



Courtesy City of Pateros Newly elected Pateros Mayor Kelly Hook, left, takes the oath of office from outgoing Mayor Carlene Anders in the city council chamber last week.

2022 – A Year in Review in headlines

- Jan. 5: Freezing cold grips holidays as residents prepare and protect
Jan. 12: Pateros mayor takes oath of office
Jan. 19: Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center debuts Tech Center
Jan. 26: Brewster council considers canine parvo vaccination for dog licensing
Feb. 2: Bridgeport 26th annual Christmas Bird Count includes new species
Feb. 9: Webster Furniture has new owners in 2022
Feb. 16: Pateros school board special workshop addresses student safety issues
Feb. 23: Bridgeport green lights tree sculpture, gateway signage resolutions
March 2: Bears advance to state with win over Morton-White Pass
March 9: Brewster Bears take second in state basketball championships
March 16: Wildfire recovery group awarded grant to build homes
March 23: Suspect arrested for Nov. 2020 Brewster church fires
March 30: Bridgeport council, chamber on course for improved communication
April 6: County observes

- changing of Superior Court judicial guard
April 13: Bridgeport Planning Commission looks at junk car code upgrades
April 20: Golfers tee up April 25 for BBGC annual fundraiser.
April 27: Chase the Grapes Shootout debuts new hydro race venue
May 4: Electric police cruisers not on the Brewster radar for now.
May 11: Bears beat Tri-Cities Prep to claim League crown
May 18: Culpepper & Merriweather Circus makes return appearance on June 4
May 25: Mustangs state soccer run corralled, 4-0, by The Bush School
June 1: Bears battle back from the brink to win state baseball title
June 8: Brewster Class of 2022 graduates in outdoor ceremony
June 15: Pateros High School graduates 21 from Class of 2022
June 22: Bridgeport considers sales tax increase for November general election ballot
June 29: AmeriCorps team completes three-month Pateros tour

Three years short of 100

Malott Improvement Club building collapses from heavy snow



Mike Maltais/QCH

Yellow barricade tape in front of a building is never good news and such is the case for the Malott Improvement Club. Heavy, wet snow proved too much for the aging structure's roof that collapsed under the weight last week.

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

MALOTT – Last month's snowstorm labelled by the weather service as a "once-in-a-generation" event was more like once in a century for one landmark structure in the county. The nearly 100-year-old Malott Improvement Club building constructed in 1926 will not celebrate its centennial after collapsing under a heavy snow load last week.

The old veteran was a familiar sight to those who passed through Malott and saw the distinctive white façade of the club headquarters that stood proud but abandoned for decades as if waiting for someone to restore it to its former glory. If buildings could talk it would have many a story of times past.

Various newspaper accounts and a piece from the spring issue of the Okanogan



Courtesy Okanogan County Historical Society

The early Malott Improvement Club pictured in better days.

County Heritage magazine published by the Okanogan County Historical Society (OCHS) provide some details about the Malott Improvement Club building that boasted its inaugural year above its name.

It was not the original headquarters of the Malott Community Club formed in 1919. That distinction belonged to a store built by August Reimers

and later purchased by the club. That building referred to as the "Old Hall" was destroyed by fire in June 1926. The community rallied and built the present Malott Community Club which was ready for occupancy in October of that same year.

The club was the incubator of many improvement projects including the community

park and the cemetery. Public dances were a popular draw at the club as was an annual crab feed that began around 1949 and continued for several decades.

Malott resident Ken Sumner recalls the old building's deteriorating state during an inspection in the early 1970's. Sumner was featured in The Quad's August 29, 2021, issue (see: Malott craftsman builds houses for the upper-crust bird set) for the many birdhouses he has built as mini reproductions of local buildings including Malott's Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill.

Sumner said an exploration of the club building's attic found rotting rafters and other structural weaknesses. Volunteers installed support cables as a temporary measure to help stabilize the aging roof supports which would have probably given way before now without that intervention.

Brewster graduate joins staff

Pateros Tech Center gains second AmeriCorps volunteer

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – A new AmeriCorps staff member, locally grown and educated, is running operations at the Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center's (PBCRC) Tech Center for the next eight months.

Francisco Vargas, 21, a 2020 Brewster High School graduate, is showing folks with ideas how to translate those ideas into end products through a combination of the center's computer, printing, and prototype design resources and the research mentoring Vargas provides. He assumed his duties on Oct. 21, 2022, and will remain with the center through the end of August this year.

Vargas said he likes the challenges that come though the center's double doors and welcomes customers willing to step forward with their "can-you-help-me-with-this" projects. Since assuming his position at PBCRC last October Vargas has helped many

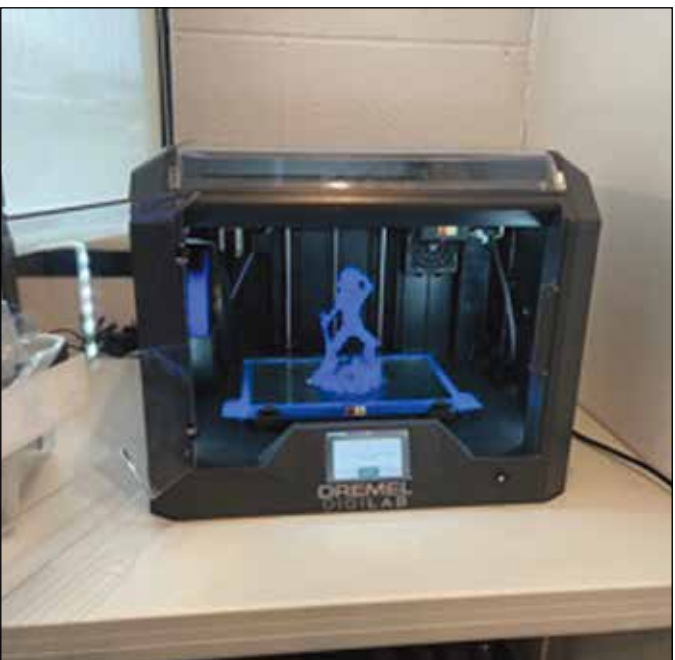
turn a quest into a solution.

"People just need to take that next step and not be intimidated by the technology," Vargas said. "We're here to provide the assistance needed to make that happen."

One local, who wishes to remain unidentified, came to Vargas with a request to help convert a firearms accessory – a barrel block used to prevent an accidental discharge – into one that was made of flexible material and colored for better visibility.

"I searched, and I searched, and I searched," the man said of his quest to find what he was looking for from existing models.

It took Vargas a little more than a day to locate a template online and available in the public domain that could be used to fashion exactly what his customer wanted. Using the soft rubber colored filament material provided, Vargas used the center's 3-D printer to create several examples of various lengths and diameters to come up with just what his customer wanted.



Mike Maltais/QCH

A Dremel Digilab 3-D printer is among the variety of computers, scanners, printers and other electronic devices available at the PBCRC Tech Center.

"I was amazed how quickly Francisco found a solution through his research," the pleased client said.

In another instance a craftswoman brought a photo

to Vargas that she wanted to convert into a large format pattern from which to fashion a quilt. Once again Vargas tackled the problem and soon found a phone app that would

allow him to scan the photo. He then manipulated the image through the center's computer so that it could be reproduced on the maximum dimensions available on the center's jumbo printer, a three-by-four-foot poster.

In addition to these examples the Tech Center is also an internet/computer resource for those needing access or assistance with more and more government services that are conducting business online. Those lacking a computer or internet access will find both the equipment and a ready source of help to navigate the growing list of programs and benefits online that can improve their quality of life.

Vargas said he applied for the AmeriCorps internship following a short time in the work force to broaden his educational options toward his goal of one day earning his accounting degree. An older sister who preceded him in the AmeriCorps program encouraged him to give the agency a look. When he

learned that a position as the Pateros Tech Center would allow him to gain valuable experience and remain in the area, he applied for the position.

The City of Pateros has established a productive partnership with AmeriCorps since the first group was dispatched to help recovery efforts from the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire. Since then, 13 teams have cycled through the city, the last a nine-member crew that arrived April 1 and departed June 18 last year. That team divided its time here between work with the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group and the Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization.

When the PBCRC debuted its new Tech Center a year ago this month its first staffer was Natalie Torres, another 2017 Brewster graduate who earned her bachelor's degree in public health from Central Washington University before joining AmeriCorps.

The PBCRC Tech Center is located at 169 Pateros Mall.

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Heavy snow is not for the birds either



Mike Maltais/QCH

It appears that heavy snow load is no respecter of structures, even miniature ones. These one-of-a-kind birdhouses made by Malott craftsman Ken Sumner that line his driveway have felt the burden of heavy snow just like the full-size buildings they replicate. "The snow collapsed one," Sumner said but he won't know which one until he can move the snow barrier blocking them from closer inspection.

Projected cost at \$4.5 million

Okanogan County Commissioners initiate approval process for two shop bids

Editor's note: Following are meeting summaries of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) for the final week of December 2022, as provided by County Watch (countywatch.org).

Tuesday, December 27, a.m.

- Jail and Court Administrator discussed staffing and upcoming changes.
- Communications/Dispatch officer discussed upgrade of equipment on Pilcher Mountain. Need to go with a sole vendor approved.
- Human Resources/Risk Manager discussed staffing, pay upgrades, and working with the union.
- Public hearing held on Compost Procurement Policy.

Public works update included:

- » Many complaints about roads.
- » Approval to start process of awarding two shop bids to Halme Builders, Inc., of Davenport, Washington, despite the high cost—\$4,550,000.
- » Need of budget supplement for construction costs on Twisp River Road overlay.
- » Approved signing power for Chief Deputy to the Treasurer.

Tuesday, Dec. 27, p.m.

- Two executive sessions with:
 - Ester Milner, Chief Civil Deputy prosecutor and Shelley Keitzman, Human Resources and Risk Management regarding litigation

tion or potential litigation (30 minutes).

- Karen Beatty, Director of Central Services, to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee (20 minutes).

View detailed notes on the countywatch.org website at countywatch.org/commissioner-and-board-of-health-meetings.html. Scroll to the date desired for download of complete notes.

To access videos visit okanogancounty.org/departments/boards/live_streaming_of_meetings.php and choose desired date. The above notes include a time reference to guide the viewer to the desired place in the video.

Flywheel Investment Conference opens 2023 competition



Courtesy Flywheel Conference

Group photo of award winners from the 2022 Flywheel Investment Conference

Applications due by Feb. 14

SUBMITTED BY JENNY ROJANASTHIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLYWHEEL CONFERENCE

WENATCHEE – The annual Flywheel Investment Conference presented by Moss Adams, Ogden Murphy Wallace, Confluence Health, and Microsoft has opened applications for the 2023 investment competition.

The Flywheel Conference is now accepting applications from early-stage Washington state companies who are looking for funding. Companies can apply to compete for a \$150,000+ investment award during the Flywheel Conference held April 19-21 in downtown Wenatchee. In addition to the investment offering, there is a \$50,000 relocation offer and a \$5,000 cash prize.

Any Washington state-based company can apply to compete. The competition is open to companies across all industries. There is no application fee to compete. All companies who submit a completed application receive 50% off conference tickets and recognition regardless of placement. The top finalists will

compete live in Wenatchee for investment awards and prizes during the conference from April 19-21. Finalists receive free tickets, accommodation, and complimentary tours. Applications are due February 14. To apply visit www.flywheelconference.com/apply.

Since 2018, over one million dollars in investment awards have been offered at the Flywheel Conference, with millions in follow-on deals for founders who have competed at the event. The Flywheel Conference continues to grow and expand, solidifying its reputation as a great meeting place for entrepreneurs and investors.

Every year a new LLC is formed by the Flywheel Angel Network to invest in the winner(s) of the conference. The Flywheel Angel Network is a group of angel investors who are passionate about supporting economic development in North Central Washington. Managing the investment awards is the Flywheel Conference 2023 Fund LLC, led by Glenn and Cheryl Adams.

Tickets to attend the 2023 Flywheel Conference are on sale to the public now. All tickets are 20% off until March 1 with discount code EARLY-BIRD on Eventbrite. To learn

more visit www.flywheelconference.com.

About the Flywheel Investment Conference: The Annual Flywheel Investment Conference is organized by NCW Tech Alliance and hosted in partnership with the Flywheel Angel Network. Held in downtown Wenatchee, the Flywheel Conference features an investment competition, educational speakers, and networking opportunities. The conference is a unique opportunity for investors, entrepreneurs, and the community to come together to connect, learn, and develop resources for building companies. Past investment award winners include: Cartogram (2018), Beta Hatch (2019), Agtools (2020), Sync-Floor (2021), Iasis Molecular Sciences (2021), BrainSpace (2022), and ZILA Works (2022). More information at www.flywheelconference.com.

About NCW Tech Alliance: Since 1999, NCW Tech Alliance has served as the region's tech alliance, championing growth and development in North Central Washington. As a 501(c)3, NCW Tech Alliance's mission is to bring together people and resources in technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM education. For more information visit www.ncwtech.org



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Bears face tough teams at Wilbur-Ellis SunDome Shootout

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

YAKIMA – The Brewster varsity boys basketball team travelled to the SunDome last Dec. 29-30 to compete against some quality teams in the Wilbur-Ellis SunDome Shootout. The Bears lost to a tough Columbia-Burbank team from the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference in their first matchup and nearly upset 2A Mark Morris the following day.

Coyotes howl, 74-56
“We started out the gates playing a good style, moving the ball and getting good looks,” said head coach Michael Taylor. “Our defense was ready to go as well.”

The Coyotes noticed that, too, and made adjustments

in their game to counter the Bears.

“We faltered in matching their adjustments and did not play well,” said Taylor. “They switched their defense and we got stagnant, and they dictated the game from there on.”

Kelson Gebbers made a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds but it was not enough to overcome the stout defense as Columbia-Burbank cruised to an 18-point win.

“We got down by double digits and tried to implement some full court pressure, but they got some steals and leak outs that resulted in easy baskets,” said Taylor. “Credit to them, they played well and showed they are a good team in the 2B ranks.”

The Coyotes, first in the EWAC with a 12-1 record,

have been beating many of their non-conference opponents by some wide margins including 50-point margins over Kittitas.

Bears stats

- K. Gebbers: 17 points, 10 rebounds
- F. Nava: 8-1
- B. Wulf: 8-8
- C. Gebbers: 7-9
- T. Schertenleib: 7-0
- R. Vassar: 5-2
- G. Baker: 2-1
- O. Churape: 2-0

Mark Morris wins 69-64

The Bears had 2A opponent Mark Morris playing catchup on Friday, Dec. 30, but the Monarchs eventually did just that.

“We played a 2A school on day two in Yakima and played really well for three-quarters of the game,” said Taylor. “We

built a nice lead throughout the first three quarters, but we had a very bad sequence with turnovers, quick shots, lack of rebounding and fouls, that I thought turned the game around in their favor.”

Brady Wulf led the Bears with 27 points followed by Kelson Gebbers with 19.

The Monarchs capitalized on the Brewster errors to take the lead late in the game.

“We had our chances at the very end with some free throws and open shots to tie it up, but missed,” Taylor said.

Bears stats

- B. Wulf: 27 points, 7 rebounds
- K. Gebbers: 19-12
- R. Vassar: 8-5
- C. Gebbers: 8-3
- M. Camacho: 3-0
- T. Schertenleib: 2-3

Horse predicts hard winter and lean pickin's



Mike Maltais/QCH

It's shaping up to be a hard winter for this ol' hammerhead horse staked out to pasture in the yard of a Bridgeport residence. It could serve as a reminder to add "donate to a pet shelter" on the list of New Year resolutions.

Billygoats gore Cougars for first league victory

PATEROS – The Billygoats varsity boys basketball team turned a close first quarter lead into a 30-point win over visiting Cascade Christian Academy last Thursday, Jan. 5.

“We did a good job in our press forcing turnovers and transitioning for easy baskets,” said head coach Marcus Stennes. “We did not shoot well from three going 7-34.”

While the Pateros boys work on improving their outside scoring percentage their defense seems to be holding the line.

“We limited the Cougars

to seven points in the second half which was what helped us secure a lead and ultimately the win,” Stennes said.

Pateros was scheduled to meet the Shockers at Waterville on Tuesday, Jan. 10, and then to Soap Lake on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Ish Mireles — 18 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals

- Pablo Gonzalez 8-0-2
- Pidi Pamatz... 8-0-0-4 assists
- Aldo Caballero 5-4-22
- Chris Poore 7-4-2
- Nash Sherrard 4-8-0
- Jose Ascencion 3-0-0
- Jesus Zanabria..... 2-3-0

DOUGLAS & OKANOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

Douglas County Sheriff

Dec. 30

- 04:18 Vehicle Theft, 365 Rd. O NW, Waterville
- 11:38 Civil Dispute, 1905 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport
- 11:59 Alarm, 100 Nollmeyer Rd., Orondo
- 14:18 Warrant, 2415 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport
- 21:33 Agency Assist, 610 E. Locust St., Waterville

Dec. 31

- 11:21 Extra Patrol, 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield
- 20:03 Theft, 960 Rd. 8 NW, Waterville

Jan. 1

- 03:51 Disturbance, 415 N. Columbia Ave., Waterville
- 09:42 Burglary, 608 E. Poplar St., Waterville
- 18:50 Domestic Disturbance, 145 Osprey Dr., Bridgeport

Jan. 2

- 09:57 Civil Dispute, 33 Stafford Rd., Orondo
- 16:21 Burglary, 702 E. Locust St., Waterville
- 17:13 911-call, 929 Maple St., Bridgeport
- 17:39 Agency Assist, 108 S. Bridge St., Brewster

Jan. 3

- 09:19 Public Assist, 226 Hamilton St., Mansfield
- 09:41 Burglary, 609 E. Birch St., Waterville
- 18:17 Court Order Violation, 530 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

Jan. 4

- 09:52 Public Assist, 145 Osprey Dr., Bridgeport
- 10:23 911-call, 21 Weimer Rd., Orondo
- 13:02 Court Order Violation, 886 Highland Orchard Rd., Bridgeport
- 14:40 Harassment/ Threat, 0 block E. Birch St., Waterville
- 15:51 Non-injury Accident, 1220 Kryger St., Bridgeport
- 17:04 Suspicious Circumstance, 1300 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport
- 18:38 Welfare Check, 387 Wild Turkey Rd., Waterville
- 20:34 Animal Problem, 6 AMD Rd., Bridgeport Bar

Jan. 5

No report available.

Brewster Police Department

Dec. 30

- 06:37 A disabled vehicle was reported on Quail Run Way and Old Hwy. 97 and the

subject reported they had help on the way.

21:31 A civil dispute was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster, a caller was trying to get belongings out of their friend's red GMC pickup.

Dec. 31

- 00:26 A caller on Hospital Way reported a dog attacked a cat and had the cat in its mouth.
- 09:21 A civil matter was reported on S. 7th St. in Brewster regarding a caller's parenting plan; suppose to drop kids with the father but he is not there and was texting he needed to have them tomorrow.
- 11:48 A residential burglary alarm was triggered at a residences side door and living room motion, on S. Bridge St. in Brewster.
- 22:30 A caller on S. 1st St. reported there were fireworks going off in her neighborhood.

Jan. 1

- 00:33 A fireworks call was received fro W. Hanson Ave. and subjects at the residence were warned to not light off any more fireworks.
- 01:42 A house fire was reported on S. 4th St. in Brewster with flames visible and it was unknown if everyone was outside.
- 13:04 A domestic dispute was reported on Ranch Rd. involving a caller's sister and her husband that was reportedly being violent.

Jan. 2

- 12:39 A caller on S. 4th St. advised she was trying to get around someone parked in a handicapped space.
- 13:41 A female subject was reported loitering in the laundry mat on E. Main Ave. in Brewster. She was possibly intoxicated and stole the electric open sign, the caller asked her to leave.
- 17:33 A female subject was reported in a caller's residence on S. Bridge St. She was in her husband's bathroom now, and reportedly came through an unlocked door.
- 19:53 A non-injury accident was reported on Saddle View Dr. and Hwy. 20

Jan. 3

- 08:58 A sex offense was reported in Brewster.

Jan. 4

- 03:12 A caller reported receiv-

ing a call from their alarm company, reportedly heard crashing from a front and side entry area on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

- 10:29 A citizen assist was requested regarding a caller's father that had passed away and a subject had lost was reporting stolen approximately \$100-\$200 and identification.
- 16:45 An agency assist was requested on E. Ferry Ave. in Brewster, law enforcement was attempting to arrest a male subject for an order violation and computer trespassing.
- 17:20 A civil dispute was reported on 4th St. in Brewster.

Jan. 5

No local reports.

Okanogan County Sheriff

Dec. 30

- 20:06 A citizen assist was requested on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.
- 20:52 A citizen assist was requested on Hwy. 153 in Pateros for a caller's elderly mother that was stuck on her steep driveway in her vehicle.

Dec. 31

- 10:08 Trespassing was reported on North Star Rd. in Brewster for a female subject that refused to leave the property.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Jan. 11, 13, 17-18
Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and home delivery

BREWSTER – The Senior Center is now serving meals at Noon, at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. 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. 11: Chicken Fettuccine, Zucchini / Tomato Bake, Carrot Raisin Salad, Garlic Bread, Berry Crisp; Jan. 13: Pork Roast, Stuffing & Gravy, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Applesauce, Dessert; Jan. 17: Chili Dog with Cheese, Green Beans, Cucumber Salad, Cherries & Pineapple, Dessert; Jan. 18: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, 4 Way Veg-

gie Blend; Carrot Raisin Salad, Biscuit, Dessert; Jan. 20: Scrambled Eggs with Ham and Cheese, Oven Brown Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit, English Muffin, Rice Krispy Treats.

Jan. 11-14, 16-23
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.

Jan. 11-12, 16-19
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CHELAN - Monday, January 16, we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an extraordinary American whose legacy as a civil rights leader, activist, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize serves as an inspiration. We honor the conviction – and in some cases great sacrifices – of the many who have fought and who continue to fight for equality and opportunity for all. Dr. King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" He dreamed of a nation in which every person would be equal, and he devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and economic opportunity for all. Celebrating Dr. King's legacy should mean finding more ways to bring hope and healing to the community. It should mean identifying what human dignity looks like and pushing it forward. It should mean boldly pursuing truth and justice, dignity, and service. Friendly Reminder: Chelan Valley Hope is closed on Monday,

Jan. 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We have coats of all sizes available at 417 S. Bradley Street. We are open Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed from Noon to 1 p.m.). Please call 509-888-2114 or email info@chelanvalleyhope.org for more information. You can also visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest CVH news and updates at chelanvalleyhope.org, [@ChelanValleyHope](https://www.instagram.com/ChelanValleyHope).

Jan. 12, 26
Bingo every Thursday, special event

BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Card sales start at 5 p.m. Male Exotic Dancers Thursday, Jan 26. Choreographed Show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale on their Facebook page; American Legion Columbia post 97 or at the Post.

Jan. 23
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

Jan. 23
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.

Jan. 10
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

Jan. 11
Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, January 11, 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.

Jan. 12, 19
Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is Jan. 12. 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, Jan. 19, 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.

Jan. 16
Family and friends Support Group

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Jan. 18
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.

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. 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.

Obituary & Memorial Policies

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Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday.

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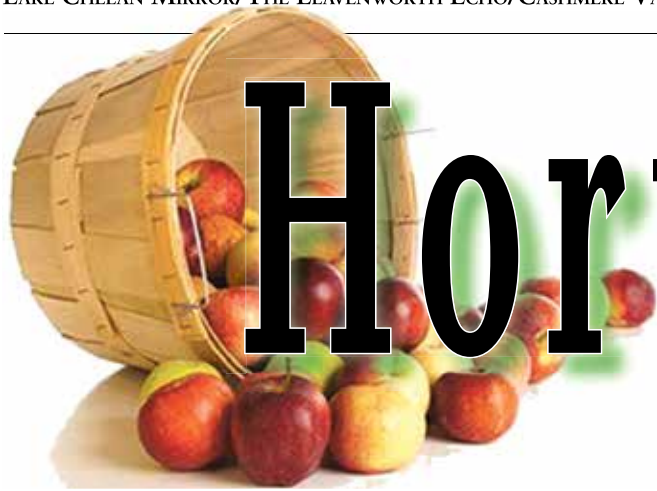
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WENATCHEE/CHELAN/OMAK - Join us for WSU Tree Fruit Extension Programs in North Central Washington on January 17, 18, 19, 21, and February 7. Co-sponsored by Northwest Cherries, Pear Bureau Northwest, NCW Fieldmen's Association, Chelan Future Farmers of America and the Okanogan Horticultural Association. These events provide the latest research-based information on horticulture, pest and disease management.

We hope you will join us to network and learn this winter. For agendas and additional information visit <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/events>. Pesticide update credits will be awarded for program attendance 2-3 credits per session dependent on WSDA approval. No pre-registration required for in person sessions. Registration required for virtual participation in Apple, Pear and Stone Fruit

Days.

Networking lunch. Pre-registration required for lunch. Networking lunch provides an opportunity to learn and network with your peers and visiting speakers. Thank you to lunch sponsors: Apple Day: FMC; Pear Day: TBD.; Stone Fruit Day: GS Long. Visit treefruit.wsu.edu/events to register for lunch.

Jan. 17, NCW Apple Day at Wenatchee Convention Center (with online option)

Jan. 17, Manejo de Frutales Spanish Session at Wenatchee Convention Center

Jan. 18, NCW Stone Fruit Day at Wenatchee Convention Center (with online option)

Jan. 19, NCW Pear Day at Wenatchee Convention Center (with online option)

Jan. 21, Lake Chelan Horticultural Day Chelan High School

Feb. 7, Okanogan Horticultural Society at Okanogan County AgriPlex

Get your pesticide update credits

North Central Washington

Apple Day

Tuesday, January 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in 8:30 a.m.)

Wenatchee Convention Center/ Virtual

Co-Sponsored by WSU Extension and NCW Fieldmen's Association

Topics include: Session 1: Pest and Disease Management: Codling Moth Survey; Apple IPM Reminders; Conserving Natural Enemies; Fire Blight. Session 2: Mitigating Climate Impacts: Water Supply Vulnerabilities; Irrigation Panel; Netting for Hail and Sunburn. Session 3: Rootstocks: Role of Rootstocks in Plant Nutrition; Rootstocks for Replant Tolerance

Agenda at <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/apple-day-2023/>

Manejo de Frutales

Tuesday, January 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wenatchee Convention Center

Co-Sponsored by WSU Extension and NCW Fieldmen's Association

Topics include: Fuego Bac-

teriano / Fire Blight; Exploración efectiva/ Scouting; Diagnóstico de problemas en los árboles/ Diagnosing Tree Problems; Manejo de chicharritas / Leafhopper management

Agenda at <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/manejo-de-frutales/>

North Central Washington Stone Fruit Day

Wednesday, January 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in 8:30 a.m.)

Wenatchee Convention Center/ Virtual

Co-Sponsored by WSU Extension and NW Cherries

Topics include: Spotted Wing Drosophila & Western Cherry Fruit Fly; Powdery Mildew and Shot Hole: X-disease Vector Management; Pre-emergent Herbicides; Season Effects on Bud Formation, Fruit Set; Blue Orchard Bees; Climate Impacts on Pollination

Agenda at <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/stone-fruit-day-2023/>

North Central Washington

Pear Day

Thursday, January 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in 8:30 a.m.)

Wenatchee Convention Center

Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and Pear Bureau Northwest

Topics include: Session 1: Pest and Disease Management: Post Harvest Pathogen Prevention; Natural Enemy Releases; Pear Psylla Management. Session 2: Production, Quality and Profits: High Density Pears Virtual Tour; Impacts of Hot Weather on Storage; Optimizing Fruit Set.

Agenda at <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/pear-day-2023/>

Lake Chelan Horticultural Day

Saturday, January 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in 8:30 a.m.)

Chelan High School

Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and Chelan Future Farmers of America

Topics include: Replant Considerations, Reduce your

Bi-annual Bearing, 2022 Pest Management; New Technology Evaluation

Agenda at <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/chelan-fruit-day/>

Okanogan Horticultural Society Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in 8:30 am)

Agriplex, Omak

Co-Sponsored by Okanogan Horticultural Society

Topics include: Apple maggot, Invasive insects, Spotted wing drosophila, Pear psylla, Labor law changes, Optimizing labor

Agenda at <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/okanogan-horticultural-meeting/>

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Fire Blight workshops, webinars scheduled for February, March, June, October

SUBMITTED BY AINA BARO, WASHINGTON STATE TREE FRUIT RESEARCH, EXTENSION CENTER

ONLINE - Join us for the latest fire blight information from a national research project involving Michigan, North Carolina, New York, California, Oregon and Washington funded by the Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

Fire Blight Webinar Series
Biopesticides for Fire Blight Management
March 15, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7

p.m. (EST)

Ken Johnson, Oregon State University. Effective use of biopesticides for Fire Blight control.

Fire Blight Pruning and Sanitation

June 13, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)

Tianna DuPont, Washington State University. New trials on pruning and sanitation for Fire Blight management.

Using Weather and Environmental Conditions to Optimize Biologicals and Biopesticides for Bloom Protection

October 18, at 4 p.m. (PST) / 7 p.m. (EST)

Sara Villani, North Carolina

State University. Join us to talk about how to use weather and environmental data to optimize timings of biologicals and biopesticide applications for an effective Fire Blight control.

For more information and registration https://events.anr.msu.edu/Fireblight_SCRI_Webinar_Series/ or contact Nikki Rothwell rothwel3@msu.edu or 231-946-1510. One pesticide update credit per session with agency approval.

Fire Blight Fruit School: New research from our National Team

February 23, at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (PST)

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March 1, at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (EST)

Traverse City, Michigan and Online

Topics:
Introduction to the Pathogen

Bloom Infection Prevention with Antibiotics: The Basics
Antibiotic Resistance
Biopesticide Efficacy
Using Prohexodine Calcium and Actigard for Shoot Blight Management

Managing Fire Blight Infections: Pruning, Sanitation

Using Systemic Acquired Resistance Products Therapeutics During Removal

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Courtesy Tianna DuPont

Fire blight in gala seventh leaf.

February 23, (WA): Three pesticide update credits WA, OR, CA.

March 1, 2023 (MD): Three pesticide update credits MI, NY

More Information and Registration

February 23, (WA): <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/fire-blight-workshop/>

March 1, (MD): https://events.a.r.ms.u.edu/Fireblight_SCRI/

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WSU Viticulture Extension news, seminars

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE M. MOYER, PH.D., VITICULTURE EXTENSION SPECIALIST

Workshop: Stop the Spread: Effective Options for Managing Leafroll

Join us for this interactive workshop, discussion grapevine leafroll and grapevine mealybug management. In this workshop, Dr. Monica Cooper of UCCE-Napa County will highlight historic and recent research on the importance of roguing in managing the regional spread of grapevine leafroll disease, as well as better approaches for vector management. Dr. Naidu Rayapati will discuss advancements in leafroll testing and monitoring.

When: January 24, Walla Walla and January 25, 2023 Prosser

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is required.



Courtesy Michelle M. Moyer

This workshop has been approved for three ODA and three WSDA Pesticide Recertification credits.

More information, including registration can be found at: <https://wine.wsu.edu/event/managing-leafroll-2023/>

This event is co-presented by WSU Viticulture Extension and the Washington Wine Industry Foundation, with funding provided by the WSDA-Specialty Crop Block Grant #K3950 titled "Stop the Spread: Building Pest Management Plans to Comply with Grape Quarantine Rules."

Events Calendar
See the WSU Viticulture

and Enology calendar for more upcoming events: <https://wine.wsu.edu/events/>

January 24-26: Unified Wine and Grape Symposium, Sacramento, California

January 24-25: Workshop Series: Effective Options for Managing Leafroll, Walla Walla - January 24, and Prosser, - January 25

February 6-9: WineVit 2023, Kennewick

February 14-15: Oregon Wine Symposium, Portland, Oregon

February 22-23: Washington Wine Research Advisory Committee Research Review, Prosser

February 27-28: Idaho Wine Commission Annual Meeting, Nampa, Idaho

Cold Hardiness Monitoring - Back again for 2022-2023

WSU Viticulture will continue with grape cold hardiness monitoring for the 2022-2023 winter season. Observed cold hardiness data for the Prosser, area is updated approximately every 7-14 days at: <https://wine.wsu.edu/extension/weather/cold-hardiness/>

This webpage also has several resources on preventing cold damage and how to respond after cold damage has occurred.

Given cold hardiness monitoring cannot be done on a large scale, a cold hardiness model is available on AgWeatherNet. You do need a (free) registered AgWeatherNet Account to see the model: <http://weather.wsu.edu/>

When low temperatures are forecasted use the model on AgWeatherNet to help prioritize which locations, and varieties, you should start with for follow-up scouting.

The resources available on the WSU Grapevine Cold Hardiness Monitoring page above can be used to help you develop a bud collection and assessment plan. They also provide worksheets to develop pruning strategies to compensate for potential crop loss, should cold damage occur.

Join American Society for Enology and Viticulture

The American Society for Enology and Viticulture (ASEV) is a national community of wine and grape professionals, with a focus on using and sharing science-based information to for better grape growing and winemaking. Membership is open to professionals and students alike -- with student members having access to scholarships to assist them with educational expenses! Membership comes with opportunities for networking and professional growth, along with benefits such as reduced registration fees for the Unified Wine and Grape Symposium, and the ASEV National Conference.

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Public Notices

Public Notice City of Pateros
Public Hearing for the 2022 City of Pateros Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan
The City of Pateros has prepared the 2022 City of Pateros Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan using funding from the State of Washington Department of Ecology (ECY) Clean Water State Revolving Funds supplemented by the City's Sewer Utility funds. In accordance with ECY funding guidelines the City is holding a Public Hearing to give the community an opportunity to learn more about the Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan, preferred alternatives, and any potential impacts, including impacts to existing utility rates. Opportunity will be provided to the public to ask questions and provide comment on the Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan. A copy of the Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan may be found at City Hall for those who wish to review the plan prior to the meeting.
See below for more details:
Date: January 17, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM
Location:
City Hall Council Chambers
113 Lakeshore Dr.
Pateros, WA 98846
Published in the Quad City Herald January 4, 11, 2023 #5117

Public Notices

BEFORE THE OKANOGAN COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD

OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Notice of Amended Application for Change of Water Right under Certificate No. S4-28101C(B).
TAKE NOTICE: That on 4/1/2015, Gebbers Farms Inc. of Brewster, WA filed application with the Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board (OCWCB) to change/correct and add points of diversion/withdrawal, and specify its place of use ownership for 24 acres of irrigation under Certificate No. S4-28101C. The application was assigned OCWCB number OKAN-15-01. The certificate was superseded by No. S4-28101C(B) issued 8/11/2022.
That said Certificate S4-28101C(B), under priority 12/20/1982, authorizes diversion from the Columbia River (Wells Pool) and withdrawal from a well within SW1/4SE1/4 S30T30NR24EWM. That the certificate authorizes water use within an area approx. described as: S1/2 S30T30NR24EWM lying north of highway. (Complete legal description available upon request to OCWCB.) That the certificate issued for irrigation of 24 acres (102.6 acre-feet/yr) from 4/1 to 10/31, and authorizes diversion/withdrawal and use of 0.53 cubic feet per second (cfs). That the applicant requests to specify its place of use ownership for 24 irrigation acres as being within parcel No. 3024300056, which is located generally in the NW corner of the current certificate place of use. Complete legal description available upon request to OCWCB. That the applicant requests the following source locations: four wells w/in W1/2NE1/4 S36T30NR23EWM; a well, and two diversion sites from the Columbia River (Wells Pool), w/in SE1/4SW1/4 S30T30NR24EWM. Any protests or objections to the approval of this application must be filed with the Department of Ecology and must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) recording fee for each application protested and filed with: Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611 within thirty (30) days from January 18, 2023. Any interested party may submit comments, objections, and other information to the board regarding the application(s). The comments and information may be submitted in writing or verbally at any public meeting of the board held to discuss or decide on the application(s). The application(s) will be on the board agenda during its regular meetings, contact the OCWCB for time and location of meetings. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 P.M. via video conference, also accessible by phone (instructions may be requested by writing to the board's address which follows). Additionally, the OCWCB will consider written comments or information, said written comments or information may be provided by mail to: Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board, Attn: Lisa de Vera, 1205 Ormiston St; Wenatchee, WA 98801. Published in the Quad City Herald January 11, 18, 2023. #5125



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How to maximize the value and timeliness of your tax return

STATEPOINT - Research shows that if you're dreading tax season, you're not alone.

According to the Pew Research Center, 47% of Americans say they are bothered a lot by the complexity of the federal tax system. Other taxpayers stress over getting the details right. In a Credello survey, 22% of respondents say not maximizing their refund is their biggest fear around doing taxes, while another 22% said their biggest fear is making a mistake.

"Many Americans rely on their tax refund to make ends meet. Accessing those funds should be fast and easy," says Chad Prashad, president, and CEO of World Finance.

To help you get a handle on your taxes, World Finance is drawing on its 26 years of filing expertise to offer these timely tips:

- Get ready early. As soon as your employer provides your W2, you can file your



Courtesy StatePoint

Tax season doesn't need to create headaches, fears, or anxieties. By gathering important tax documents in advance and understanding your filing and refund options, you can have confidence that you've maximized the value and timeliness of your tax return.

taxes. Having all other documentation and receipts ready to go will help expedite the process, which means you will get your tax return faster, too. Collect the necessary materials in

one place before filing.

- Consider significant life changes. Did you move in 2022? Have a baby? Get married? Change jobs? Each of these monumental life events can have an impact

on your taxes, so be sure to disclose these factors when filing or to the professional filing on your behalf.

- Know what's new. Visit IRS.gov to learn about any changes to tax filings that

are applicable to you. A tax services professional can also help you identify relevant updates. World Finance tax pros have year-round training to stay on top of the latest tax filing requirements and are ready to tailor tax services to each tax customer's financial situation.

- Review and adjust. Once you know what your return is going to be this year, make any necessary adjustments to your W2 to make sure you're withholding enough during the year. If this is your first year working with a professional tax service, have them review your previous years' filings as well. You may be able to recover additional refunds if anything was missed. World Finance offers this service for no additional charge.

- Consider a tax refund loan. After filing, you can potentially take out a loan for the amount of your expected refund. This is known as a tax refund loan

and an option to consider if you need your refund as soon as possible.

- Work with a professional. Filing your taxes with a software program is a low-cost option, but only if you have time to dedicate to the task, and the know-how to get your biggest possible tax return. Working with a reliable, trusted tax preparation service can help ensure your taxes are filed correctly, and your return is as substantial as it can be. Look for a service that offers transparent pricing, flexible filing options and same-day Tax Advance Loans, such as World Finance. For more information, visit loansbyworld.com/taxes.

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The Washington Outdoor Report

Planning for a fun year outdoors

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

2023 is sizing up to be a busy year. First off, I'm moving out to the Columbia Basin in the next few months. It's the region of the state I find myself going to more often than not when it comes to fishing for trout, bass, walleye and panfish. It's also the place I go to hunt birds whether they be doves, ducks, pheasant, quail or geese. Throw in the fact my best friend lives next to Potholes State Park and our shared bass boat is there and you can begin to understand the reason I'm moving that way.

Second, I'll be exhibiting again at two big sportsmen's shows here in the Pacific Northwest. I'll be at the Washington Sportsmen's Show at the fairgrounds in Puyallup from February 1 - 5 and at the big Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's show at the Expo in Portland from February 14 - 18. Both shows promise to be very good ones with lots of exhibitors and attendees. You can find out more about them at www.thesportshows.com

I'll be doing a good amount of fishing on Potholes Reservoir again this year and will also be fishing three or four bass tournaments in the hope that my fishing partner and I will finally cash a check at one of these events.

This spring I'm looking at a possible trip to the Snake



Courtesy The Washington Outdoor Report
John Kruse with a nice largemouth bass.

River in Hells Canyon for some smallmouth bass and sturgeon fishing. The beginning of June will likely find me in the

Columbia River Gorge, fishing for American shad below the John Day Dam and casting for pikeminnow near The Dalles. I may also go on a day trip while at The Dalles to Cottonwood Canyon State Park where you can hike trails along the John Day River, see wildlife from mule deer to bighorn sheep, and catch a whole bunch of feisty smallmouth bass on light tackle.

In July I'll be heading north to Alaska again and this time I'll be taking my

best friend, Rusty Johnston for his first fishing trip in the Last Frontier. We'll be staying at Sportsman's Cove Lodge, a very well run operation in a secluded, beautiful setting on Prince of Wales Island, accessible by float-plane from Ketchikan. Once there, we'll get in 3 1/2 days of chartered fishing for halibut, salmon, lingcod and true cod. It will be my fourth time at the lodge and I am thrilled to return! If you want to find out more check out www.alaskasbestlodge.com

Late August will find me at Fort Casey State Park on the east side of Whidbey Island. Every other year a run of pink salmon come into Puget Sound, heading to several rivers to spawn. A good number of these fish can be found close to shore, close enough to cast to from the beach. Some years the fishing is good, sometimes not so much, but spending a morning and evening casting for salmon, crabbing in the small bay next to the park campground during the day,

and hiking around the old fort and lighthouse while watching the state ferry come and go makes for a great end of summer camping getaway.

I'll come back from Fort Casey State Park just in time for the opening of dove hunting season and the other bird hunting seasons will not be far behind. With any luck, I'll have a new hunting dog by then and if I do, I'll be spending a lot of time going for long walks on the public

lands of the Columbia Basin hoping to run into some birds.

Like I said, it's looking to be a busy year, but I can't wait to enjoy all of it! Here's hoping the year ahead is full of adventures outdoors for you as well.

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

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