencies, \$48,000 per year for 15 years allocated to Okanogan County to help with opioid OD problem.

- Environmental Health Officer discussed role of water adequacy vs. water quality. Health Department's role in water adequacy/water quality to be discussed more in depth in a future meeting.
- Executive Session regarding possible litigation.

OCCAC head requests division of ARPA funds for food bank use

Tuesday, Jan. 3, a.m.

- Executive Director of Okanogan County Community Action Council requested modified use of ARPA (American Relief Plan Act) funds from \$200,000 allotment for food to \$135,000 for food, \$50,000 warehouse rental to store food, and \$15,000 for 'discretionary' emergency sheltering needs.
- Chris Branch elected Chair, and Andy Hover elected Vice Chair. This was Commissioner Jon Neal's first meeting.
- Board discussed the many boards and duties they undertake outside BOCC meetings.
- County Clerk updated security issues, a top concern.
- Update from Solid Waste and County Engineer.

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DOUGLAS & OKANOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

Douglas County Sheriff

- Jan. 13**
17:08 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 2505 Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport
18:47 Fraud/ Forgery, 17 Church Rd., Bridgeport Bar
21:51 Traffic Offense, 430 16th St., Bridgeport
- Jan. 14**
19:59 Agency Assist, SR 173 MP 4, Bridgeport Bar
- Jan. 15**
00:32 Suspicious Circumstance, 1220 Kryger St., Bridgeport
02:38 Suspicious Circumstance, 14007 US Hwy. 2, Orondo
03:17 Assault, 1830 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport
07:35 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 2 MP 143, Waterville
15:58 Burglary, 417 E. Ash St., Waterville
21:12 Burglary, 319 Pine View Dr., Orondo
- Jan. 16**
08:44 Civil Dispute, 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield
10:45 Public Assist, 592 SR 173, Bridgeport Bar
13:55 Hazard, Maple St. and SR 173, Bridgeport
15:07 Non-injury Accident, 10 block Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
- Jan. 17**
07:53 Unknown-injury Accident, 1st St. and Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
08:00 Burglary, 400 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport
09:12 Littering, 122 Davis Ave., Bridgeport
15:46 Court Order Violation, 770 Rd 8 NW, Waterville
23:18 Suspicious Circumstance, 1000 block Foster Ave., Bridgeport
- Jan. 18**
11:49 Sex Offense, Walnut St., Waterville
16:46 CPS/ APS Referral, 9 McDougall Ln., Orondo
- Jan. 19**
09:05 Alarm, 11 E. Shore Ct., Orondo
14:45 Burglary, 600 E. Birch St., Waterville
19:34 Animal Problem, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

Brewster Police Department

- Jan. 13**
06:13 A two-vehicle non-injury accident was reported on N. Bridge St. and Hwy. 97 between subjects in a Jeep and a Dodge Ram in the intersection.
07:06 A caller on W. Cliff Ave. reported a 10-year-old male subject screaming outside with two dogs. He was trying to go to school when dogs started following him and when the boy tried running the dogs chased him back to his residence.

- Jan. 14**
02:31 A domestic dispute was reported on S. 2nd St. in Brewster when a female subject advised "You need to leave." On call back it was reported that a male subject was leaving and had gotten the caller on the neck and pulled her under the vehicle.
22:00 An assault was reported on Hospital Way in Brewster after a fight that took place in Bridgeport leaving a subject with a ruptured ocular from an incident at a park.

- Jan. 15**
00:34 A fire alarm was triggered on S. Bridge St. in Brewster.
03:33 A domestic dispute was reported on S. Bridge St., a female subject his another female subject in the face and no medical was needed.

- Jan. 16**
08:58 A sick animal was reported on Old Hwy. 97 and a deer was dispatched.

- Jan. 17**
14:45 A 911-hangup call was reported from 111 E. Griggs Ave. in Brewster.
15:34 Harassment was reported in Brewster.
15:42 A caller reported a suspicious male subject on W. Hanson Ave. in Brewster standing by the back of the church staring at it. The caller thought it was the same guy that burned down the church.
20:06 An agency assist was requested on Monse Bridge Rd. in Brewster when a 41-year-old female subject was living with the caller, and he told her she needed to leave the residence. The female subject told the caller there were multiple cars coming up his driveway, and to be ready.
22:16 A domestic dispute was reported on S. 4th St. in Brewster, the caller reported hearing noise, was unknown if everything was okay, a male subject was reported yelling and a female subject was reported crying.

- Jan. 18**
09:45 A parking problem was reported on E. Ester Ave. in Brewster.
13:09 A white Jeep Cherokee slid off the roadway on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
13:19 A van slid off the roadway on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
16:41 A disabled vehicle was reported in the middle of the roadway blocking Bridge St., the vehicle would not come out of park.

- Jan. 19**
13:17 Forgery was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

Okanogan County Sheriff

- Jan. 13**
01:30 A slide off was reported on Old Hwy. 97 and Monse Bridge Rd. in Brewster.
11:08 A 911-hangup was received from Frontage Rd. in Pateros, it was reported that no home phone was present and there were no issues, possibly faulty phone lines.
12:34 A vicious animal was reported on Monse River Rd. in Brewster for a stray dog that keeps coming not a caller's property chasing his cows. The caller reported he'd run him off a couple times and had gotten a call that the dog had a calf down.
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03:45 A 911-call was received from Frontage Rd. in Pateros.
18:36 A caller on Sunset Dr. in Brewster reported seeing horses on the roadway.

- Jan. 15**
16:38 An area of ice that subjects were on had no signs of fall through or distress near Hwy. 97 and Hwy. 153 in Pateros.

- Jan. 16**
No local reports

- Jan. 17**
14:24 A counselor reported a sex offense in Pateros.
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- Jan. 18**
13:09 A white Jeep Cherokee slid off the roadway on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
18:26 A caller on Max Goehry Rd. in Brewster reported a vehicle stopped without lights on, the caller tried to approach the vehicle to ask if they were okay and let them know they're hard to see and when he tried to talk to them they sped off.

- Jan. 19**
09:35 A subject was uninjured when their white sedan slid off the road and was stuck in a ditch with hazards on, on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Local, Regional Community News & Events

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- For more info call: Quad City Herald at 509-689-2507
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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Mae (Michalak) Gamio

On Oct. 27, 2018, Dorothy Mae (Michalak) Gamio passed away. She was born on Dec. 5, 1931 in Casper, Wyoming to Nick and Marie (Coles) Michalak. She grew up in Elma, Washington, and is the fourth of five siblings; Frank, Albert "Joe", Mary, Daniel "Danny".

Dorothy married Pierre Gamio in Reno, Nevada on July 1, 1963. They moved to the Bridgeport Bar area in 1964. Dorothy primarily worked in the agricultural industry, picking and hand-packing fruit. When the family horse Duchess had been terribly cut, she nursed her back to health. She was an avid reader and amassed her own personal library. She was fascinated about history and her family genealogy. She often could be seen tending to her property riding her lawn mower.

She had five children; Gary



Hobson, Marvin Hobson, Deborah Hobson, Joan (Hobson) Blurton, and Angelia Gamio-Maciel. She was blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In her latest years, Dorothy moved to Mount Vernon, Washington and resided with Angelia and her family until her passing.

DEATH NOTICES

Thelma Oakley

Thelma Oakley, 87, of Winthrop, Washington and formerly of Twisp, Washington, passed away on January 5, 2023.

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

Lorette Zaversnik

Lorette Zaversnik, 89, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on January 15, 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

Jan. 25

Okanogan County Community Action Council Board of Directors

ZOOM MEETING - The Okanogan County Community Action Council Board of Directors will hold their Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, January 25, at 5:15 p.m. via zoom: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/81906232693> The public is invited and encouraged to attend virtually. "Leading a revolt on poverty through Education, Empowerment, and Engagement" If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rena Shawver at OC-CAC, 509-422-4041.

Jan. 25, 27, 31

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: Jan. 25: Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad, Apple Wedges WW Roll, Dessert; Jan. 27: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Caribbean Veg Blend, Mixed Greens Salad, Peach Cobbler; Jan. 31: Italian Meatballs in Marinara Sauce with Pasta, Caesar Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Garlic Bread, Dessert.

Jan. 25-28, 30-Feb. 4

Senior Center Thrift Store

BREWSTER - The Brewster- Patros-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.

Jan. 25-26, 30-Feb. 2

Chelan Valley Hope

Current needs: blankets, diapers, and travel-size toiletries
Serving Bridgeport, Mansfield, Orondo, Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Waterville, and Entiat
CHELAN - Chelan Valley Hope (CVH) is open Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. Come visit Terri's Pantry. It offers non-food hygiene items to those in need. You can choose between several items such as: shampoo and conditioner, laundry soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, toilet paper, diapers, feminine hygiene items, period packs, soap, dish soap, dog food, cat food, and more. Donations are welcome and can be left during business hours, or give us a call and we'll gladly make arrangements. CVH is located at 417 S. Bradley Street. CVH provides services at no cost to all individuals and families in need, empowering people to improve their own lives. HOPE is clearly the message by giving people the support and tools needed in crisis or difficult life circumstances; by providing relief, emergency shelter, rent and utility assistance, food and fuel vouchers, and bringing solutions and relevant resources to achieve long-term independence and stability. More information at chelanvalleyhope.org including a Donate Button. Call 509-888-2114 for a client appointment or to volunteer.

Jan. 26

Special event this week

BREWSTER - Exotic Dancers Thursday, Jan 26. Choreo-

graphed Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale on their Facebook page; American Legion Columbia post 97 or at the Post.

Jan. 27

OCSRA to meet

OMAK - Okanogan County School Retirees' Association will hold a general meeting at 10 a.m., Friday, January 27 at Community Presbyterian Church of Omak, 9 Birch St S., Omak. Coffee/cookies provided. No lunch. Program: Okanogan Superintendent Steve Quick; Okanogan School Leves and Okanogan Alternative High School/Outreach Principal Roy Johnson; Alternative Learning Programs. Information: Rita Figlenski: 509-422-3532

Jan. 30

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.

Feb. 1, 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.

Feb. 2

Bingo every Thursday

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

Feb. 9, 16

Brewster bus trips

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

Feb. 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

Feb. 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.

Feb. 13

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.

Feb. 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: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT



Park Aides at Columbia Hills State Park.

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

SOMETHING FISHY FOR DINNER

TJ's Bar and Grill in Kettle Falls is in hot water after serving seafood they should not have been selling to their patrons. According to Captain Brad Rhoden with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, during the summer of 2019 the owner of the restaurant, Terry Baxter, went on a recreational fishing trip near Bamfield, British Columbia. Baxter then brought the Chinook and coho salmon, as well as the halibut he caught, back home and proceeded to serve these fish to customers at his restaurant.

Captain Rhoden states, "By law, a business selling fish to a consumer, such as a restaurant, is required to state the species of the salmon and whether the fish was farmed or wild caught. The Legislature created these laws so consumers can be confident the fish they are about to eat is what it says."

As for selling recreationally caught fish in a restaurant Captain Rhoden explained, "Washington law does not allow the edible portions of wild animals, game birds and game fish to be sold. Food fish such as salmon and halibut can be commercially sold in Wash-

ington as long as the fish were lawfully harvested during an open season/area by commercially licensed fishers. So, no recreationally caught fish can be sold, bartered or traded lawfully in Washington."

The multi-year investigation by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife was prosecuted by the Washington State Attorney General's Public Lands and Conservation Division last summer. On January 17, Baxter's business plead guilty to the crime of First-Degree Unlawful Fish Catch in Stevens County Superior Court. He received no jail time but will have to pay a \$10,000 fine.

STATE PARKS HIRING PARK AIDES

Looking for a fulfilling, seasonal job working in a great outdoors location? If so, apply for a job as a park aide with Washington State Parks. They are hiring 305 seasonal workers to work from April through September at their parks throughout the state.

Duties include everything from registering campers to cleaning campgrounds and maintaining facilities and trails. Aides may also be helping out with interpretive and educational programs at parks around the state. You may be assigned to one specific park or rotate your daily duties amongst several

parks in close proximity to one another.

My son, David worked as a park aide for two years in college and really enjoyed his time during the summer months at Lincoln Rock and Daroga State Parks in North Central Washington. However, this isn't just a job for college students trying to make money during the summer. It's also a great opportunity for retired or semi-retired individuals who enjoy meeting people and spending time outdoors in the beautiful settings our state parks are set in.

Park aides earn anywhere from \$16.61 to \$19.09, depending on qualifications and experience. Senior Park Aides (with previous experience) earn more. You can fill out an application at www.governmentjobs.com. Simply type in Park Aide in the Search Bar along with Washington for the location and you'll see what's available.

FISHING REPORTS COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Autumn Lawyer at Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus says they are doing pretty well catching walleye below John Day Dam. Most of the walleye have been caught using spinner worm harnesses tipped with nightcrawlers. A bright orange and black combo-colored spinner worm harness is the hot ticket. Sev-

Courtesy Washington State Parks

eral large walleye (up to ten pounds) have been caught in the last week.

Autumn says last week sturgeon fishing was also pretty good. Catch and keep sturgeon fishing remains open (for now) in both The Dalles and John Day pools. Be sure to check the WDFW and ODFW websites before going out to make sure harvest quotas have not been met.

RUFUS WOODS RESERVOIR

Austin Moser with Austin's Northwest Adventures has been catching triploid rainbow trout near the net pens at Rufus Woods Reservoir over the last several weeks. Austin says they have been catching limits of these hefty rainbow trout, averaging 4 to 8 pounds and going all the way up to 15 pounds in size. Moser's clients have been jigging 3/8-ounce Maxi jigs made by Yakima Bait Company. While many anglers use bright colors, Moser has found natural colors such as black, brown and olive work best.

Bank anglers are having success as well, though it can be hit and miss. Most anglers fishing from shore are using Powerbait to catch their trout. It is worth noting that there is a \$20 access fee to use the park near the net pens and also a \$10 launch fee. Shore anglers also need to have a



Courtesy Austin's Northwest Adventures
Austin Moser with a hefty Rufus Woods Reservoir triploid trout.



Courtesy Washington State Parks
Park Aide repairing a trail sign.

Colville Tribal fishing permit. Moser says he does have several openings for anglers in February. To book a trip go to www.austinsnorthwestadventures.com. If you want to find out more about fishing or camping at Lake Rufus Woods

which is operated by the Colville Tribe, go to www.colvilletribes.com/lake-rufus-woods.

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

State Board awards nearly \$5 million to aid salmon recovery

SUBMITTED BY UPPER COLUMBIA SALMON RECOVERY BOARD

METHOW VALLEY - Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation (MSRF) was awarded \$4,794,000 in Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) funding to implement restoration actions in the Methow River Sugar Reach at 4 project areas between RM 41.25 to 46.5. The total project cost estimate is \$7,386,511 and MSRF is seeking match funding from Department of Ecology's Floodplain by Design program along with match from Bonneville Power Administration programmatic (BPA). Sugar (combines Sugar Left and Sugar Right subproject areas), Eagle Rocks, and WA Department of Fish and Wildlife. The goal of restoration actions is to expand peripheral and transitional habitat, increase instream structural complexity, and improve natural function within the reach to benefit ESA-listed Spring Chinook and Steelhead. Grant funds will be used to address anthropogenic features including levees, culverts, placed fill, remnant dam features, and bank armoring, and to implement actions to restore river process needed to increase side channel and floodplain connections, in-channel and side-channel complexity, and riparian plantings to provide rearing and refuge habitat.

The Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board serves as the lead entity coordinator for SRFB and works to support the local organizations that submit project proposals each year. Earlier this year, the Upper Columbia Region received almost \$2.5 million for use in the annual SRFB grant round. The region was then alerted to an additional \$5 million that would fund a fall 2022 grant round for one large cap project (over \$5 million). Over the past 20 years, this annual funding has established a restoration economy in the region, creating an estimated 2565 jobs and generating \$315 million in economic activity.

MSRF will begin seeking to identify interested construction contractors in January 2023. MSRF will schedule site walk-through opportunities for interested contractors in the spring and/or summer of 2023. Prospective contractors can contact Jessica Goldberg (Jessica@methowsalmon.org) for more information and to schedule site review. Construction will occur in 2024 and 2025, though early coordination by construction contractors is recommended for prequalification.

For more information on the UCSRB visit ucsrb.org.

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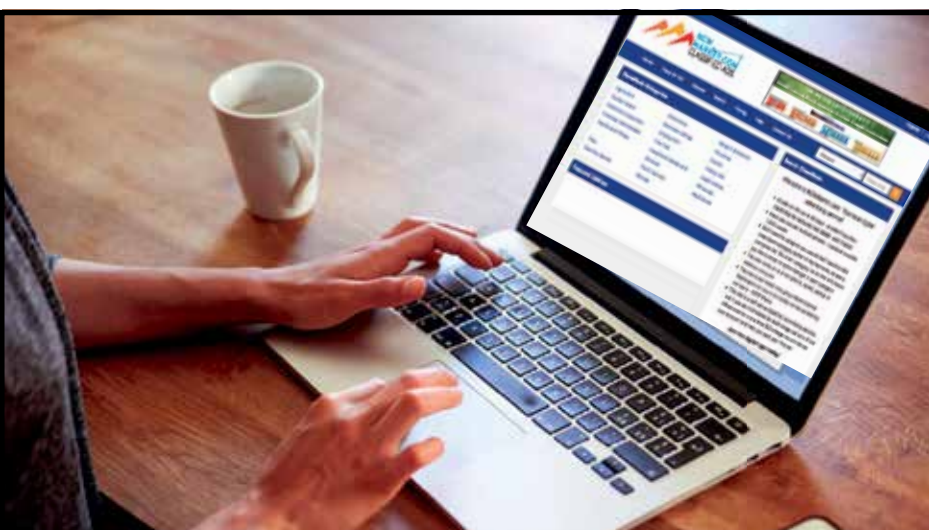
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Public Notices

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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

A Special Election will be held in the below mentioned districts for the purpose of submitting to the voters for their approval or rejection the following.

Okanogan School District No. 105, Okanogan County, Washington, Technology Levy, Resolution No. 09-11-22-23 Okanogan School District No. 105, Okanogan County, Washington, EP & O Levy, Resolution No. 10-11-22-23 Okanogan/Ferry County Fire District 14, Emergency Medical Care and Ambulance Services Levy

The registration deadline for online registrations, mail-in registrations and transfers is February 6, 2023. Any qualified elector who is not registered to vote in the State of Washington may register to vote in person at the Auditor's Office up to and including February 14, 2023. You can register or obtain registration forms at the Auditor's Office, on line at www.vote.wa.gov, and Department of Licensing. The Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, will be open so voters may obtain replacement ballots, drop off voted ballots, obtain provisional ballots, and use the Accessible Voting Units, at the following times.

Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 4:30 PM January 2 - February 13, 2023 On Election Day only, February 14, 2023, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

Drop box locations around the county for this election. Omak - Next to Police Station, 8 N Ash, Omak Omak- 12 Tribes Casino parking lot

Okanogan- Auditor's Office, 349 3rd Ave N room 104 Oroville- Police Station, 1105 Main St

Tonasket- City Hall/Library Complex, 209 S Whitcomb Ave Drop boxes will close at 8:00PM on Election Day

Voters needing additional information or assistance with voter registration forms or voting may call (509) 422-7240. Voters unable to use the mail-in ballot may use the Accessible Voting Unit available at the County Auditor's Office.

Ballots require no postage and must be postmarked by the day of the election. Check with your local Post Office for deadlines to have your ballot postmarked properly.

For additional information on the election or regarding voter registration. Votewa.gov

Okanogancounty.org/auditor/elections Local newspaper, radio, and TV www.pdc.wa.gov

Meetings of the Okanogan County Canvassing Board are open, public meetings and shall be continued until the activities for which the following meetings are held have been completed.

Canvass Board meetings are held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, in Okanogan.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM to determine the status of any provisional or challenged ballots

Friday, February 24, 2023 at 2:00 PM to canvass the votes cast and certify the election

This notice is in accordance with RCW 29A.52. Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 30th day of December, 2022.

Cari Hall, Okanogan County Auditor and Ex-Officio Supervisor of Elections

By Jamie Groomes, Chief Deputy Auditor/Certified Elections Administrator

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Prescription-only antiviral agents can reduce the length, severity of symptoms of viral infections

Q: Should I contact my doctor for an antiviral medication?

That can depend on which virus you are trying to protect against and how long you have had the viral illness. Several prescription-only antiviral agents can reduce the length and severity of symptoms of your viral infection. However, these antiviral agents only work against one particular virus, like influenza or COVID-19. Currently, no prescription antiviral drugs work on both influenza AND COVID-19.

This is the middle of the influenza season. The flu season that hit the Southern Hemisphere six months ago was one of the most severe in years. Experts are concerned that our flu season here in the Northern Hemisphere will also be worse than usual.

On top of that, the relaxation in wearing masks has caused a jump in upper respiratory viral infections, including strains of COVID-19, influenza, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), and the common cold.

Many influenza, COVID-19, and RSV symptoms overlap. Before treatment with an antiviral can start, testing is essential to correctly identify



whether your illness is caused by a virus that has a specific antiviral available, like influenza or COVID-19.

Antiviral agents are most likely to reduce symptom severity or length of symptoms when given very early in the illness, as soon as possible from the appearance of symptoms. For influenza, it's best to start antiviral medication no later than 48 hours from the onset of flu-like symptoms. For COVID-19, the time frame of treatment with a prescription antiviral agent is more forgiving. Antivirals active against COVID-19 must be started within 5 days of symptom onset.

In July 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revised the emergency use authorization for Paxlovid® (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir). This decision allows pharmacists to prescribe oral antiviral medication to eligible patients if particular criteria are met. These criteria include evaluating the list of drugs you are taking and assessing

your liver and kidney health to ensure the appropriate use of Paxlovid®.

The FDA took this action to help prevent severe illness from COVID-19. Paxlovid® must be taken within five days after symptoms begin to be effective. Authorizing licensed pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid® could help provide more timely treatment for COVID-19 to those eligible to receive it.

Suppose you have evidence of a positive home test result from a rapid antigen diagnostic test or a positive PCR test. In that case, you may be eligible for treatment with Paxlovid®. Confirmation of a home rapid antigen diagnostic test with additional direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, such as a PCR test, is not required.

Suppose you have tested positive for COVID-19 and want to receive Paxlovid® at a location where prescribing by licensed pharmacists is available. In that case, you will need to bring to the pharmacy certain information to help determine if you are eligible.

The pharmacist needs your electronic or printed health record with recent reports of appropriate laboratory blood

work to screen for kidney or liver problems. Another way the pharmacist could also get this information is by consulting with your doctor.

You will also need to provide a current list of all the medicines you currently take, including any over-the-counter medications, to the pharmacist. This is important because several drugs can react with Paxlovid®, with potentially serious consequences.

If the pharmacist does not have the laboratory test information to assess your kidney and liver function, plus a complete list of your medications, they cannot give you Paxlovid® from their pharmacy. You will need to contact your doctor for treatment options.

Paxlovid® is authorized by the FDA to treat mild-to-moderate COVID-19 illness in adults and children 12 years of age and older who weigh at least 88 pounds. They must have a positive test for SARS-CoV-2 and be at high risk for COVID-19 infection to progress to severe symptoms, hospitalization, or death.

Here Are 3 Tips About Prescription Antiviral Drugs:
1. Start antiviral

medications as soon as possible.

Antiviral agents for influenza should be started within 2 days of flu-like symptoms and within 5-7 days of signs of COVID-19.

2. Know what virus you are dealing with.

To select the appropriate antiviral, your medical provider needs to know which virus you have. Documentation of a positive COVID test is required to be eligible for a COVID-19 antiviral.

3. An oral antiviral agent for COVID-19 may be available from your local pharmacy.

Several criteria are needed to be eligible for the antiviral Paxlovid® to help fight COVID-19, including a positive COVID-19 test and no more than five days since your symptoms started.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 43-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

Concerned about flooding? Ensure your home and belongings are protected

STATEPOINT - According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), floods are the most frequently occurring natural disaster in the United States, which is why it is important to understand the risks and costs associated with flooding, and what you can do to protect your home.

Rampant storms and hurricanes are not the only causes of flood damage - leaky pipes can cause just as

much water damage and put a huge hole in your wallet, too. According to FEMA, just 1 inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in damage.

What can you do to protect your home in the event of a flood? First, make sure you have flood insurance. Some people may think they don't need flood insurance because of where they live. Many may also assume that flooding is included in their homeowners



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Many homeowners assume that flooding is included in their homeowners insurance policy when in fact, most homeowners policies do not cover flooding.

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Why is that? A string of flood disasters occurred throughout the '40s, '50s and '60s that put tremendous financial strain on private insurers, so in response, the federal government created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to protect homeowners, renters and businesses.

Talk to your insurance agent about getting flood insurance through NFIP. Some companies offer additional unique options. For example, Erie Insurance recently began offering a coverage called Extended

Water that covers damage caused from flash floods, inland flooding, storm surges, snow melt and more. It covers the home and its foundation, electrical and plumbing systems, air conditioning equipment, furnaces and heaters, appliances and personal possessions, such as clothing and furniture. It even offers coverage if you need to temporarily relocate while your home is being repaired.

"As the frequency of flooding increases, homeowners need to understand that flood insurance is typically not included in their standard homeowners insurance policy, but there are options

available," said Michelle Tennant, vice president of product management, Erie Insurance. "Even if you don't live in an area that you think is flood-prone, if it rains or snows, it can flood. That's why it's so important to talk to your agent about your home and your neighborhood, to make sure you have the coverage that's right for you."

To learn more about flood insurance, contact your agent.

As flooding becomes more frequent, make sure that you have the insurance you need to protect your home and belongings.

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18. *2023 Super Bowl stadium sponsor
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22. King Charles to Prince Harry
23. Thief's target
26. *2023 Super Bowl Halftime Show star
30. Mozart's "L___ del Cairo"
31. Bob Marley's music
34. Yarn spinner
35. "The Poky Little ___"
37. Skedaddle
38. 18-wheelers
39. "Guilty," e.g.
40. Fabric inset
42. One of the sibs
43. *Super Bowl advertiser's purchase
45. Anatolian language
47. Decay
48. "There it is," † Paris
50. "Hold on!"
52. *Home of the Ravens, for both Super Bowl appearances
56. Cuckoo for these puffs!
57. Curved molding
58. Medicinal plant
59. Court orders, e.g.
60. Sonny & Cher and Abbott & Costello
61. Talk like a drunk
62. Actor Danson and character Lasso
63. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
64. *Star of the most-watched Super Bowl Halftime Show

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2. Court order
3. Between ports
4. Hungarian composer Bela ___
5. *Either one of the opposing Super Bowl teams
6. FlamÉ
7. Position of leadership
8. *2023 Super Bowl AZ location
9. Frosts, as a cake
10. Hit the road
11. Like certain humor
13. Disprove
14. Dickens's Heep
19. Each and all
22. One of a set of dice
23. Father, colloquially
24. Round openings
25. Pickled garnish
26. *Last year's Super Bowl winners
27. Nimbus, pl.
28. Nigerian money
29. Torcher's crime
32. Elmer's, e.g.
33. Found at the pump
36. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
38. Signing tool at the cash register
40. Greenwich-related acronym
41. Superior ones
44. Itsy-bitsy bits
46. Patterned table linen
48. Lacking clarity
49. Bread spreads
50. Donned
51. As opposed to base in chemistry
52. Snatchers' quest
53. Cantina pot
54. *Overwhelming Super Bowl defeat
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State School Superintendent Reykdal shares update on K-12 education system

In his annual address on Jan. 9, Superintendent Chris Reykdal shared information about student learning recovery, student mental health and well-being, graduation and enrollment data, school funding, and more.

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

OLYMPIA —As the 2023 Legislative Session began, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal described the state of Washington's K-12 education system in an annual public address from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) headquarters in Olympia.

In the address, Reykdal provided updates on several topics that are top-of-mind for policymakers, educators, and families alike.

"I am so proud of the progress we have made over the last year," Reykdal said. "Our

schools are leveraging one-time federal funds to support student learning and well-being recovery in innovative ways, and their tireless efforts have had a tangible impact. However, our students' needs are profound, and they preceded the pandemic."

"Despite having one of the fastest growing economies in America," Reykdal continued, "the state's investment in our public schools is on a troubling downward trend once again while the national average is increasing. I have put forward a package for legislative consideration that would support continued recovery and acceleration for our students and ensure our state is investing at least at the national average."

Brief descriptions of some of the topics covered by the Superintendent are provided below.

Student Learning and Well-Being Recovery

Like their peers across the nation, Washington's students



Superintendent
Chris Reykdal

were impacted by the pandemic in countless ways. However, with diligent efforts by students, educators, community partners, students are recovering.

Using their one-time emergency relief funds, school districts across the state are engaging in innovative, evidence-based practices to support student learning and well-being

recovery and acceleration. This includes things like dedicated staffing to support students to graduation, free mental health services, access to higher education in high school at no cost to the student, and much more. Districts are on track to spend down all the funds by the September 2024 deadline.

Student Enrollment Data

Early in the pandemic, our earliest grades saw sharp declines in enrollment. At the same time, enrollment for our high school students has remained very steady through the pandemic, even increasing from pre-pandemic numbers for some grades. While the situation for every student and family is unique, transfers to private schools and homeschool peaked during the height of the pandemic in 2020 and have since returned to their pre-pandemic rates.

2022 Graduation Data

The graduation rate for the Class of 2022 remained steady at 82.3%, a small decline of 0.2

percentage points as compared to the Class of 2021. As an increasing number of students have persisted past their fourth year to earn their diploma, 2022 continued to see near record-high graduation rates for students in their fifth, sixth, and seventh years.

In addition, nearly every student group saw an increase in their 4-year graduation rate, and many persistent opportunity gaps are closing.

School Funding

From 2020 through 2024, the federal government will have invested \$2.9 billion in our schools with emergency relief dollars. School districts have spent these flexible dollars to support health and safety, access to educational technology, mental health, academic interventions and support, and more. The majority of the over 9,000 individuals employed with these dollars are paid to provide direct academic support to our students.

School districts are on pace

to spend all of these dollars before the final deadline. These one-time federal funds make up an average of less than 5% of our school districts' total budgets statewide.

As these one-time temporary funds are spent down in support of students, we must shift our focus to fixing the core challenges that remain in our state's school funding system.

Further Transformation

To support continued progress in student learning and well-being recovery, Superintendent Reykdal has put forward a package of proposals for legislative consideration this session. This includes priorities like fully funding supports for students with disabilities, providing all students with meals at school at no cost to the student, eliminating financial barriers to dual credit programs, ensuring all of Washington's youngest learners have free access to books at home through their fifth birthday, and much more.

Students encouraged to enter Radon Poster Contest

Contest aims to raise awareness about radon, its effects, and how to protect your household

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON
STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA – January is Radon Action Month. Students

across the Northwest are encouraged to get creative and raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas by participating in the 2023 Northwest Radon Poster Contest.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can build up in homes both old and new. Testing is the only way to know if your home has radon because it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Long-term radon exposure is

the number one cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers.

Contest Information

Youth between the ages of 9 and 14 living in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are eligible to participate in the poster contest. Students must either be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school, or

be a member of a sponsoring club, such as scouting, art, computer, science, or 4-H. Only one entry per student is allowed. The contest deadline is March 10 at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced by April 17. Find contest submission forms, lesson plans, and rules on the Northwest Radon Poster Contest website: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/northwest-radon-poster-contest>

First, second, and third place winners will be selected from each state (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington). A regional grand prize will be selected from the winning submissions. First place posters from each state will be submitted to the 2024 National Radon Poster Contest. All participating students will learn about radon and how to reduce their risk of exposure.

The Northwest Radon Poster Contest is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Nez Perce Tribe, Oregon Radon Awareness Program, Spokane Tribe of Indians, and Washington Department of Health - Radon Program in collaboration with the Northwest Radon Coalition and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10.

Boating Program Advisory Council seeks two new members

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON
STATE PARKS

OLYMPIA - The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking two new members to serve on the Boating Program Advisory Council (BPAC). Members of the committee must have experience relevant to the program – one from public health and injury prevention, and one

from recreational boating education.

The injury prevention specialist is connected to state and national networks in injury prevention and brings expertise in awareness, education, and policy interventions to reduce risk. The second position should be filled by an educator in recreational boating, with experience teaching members of the community in

boating safety practices. Focus will be placed on the applicant's expertise in each field – background requirements are flexible.

The deadline for submitting applications will remain open until February 21. The council appointment will be made in the month of March 2023 and the new members will serve a three-year term, with the term ending in February of 2026. Council

members are selected from applications and appointed by the Director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Boating Program Advisory Council is a general advisory committee that assists and advises the Commission on the administration of its Boating Programs, which provides information and education on safe and environmentally sound boat-

ing practices to agencies, organizations, and individuals statewide.

The Council meets four times a year at the Washington State Parks Headquarters Office in Tumwater, with a virtual option. Meetings typically occur twice in the spring and twice in the fall and generally run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members of the Council may be reimbursed for travel expenses in ac-

cordance with State Parks policy.

In addition to the application, candidates are required to submit a letter of interest, a resume, and three references. Interested parties are invited to request an application by contacting Bethany Cram, Boating Program administrative assistant, at (564) 669-0942 or Bethany.Cram@parks.wa.gov

Be in the know for snow: Winter weather recreation safety tips for public lands

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OREGON

PORTLAND, OREGON — The winter recreation season is in full swing, and Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service officials remind everyone that adventures are better and safer when venturing out well prepared.

Recreation on public lands during winter presents many safety challenges. Recent surges in visitors saw winter travelers put themselves in unsafe situations. Vehicles have been stuck on snow-covered roads and in overcrowded parking areas. Illegal parking has even put public safety at risk by slowing traffic and blocking access routes for emergency vehicles

Carefully plan your expedition, whether it's downhill skiing at a ski area, snowshoeing on open trails, or taking a scenic winter drive along the coast.

How to ensure success? Know before you go. Prepare for adventure and be ready to navigate changing situations—bring the 10 Essentials, pack a winter car kit, and check road and weather conditions before

leaving home.

"Take the time to put together a kit of extra gear, including water, food, warm gloves and clothes, headlamps or flashlights, sleeping bag, and a fire starter," said Shawnee Hinman, the recreation special uses program manager for the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region.

Research how to get to a specific location, don't rely on GPS alone.

"Navigation apps may take you on unmaintained roads in the winter," said David Ballenger, BLM Oregon-Washington recreation lead. "Call ahead if you're unfamiliar with road conditions, and always carry a paper map since many areas don't have cell reception."

Remember that travel conditions can vary between your house and your destination. It may be warm in Portland or Seattle, but cold and icy in nearby mountains.

"Have more gear than you are likely to need in case you have to wait out a storm or get stuck in the snow," Hinman said.

DESTINATIONS: Winter recreation sites abound on public lands in the Pacific Northwest:

- Forest Service: Manages 24 million acres of public lands in the region with more than 3,000 outdoor recreation areas, facilities, and programs. View an interactive recreation opportunity map with links to the 11 national forests and grasslands in Oregon; five national forests in Washington, and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area along the border of both states. Find more winter travel tips on the Pacific Northwest Winter Recreation Safety Tips webpage.

- Bureau of Land Management: Manages 16 million acres of public lands in Oregon and Washington. Outdoor winter recreation opportunities are plentiful across BLM, with great access to snow at higher elevations. Learn more by visiting <https://www.blm.gov/visit>.

- Sno-Parks in Oregon and Washington: Provide opportunities for general snow play like snowtubing and sledding, non-motorized activities like cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and motorized activities like snowmobiling. Sno-Parks may be located on state or federal land, but a state-issued permit is required, which pays for snow removal and winter facilities maintenance.

- Sno-Park Parking Permits: One-day or seasonal parking permits can be purchased online or through authorized vendors in Oregon and Washington (you must purchase a pass valid for the state you plan to use it in; Oregon and Washington passes are not interchangeable). Display your pass on your vehicle dashboard, visible through the lower-left corner of your windshield.

SAFETY GUIDANCE: Gauge your winter safety awareness and learn how to #RecreateResponsibly.

Preparations, for Weather and More

- Research the weather forecast prior to your trip. Weather conditions can vary greatly, especially in the mountain passes. The National Weather Service website is a good place to start. Also check NOAA. Use SNOTEL to view daily and seasonal snow data, by station or basin.

- Ensure your snow play activity is permitted at your destination. Remember that snow play is not allowed adjacent to freeway overpasses, exits, and onramps.

- Plan to arrive early to your destination and avoid peak hours, as parking lots fill up

quickly. Consider arriving in the afternoon when the first wave of visitors may be leaving. If your destination is unavailable, have a plan B and a plan C.

- Let someone who isn't traveling with you or your group know where you're going and when you expect to return.

Traveling

- Check road conditions before heading to your destination. Review Oregon's tripcheck.com with live webcams or Washington's real-time travel data.

- Check for avalanche conditions through the Northwest Avalanche Center.

- Equip your vehicle for winter travel—with tire chains, shovel, first aid kit, blankets, and flashlights. Traveling through mountain passes may require tire chains; make sure your chains fit your vehicle.

- Travel on a full tank of gas and stop frequently for fill-ups; keep your tank at least half-filled as you travel. Fuel stations can be few and far between in some areas. Plan your next stop before you leave your current one.

- Most BLM and Forest Service roads are not maintained for winter travel. Many roads close for the season upon the

first significant snowfall or on Dec. 1—whichever comes first.

- If you find yourself stranded, stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help, and wait until help arrives.

- Park in authorized areas, only. Do not park along highways! Illegally parked vehicles block emergency vehicle access and interfere with snow removal.

Gear

- Dress in layers of warm, waterproof clothing, and pack extra layers.

- Make sure you have the right gear in your car, including an emergency kit with extra food and water in case you become stranded. If going into the backcountry, carry avalanche beacons.

- Bring a paper map. Don't rely on your phone for navigation as coverage may be unavailable. Online services, such as Google Maps and Apple Maps, may suggest a route that's closed by snow. You can download USGS and USFS maps to your electronic device using an app, such as Avenza, but you may not be able to recharge your device if you are stranded.

Check the weathercams online before traveling over the mountain passes!

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