

Urgent action needed

Animal welfare advocates address county dog-cat problem

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - Nearly three dozen animal welfare advocates came together early last December at the 12 Tribes Casino to take a fresh look at the problem of - and potential solutions for - the issue of excess dog and cat numbers in the county.

The event was organized by Team Okanogan, a new group formed to support existing organizations.

There was plenty to talk about and each speaker brought perspective, facts, and ideas to the table:

Ruiz explained how the City of Brewster contracts with OkanDogs of Cashmere and pays that nonprofit \$125 per dog to collect its impounds as an alternative to euthanization. Brewster negotiated its contract in December 2016, Ruiz told The Quad in a later interview.

"We're the only city doing it," said Ruiz. "I don't understand why others aren't doing it."

At recent city council meetings Brewster officials have grappled with both stray dog and cat issues, most recently over concerns of the spread of the canine disease Parvo and how to arrest its spread.

Yarnell, who has experienced animal control challenges firsthand during his seven years as an ACO, said the Sheriff's office receives enough animal complaints to warrant a full time ACO. The county has no dog ordinance and Yarnell noted that absence of regulations makes animal welfare enforcement difficult. Yarnell added that neither the county



Top: Animal welfare advocates from around the county and beyond gather to share ideas last December. Middle left, Okanogan County Sheriff-elect Paul Budrow speaks. Right, Omak Police Chief Dan Christensen shares his thoughts. Bottom left, Okanogan County Commissioner Chris Branch former Okanogan County Deputy and Animal Control Officer Dave Yarnell (middle), and Stacie Ventura, Executive Director of The NOAH Center, address the gathering.

Courtesy Team Okanogan

nor the sheriff's office has an impound facility to house animals.

Ventura explained that NOAH, founded in 1988, built a new Stanwood facility in 2003 that has become one of the state's largest spay/neuter clinics performing between 8,000 and 15,000 surgeries per year. Ventura said NOAH is a transfer-only facility that works with 60 partner shelters and uses a matchmaker model for its adoptions to find the right fit between human and animal. NOAH's challenge is finding a veterinarian and cannot care for sick or injured animals, said Ventura, with limited space and foster families an ongoing issue.

Christensen said animal control is a huge problem with

900 complaint calls to his office in 2021 alone - more than the 840 theft calls received - but no funding to help animals. Omak's old, outdated facility needs significant improvements, said Christensen, and the city's ACO does not work weekends. With a 20 percent staff shortage recruitment is also a challenge.

Budrow said he is surprised by the lack of animal welfare resources in the county and recommends creating an animal care public education program within the sheriff's office. Budrow said he recognizes the need for an ACO unit within the department with better animal control training for deputies and access to microchip scanners.

Branch said county ordinances need to be upgraded, shelter facilities expanded, ACO numbers increased, and funding sourced for animal welfare. Branch said county residents need options for animals they can no longer care for and that he has personally found dogs that have been dumped in the forest.

A few facts:

- 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.

"Last October, Okanogan Regional Humane, in cooperation with Animal Balance and a private veterinarian, was able to alter, vaccinate, and microchip more than 250 animals over five days," said a TA media release. "Thanks to donor generosity no cost was incurred by owners for these services."

Team Okanogan is planning future events. Email teamokanogan@gmail.com to be notified of future events or contact Okanogan Regional Humane at info@ok-humane.org to be placed on a waitlist.

In the meantime, Team Okanogan offers the following suggestions:

- Spay/neuter your pets and encourage others to do the same.
Adopt! Rescues are overflowing with animals looking for a home.
Vaccinate your animals - prevention is cheaper than treating deadly viruses like canine parvo and feline panleukopenia, both rampant in Okanogan County.
Volunteer your time to your local animal rescue groups.
Donate money or supplies directly to local rescues.
Foster animals in your home; every rescue in the county is at capacity and foster homes are desperately needed.
Offer your professional services - rescues need veterinarians, contractors, social media assistance, accountants, etc.
Follow local Facebook rescue pages and share with others - spread the word and amplify the need.
Advocate for updating the existing animal ordinances, laws, and fines.
Contact state and local officials and express support for funds to be allocated for domestic animal issues, animal control officers, facilities, and other resources.

Short term solutions proposed

Second Harvest halts monthly food bank deliveries

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Operations that have always been close to the bone for the Brewster Food Bank just got a little leaner after Second Harvest in Spokane announced last month that it is suspending its monthly food deliveries.

Second Harvest is a nonprofit that supplies a network of 285 partner food banks, meal sites and other programs feeding people in need in 21 counties in Eastern Washington and five counties in North Idaho.

The news came as a surprise to the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) during their mid-December meeting. Second Harvest advised that the combination of low crop yields and high fuel prices were major factors affecting the service.

Former Brewster Food Bank manager Dan Biddle told The Quad last Friday, Dec. 30, that Second Harvest sources cannot resume monthly deliveries of partial loads of food until economic and supply issues improve.

"The last time I talked to them it was left at: 'Let's see what happens in a couple of months,'" Biddle said.

Biddle said that the Second Harvest truck would also pickup back hauls of fruit from Gebbers Farms on return trips to Spokane.

At its Dec. 19 meeting the BOCC proposed to allocate \$200,000 in America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help Okanogan County pantries while a long-term remedy is developed.

Commissioner Chris Branch said he has reached out to the Okanogan County Community Action Council (OCCAC), Aging and Adult Care and North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) among others to help come up with a solution.

Church said a source at The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) wrote that the agency will "be providing crisis funding to eastern Washington to TEFAP contractors given the impact of service change at Second Harvest."

The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service website (fns.usda.gov) said TEFAP "is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. Through TEFAP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchases a variety of nutritious, high-quality USDA Foods, and makes those foods available to state distributing agencies."

The Catholic Charities Brewster Food Bank gets food and donations from other sources, but the Second Harvest deliveries play a vital role in keeping shelves stocked for the weekly Thursday food distributions.

Council approves Capital Facilities Projects

Bridgeport awarded grant to refurbish old water tower

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - The Bridgeport City Council held a public hearing for citizen comment on its Capital Facilities Projects list during its final meeting of the year on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Later in the meeting council approved the list in Resolution 22-20.

"We have to do that every year so we qualify to go after grants," said Mayor Janet Conklin. "Fixing our roads is one of our top priorities and redoing some of our waterlines to eliminate leaks."

"We like to go after grants we don't have to pay back," said Conklin, "but most are matching funds, so we have to be careful about which ones

we go after."

Currently two of the city's major projects are the old and new water reservoirs. Through the federal government and other sources, the city cobbled together enough funding to complete the new reservoir.

"The old tower we are using is so old that it has to be drained and refurbished on the inside," said Conklin.

At an earlier council meeting last fall Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem advised the council of the needed repairs that are scheduled to happen later this year after the new reservoir tower is completed and online.

To find the funds for that renovation Bridgeport applied for a grant through Sen. Patty Murray's office.



Mike Maltais/QCH

Bridgeport's new water tower (top) is nearing completion pending equipment delivery delays. When it is completed and online the old reservoir (front) will be refurbished with funds just awarded to the city through Sen. Patty Murray's office.

"We went after \$750,000 and she (Sen. Murray) called me just before Christmas and said: 'Congratulations!'" Conklin said. "We've been very fortunate with our grants getting accepted."

"Getting Federal dollars back to Washington state to support its communities and economy is a top priority for Senator Murray," said Murry's website murray.senate.gov. "Her office is able to help organizations navigate the federal grants process."

The senator's office can assist applicants with grant research and often provides letters of support for projects that go directly to the federal funding agency.

In other business the council approved Ordinance 22-276, an amendment to the 2-022 budget.

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## Too much white this Christmas



Mike Maltais/QCH

The National Weather Service termed “once-in-a-generation snowstorm” that swept through the county just before Christmas earned its label as far as this structure is concerned located between Okanogan and Omak. The accumulation of heavy, wet snow proved too much for the roof supports to handle. Along with clearing driveways many residents also cleaned roofs, particularly those lacking enough slope to shed snow quickly.

## No Parking? ... Really?



Mike Maltais/QCH

Some spots just seem to cry out: “Go ahead, just TRY to park here.” This looks like one of those.

# Looking back on 2022

SUBMITTED BY CONGRESSMAN DAN NEWHOUSE

I want to take a moment to look back on some of the work I've done in Congress for our district in 2022. From passing landmark legislation to securing critical funds for projects in our communities, we've accomplished a lot. And as we enter into the new Congress, I'm committed to building off these successes and continuing to fight for Central Washington's priorities.

As a Member on the Appropriations Committee, I work to secure funding for much-needed projects in Central Washington while ensuring our taxpayer dollars are being spent in a fiscally responsible way. This year, I was able to fund seven major community projects in Central Washington through the FY2022 Consolidated Appropriations

Act, from important water infrastructure projects, like the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program to critical rural healthcare programs and facilities. The bill also delivered critical funding for the Hanford Site, a major step forward from President Biden's initial budget request which completely eliminated Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding for communities surrounding the Site. And it contained crucial investments in agricultural research to ensure Central Washington remains a leader in agriculture. On the national security front, I inserted a provision which helps us stop Communist China from buying up American farmland, provided a pay increase for our troops, and secured major border funding to ensure the safety of all our communities.

I'm proud of these legislative accomplishments because

they build for a brighter future. Future investments, future priorities, future successes. I am even more proud of the work my office does in the here and now, the work we do for the good folk of Central Washington.

Every day, constituents call in to my office for help with federal agencies. And my staff diligently works to return lost benefits, retrieve Social Security and tax checks, solve immigration cases, and much more. This year we were able to secure a religious visa for a pastor in Yakima so he could continue serving people in need. We were able to track down the medals of a Purple Heart veteran from Omak never received to make sure he got the recognition and honor he deserved. After a school in Grand Coulee burned down, we were able to send them books from the Library

of Congress so the students would have something to read. And we returned over 300,000 dollars to Central Washingtonians from the IRS. While these are only a few of the cases my office has handled, they signify the breadth and depth of my commitment to the people of Central Washington.

This year, while we have weathered much: drought and wildfire, supply chain shortages, economic hardships, and more, we have also witnessed the very best of humanity in our district. Neighbors came together to support each other. We stood up strong for our beliefs and our way of life. And most importantly, we reopened our businesses and put people back to work. I am so proud to call Central Washington home, and I look forward to the work we will continue to accomplish in the next Congress, together.

## Feb. 14 Special Election ballots mailed

SUBMITTED BY OKANOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR

OKANOGAN - Ballots for the Feb. 14, Special Election are in the mail.

If you have not received your ballot by Friday, Feb. 3, please contact the Auditors Office at 509-422-7240.

Remember your ballots must be signed.

The Auditors Office, 149 Third Ave. N., Okanogan, is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Election Day

only from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the following services.

- Voter registration
- Drop off voted ballots
- Obtain replacement ballots
- Disability Access Voting Units

Drop boxes will be open Jan. 27-Feb. 14. Drop boxes will be open until 8 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Drop box locations open for the Feb. 14, Special Election:

- Tonasket - City Hall/Library Complex, 209 S Whitcomb Ave
- Omak - Next to Police Sta-

- tion, 8 N Ash
- Omak- 12 Tribes Casino, 28968 Hwy 97
- Oroville- Police station, 1105 Main St.

The state is providing postage-paid ballot return envelopes this year. Voters are encouraged to mail in ballots prior to Friday, Feb. 10, to ensure the envelopes are post-marked by Election Day. Check with your local post office for cut off times.

If you need information about the issues, use the fol-

lowing sources.

- Online voter's guide - votewa.gov
- votewa.gov/Okanogan
- sos.wa.gov/elections/
- Newspapers and radio

Those not currently registered in the State of Washington, can appear in person in the Auditors Office until Feb.14, and register and be eligible to vote in the Special Election.

Please direct inquiries to the Auditors Office, 509-422-7240.

## Okanogan Commissioners to apply ARPA funds to bridge Second Harvest shortage

**Editor's note:** Following are meeting summaries of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) for Dec. 19-20, 2022, as provided by County Watch (countywatch.org).

OKANOGAN - Monday a.m./p.m., Dec 19

- Commissioners discussed Second Harvest's unexpected cut in assistance

for food pantries in eastern Washington. They plan to use \$200,000 in ARPA funds to help Okanogan County pantries. They hope to have the paperwork ready by Dec.19.

- Commissioners voted for Lisa Janicki for the Department of Natural Resources' Board of Natural Resources. They also discussed good forest management and climate change.
- Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manager, updated the commissioners about the new floor planned for the Annex, the well and

the new stalls for the race-horse barn.

- Commissioners held Department Head performance evaluations in Executive Sessions for:

- » Shelley Keitzman, Human Resources and Risk Management
- » Karen Beatty, Central Services
- » Pete Palmer, Planning Department
- » Dan Higgins, Building Department
- » Naomie Peasley, Fairgrounds Manage

Tuesday a.m., Dec. 20

- Public Comment: clarifica-

tion of Tunk Basin rezone procedure - currently sent back to Planning who will convene a public hearing on Jan. 23. BOCC has extended the moratorium, setting the timeline forward. Feb. 6 discussion will be with the BOCC.

- Short discussion regarding ARPA monies (\$750,000) earmarked for broadband to cover entire County - PUD and OCEC (Former REA - Ok County Electrification Cooperative) to share these dollars.
- Approval of voucher to pay for non-punitive damages - written up by HR and Civil Deputy.
- Commissioner Hover recommended for Forest Plan Advisory Board/Group.
- Bid opening for Central Landfill Phase 4 Development.
- Payroll vouchers approved along with Emergency Management Services Districts.

Tuesday p.m., Dec. 20

- Clerk Lanie Johns opened discussion on amendment to increase ARPA fund allocation to Community Action Council in view of food shortage
- Signatures for WSU Extension budget appendix directing part of \$49,951 towards 4H/Master Gardener post
- Pete Palmer to handle permit application for Coro-

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**Douglas County Sheriff**

**Dec. 23**  
06:24 Animal Problem, 1544 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport  
20:35 Hazard, 625 Rd. 20 NW area, Mansfield

**Dec. 24**  
14:50 Disturbance, 102 E. Locust St., Waterville  
17:56 Public Assist, 23 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport  
23:50 Malicious Mischief, 233 Willow View Dr., Orondo

**Dec. 25**  
08:50 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 97 MP 226, Orondo  
19:28 Harassment/ Threat, 1627 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport

**Dec. 26**  
05:20 Public Assist, 57 Weimer Rd., Orondo  
10:39 Public Assist, 1805 Raymond Ave., Bridgeport  
12:23 Suspicious Circumstance, 17 Weimer Rd., Orondo  
13:38 Welfare Check, 410 S. Harris St., Waterville  
15:33 Alarm, 210 Vineyard Dr., Orondo  
20:17 Public Assist, 420 S. Central Ave., Waterville  
22:55 Traffic Offense, SR 173 MP 7, Bridgeport Bar

**Dec. 27**  
08:05 Injury Accident, SR 17 MP 125, Mansfield  
11:27 Agency Assist, SR 17 MP 131, Bridgeport  
14:23 911-call, 1300 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport  
14:57 Non-injury Accident, Pearl Hill Rd. and Rd. H NE, Bridgeport  
15:45 Noise Complaint, 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield  
18:32 911-call, 1981 Rd. D NW, Mansfield

**Dec. 28**  
02:24 Suspicious Circumstance, 205 Willow View Dr., Orondo  
02:36 Traffic Offense, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 5, Orondo  
03:12 911-call, 1300 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport  
04:06 Suspicious Circumstance, 208 Willow View Dr., Orondo  
10:04 Animal Problem, 206 Davis Ave., Bridgeport  
12:22 Welfare Check, 880 Maple St., Bridgeport  
13:43 Hazard, SR 17 MP 134, Bridgeport  
15:56 Fraud/ Forgery, 502 W. 1st St., Waterville  
17:50 911-call, 1300 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport  
18:07 Diversion, 309 S. Central Ave., Waterville

18:37 Suspicious Circumstance, 601 W. Monroe St., NCW Fairgrounds, Waterville

**Dec. 29**  
18:39 Animal Problem, 100 Nollmeyer Rd., Orondo

**Brewster Police Department**

**Dec. 23**  
08:07 Trespassing was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster when a white male subject was pacing inside a caller's door and was refusing to leave. He had arrived on foot.

11:09 A vicious dog was reported on W. Cliff Ave. in Brewster for a neighbor's dog that killed a caller's cat. It was reported as an ongoing issue and the caller had photos.

23:12 A caller on W. Indian Ave. reported neighbors fighting and had been ongoing for two days. The caller advised prior calls were made, there was a toddler in the house, and it had sounded physical.

**Dec. 24**  
00:17 An injured deer was reported on Hwy. 97 in Pateros.  
18:33 Trespassing was reported on Chinook Way in Brewster for a male subject on the property and the caller did not know him.

**Dec. 25**  
09:18 A 911-call was made from E. Griggs Ave. and dispatch could hear a small child in the background.  
19:56 A two-vehicle, injury accident was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster. Vehicles were reported off the roadway and a male subject reported a head injury.

**Dec. 26**  
09:22 A caller reported they were disabled and left her vehicle at her ex-friend's residence. They have a DV order but the caller needed to get her car at the location.  
11:54 A caller on Hwy. 97 in Brewster reported a white male subject going in and out of the store, pacing and acting suspicious.  
17:37 A caller on W. Main Ave. at Gamble Fitness in Brewster reported a threat when a male subject knocked on the door and wanted to fight him.

**Dec. 27**  
23:04 A domestic dispute was

reported on Schnibbe Rd. in Brewster, a subject was breaking things and breaking through the door, the caller stated "I can't lock him out."

**Dec. 28**  
13:43 A non-injury accident was reported on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.  
18:41 Trespassing was reported for a male subject on Hwy. 97 in Brewster, the caller believed the subject had been trespassed before.

**Dec. 29**  
No local reports.

**Okanogan County Sheriff**

**Dec. 18**  
15:34 A civil matter was reported on North Star Rd. in Brewster when the caller was trying to get belongings from their ex-husband and requested a call for options.

**Dec. 19**  
13:35 A domestic dispute was reported on W. Indian Ave. for neighbors yelling, sounding like someone being slammed against the wall.  
14:16 A caller reported hearing a loud boom on the north side of her residence on Unger Rd. in Brewster.

**Dec. 20**  
17:52 An abandoned vehicle was reported on Getz Rd. and Indian Dan Canyon Rd. in Brewster, the Ford had a window broken out and had been at the location since Sunday, Dec. 18.

**Dec. 21**  
16:36 A stray animal was reported on North Star Rd. in Brewster regarding a German Shepard type dog that showed up at the caller's residence, but then he attached her dogs multiple times and was becoming aggressive with several different people on the property.

**Dec. 22**  
06:23 A vehicle prowling was reported on Starr Rd. in Pateros and a window was broken out of a caller's red 2008 Mazda SUV, it was unclear if anything was taken.

**Dec. 23**  
09:40 A civil standby was requested on Old Hwy. 97

in Brewster but the subject did not get oxygen tank, medications and nebulizer.  
13:51 A caller reported being struck by a subject driving a teal Samurai that didn't stop, coming out of the bakery on Commercial St. in Pateros.

**Dec. 24**  
18:33 Trespassing was reported on Chinook Way in Brewster for a male subject on the property and the caller did not know him.

**Dec. 25**  
07:26 A suspicious call was reported, a 44-year-old male subject reported spine and hip pain and his legs were locked up after walking from Omak because he was in fear from locals. The call dispatched from Lakeshore Dr. in Pateros and the caller reported he was being followed.  
19:56 An agency assist was requested for a male subject with a head injury following a two-vehicle collision off the roadway on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

**Dec. 26**  
No local reports.

**Dec. 27**  
06:17 A welfare check was requested on W. Warren Ave. in Pateros. The caller reported their daughter called and advised her ex-wife's boyfriend, shoved the female and broke the Christmas tree and a table near it.  
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08:07 A caller reported a black or dark brown Mazda that slid off the roadway on North Star Rd. in Brewster.

**Inspired by community response, STCU invests in Almira School District**

*Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus receives \$5,000*

SUBMITTED BY DAN HANSEN, STCU

NCW - STCU has committed to a \$56,000 investment in Almira School District as part of its recovery from a devastating 2021 fire. In an agreement with the school district, STCU will cover full costs of an external reader board and two gymnasium scoreboards at the rebuilt Almira Elementary and Middle School. The building, which is set to open in September 2023, is a replacement for the 80-year-old school that burned on October 9, 2021.

Immediately following the fire, school districts, agencies, nonprofits and individuals rushed to respond. Within days, donated Chromebook laptops were distributed to students, who initially turned to remote learning, before moving into temporary classrooms furnished with donated desks and worktables. STCU was one of many organizations that donated to a fund established by Innovia Foundation, and provided gift cards to help school staff purchase supplies they'd need.

"First, we were stunned by the crisis, with students removed from their beloved school just a month into the academic year," said Ezra Eckhardt, STCU President and CEO. "Then, we were awed by the community response." "The response to this challenge by so many individuals and organizations sets an example for Almira students about the importance of community and teamwork," said Almira School District Superintendent Dan Read. "We're grateful that STCU has stepped up to meet this specific need,

helping make our students feel more at home in their new school."

**STCU donates to non-profits in 3 rural Washington communities**

In addition to its agreement with the Almira School District, STCU has delivered donations to three non-profits providing cultural opportunities and economic benefits to communities where the credit union has branch locations.

- \$10,000 to Stonerose Interpretive Center's Eocene Fossil Site in Republic
- \$5,000 to Woodland Productions, which operates the historic Woodland Theatre in Kettle Falls.
- \$5,000 to Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus in Omak.

The early donations kick off the Season of Giving, which will continue through January.

It is STCU's annual celebration of the non-profits and educational organizations that serve communities throughout the Inland Northwest.

"We're so grateful that STCU is continuing CD-FCU's tradition of generous support to Stonerose," said Mary Rourke, Friends of Stonerose board president. "People from all over the Northwest come to Republic to discover the joy of finding 49 million-year-old fossils in our quarry, and experience hands-on science education."

*About STCU: STCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative with more than 265,000 members, who embrace our brand promise: "Here for good." We have 38 branch locations throughout Eastern Washington, North Idaho, Tri-Cities, and north-central Washington. That includes three branch locations within a 30-mile radius of Almira, and others in Republic, Kettle Falls and Omak.*

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- ner's/Sheriff's building across the river.
- Food for Community Action pantries to run out after Christmas - provider Second Harvest discontinuing due to diesel shortage and needs in Yakima Valley; finalizing amendment to increase original ARPA funding of \$250,000 by up to \$200,000
  - Housing Coalition and Community Action qualify for homeless aid tied to extreme weather.
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# Newhouse, Pappas Bill to combat Opioid epidemic included in government funding package

SUBMITTED BY AMANDA FITZMORRIS, OFFICE OF REP. DAN NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Dec. 20 Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) released the following statement after his legislation with Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH) to extend the emergency scheduling of fentanyl analogues through December 31, 2024, was included in the government funding package that will be considered by Congress this week.

“Fentanyl is wreaking havoc on our communities in Central Washington, made worse by President Biden’s open-border policies which are allowing it to flood across our southern border at alarming rates,” said Rep. Newhouse. “That is why I introduced legislation to extend the scheduling of all fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs so we can ensure our law enforcement officers have the critical tools they need to keep these dangerous drugs off the streets, reducing overdose numbers in our communities. I am pleased this legislation was included in the final omnibus, meaning certainty and safety for our communities is just around the corner.”

“As we continue working to fight the addiction epidemic, it’s critical that we make sure law enforcement retains the tools they need to seize fentanyl-related substances and combat drug trafficking,” said Rep. Pappas. “My legislation to extend the temporary scheduling of fentanyl analogues will ensure that law enforcement can continue working to keep these deadly substances out of our communities. I want to thank

Representative Newhouse for partnering with me on this issue, and I will continue to work across the aisle and alongside law enforcement and public safety experts as we fight for comprehensive solutions that will keep our families and communities safe.”

**Background:**

Rep. Newhouse has been a leader in confronting the opioid crisis during his time in Congress, taking the following actions to combat trafficking of deadly substances, expand treatment opportunities, and secure our southern border:

- On March 7, 2022, Rep. Newhouse introduced the Save Americans from the Fentanyl Emergency Act of 2022, or SAFE Act of 2022, alongside Reps. Chris Pappas (D-NH) and Ted Budd (R-NC). This legislation will permanently schedule all current and future fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs, to ensure law enforcement can continue to prosecute the sale and use of these substances.

- On February 10, 2022, Rep. Newhouse sent a letter to President Biden urging his Administration take immediate action on the influx of fentanyl streaming into our country by securing our borders and making fentanyl-related substances’ Schedule 1 classification permanent to ensure law enforcement can continue to prosecute the sale and use of these substances.

- On February 8, 2022, Rep. Newhouse introduced the Dignity Act, which restarts all currently paused border infrastructure contracts and increases funding for physical border infrastructure.

- On February 3, 2022, Rep. Newhouse introduced the Law Enforcement Officers Preventing (Drug) Abuse Related Deaths or LEOPARD Act. This bill authorizes rural community response pilot grant programs to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase naloxone, an effective tool to prevent and reduce opioid overdose deaths and directs at least 50% of the programs’ grant funding to rural communities.

- On March 2, 2022, Rep. Newhouse cosponsored the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act or the HALT Fentanyl Act. This bill places fentanyl-related substances as a class into schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

- In 2016, Rep. Newhouse voted in favor of the bipartisan 21st Century CURES Act, which increased state grants for treatment from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion. Half of those grants were made available in 2017, and the next half in 2018.

- In 2016, Rep. Newhouse supported the House passage of H.R. 5046, the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016 and 17 bills to address the national opioid abuse crisis. H.R. 5046 combats the opioid epidemic by establishing a streamlined, comprehensive opioid abuse grant program that encompasses a variety of new and existing programs, such as vital training and resources for first responders and law enforcement, criminal investigations for the unlawful distribution of opioids, drug courts, and residential substance abuse treatment. The bill authorizes \$103 million annually for the grant program and is fully offset for cut-go purposes.

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Jan. 6, 10-11

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Jan. 4-7, 9-14

### 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. 4, 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. 4-5, 9-12

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Jan. 5

### Bingo every Thursday

BREWSTER - Bingo is held at the Brewster American Legion, every Thursday night at 6 p.m. It is open to public. Come early to purchase game packets and markers. Check out their Facebook page at American Legion Columbia Post 97 for more events.

Jan. 9

### Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts

WENATCHEE/VIA ZOOM - Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts is inviting heart patients and their families in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties to attend the Greater Wenatchee Mended Hearts Chapter Meeting being held by Zoom on Monday, January 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. To attend, email: atthehelmstest@hotmail.com for access to the meeting.

Jan. 9

### 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. 9

### 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. 9

### 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.

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: tcfwenatcheevalley.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

WENATCHEE - Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcf-wenatcheevalley.org

Jan. 30

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# Newhouse condemns House Democrats' bloated spending package

SUBMITTED BY AMANDA FITZMORRIS, OFFICE OF REP. DAN NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Dec. 23, Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) released the following statement after voting against the \$1.7 trillion omnibus.

“Over the last year, I have fought to include many of

Central Washington’s priorities in our Appropriation bills. While I am pleased many of these have been included in this year’s omnibus, such as funding for critical agriculture research, Hanford Site cleanup, and the Columbia Basin Project, congressional Democrats manipulated the timeframe so they could in-

sert a number of poison pills behind closed doors in the bloated 1.7 trillion-dollar omnibus that made it impossible for me to vote for it in good conscience. House Democrats have spent more than \$3 trillion outside of the normal appropriations process, fueling the skyrocketing cost of living Americans across Central Washington are struggling to deal with. This bill doubles down on this approach by giving substantial increases to non-defense programs and doesn’t just fail to address the ever-worsening crisis at our southern border, but actually spends taxpayer dollars to incentivize illegal immigration. At the same time, House Democrats failed to provide Members with time to review the over 4,000-page bill or include common-sense provisions, such as my legislation that would alleviate our food supply chain crisis and the increasing food costs Americans are facing by addressing our agriculture labor shortage. Ultimately, this bill will only make our inflationary crisis worse, doing far more harm than good for the people of Central Washington, which is why I was a strong NO.”

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# Ring in the New Year with new adventures

*Ice fishing, wildlife watching*

By WASHINGTON DEPT. OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

NCW - Mention the word "ice" and the first thing that comes to mind is hazardous driving conditions, scraping your windshield or ice cubes dispensed from a refrigerator. But when it makes an appearance on a lake in the winter, ice can be an angler's best friend.

Ice fishing east of the Cascades is an exciting way to extend your time on the water and offers a decent chance to catch a variety of fish. Due to the early and extended cold temperatures, many lakes already have a sufficient layer of ice on them although there are safety parameters to follow before heading out the door.

"Fourth of July and Hog Canyon are two of the most popular ice fishing destinations around the Spokane area for trout," reports WDFW central district fish biologist Randy Osborne. "Fourth of July has rainbow trout up to 22 inches. The fish at Hog Canyon are a bit smaller, ranging 13 to 16 inches, but still provide plenty of action."

For yellow perch anglers, arguably the best fishery in Spokane Region 1 area is found at Curlew Lake in Ferry County. Jump Off Joe, Sacheen, and Waitts lakes are great winter options as well. Newman Lake in eastern Spokane County is a popular yellow perch fishing spot due to its proximity to the city, and it also has decent black crappie.

Lake Thomas and Lake Gillette in the Little Pend Oreille chain of lakes in northeast Washington offer very good numbers of yellow perch, rainbow trout and black crappie.

In Adams County, Sprague Lake is known for its great winter ice fishing, although if you follow the local fishing forums, you may be under the impression it is frozen all year-round. That's just local lore, but the rumors about the fishing being good aren't wrong. You can catch a good selection of trout, yellow perch, and crappie.

Fish Lake in Chelan County, about 16 miles north of Leavenworth, offers good fishing for yellow perch, kokanee, and rainbow trout through the ice in the winter than it does the rest of the year. There are lots of ice fishing options in Grant County, with some of the most popular being Banks Lake, Moses Lake, and Potholes Reservoir.

Dog Lake in Yakima County is a popular ice fishing option and Clear Lake, also on Highway 12, should produce some decent size brook trout as well and possibly some rainbow trout from this year's stocking.

**Safety the top priority**  
As always, use extreme caution, have a plan and be careful anytime you venture out onto an ice-covered lake. WDFW is not able to monitor ice depth, which can be unpredictable from day-to-day, so when fishing lakes with ice on them, there are some safety tips to keep in mind. You can find information on the WDFW's ice fishing webpage.

- The number one rule is never fish alone — think of the buddy system — let folks at home know about your fishing trip plans and don't be the first one to venture out on the ice. Spread your fishing group out on a lake to avoid too much weight on one area of ice.

- Ice needs to be a minimum of four inches thick to walk on. Use an auger or chainsaw to measure it and make multiple holes to check as you work your way out to where you plan to fish. Four inches is the minimum safe thickness to be on the ice or to go ice fishing; five to six inches is needed to support ATVs or snowmobiles; eight to 12 inches is necessary before you can safely drive onto the ice with a car or small truck; and 12 to 15 inches of ice is the minimum if you have a medium-sized truck.

- Bring a spare set of warm clothes, just in case you get wet.

- Initiate a safety plan on how to rescue someone if they fall through the ice-covered lake. Falling through the ice into the water can lead to hypothermia and drowning.

- Consider purchasing an ice pick and steel spikes connected by a cord and worn around the neck. If someone falls in, the spikes can be driven into the ice to offer a stable handhold for the person to pull themselves out. They are very inexpensive and just might be a lifesaver.

- Floating rope to throw to someone who has fallen into the water. Get a long length as ice near the edge of a hole can be fragile and continue to break off.

- Some people purchase spud bars, a long piece of steel with a tapered point that can be driven into the ice to determine how thick it is without having to drill multiple holes with an auger. Ice conditions on all types of waterbodies can be variable, and just because there is safe ice in one spot doesn't mean it will be safe elsewhere.

- Ice cleats are inexpensive and can save you from bumps and bruises from falling on slick ice.

- Pay close attention to lake access sites because a location that may be open in the summer could be closed or blocked by snow in the winter. Make sure the parking area or trail to the lake is an easy and safe place to walk. WDFW partners with other agencies to help provide access by maintaining winter parking lots. Also check to make sure overnight parking is allowed if you plan to extend your stay.

**Gear to use**  
Ice fishing is easily accessible and affordable for just about everyone, and anglers should already have most of what they need. Ice fishing essentials include:

- Freshwater or combination fishing licenses. Visit the WDFW licensing webpage.

- When picking a fishing rod and reel most will use basic trout fishing gear and avoid a heavier salmon type set up. It's not necessary but you can purchase short ice fishing rods that allow you to sit right over your hole at most sporting goods stores and departments for as little as \$10. While you



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**Ice fishing - fun for all ages. Two ice fishing derbies in January in Okanogan County.**

don't need anything fancy, you do want something with a sensitive tip to feel a subtle bite.

- Bucket to carry gear and sit on.

- As for bait or lures a lot of it depends on the fish species you're targeting and be sure to bring a variety of gear. You can stick with nightcrawlers, maggots, salmon eggs or marshmallows or small jigs, spoons, or spinners. Also be sure to bring along a variety of moldable dough baits.

- A small old-fashioned hand style auger is lightweight and easy to use. New augers are powered by lithium batteries so make sure they're fully charged before leaving the house. Store your lithium battery in a warm spot like your jacket or else it could run out of battery life. A gas-powered auger also gets the job done. Be sure to carry a scooper so you're not using bare hands to get slush out around the hole.

- A map of the lake and lake depths is a good thing to have. Some will even take it to the next level by purchasing a portable electronic fish finder.

- Having a sled to store your gear when walking long distances to a spot can save yourself grief from lugging it around in a bucket. This enables you to be mobile and move around the lake when one spot isn't as good as another. It can be as simple as the family snow sled, or one made specifically for ice fishing.

**Ice fishing events**

- **The Northwest Ice Fishing Festival** is Jan. 14 at Sidley Lake in Okanogan County, located seven miles northeast of Oroville on Molson Lake Road. The event is sponsored by the Oroville Chamber of Commerce. For details, click on the Okanogan Country website.

- **The Bonaparte Lake Resort Ice Fishing Derby** is Jan. 28. The lake is located north of Tonasket in Okanogan County. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. For details, call 509-486-2828 or click on the Bonaparte Lake Resort website.

- **Statewide wildlife viewing:** Winter is a time when elk and bighorn sheep converge on WDFW's Oak Creek Wildlife Area, and visitors can watch them dine on alfalfa hay and pellets. For winter feeding at Oak Creek, there is a recorded message at 509-653-2390. Find the best places for bird watching by exploring routes along the Great Washington State Birding Trail. The annual Christmas Bird Count wraps up on Jan. 5 and early winter counts tally bird numbers by species and provide a valuable snapshot of where birds are concentrated at this time of year across North America.

# Bears win a pair against Reardan, Napavine

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – The Bears varsity boys basketball team entered the Christmas holiday with wins over Reardan on Dec. 20 and Napavine, Dec. 23.

"We played a solid team at Reardan," said head coach Michael Taylor. "Brewster and Reardan have a long history of good basketball, but for me, this was my first experience with them."

Taylor complimented the quality of the Screaming Eagles' gym and the caliber of their players.

"They have a good team with multiple guards who can score and some big guys down low," said Taylor. "They run some really nice motion that flows out of their transition, and it is difficult to guard, especially when their guards are shooting well."

The Bears shot well themselves and established the early lead.

"We got out to a great start and shot the ball at a high percentage rate," said Taylor. "We kept the game at a fairly

high pace throughout the first half and scored 55."

Brewster gave up 35 points after two quarters but let Reardan whittle away at the lead through the third quarter. "In the third quarter we did not match their level of play and shot the ball very poorly and only scored two points," said Taylor. "We gave up 11 and they cut into our lead, but we finished with a solid fourth quarter to take the win."

Kelson Gebbers had a double-double evening with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Tyson Schertenleib and Brady Wulf combined for 24 points.

**Napavine withers, 66-50**

The Bears hosted Napavine on Dec. 23, after the Tigers made a long trip to come up 16 points short.

"They played Davenport the night before us and had a tough loss to a good team," said Taylor. "Napavine is always a tough team to play because they play hard, their players work together, and they communicate. All these things, regardless of talent, make them a good team to

play."

Junior James Grose kept the Tigers in the game scoring half the team's 50 points.

"He can score in a variety of ways and plays well in their motion offense," Taylor said of Grose. "We switched defenders on him throughout the game, to try and keep him uncomfortable. He still needed up with 25 points."

Interestingly Kelson Gebbers did the same for the Bears hitting 33 of the team's 66 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. Cort Gebbers had a double-double with 11 points and 15 rebounds. Schertenleib added 12 points.

Taylor said the Bears played and shot well for most of the game and put good pressure on Napavine's defense from the perimeter.

"I think we missed chances to go inside or attack the basket, but that is part of getting better as a team." Said Taylor. "We came out with a good win and were glad Napavine made the trip and returned safely."

The Brewster girls lost their game, 52-36.

## THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

### Sturgeon, waterfowl and boats

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

**Catch and keep sturgeon**

Catching and actually keeping a sturgeon is a great way to kick off the new year and you can do just that this winter in the Columbia River Gorge. This special sturgeon fishery opens on New Years Day and anglers will be able to keep one sturgeon a day and a total of two per year upstream of Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam.

In the Bonneville pool to the Dalles Dam there is a harvest quota of 675 sturgeon. The size limit for sturgeon is a little smaller here than in the other two pools. Keepers must measure between 38 to 54 inches from the tip of the nose to the fork of the fish's tail.

The Dalles pool, like the Bonneville Pool, is open for sturgeon fishing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. There is a 190-sturgeon quota in the Dalles pool to John Day dam and the fish must measure between 43 and 54 inches from The Dalles to McNary dam. The John Day pool has the smallest quota, only 105 fish, and is open for fishing seven days a week. Despite this it is historically the last pool to close for catch and keep sturgeon every winter.

Marc Bush is the owner of Twisted Waters Guide Service and will be fishing in the Gorge for sturgeon again this January. I asked him why the John Day pool is the last to close despite the seven day a week fishery and the smallest harvest quota. Marc replied, "Those fish have a lot of good terrain to hide out in and it's a little bit harder to catch them up there in my opinion."

Asked about what kind of bait he uses for winter-time sturgeon, Bush said, "Sometimes they are biting sturgeon



Courtesy Marc Bush

**Marc Bush and a client with a Columbia Gorge sturgeon.**

candy (aka - squid), sometimes it's nightcrawlers or shad or chunks of dead fish. It's kind of an experimental, find out as you go thing for me".

Bush will be fishing between The Dalles and John Day dams this winter for sturgeon. You can book a trip with him by calling 253-468-0610.

**Waterfowl Hunting**

Ponds, wetlands and lakes are pretty well frozen over at this point but waterfowl hunters can find success in the new year hunting rivers and streams where ducks and geese will congregate. The Columbia River shines as a great place to go this now for both diving and puddle ducks but smaller rivers and streams hold healthy numbers of ducks as well. The ducks and geese need to feed as well and will of ten do so twice a day during the winter months. Scouting wheat or cut corn fields for ducks or geese and getting permission to set up on them can lead to limits if you are willing to brave the cold and wait for those web-footed birds to come in.

**Portland Boat Show**

The first big boat show of 2023 will be taking place at

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Trey Carskadon with O'Loughlin Trade Shows says, "This show is interesting because it has evolved into one of the largest sportfishing boat shows in the country. There's more variety of fishing boats to look at and buy at this show than any other show in the country we are aware of. There's also lots of pleasure style boats (wakeboard, wake surfing, cruisers, runabouts) available as well.

Trey continued by saying, "Being the first boat show of the year, it gives buyers the opportunity to find inventory that hasn't been picked over at the later boat shows later in the month and in February and on." You can find out more about the Portland Boat Show at [www.pdxboatshow.com](http://www.pdxboatshow.com).

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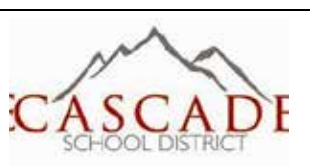
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Public Hearing for the 2022 City of Pateros Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan The City of Pateros has prepared the 2022 City of Pateros Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan using funding from the State of Washington Department 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**

**LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST**

In accordance with RCW 29A.12.130 and WAC 434-335, a Logic and Accuracy test will be conducted on the Okanogan County vote counting equipment. The test will be held in the Okanogan County Auditors Office at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 10, 2023. At that time a "test deck" of ballots will be run through the vote tabulating equipment. The test is designed to check the ballot tabulating and precinct programming. A test deck will be scanned and resolved at the time of the Logic and Accuracy Test. The test is open to the public. Published in the Quad City Herald January 4, 2023 #5120

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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT Determination of NonSignificance**

January 5, 2023 Proponent: City of Pateros Agency Contact: Jord Wilson, paterosparks@outlook.com, (509) 923-2571 Description of proposal: The proposed project is for the adoption of the City of Pateros's Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan dated 2022. The Plan is a non-project action; it is a planning document that identifies the City's wastewater treatment facility and sanitary sewer collection system deficiencies and corresponding improvement alternatives. This Plan is in compliance with ECY requirements. Location of proposal: The Wastewater Facility Plan & General Sewer Plan identifies several alternatives that include city-wide improvements. The City of Pateros and the potential stormwater system improvements are generally located within: Township 30N, Range 23E, Sections 25 / 35 / 36 Township 30N, Range 24E, Section 30 Township 29N, Range 23E, Sections 01 / 02 / 12 Township 29N, Range 24E, Section 07

The City of Pateros has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the City of Pateros will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the following date: Comments must be submitted by January 20, 2023. Responsible Official: Kerri Wilson Position/title: Clerk Treasurer Phone: (509) 923-2571 Address: 113 Lakeshore Dr., Pateros, WA 98846 You may appeal this determination in writing to the City of Pateros at 113 Lakeshore Dr., Pateros, WA 98846 no later than January 20, 2023 (14 days from the date of this publication). Published in the Quad City Herald January 4, 2023 #5116

*Helpful tips from 2022*



when using a nose spray.

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# U.S. to impose mandatory COVID tests for travelers from China

By Eva Fu

The United States will mandate COVID-19 testing for all travelers from China, joining a growing list of nations adopting entry curbs in light of the country's COVID surge.

Beginning Jan. 5, all air passengers aged 2 or older will need to present a negative COVID-19 test result no later than two days before departing from China's mainland, Hong Kong, or Macao, regardless of their nationality or vaccination status, U.S. health officials said on Dec. 28.

Those who have tested positive more than 10 days before the flight can show proof of recovery in lieu of a negative test result. At least one of the two documentation will be required for boarding a U.S.-bound flight.

The measure was a response to the massive COVID wave sweeping the country on the heels of the Chinese regime's abrupt lifting of stringent zero-COVID restrictions earlier this month without adequate prepara-

tion.

In the first 20 days of December, 248 million people in China likely have become infected, according to an internal meeting memo of China's top health body that leaked online. The number dwarfs the COVID data and death tally officially released so far, which international experts and evidence on the ground show to be vastly disproportionate to the actual scale of the outbreak.

Amid the COVID surge, the National Health Commission earlier this week announced plans to resume outbound tourism from Jan. 8, three days after the U.S. rule will take effect.

All quarantine requirements for inbound travelers to China will end as soon as Jan. 8, the agency said on Dec. 26. The cap on the number of international flights coming in and out of China will be scrapped, and outbound tourism, which plummeted to almost <https://www.cdhd.wa.gov/covid-19#testingzero> during the pandemic, will resume in "an orderly manner."



Courtesy Chelan-Douglas Health District

Chinese state media cited an immediate rise in travel demands by Chinese nationals, who have been prevented from leaving the country for nearly three years. The search volume for international air tickets on some travel sites soared by as much as 850 percent.

The regime's reopening of China's borders was decried as "extremely irresponsible" by one health expert.

"When they can't control the outbreak, they push it to the whole world," Sean Lin, a virologist and former lab director at the viral disease branch of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research,

told The Epoch Times.

"Just like when COVID first broke out in Wuhan, people who had been infected in Wuhan were allowed to travel around the world. The strategy is the same now as before," he added.

## Lack of Transparency

U.S. officials on Tuesday confirmed that the Chinese regime's lack of transparency during the current outbreak was a key factor for the imposition of the new travel restrictions.

"There are mounting concerns in the international community on the ongoing COVID-19 surges in China and the lack of transpar-

ent data, including viral genomic sequence data, being reported from the PRC," an unnamed U.S. official said in a written statement provided to media outlets on Tuesday, using the acronym for China's official name.

"Without this data, it is becoming increasingly difficult for public health officials to ensure that they will be able to identify any potential new variants and take prompt measures to reduce the spread."

Earlier on Wednesday, when asked about Washington considering travel restrictions, China's foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin asserted that COVID response measures should be "science-based and proportionate without affecting normal people-to-people exchange."

The U.S. entry curbs followed in the footsteps of China's neighboring nations and regions such as India, Malaysia, Japan, and Taiwan.

Italy on Wednesday also became the first country in Europe to make COVID-19

testing mandatory for people arriving from China.

"The measure is essential to guarantee the surveillance and identification of any variants of the virus in order to protect the Italian population," said Orazio Schillaci, the Italian health minister.

Milan's main airport, Malpensa, began testing passengers from Beijing and Shanghai on Dec. 26 and found that nearly one in two passengers was infected.

Aside from the testing requirements, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it's also expanding a voluntary early warning program to detect new COVID-19 variants by collecting anonymous nasal swabs from arriving international travelers on selected flights at major U.S. international airports.

The program currently covers seven airports and about 500 weekly flights from 30 countries, including 290 from China and surrounding areas. Earlier in the pandemic, it had detected two Omicron subvariants, BA.2 and BA.3.

# Congress passes bill to protect and improve treatment of child sex assault survivors in FBI investigations

By Ross Muscato

For nearly 20 years, Larry Nassar used his role as a physician employed by Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics to, under the guise of performing medical treatment, sexually assault female athletes, most of whom were gymnasts and many who were minors when the abuse began.

Among the hundreds of Nassar victims—at least 265 women have accused him of sexual assault—were members of U.S. Olympic and national gymnastics teams.

When survivors of the abuse came forward and told USA Gymnastics and law authorities of Nassar's crimes, it was the start of a long road of healing and securing justice.

The courageous actions of the women resulted in Larry Nassar being sent to prison for life, with a federal sentence of 60 years handed down in 2017—and, in 2018, two convictions in Michigan for which he received sentences in state prison of 40 to 175 years, and 40 to 125 years.

And, yet, for the women

who stood up and came forward, the healing and the justice also required trauma in the form of remembering the abuse, seeking to tell and relate details of what happened. They initially received little response and concern from USA Gymnastics, and say they were ignored by the FBI.

When the FBI undertook an investigation and conducted research and interviews with the survivors, the women often spoke with FBI male agents who had little to no training in interviewing victims of sex crimes. Victims were sometimes treated coldly and abruptly as they described to agents specifics of the most personal violation.

## Bringing the FBI to Task

This treatment was the motivation and impetus behind federal legislation, the "Respect for Child Survivors Act," which passed in the U.S. Senate on Dec. 13 and the House on Dec. 21 and is now on its way to the desk of President Joe Biden.

Lead sponsor of the bill was Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), who introduced it to the Senate in September. Co-

sponsoring the bill were Sen. Chris Coons (D-Conn.), Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.).

On the occasion of the House passing the Act, Cornyn's office issued a release explaining that the bill would "improve the treatment of FBI child victim witnesses by requiring trauma-informed experts to be a part of any interview of a victim who reports child abuse or trafficking to the FBI."

In the release, Cornyn said that the "legislation requires the FBI to include trauma-informed experts in interviews with victims to ensure they are not re-traumatized during the interview process, and I urge President Biden to swiftly sign it into law."

Child welfare and advocacy organizations publicly supporting the bill include The Army of Survivors, Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), National Children's Alliance, and the National District Attorney Association (NDAA).

## Powerful Testimony

A moment that would jumpstart activity resulting in bringing about the "Re-

spect for Child Survivors Act" took place in a hearing of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Sept. 15, 2021.

In that hearing, four elite U.S. gymnasts who were also survivors of Nassar assaults—Simone Biles, McKayla Maroney, Maggie Nichols, and Aly Raisman—delivered emotional and detailed testimony.

They spoke about FBI neglect in following up on their complaints—and how, when the FBI did respond, it acted callously and lied in its reports.

The women gave their testimony on the invitation of the Judiciary Committee, which was responding to an Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report that presented and documented widespread deceit, mismanagement, and dereliction of duty in the FBI response and handling of the women's complaints.

Particularly pointed and riveting was the testimony of McKayla Maroney.

"What I am trying to bring to your attention today is something incredibly disturbing and illegal," said Maroney, who was 13 when

Nassar began to molest her.

"After telling my entire story of abuse to the FBI in the summer of 2015, not only did the FBI not report my abuse, but when they eventually documented my report 17 months later, they made entirely false claims about what I said."

Maroney explained that her conversation with the FBI took place over the phone because she "was too sick to meet with anyone in person, and talking about this abuse would give me PTSD for days."

She shared information of the experience of being on the call for three hours with the FBI and how she "answered all of their questions honestly and clearly, and I disclosed all of my molestations I had endured by Nassar to them in extreme detail."

Maroney told the FBI how Larry Nassar drugged her on a flight to Tokyo and then assaulted her after arriving in the city.

"I told them I walked the halls of the Tokyo hotel at 2 a.m. at only 15 years old. I began crying at the memory over the phone—and there

was just dead silence. I was so shocked at the agent's silence and disregard for my trauma; after that minute of silence, he asked, 'Is that all?'"

## Courageous Women

On the evening of July 18, 2018, 141 women survivors—"sister survivors"—stood on stage at the ESPYS at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles to accept the Arthur Ashe Courage Award on behalf of the hundreds of survivors of Nassar.

Among them and speaking for the women that night was Sarah Klein, former gymnast, attorney, and advocate for survivors of sexual abuse, who 30 years prior had been one of Nassar's first victims.

"Speaking up and speaking out is not easy. Telling our stories of abuse over and over and over again in graphic detail is not easy," said Klein. "We're sacrificing privacy; we're being judged and scrutinized, and it's grueling and it's painful, but it is time."

"As a mother, I am here to say that we must start caring about children's safety more than we care about adults' reputations."

# Bipartisan lawmakers seeking solution to southern border crisis: House Democrat

By Joe Gomez

A group of lawmakers from both aisles is working together to find a solution to the "humanitarian crisis" at the southern border, a House Democrat said.

"What's happening at our southern border is a humanitarian crisis. My colleagues, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-Texas), and I are committed to delivering bipartisan solutions to address this situation," Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-Texas) wrote in a social media post on Tuesday.

Cuellar is the vice chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security.

According to details of the bipartisan immigration reform deal obtained exclusively by The Epoch Times, the four lawmakers are focusing on revamping the asylum laws.

Besides Cuellar's plan, lawmakers like Sens. Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) are said to be working on an immigration reform deal.

Cuellar said there need to be consequences for the illegal immigrants who violated

the law.

"We now need a policy of consequences for those who are returned to Mexico or their country of origin. Under current law, there is a 5-year ban on requesting asylum for those who are returned because they did not follow the law," Cuellar wrote. "We need this consequence applied."

The Biden administration has been pushing for a complete overhaul of the immigration system to allow an easier pathway for illegal immigrants to enter the United States, but it may face many challenges ahead in 2023 with Republicans in control of the House of Representatives.

The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) claims that nearly 1,300,000 illegal immigrants were processed under Title 8 in 2022 as asylees. That means they were either removed without their case being decided by an immigration court or allowed entry into the United States after passing a credible fear screening by the asylum officer.

"What I'm hoping is that the administration can have all these migrants that want to ask for asylum do it in an

early pathway, through an online portal or entry," Cuellar told The Epoch Times. "If they come in between ports then the administration can either tell them, 'turn yourself back or we're going to deport you.'"

He continues, "If we can do an expedited deportation then you will be banned, for let's say five years before you can ask for asylum as a type of consequence."

## The Border at Large

The U.S. Border Patrol reported more than 1.6 million illegal immigrants traveled across the U.S.-Mexico border in 2021, more than quadrupling the number of the prior fiscal year and the highest annual total on record.

Clint McDonald, executive director of the Southwestern Border Sheriffs' Coalition, told The Epoch Times the number is so staggering even a border wall is not going to be a viable solution to stop the flow of illegal immigration.

"You have to look from a birds-eye view of what you're saying is the vast differences in terrains from county to county, on the United States-Mexico border. There are 33 counties that lie in that zone

from Brownsville, Texas, to San Diego, California, and each of those counties has their environmental makeup of what that border looks like and so when there is a surge to push people one way or the other you're just moving them around. Right now all the border sheriffs can do and the border patrol can do is to just funnel people to an open area where there are fewer lives lost."

McDonald continued: "We did a survey not too long ago and since the beginning of this administration we have already picked up close to 800 people who have been lost in the terrain of this border region."

He adds that the border poses dangers not just for the illegal immigrants attempting to cross into the United States but also for the officers patrolling it.

"It's part of the life that these individuals have chosen to live," McDonald says about the mental health of his officers patrolling the border. "They do it because they care about humanity, they care about people, and to go out and find a woman who has drowned in the Rio Grande River who was pregnant with twins because she

wanted to have her children on U.S. soil is heartbreaking."

"Finding a tree that is filled with women's undergarments from the smugglers who have had their way with these women and even the children who are given birth contraceptives because their families know they're going to be assaulted, it's just unbelievable what's going on on this border," McDonald added.

## American Victims

For those personally struck by the tragedy of illegal immigrant crime, the issue of reform takes on a different level.

"Losing a child to an illegal immigrant crime is unconscionable and it is very hard to process because it is the most preventable crime, closing our borders would be preventing this from happening time and time again," Mary Ann Mendoza, founder of Angel Families, told The Epoch Times.

Mendoza's son, Sgt. Brandon Mendoza of the Mesa, Arizona police department was killed on May 12, 2014, in a violent head-on collision on his way home from work. He was killed by an illegal immigrant repeat offender

who had driven over 35 miles the wrong way on four different freeways before slamming head-on into her son's vehicle on a blind curved transition ramp. The perpetrator was high on meth and his blood alcohol was over 3 times the legal limit.

When asked about the Supreme Court's decision to keep Title 42 intact, Mendoza said: "Collectively as angels families, we are happy this has happened and it puts our minds at ease."

## End in Sight

Despite where one stands on the issue, both sides agree there ultimately needs to be some type of immigration reform.

"There is a way to do this with compassion," said Cuellar. "Treat people with dignity and they can ask for release and a legal pathway but, at the same time you have to enforce the law and if there is someone who is not supposed to be here then you've got to return them."

Others prefer a stronger stance.

"Right now the world has the greatest welfare system in place and it's called the United States," says McDonald. "When you have no border you have no country."