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Pateros School Board hires interim superintendent at special meeting

STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – The Pateros School Board met in special session on Monday, Nov. 14, to revisit a topic that was tabled at a special meeting the week previous: consideration to hire Mike Parker as interim superintendent to replace Greg Goodnight when he resigns at the end of the 2023 school year.

At the previous meeting the board decided to table the issue until a contract was arranged agreeable to both parties.

"We had time to review his qualifications, meet with him, and we consulted with our legal counsel on terms whether to do independent contractor versus employee," said Grace Larsen. "That's the biggest part of what held us up making our decision last time."

Larsen added that Parker is highly qualified with lots of experience with small schools and districts around the state and is interested in working with the Pateros School District on a short-term interim position. He also runs a side business as a consultant.

Board vice chair Marc Armstrong noted that as a consultant Parker assists schools in their search for superinten-

"We'd ask him to do that as part of his contract," said Armstrong adding that the topic could be taken up with Parker at a later date.'

Following a break for executive session the board reconvened and approved a motion to hire Parker as interim superintendent.

In other board business:

• A discussion to appoint former Brewster High

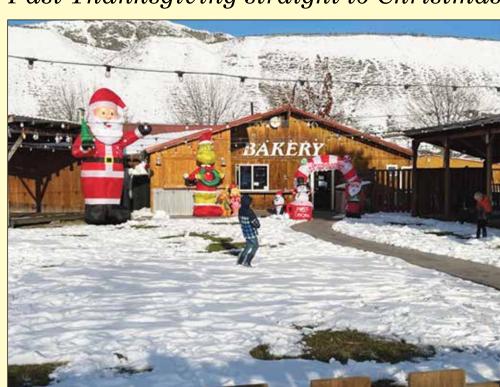
School principal Linda Dezellem as the Pateros CTE (Career and Technical Educator) Director was tabled. Dezellem is currently serving as the acting CTE Director for Pateros High School.

Guidelines for the school's popular ASB Ski Program were another topic. More than 40 students have already signed up for the ski program and registration is still underway.

2022-23 enrollment figures were currently topic of concern. Pateros High School is currented funded based on an enrollment of 285 students while the post-pandemic enrollment stands at 258.

The next regular meeting of the Pateros School Board is 6 p.m., Nov. 28, in the PHS library and via Zoom.

Past Thanksgiving straight to Christmas



Sweet River Bakery is not letting the season's first major snow event go to waste. The sweet shop had its outdoor Christmas decorations up and on the payroll shortly after the first November snows blew in earlier this month.

Rate increase coming in 2023

Brewster applies for Commerce grant to help cover utility bill arrearages



Courtesy City of Brewster A downed power line sparks on a residential street as a access to a dangerous hazard.

By Mike Maltais STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The city has applied for a State Department of Commerce (DOC) grant to help cover residential customer utility bill arrearages. City finance director Misty Ruiz announced at the regular monthly council meeting last Thursday, Nov. 17, the accounts at issue are from 2020 and 2021 and the DOC grant funding amount is \$42,000.

After the council approved the application council member Jan May asked if the utility arrearages were that large. May Art Smyth replied that city arrearages are more than



in Columbia Cove Park.

city with commercial bills factored in.

"This is only for residential," reminded Ruiz.

The city will impose a three percent increase in lot leases in 2023 in the city-owned Angle Lake Trailer Court to try to keep pace with rising costs. The new rate schedule was approved by council in February of this year and the three percent increase will apply for every year through 2026.

"We haven't had an increase for 2021 and 2022," Smyth said.

Following a final public hearing on the 2023 budget the council adopted Ordinance 947, the 2023 budget.

Commenting on the November snowstorm that hit the city Council member John Housden noted: "I've been here forever, and I've never seen anything like this last go-round of snow and the damage it did."

The wet, heavy snow was too much for trees that haven't yet lost their leaves and resulted in many broken limbs and a large cleanup for the city. Downed live power lines were a danger until the PUD could cut the power source.

Public Works Director Lee Webster reported that the road to the yard waste dump site above Locust Grove Cemetery is now open for those who need a spot to haul broken limbs and other debris left after the storm.

Bridgeport council approves 2023 final budget

With rainy day reserve

STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - The Bridgeport City Council opened its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Nov. 16, with two public hearings, one on 2023 city revenue sources and property tax ad valorum (a tax based on a property's assessed value), and the second on the city's final 2023 budget.

City clerk/treasurer Judy Brown advised the Council that the city is allowed to request one percent of the property taxes the county collects annually. This year that one percent equals \$1,104.

"If we don't ask for it the county still collects it and just keeps it," said mayor pro-tem Matthew Schuh.

Brown reported that even after the city fulfills its commitment to fund the completion of the second water reservoir the city will still be left with a water reserve of \$1.5 million. Schuh noted that the city's reserve is quite adequate considering the number of others that do not have nearly that amount in a rainy-day fund to deal a catastrophic event.

In other business

the council:

Approved the 2023 fee schedule resolution.

- Approved the 2023 salary and stipends resolution.
- Approved the tax ad valorum ordinance.
- Approved the 2023 final budget ordinance.
- Set a hearing date at the Dec. 23 regular council meeting for the Capital Facilities Plan.
- Approved an ordinance designating the intersection of Monroe Avenue and 26th Street as a one-way stop for eastbound traffic on Monroe Avenue
- Upon the recommendation of Public Works Superintendent Stuart Dezellem, approved the project closure of the Columbia Avenue water main replacement.
- Amended the Bridgeport Municipal Code 16, subdivision which brings Bridgeport's subdivision regulations in conformance with those of the state.

Dezellem reported that Bridgeport's wastewater treatment plant has received the operations Excellence Award for 2022. He singled out plant operator Martin Landin for his efforts during the past two years that required Landin to work without an operations building, lost in the 2020 Pearl Hill wildfire.



Matthew Schuh served as mayor pro-tem at the **November council meeting**

Work on the new water reservoir has been delayed until warmer temperatures next spring to complete repairs to the interior concrete walls. The problem involves what Dezellem calls "bird holes" in the concrete caused by insufficient vibration of the poured wet concrete allowing rock pockets to form.

"They are deep enough that I believe they need to be repaired long term," Dezel-

To fill and repair the bird holes properly requires warmer weather to prevent the grout from freezing and possibly breaking loose.

"With the tank properly repaired we can deliver a quality project to the City of Bridgeport," Dezellem said.

Wishing you all the happiest of holiday seasons

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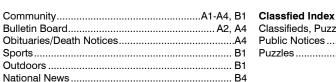
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Overdose calls eclipse Covid: BOH

County Commissioners cite unexpected snowfall issues

OKANOGAN - The following are summaries of the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County (BOCC) and Board of Health (BOH) meetings as provided by County Watch (countywatch.org).

Board of County Commissioners

Monday, Nov 7, 2022 a.m.

- · Emergency Manager recounts multitude of minor snowstorm-related incidents
- Planning report: more nonpermitted Septic tanks installed; take on a summer intern?
- Fairgrounds manager presents state funding application for signature, grant received from state to upgrade bathrooms, sewer problem fixed.
- Commissioner Hover ponders County's median income figures.
- District Court budget features falling revenues from lack of jury trials, not writing tickets, the pandemic; Commissioner Hover asks why District Parole Officer is necessary.

Monday, Nov 7, 2022 p.m.

Mike Worden, Dispatch Center, discusses his proposed letter the commissioners could send to legislators to obtain funding for new radios and other equipment for emergency responders in the county. The emergency responders need to upgrade their radios to be compatible with the new dispatch system.

- Ester Milner and the commissioners continue their discussion about updating the County Code. They consider appointing a committee to work on the project.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 a.m. Discussion of ARPA funding (\$100,000) for City of
- Winthrop bridge project. Reclassification of Court Clerk III to an Administrative Secretary with a
- Discussion of changing jail billing with cities and towns, based on average use over the last 10 years.

higher level of duties.

- Public Works update:
- » This amount of snowfall caught them by surprise did not expect it to be so much – trying to catch up.
- » Problems with wiper motors and getting stuck.
- » Corps of Engineer project in Conconully completed.
- » Shed at the landfill roof collapsed under the snow.

» DOT planning on connections between Okanogan and Omak including Rodeo Trail.

- » There is some state funding for wildlife crossing on Hwy 97.
- » Still working with OCOG (Okanogan Council of Governments) on new recreation trails posi-
- » County Engineer reports that our temperatures will down in the single digits tomorrow.

Board of Health

- Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 p.m. • \$3.5M contract amended, directs \$49,000 to emergency preparedness.
- · Overdose calls doubled over past year, eclipsing Covid (manageable at two cases/day)
- · Tiny shelters and added space in shelters planned for homeless this winter.
- Brainstorming over solutions to poorly protected cesspool on lakeside property brings up re-writing of rules, need for connection to existing sewer extension, and improving interdepartmental communication (instead of ringing up lawyer bills)
- Public health has new Board member, seeks En-

vironmental Health specialist.

The Okanogan County Board of Health meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Public Health in the Public Works building located at 1234 South 2nd Avenue, Okanogan, WA

Board of County Commis-

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 p.m.

- County pledges support to Oroville Housing Authority's 16-unit project now in bid stage. Could benefit from bond-generated infrastructure fund.
- Economic Alliance chief strongly encourages applying for an advantageous grant for broadband.
- · Public Works allocated ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds.
- · Short discussion about Tunk moratorium and future minimum lot size increase.
- Pearrygin Lake should be getting "no wake" zone at the ends of the lake.

The Commissioners meet each week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays beginning at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners' hearing room located at 123 5th Ave N, Okanogan,

Publisher Dear Community, It now has been a year since Owner and Publisher

A Note from the

Bill Forhan passed away. Though we had a beautiful memorial service last December, the snow was just too much for very many to travel. My family and I still received many cards, donations, and love from you all. Since it is now close to Thanksgiving, and what would have been our 55th wedding anniversary, I wanted to let you know what great, supportive communities we have. Thank you again for your help in getting me through this past year. Thank you to my great staff and volunteers in Leavenworth, Cashmere, Chelan, and Brewster who continue to really step up to get our monthly Wenatchee Business Journal and our weekly newspapers done. To my correspondent writers and others who stepped up to write local articles to keep us informed about what we are doing in our communities. A big thank you to my church family, St. James Episcopal in Cashmere who have blessed me with their continued support and love. To the Leavenworth Rotarians who blessed me in so many ways, food delivery, cards, cleaning my driveway and roof during the snowmageddon we had last year. Cleaning my yard full of leaves and broken tree branches, going to recycling and the dump, multiple times. Help to deliver the newspapers! My wonderful neighbors who were also there with snowplowing and food. My PEO Chapter JF sisters for the many cards, donations, food, and lots of hugs. I just cannot name everything and everyone that I have been so blessed with, but you know who you are. My family, staff and I wish you all the best for the upcoming Thanksgiving and holidays.

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Budrow overtakes Hawley in race for sheriff

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - The Nov. 17 vote count of the Nov. 8 General Election from the Okanogan County Auditor's office shows challenger and former Twisp Police Chief Paul Budrow now in the lead for the office of Okanogan County Sheriff by more than 650 votes over incumbent sheriff Tony Hawley.

Earlier vote counts showed Budrow narrowly trailing Hawley by first 23 votes, then closing to within nine votes during the second count. Out of 14,511 votes counted as of Nov. 17, Budrow received 52.35 percent (7,596) to Hawley's 47.65 percent (6,915).

The closest race remaining at this stage of the count is between the candidates competing for the Okanogan County Commissioner District 3 seat vacated by Jim DeTro. In that contest 576 votes separate the leader, Jon R. Neal from Lloyd E. Caton, Jr. Neal has 52,23 percent (6,752) and Caton 47.77 percent (6,176).

Incumbent Okanogan County Coroner David Rodriguez has a comfortable lead over challenger Rojean (Jeannie) Hughes, 8,807 votes to 4,705.

At least one more count is scheduled before the election is certified on Nov. 29.

Economic Alliance schedules L&I workshop Nov. 29

OKANOGAN - The Eco- about the upcoming changes nomic Alliance is sponsoring a workshop for all employers in Okanogan County to learn

in the Labor & Industries rate for 2023. Employers will learn about the new minimum wage increase and the new wage range posting requirements and how those will affect business. Mr. Emmanuel Campos Gonzalez, Outreach Specialist for the Department of Labor & Industries will walk employers through the steps of what they need to know for 2023.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, November 29, at the 12 Tribes Resort Event Center at 28968 U.S. Hwy 97, Omak. To register call the Economic Alliance office at 509 826-5107.

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Nov. 23

Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and home delivery

BREWSTER - The Senior Center is now serving meals at Noon, at the center on Tuesdays. Wednesday and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-826-7979 to reserve or cancel your meal. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. Thanksgiving Celebration

Menu was not available at press time.

Nov. 23, 25-26, 28-30, Dec. 1-3

Senior Center

Thrift Store BREWSTER - The Brewster-

Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to the center on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. for coffee and conversation, plus sweets.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.

Nov. 23, Nov. 28-30, Dec. 1 **Chelan Valley Hope**

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Even Keel, Chelan Fire & Rescue, Manson Fire Dept., Lake Chelan Eagles, North Shore Bible Church, Living Stone Church, and The Church of the Nazarene. If you are in need of warm winter wear please call or visit Chelan Valley Hope, open Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit their website and follow them on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest CVH news and updates chelanvalleyhope. org, @ChelanValleyHope.

Thursday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving dinner, volunteers needed

BREWSTER - The American Legion will be having their traditional thanksgiving dinner,

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Central Washington has (already) spoken: Grizzly bears are a threat

Virtual meeting Dec. 1, 2

By Congressman Dan Newhouse

For decades, Central Washingtonians have had to fight to make our voices heard over the noise of outside interest groups and government bureaucrats who think they know what is best for our communities. Unfortunately, last week's decision by the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reopen discussions on introducing grizzly bears, an apex predator, into the North Cascades Ecosystem proves that, once again, our voices are being ignored.

The debate over grizzly bear introduction in Washington state is nothing new. In 1995, Washington lawmakers mandated by law that grizzly bears "shall not be transplanted or introduced into the state." Since then, the federal government has made multiple attempts to bypass our state's law and illegally introduce the apex predator into the North Cascades Ecosystem. Our public lands, including the North

Cascades National Park, are critical to our region-for species conservation, enjoyment and recreation, and for our water supply and agriculture industry. The introduction of grizzly bears would upset our ecosystem and cause undue hardships on agriculture producers, businesses, and families. This is the message I have heard and echoed, time and again, from the rural communities across our

I'm proud to have worked with officials in the past two Administrations to convey this message. In 2020, after hundreds of residents spoke out against this proposal, the Department of Interior came to the conclusion that the introduction of grizzly was not necessary for species recovery, and the proposal would not be pursued any further. Unfortunately, they seem to have changed their minds.

Once again, federal bureaucrats are signaling to the men and women who live and work in North Central Washington that they know what's best for them—placing 800-pound apex predators at their doorsteps. For local residents who will certainly be most affected by this plan, it is critical to speak out. The National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are hosting a series of four virtual public meetings to discuss grizzly bear restoration during the Public Scoping period, which runs from November 10-December 14. Virtual public meetings Thursday, December 1 at 12 p.m. PST, and Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. PST. Additional details and information are available at https://parkplanning.nps. gov/NCEGrizzly.

It is not difficult to see why urban-dwellers hundreds of miles away from grizzly bear habitats would be enthusiastic to see increasing their population as an exciting development—grizzly bears are, after all, impressive creatures. Ultimately, Central Washington residents are the ones being asked to live with these bears, and their input should carry the most weight when it comes to introducing grizzlies into their backyards. I strongly encourage the people of Central Washington to attend the virtual meetings in order to voice their opinion and put this misguided proposal to rest, once and for all.

Newhouse re-elected **Western Caucus Chairman** for 118th Congress

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH DANIELS, OFFICE OF CONG. DAN NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On November 16, Chairman Dan Newhouse (WA-04) was unanimously re-elected by the Congressional Western Caucus Executive Committee to serve a second term as Chairman for the 118th Congress.

"The Western Caucus will play an incredibly important and unique role in the coming years," said Chairman Newhouse. "I am so proud of the efforts from Western Caucus Members across the country who have defended the values, practices, and priorities of rural America, and now - perhaps more than ever - it is important we continue this fight. We have accomplished a lot, but our work is not finished. From working to hold the Biden Administration accountable and reversing misguided anti-energy and land grab policies to promoting energy and agriculture production, ensuring active and effective management of our lands and waters, and modernizing



Cong. Dan Newhouse

regulations to ensure rural America can thrive, we truly have an opportunity to make a difference for our communities here in the nation's capital. It is an honor to be elected to serve another term as Chairman, and I look forward to working to advance our priorities in the next Congress.'

Background:

The Congressional Western Caucus serves as a unified voice for Members of Congress representing western, rural, and resource-based communities and fighting for the priorities of the American

people in the process. Click here to learn more about the Western Caucus.

Initially, the Caucus was born in the West out of concerns of undue federal interference with rural, agricultural, timber, water, energy, and hunting values that had been a part of American society for centuries. The Caucus was founded to fight this federal overreach, promote rural values, and preserve our uniquely American way of life. Over time, the Caucus has grown beyond the geographic West, allying with Members of Congress throughout the country that share our values, issues, and vision of a stronger America.

The Western Caucus focuses on hands-on Member education and experiences of rural, resource, and western life has been a hallmark of the Caucus for the last two decades. Caucus staff brings policy, press, educational opportunities, and advocacy for its entire membership through the official Eligible Congressional Member Organization (ECMO) status.

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Douglas County Sheriff

13:18 Agency Assist, 661 St. 173, Bridgeport Bar 22:44 Welfare Check, 35 S. Mansfield Blvd., Mansfield

Nov. 12

09:26 Domestic Disturbance, 1555 Rd. 4 NW area, Wa-

21:30 Traffic Offense, 11th St. and Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

00:28 DUI Arrest, US Hwy. 97 MP 214, Orondo

09:13 Public Assist, 1801 Raymond Ave., Bridgeport 09:36 Welfare Check, 200 7th

St., Bridgeport 14:13 Civil Dispute, 465 Rd. C

NW Waterville 16:33 Suspicious Circumstance,

2412 Highland Dr., Bridgeport

08:51 Non-injury Accident, Mc-Neil Canvon Rd. MP 8. Mansfield

09:03 Court Order Violation, 415

S. Franklin Ave., Waterville 09:07 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 425 McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo

09:14 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 400 block Lake View Dr., Orondo

11:40 CPS/ APS Referral, 224 Douglas St., Mansfield 13:35 Public Assist, 1206 Co-

lumbia Ave., Bridgeport 14:24 Suspicious Circumstance, 2408 Highland Dr.,

Nov. 16

06:53 Non-injury Accident, Rd. 7 NW and Rd. N. 5 NW, Waterville

07:43 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle., 425 McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo

08:55 Non-injury Accident, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 8, Mansfield

10:28 Theft, 1206 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport

14:23 Suspicious Circumstance, 228 Grange Rd., Bridgeport

19:36 Warrant Arrest, 120 2nd St., Bridgeport Bar

Nov. 17

06:20 Alarm, 268 Vineyard Dr.,

07:17 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Rd. E NW and McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo

08:23 Suspicious Circumstance, 2087 Rd. 3 SW, Waterville

16:45 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, 42 Zanol Loop Rd.,

Brewster Police Department

Nov. 11

21:12 Trespassing was reported on E. Indian Ave. for a subject that was in a caller's residence, intoxicated, and refusing to get out.

09:12 A caller on W. Cliff Ave. and S. 7th St. in Brewster reported a suspicious circumstance when a citizen walking his dog, let it out and it ran towards a corner and two other dogs came out.

10:29 An insecure premise was reported on Hospital Way in Brewster for a downstairs

back door was wide open, there was tracks but it was unknown old old they were.

Nov. 13

13:47 An ongoing issue with a stray German Shepard dog was reported on W. Hanson Ave. and S. 5th St. in Brew-

Nov. 14

17:26 A burglary was reported on Riverside Dr. in Pateros, the caller reported someone in their neighbor's garage and they were out of town.

20:07 An agency assist was requested on Hwy. 97 from state patrol on a traffic stop.

19:10 Trespassing was reported involving a subject refusing to go back to her room on Hospital Way and it was requested she be trespassed.

Nov. 16

07:10 A white Chevy utility van with School District on both doors was reported stolen vesterday on S. 7th St. in Brewster.

16:08 A caller on Omache Dr. in Omak reported theft when a subject just walked out with a cart full of items.

17:26 An alarm was triggered on N. 7th St. in Brewster.

Nov. 17

16:55 A subject with a disabled vehicle was reported on SR 173 in Brewster blocking half of the southbound lane

Okanogan **County Sheriff**

08:56 A 26-foot box truck was reported stuck on the roadway on W. Warren Ave. and Lakeshore Dr. in Pateros, blocking the roadway.

16:25 A caller on Indian Dan Canyon Rd. in Brewster reported 20 yearling black cows with white tags on her property eating her hay.

16:52 A caller on Bill Shaw Rd. in Pateros reported cows in the area that don't have anything

08:08 A caller on Monse Bridge Rd. in Brewster reported their passport was stolen sometime Nov. 11.

Nov. 13

No local reports.

Nov. 14

Pateros reported a suspicious subject in a neighbor's garage while they were out of town. Nov. 15

17:26 A caller on Riverside Dr. in

07:45 A traffic hazard was re-

ported for a fallen deer in the roadway on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

Nov. 16 No local reports.

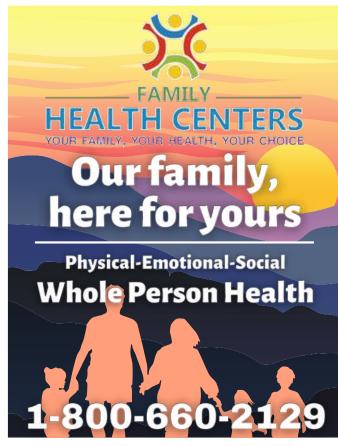
15:21 A suspicious caller reported that her glass door was open and requested someone go close it while they were in the city. They were unclear how it got open.

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from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day). It is open to the public and there is no charge. Donations will be accepted. They are looking for volunteers who can help with the dinner, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Contact the Brewster Legion between 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and leave your name and phone number. They are still doing Bingo on Thursdays at 6 p.m., except for Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 26

Christmas tree lighting, Clauses to visit

BREWSTER - The Brewser Chamber of Commerce schedule for Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26 is: Christ-

a Memorial can be written later.

publish weekly on Wednesday.

Notice - information is limited.

mas tree lighting around 4:30 p.m., at the Legion Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will do the honors. Then they will move to the Senior/Chamber Center for their Best of the Best Brewster Awards ceremony. Following the ceremony Santa will collect all the kids' Christmas wish lists and children may have their photos take with him. A special treat will feature popular local singer Brittany Jean who will perform a selection of holiday songs from 6-7 p.m. while visitors enjoy hot cider and refreshments and ring in the holiday season. There is no charge for any of these events.

Dec. 8, 15

Obituary & Memorial Policies

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An Obituary is a way for family member(s) to commemorate a

loved one's life and to notify the community of the passing of the

loved one. Obituaries are also used for historical and ancestral

Memorials are another way to let the community know about

the life and memories of the person who has passed. A Memorial

is different from an Obituary. An Obituary is usually current, while

Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a

Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all

Obituaries are priced by the number of words and include

one color photo and go online at no extra charge. Memorials are

priced per column inch. Please call for cost. *Payment is due at

the time of placement. *Exception: Chapels, funeral homes who

have an account, can be billed. There is no charge for a Death

Deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday - some exceptions may apply.

Please call 509-689-2507 for more information

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Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is Dec. 8. 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, Nov. 17, 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.

Okanogan County PUD meetings

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners is at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

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.

Dec. 1

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

Pateros Holiday Market - Accepting vendor applications

PATEROS - Vendors applications are now open for the Pateros Holiday Market to be held Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec 3. For an application: Email pateroswamarket@gmail.com or FB/IG @paterosmarket. The Market will be held at the Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center, Friday, Dec. 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dec. 7, 21

American Legion meetings

BREWSTER - Amercian 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.

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.

OBITUARIES

Timothy A. Rieb

January 2, 1953 - November 11, 2022

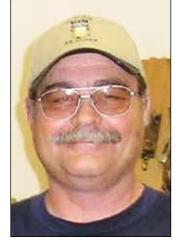
Brewster, Washington

Timothy Allan Rieb, 69, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2022. Tim was born on January 2, 1953, to Barbara and Arthur Ulrey in Henderson, Nebraska. He spent his early years in Nebraska and on his grandparent's farm in Goodland, Kansas. His mother later met and married Clarence Rieb. A few years and two sisters later, the family moved to Denver, Colorado. Tim continued to spend summers working for his grandfather and uncle in northwest Kansas on their respective farms.

After high school, Tim joined the U.S. Navy where he met his future wife, Madonna "Donnie" Jessup, at Marine Corp Air Station, Yuma, Arizona. They were married June 7, 1975. Tim's duty stations included: Jacksonville, Florida, Yuma, Arizona, Yokosuka, Japan, Denver, Colorado, China Lake, California, and Whidbey Island, Washington.

While at Whidbey, Tim became a reserve police officer for the town of Coupeville, Washington. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he was hired by the Brewster Police Department and attended the Police Academy in Spokane, Washington. He enjoyed his job and took pride in being the guy who could talk reasonably to people and calm a situation. He retired from the Brewster Police Department in 2012.

After retirement, Tim was a member of the Brewster City Council, TRANGO and The



American Legion. His hobbies included: competitive shooting and riding motorcycles with the American Legion Riders and the Concourse Motorcycle group.

Tim was preceded in death by his biological father, Arthur Ulrey, and his parents, Barbara and Clarence Rieb. He is survived by his wife, Donnie Rieb; daughter, Kellie Bodin; and grandchildren: Megan, Andrew, Caleb; daughter, Lisa Casey (Bryan); and grandson, Ethan; daughter, Kristy Rieb (Mark), and granddaughter, Kameryn; sisters: Karlys Rieb and Karyn Rieb; and many cousins, aunts, and uncles.

A Celebration of Life Service with Military Honors is planned for Saturday, December 10, 2022, at 11 a.m., at the Community Log Church, 209 4th St. S., Brewster, Washington, 98812, with Pastor Gordon Wright officiating.

Arrangements were made by Barnes Chapel, Brewster, Washington.

Lowell Shrable

DEATH NOTICES

Lowell Shrable, 88, of and memories for the family Brewster, Washington, passed away on November 17, 2022.

Please leave any thoughts

at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of



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Brewster teams make Middle School Basketball Championships





Courtesy brewstersports/facebook

The Brewster seventh grade (with coach on left) and eighth grade basketball (with coach at right) teams pose with their State Qualifier tickets to the 10th annual Washington State Middle School Basketball Championships that will be held at Liberty High School in Spangle on the weekend of March 17-19, 2023.

Brewster Middle School Boys Basketball

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| November 30 | Wednesday | C - 4:00 7 - 5:00 8 - 6:00 | Bridgeport C | Home | | | | | | |
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| December 7 | Wednesday | 7 – 5:00 8 – 6:00 | Manson | Away | 3:15 | | | | | |
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Glenn May fishing for winter bass.

A winter bass fishing primer

By John Kruse, The Washington Outdoor Report

When it comes to catching bass between Thanksgiving and the end of February in the Pacific Northwest it would be fair to say, "The struggle is real". As a matter of fact, my chances of catching a bass at this time of year are about the same as winning the lottery. I have simply not had success (in either endeavor).

That's why I decided to reach out to Glenn May. He is the man behind BassResource. com, a website he launched in 1996 that is full of articles, howto videos and an active forum. I have been a big fan of Glenn for several years, especially since he films quite a few of his instructional videos at the place I consider to be my home water. Potholes Reservoir.

BassResource.com attracts anglers from all over the nation but Glenn actually lives in Edmonds, Washington and has been bass fishing for 50 years. In addition to fishing for fun he has fished a number of tournaments in the Western United States and has even been a television guest on Lunkerville and the Hank Parker TV Show. Many with his wealth of knowledge and experience would be close-mouthed but Glenn is very approachable and truly wants others to succeed when it comes to catching bass. Here's some questions I posted to Glenn along with some good advice.

WHERE DO THE BASS GO IN WINTER? Glenn says generally speaking the bass go deep, where water temperatures are warmer and more stable. The bass are also following the baitfish they prey upon that are doing the same thing to survive. Generally speaking, they are deeper than 15 feet and may be as deep as 55 feet, but under certain conditions they may come into the shallows.

A case in point would be a reservoir where water levels are drawn down during the winter months. If crawdads



Courtesy Glenn May

Glenn May with a nice cold-water bass.

are in the reservoir, they will emerge from the mud to get back into the water. The bass know this and will be waiting in the shallows to feed on them when this occurs. Another time bass may come into shallower water is after several consecutive days of warm weather. That's when the baitfish will head to the shallows and the bass will follow them there.

WHY ARE THEY SO HARD TO CATCH IN THE WINTER? Glenn explained the metabolism of bass really slows down during the winter months. Whereas bass might feed seven times a day in the spring and summer, they may only feed once every seven to ten days in the winter. According to Glenn, that goes a long way towards explaining why bites are few and far between, even when you locate bass during the cold weather months.

SLOW DOWN: The forage base bass feed off of, bait fish, sculpins and crawdads, also lower their metabolism and barely move. That's why you want to slow down your presentation when fishing. A prime example of this, slowly dragging your lure across the bottom, with long pauses in between each dragging movement.

LURES AND TECHNIQUES THAT WORK: Glenn has a number of lures he uses to catch bass in the winter. Try dragging a 1/4 to 1/2 ounce football head jig with a fiveinch white grub on it along the bottom. In deep water colors don't show up well but the white contrasts better than a dark color, making it easier for the fish to see on the bottom.

As the water gets really cold the perch will ball up into schools and the bass will sit below them, picking off the perch that are dying off and falling out of the bait ball towards the bottom. You can take advantage of this by dropping a 1/2 ounce hair jig through the baitfish ball to where the bass are.

Try a drop shot rig with a four-inch finesse worm. Fish it on the bottom with a very slow presentation, barely moving the bait at all. As for colors, try using a pink worm which works very well this time of year. The drop shot will also work on suspending bass you locate on our fish finder. Drop the finesse worm to where the bass are and just hold it there. The small finesse worm will move around enough on its own to elicit not only attention, but oftentimes, a bite.

If you follow all of this sage advice from Glenn May you should be able to grind out some bites and bass during the holiday season and well into the winter. If you want to find more information about catching bass through all four seasons of the year, go to www. bassresource.com.

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





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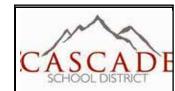
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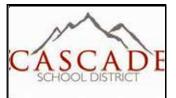
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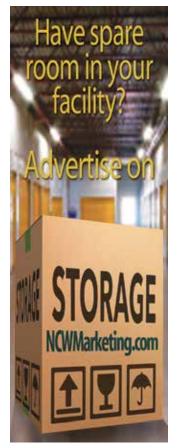
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assessment book of Brewster Flat insurance policy now when Irrigation District, in Okanogan they're young and healthy County, Washington for the year 2023, has been completed and delivered to the Board of Directors. Assessment book will remain for the inspection of all insurance policy through parties interested and that the Erie Insurance with a Board of Directors will meet as a Guaranteed Insurability Board of Equalization

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holiday shopping season is here. What do you give a loved one to show them just how much you care? It's time to think outside the box. can give to special young people in your life now that they may not appreciate in the moment but will thank you for later.

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As you look for that perfect gift, don't overlook presents that have long-term benefits.

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3. 529 plan. Anyone who wants to save for a child's education can open or gift money to an existing 529

plan account. The best part is the contributions grow tax free and can be used for K-12 tuition, college expenses and even student loan repayments.

4. T-shirt quilt. For more of a sentimental gift, gather all your kids' old sports or other event t-shirts and turn them into a guilt. They may not love it today as much as they would the hottest gadget, but they'll treasure the memories as time goes on.

"As you look for that

perfect gift, don't overlook presents that have longterm benefits," said Louis Colaizzo, senior vice president and division officer of Erie Family Life, Erie Insurance. "Life insurance, along with savings bonds and 529 plans, can put your kids on the

path to financial security." Avoid the holiday crowds at the stores this year and channel your money into a gift your loved ones will truly appreciate for years

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STATEPOINT - Unlike Santa, most of us don't have elves to take care of properly packing up holiday packages. With shipping deadlines coming up quickly, it's time to start thinking about getting those presents in the mail. If you don't know where

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arrive after the holidays. That's probably why over a third of respondents to a recent survey conducted by Shurtape Technologies said that the biggest aggravation when it comes to holiday shipping is packages arriving at their destination in a timely manner. Avoid this issue by taking note of shipping deadlines. This year's USPS shipping deadline for standard ground shipping for arrival by Christmas Day is December 17.

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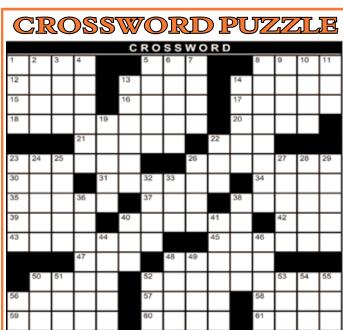
3. Costs so high, you think you're on the naughty list. Between purchasing materials and paying postage fees, shipping costs can feel sky-high. Prepare to mail presents by factoring these expenses into your holiday budget. To start, create a list of how many gifts you'll need to send, the anticipated size of each and what materials you already have on hand. However, when using what you already have, you'll want to ensure that these items are the proper size for the gift being shipped so you don't overpay for box size or weight.

4. Too much time away from the tree. Mailing gifts to their destination isn't just pricey – it's downright time consuming. Spend less time transporting and more time merrymaking by planning ahead to avoid last-minute rushes to the post office the closer to the holidays you mail, the longer those lines will be.

5. Materials you can't find under the mistletoe. 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the store, not a shipping supply was found, not even one box more. Last-minute shoppers should get ahead of the game and purchase necessary tools as soon as possible to ensure they can secure their preferred products. Stock up on your shipping supplies early.

6. Poor packing tape that would never make it out of the North Pole. Don't let packing tape that rips and tears make you a Scrooge this holiday season. Duck brand EZ Start Packing Tape is made with Frustration-Free technology, so it always unrolls smoothly, easily and quietly. Its strong adhesion provides a long-lasting hold, and its unique design eliminates the annoyance of losing the tape end, so you can pack up your gifts and leave the stress behind.

For more holiday shipping tips and supplies, visit duckbrand.com/products/ mailing-shipping. Don't let shipping be a source of stress this holiday season. Use these tips to pack and mail your gifts like a North Pole pro.



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Parental Rights Candidates Win Across Country in Midterms

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Sweeping parental rights victories in the midterms suggest that parents want control of their children's education, Moms for Liberty President Tiffany Justice said.

While Republicans performed below expectations this election cycle, many school board hopefuls who campaigned on a platform of supporting parental rights triumphed on Nov. 8, even in solid-blue states, Justice told The Epoch Times.

Moms for Liberty recorded wins for pro-parental rights local candidates in Maryland and New Jersey, states that sent Democrats to Congress. Several Moms for Liberty-endorsed candidates won in majority-Democrat districts in conservative states.

"What you're seeing now is parents stepping up in their local communities and taking back their education system," Justice said. "We're a nonpartisan organization. We want people that support parental rights to win."

Across the country, Moms for Liberty endorsed 270 candidates.

Defying the odds, more than 50 percent of those candidates challenged incumbents and won, Justice said

"If you look at the general percentage of first-time candidates that win, it's much lower than half," she said.

The win is even more impressive given that the National Education Association (NEA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) spent \$59 million on left-wing political campaigns, according to Breitbart.

The Epoch Times reached out to both the NEA and the AFT, but representatives for neither organization responded by press time.

Florida Victories

For one candidate running on a parental rights platform, vital issues included school policies on mask mandates, obscene books, and LGBT ideology. Parents also have raised concerns about school failures to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic to acceptable standards.

School board candidate and incumbent Jacqueline Rosario ran for office with an endorsement from Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican. She and the other five DeSantis-endorsed candidates in the Nov. 8 election won school board seats.

"There's no place in public schools for 'woke' ideology," Rosario told The Epoch Times. "We need to remain or come back to traditional reading, writing, arithmetic, and science. These are the subjects that we're responsible for teaching."

Florida schools must improve education for several reasons, she said. Math scores have dropped, and language scores currently average in the 50th percentile.

But instead of fixing these problems, schools have focused on woke indoctrination.

"It's just not good. ... We need to do better," Rosario said.

Referring to DeSantis's endorsement, she said: "It's been incredible. It's honoring, humbling, and exciting all at the same time. The work that I've been doing on the board has been exactly what the governor's educational agenda is written as."

She advised future candidates that their commitment to parental rights should be genuine.

"It has to be consistent, it has to be genuine, and you have to live it," she said. "There are parents out there depending on you to be their voice on the school board."

DEI Dynamited

When COVID-19 moved classrooms into living rooms, it lit the fuse of the parental rights movement, Alvin Lui, president of Courage Is a Habit, told The Epoch Times.

School went home; then parents went to school, he said.

For the first time, parents saw that schools taught kids radical gender ideology, indoctrinated them into activism, and exposed them to pornographic books, he said.

"When kids were home during CO-VID, a lot of parents saw what they were being taught," Lui said. "It was the first time that parents got a peek



Jacqueline Rosario, a member of the school board for District 2 in Vero Beach, Fla., on Oct. 16, 2022.

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LGBTQ+ books displayed in the library at an elementary school in Richmond, Calif., on May 17, 2022.

There's no place in public schools for 'woke' ideology.

Jacqueline Rosario, member, school board into the classroom."

In places such as Maine, teachers offered children pornographic books, and schools put up hallway posters that encouraged children into radical gender ideology.

Some children told their parents that they felt pressure from teachers and peers to declare that they were new gender identities. A new education rule in Maine will allow schools to keep secrets from parents about their children.

"Maine's Department of Education is about to pass a rule that lets school counselors and social workers take children away from their parents," a Courage Is a Habit video states.

Shocked parents have opposed school curricula that taught their children radical ideologies, Lui said.

Most school boards have twoto four-year terms, according to Ballotpedia. And 2022 marked the first widespread opportunity for voters to make choices since the COVID-19 lockdowns.

Local elections for school boards remained hotly contested in Maine, parental rights advocate Shawn Mc-Breairty told The Epoch Times by email. Republican losses in Maine were the result of conservatives failing to support educational freedom, he said.

"There was no rallying cry, no overall strategy to have each GOP candidate unify as a team to expose the horrific Maine educational situation, which is indefensible from the Democrats," he wrote. "That's why we got crushed."

A local school district sued Mc-Breairty after, during a school board meeting, he read aloud passages from obscene books found in the school, as previously reported by The Epoch Times. McBreairty eventually won a lawsuit against the school.

Elsewhere, the FBI opened multiple investigations into parents who protested schools, MSN reported.

The New Jersey Education Association released an election ad opposing parents, Justice noted. It claimed, "When extremists start attacking our schools, that's not who we are."

Justice said, "Parents are involved and want to reclaim public education."

Moms for Liberty hopes that the wave of election wins will lead to increased educational achievement, she said.

"The people in control of education continue to sell snake oil solutions, like DEI and CRT and SEL instead of focusing on the real issue at hand, which is kids are not learning to read in school," Justice said.

Fauci's Pandemic Leadership Needs to Be Investigated: Dr. Scott Atlas

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Former White House COVID-19 adviser Dr. Scott Atlas sees multiple reasons for an investigation into Dr. Anthony Fauci, the outgoing director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

Such a probe has been discussed as Republicans inch closer to a House majority that would grant them subpoena powers. Some Republican law-makers have accused Fauci of playing a role in misleading the public about the origins of COVID-19 and supporting pandemic mandates they describe as draconian.

While Atlas, a vocal critic of the NIAID head, is "very skeptical" that an investigation like this could get away from politics or the perception of it being political, he thinks it's warranted. Fauci's changing stance on certain COVID-19 policies needs to be put under the spotlight, Atlas recently said on EpochTV's "Newsmakers."

"The real, clear public airing of exactly what happened needs to be done," said Atlas, a senior fellow in health care policy at the Hoover Institution and contributor to The Epoch Times.

"I personally am very skeptical that a political investigation, no matter who does it, is going to be done without politics, or if it's going to be perceived as nonpolitical. I don't trust people in government at all. They don't deserve to be trusted, to be objective.

"What was the motivation to flip flop multiple times with policy?"

His question was referring to Fauci's changing stance on pandemic school closures that drew criticism in late 2020.

He further questioned if there had been any "cover-up" of funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Fauci's division, citing the awards to the Wuhan Institute of Virology through the New York nonprofit EcoHealth Alliance as an example.

EcoHealth Alliance, which continues to receive millions of dollars in grants from the NIH, was subjected to scrutiny by multiple federal agencies over its partnership with the Wuhan lab. The Office of Investigations of the Department of Health and Human Services in late 2020 briefly opened a probe over alleged "major

fraud against the United States." The probe was closed in January 2021, according to internal documents, which had the reasons for the closure redacted. The allegation states that "the COVID-19 virus was generated in ... China with the assistance of an NIH Grant."

Beginning in 2014, EcoHealth was the recipient of a \$3.7 million grant to study bat coronaviruses in China. That grant was renewed through 2019 but suspended in 2020 because of compliance concerns. In August, the NIH ended the funding from the grant for the Wuhan facility after the lab at least twice rejected NIH's request for lab notebooks and original files from the research.

"We cannot have illegal research being funded outside the country by American science" avoiding or circumventing the rules, Atlas said.

"These leadership positions come with massive responsibility. It's not a game to be in charge of things. You're not supposed to use it to circumvent rules. You're not supposed to set up power, friends in the media to cover for you. No, you need to at least answer the questions in front of the American people."

By the same token, Atlas also called for the Chinese regime to answer for its coverup of the initial outbreak, as well as its role in possibly causing the pandemic.

Besides a delayed admission of the outbreak's severity to the world during the pandemic's early days behavior that Atlas called "unacceptable"—Beijing had "blocked real investigations" and "destroyed evidence of what happened," he said.

"Of course they need to be held accountable," he said. "It needs to be done, though, by a government and multiple governments that actually have the credibility and ethical focus to do that, and I think that that remains to be seen."

Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), the ranking Republican member of the House Oversight Committee, has vowed to summon Fauci in a planned probe of the origins of COVID-19 should the Republicans win the House.

"Why did Dr. Fauci lie for so long about American tax dollars through EcoHealth Alliance going to fund gain-of-function research? Why did he lie about gain-of-function research being done in the Wuhan lab? Why were we even in the Wuhan lab?



Dr. Anthony Fauci gives an update at the White House on Dec. 1, 2021.

There are so many questions that the Americans deserve answers to," Comer recently told the "Capitol Report" program of NTD News, a sister media of The Epoch Times.

"The American people deserve answers and anyone that was involved in any type of cover-up should be held accountable."

Representatives for NIAID didn't respond to a query from The Epoch Times by press time.

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