

Recovery group dedicates first home rebuilds from 2020 wildfires



Courtesy OCLTRG. Volunteers and funders from as far away as New York and California joined a gathering of more than 40 people who participated in last Friday's dedication of the first three homes rebuilt following the 2020 wildfires.

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - It was both a long and long-anticipated day for Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) volunteers and the owners of three Okanogan-area homes destroyed in the 2020 Cold Spring wildfire who were the fortunate recipients of the first rebuilt residences officially dedicated last Friday, Nov. 11.

The three dedications were preceded by a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Okanogan Fairgrounds Annex building on 175 Rodeo Trail Road where participants also made carpool arrangements to travel to the 12:30 p.m. dedication at the home of Alan and Donna Todd at 223-0 Cameron Lake Loop Road on the Colville Reservation.

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Hawley, Budrow provide close race for Okanogan County Sheriff

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - The race to watch according to the Nov. 8 General Election preliminary results from the Okanogan County auditor's office is the one for Okanogan County Sheriff between incumbent Tony Hawley and challenger Paul Budrow.

The first count released by Chief Deputy Auditor Jamie Groomes at 8:44 p.m. election night showed just 23 votes separating the two candidates with Hawley's 2,977 votes leading Budrow's 2,954.

The second preliminary count last Thursday, Nov. 10,

narrowed the gap to just nine votes, 3,501 for Hawley and 2,492 for Budrow.

For Okanogan County preliminary results (as of 11-8-2022), see this story on our website: qcherald.com

In Douglas County the only contested election between candidates was for the position of PUD Commissioner No. 3 between incumbent Aaron Viebrock and challenger Randy Agnew. In that race Viebrock has more than double the votes of his opponent and is on the way to another term.

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Courtesy Okanogan County Sheriff's Office. Incumbent Tony Hawley



Courtesy budrow4okanogansheriff.com. Challenger Paul Budrow



Courtesy Brewster School District. The American Legion Honor Guard from Columbia Post 97 poses with veterans honored at the Brewster Middle School gym Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 9.

Columbia Post 97 posts the colors honoring veterans at Quad City schools

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

QUAD CITIES - The American Legion Honor Guard from Columbia Post 97 presented the colors at all four Quad City schools during three days of Veterans Day

ceremonies on Nov. 8-9-10. Guard members Glenn Farrington, Greg Wagg, Frank Williver, and Bob Lewis visited Pateros High School on Nov. 8 to post the colors at an assembly that began at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, found

the Legionnaires at a packed Brewster Middle School where the observance honored a group of assembled vets during a ceremony that featured guest speakers and special musical performances by the school band and choir. On Thursday, Nov. 10, the

Honor Guard stopped first at Bridgeport High School where the 9 a.m. assembly included a slide show honoring veterans. Later in the afternoon the Mansfield school was the final posting of the colors at its Veterans Day ceremony.



Courtesy brewstersportsfacebook. The state-bound Brewster varsity volleyball team gathers to board the bus for Yakima last week.

Brewster volleyball team wins two before bowing out at State

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The Bears varsity volleyball team got a rousing sendoff to Yakima last Wednesday, Nov. 9, where the girls were one of three District 6 teams along with Manson and Okanogan to qualify for the playoffs at the SunDome in Yakima.

The No. 10 Bears faced No. 7

Liberty on Thursday morning, Nov. 10. After falling behind in the first two sets, 15-25 and 17-25, the Bears rallied to win the third, 25-16. At the end of a close fourth game that saw tie scores along the way, Liberty won the deciding set four sending the Lancers on to the next bracket against No. 3 Manson who defeated No. 15 Walla Walla Academy in three straight.

Brewster squared off against Walla Walla later that same afternoon. The Bears knocked off the Knights in three consecutive sets, 25-21, 25-22, and 25-14, to advance to Friday's game across the net from - guess who? - No. 14 Okanogan for the fourth time this season. The Bulldogs were coming off a loss to No. 3 LaConner and had fallen to Brewster in two of three earlier matches leading

up to state. The Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-16, but Brewster recovered to win set two, 25-13. Okanogan responded with a 15-17 third set win and carried that momentum through a 25-21 set four win, bringing Brewster's season to a close in the loser-out match. The Bulldogs went on to defeat Tri-Cities Prep. to place seventh at state.

Brewster Chamber announces tree lighting, Best of the Best events

Brittany Jean to perform

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The Brewster Chamber of Commerce finalized its schedule for Small

Business Saturday on Nov. 26, during its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Nov. 9

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be at dark around 4:30 p.m., at the Legion Park, said Chamber president Mike Mauk.

"Santa and Mrs. Claus will

do the honors," said Mauk. "We will then move on to the Senior/Chamber Center for our Best of the Best Brewster Awards ceremony. Following the ceremony Santa will collect all the kids' Christmas wish lists and invite them to sit on his lap for pictures."

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 refreshments and ring in the holiday season.

"We encourage all of the members to attend," said Mauk. "This is going to be a very special evening."

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## Registration now open for Energy Department's National Science Bowl®

*National Finals to be held on 2023*

SUBMITTED BY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Washington, D.C. – Registration is open for the 33rd National Science Bowl (NSB), hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science. Thousands of students compete in the contest annually as it has grown into one of the largest academic math and science competitions in the country.

Teams of students – four or five students and a teacher who serves as a coach – can sign up to participate in the NSB by registering with the coordinator for their regional competition. Details can be found on the NSB registration page. The competition is divided into two categories: high school and middle school. Regional competitions typically last one or two days and take place throughout the country between January and March.

During the competitions, students participate in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math. To prepare, teams can use sample questions from the NSB website.

The winning team from each qualifying regional

competition will be eligible to compete in the National Finals held in Washington, D.C., from April 27 to May 1, 2023, with all expenses paid. The national event consists of several days of science activities and sightseeing, along with the competitions.

"I am proud to announce the start of this year's National Science Bowl® competitions," said **Asmeret Asefaw Berhe, DOE Office of Science Director**. "Every year this remarkable event brings together students across America who have a passion for science and learning. Good luck to all the competitors; you are the innovators, scientists, and leaders of our future."

The top two middle and high school teams will win \$5000 for their schools' math and science departments. Other schools placing in the top 16 in the National Finals will win \$1,000 for their schools' science departments.

Approximately 335,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl® in its 32-year history. Each year, more than 14,000 students compete in the NSB.

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science manages the National Science Bowl® and sponsors the NSB finals competition. More information is available on the NSB website: <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb>.

## 12 Tribes Colville Casinos officially launches sports betting

SUBMITTED BY SOL TREVINO,  
12 TRIBES COLVILLE CASINOS

OMAK - 12 Tribes Colville Casinos officially launched sports betting kiosks at their three locations in Lake Chelan, Omak, and Coulee Dam. Sports betting is available for many popular sports, including football, baseball, and soccer, with a minimum bet of five dollars. The sports betting operations, known as 12 Sports Book, are

being launched in collaboration with IGT, a global leader in gaming.

"The 12 Sports Book is an exciting step for our team. We have been working towards this for a long time now, and are all looking forward to celebrating our hard work with our patrons," says Kary Nichols, CEO of 12 Tribes Colville Casinos. To celebrate the debut of sports betting, 12 Tribes Colville Casinos is giving away cash, prizes,

and signed sports memorabilia. For additional details, visit the Players Advantage Club.

The 12 Sports Book kiosks are located on the casino floor and available 24 hours a day. For official House Rules and other betting information, please visit the Colville Casinos website at [www.colvillecasinos.com](http://www.colvillecasinos.com).

About 12 Tribes Colville Casinos: The 12 Tribes Colville Casinos include 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino in Manson, 12

Tribes Omak Casino Hotel in Omak, and 12 Tribes Coulee Dam Casino in Coulee Dam. All three Washington State casinos are owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. As casino operators, we provide authentic connections through memorable experiences and individual player recognition by delivering more than expected. For more information, visit [www.colvillecasinos.com](http://www.colvillecasinos.com).

## High school students invited to submit invasive species art to adorn new trailer

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON  
INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

OLYMPIA—The Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) invite high school-age digital artists to participate in an art contest that will help spread the word about not spreading invasive species.

Invasive species are plants, animals, and other organisms that don't naturally live in Washington and, when brought here, can cause economic and environmental harm. Invasive species can outcompete native species for food and habitat and may even eat native species. Once established, they can proliferate and cost a lot of money to control, as well as negatively

impact utility, agriculture and tourism industries. The winning art from this contest will adorn WDFW's new trailer that travels around Washington State and the Northwest to bring attention to invasive species and their spread. It will also include images of WDFW's invasive mussel-sniffing dogs Puddles and Fin (right).

"Staff from both WDFW and WISC travel to many communities to educate people about the dangers of spreading these species from one area to another," said Justin Bush, executive coordinator of WISC. "This trailer will allow them to do that more effectively and bring attention to the issue with its eye-catching art." The art contest runs now through Dec. 30. Submissions are required to be in a digital

format, such as graphic designs, photographs, illustrations, cartoons, digital paintings and more. Submissions must include pictures or information on one or more species that could be, or has been, introduced into our region, such as quagga and zebra mussels, European green crabs, Eurasian watermilfoil, northern pike, New Zealand mudsnails and more.

"Those are some of the invasive species of most concern that can be introduced or spread, but there are many others," said Allen Pleus, WDFW's aquatic invasive species unit manager. "We have worked hard to prevent impacts from these species and are happy to have an additional tool, the trailer, to bring our message to the public."

In addition to having the de-

sign made into a trailer wrap, the winner will receive a \$500 Amazon gift card. A second-place winner will receive a \$300 Amazon gift card. Entries will be displayed on the WISC and WDFW websites. For full contest rules, design dimensions and inspiration, visit either the WISC or WDFW websites: <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/event/art-contest/> or <https://wdfw.wa.gov/get-involved/educational-resources/invasive-species/art-contest>

For more information on invasive species in Washington, visit the WISC website.

WDFW works to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

## RECOVERY

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From that site the group proceeded to the nearby home of Christy Spence-Allen at 223-A Cameron Lake Loop Road for the second dedication from 1:15-3:45 p.m. The final home stop on the tour was at the

Danny Timentwa home at 27966 Highway 97 for a dedication ceremony from 4:15-5 p.m.

Participants ended where they began at the Fairgrounds Annex for a BBQ/dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. to recap the day's activities.

The unexpected winter storm that blew into the area on Nov. 5, dumped more than a foot of snow around the county and caused widespread power outages that altered the original dedicated plans which included a meeting of the Unmet Needs Roundtable and a fourth home dedication in Oroville. Access to that residence owned by Jerry

and Judy Gran at 213 Eighme Road was rendered impassable by the heavy snowfall. A ceremony at the Gran residence will be rescheduled next spring on a date yet to be determined.

The first round of 2021 rebuilds began that September with site preparations on five homes. By February 2021, OCLTRG Project Manager Barry Hansen reported that construction was actively underway on four homes. Three of those four were dedicated last week.

OCLTRG was formed in 2014 in response to the need created by the Carlton Complex wildfire, which at that time the large-

st firestorm in Washington State history. Carlton Complex was followed the next year by the even larger Okanogan Complex fire. In the past seven years the region has sustained four federally declared wildfire disasters and lost more than a million and a half acres that burned.

In the eight years since its founding OCLTRG'S multi-front strategy of victim prioritization, fundraising, agency coordination, volunteer recruitment, and efficient application of resources has served as a template for grassroots community response efforts to disasters around the nation.



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### Official Best of the Best Award Nomination Form

Please drop off this form at the Brewster Senior Center or the Rustic Relic on Bridge Street, or email to: [brewsterwachamber@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterwachamber@gmail.com) or mail to Brewster Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1087, Brewster, WA 98812  
**Deadline for nominations Nov. 25.**

#### Citizen of the Year:

Name:  
Civic Involvement:  
Contribution to the community:  
Tell us why you feel this person should be selected as our Citizen of the Year:

#### Small Business of the Year: (5 employees or less)

Name:  
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Contribution to the community:

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# NCEF Teacher Classroom Grant awarded to local teachers

SUBMITTED BY ELDENE WALL, NORTH CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WENATCHEE - The North Central Education Foundation (NCEF) Board is excited to announce they have partnered with community organizations to present more NCEF Teacher Classroom Grant awards than ever in 2022. The grant awards were made possible because of the generous donations of organizations, businesses and individuals who have acknowledged the challenges teachers have faced in recent years. These resolute teachers are determined to continue teaching, despite all the difficulties that have resulted from two plus years of Covid impacts. It is a blessing to see how they have adapted to require-

ments and have been able to incorporate new methods of teaching to engage their students in learning. During this 13th year of teacher grant awards, 160 teachers from four counties were presented with grant awards in the categories of: • History/Social Studies funded by 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial • Cultural Awareness funded by Washington Association of Grant Managers • Financial Education funded by the Young Adult Consumer Education Trust (YACET) • Social Studies/Geology/Environmental funded by Friends of Lower Grand Coulee (FLGC) • Wellness/Social Emotional/Health, funded by Confluence Health/Community Foundation of NCW Community Partnership Grant and individual adoptions • Literacy funded by indi-

vidual adoptions • Music/Arts provided by Woods Family Music & Arts Fund • STEAM/STEM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) provided by North Cascades Bank, Confluence Health, Wenatchee Rotary and individual adoptions. NCEF also received the most Teacher Classroom Class applications ever in 2022 – over 260. We regret we are not able to fund all of the applications, but the good news is these unfunded applications are available for “adoption.” They can be viewed on the NCEF website [www.loveteachers.org](http://www.loveteachers.org) “I believe adopting a teacher grant is a wonderful and cost effective way to support our region’s students and schools in a more personal manner, by connecting with a specific teacher and grant request.”

said NCEF Board member Jeff Kimbell. We are also pleased to announce that teachers in 24 out of the 29 school districts included in the North Central ESD region (Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties), as well as some private and charter schools, received grant awards this year. The Foundation is working hard to make a difference in the future of the children in the North Central ESD region by providing teachers with opportunities to enrich their classroom environments. This is due to the past and present generosity of organizations like the North Cascades Bank, Woods Family Music & Arts Fund, Confluence Health, Community Foundation of NCW, Friends of Lower Grand Coulee, Young Adult Consumer

Education Trust (YACET), Wenatchee Rotary, Clear Risk Solutions, PlanMember Services, Chelan Douglas Land Trust, LASER Science/Pacific Science Center, Stemilt, Olive Garden, Sodexo and generous board members, ESD staff and community members who also donated to the fund.

**Area teachers who were awarded grants**  
Teachers receiving the 2022 North Central Education Foundation Teacher Classroom Grants include: Laura Womack, Mansfield – Growing Skills in Scientific Research, Chesley Martin, Lake Chelan – Prioritizing Children’s Movement Needs in Early Childhood, Jennifer Varrelman, Bridgeport – Project Impact, Talicia Miller-Poole, Pateros – Healthy Cooking Class, Yesenia Vieyra

Montes, LakeChelan – Self Awareness of Learning, Jennifer Polley, Lake Chelan – Love for Literacy!, Noel James, Entiat – Motivational Reading Buddies, Randi Robertson, Brewster – Social Emotional Support, Rebecca Buckingham, Bridgeport – Magnifying Phonics for Early Readers Using Magnetic Letters, Stacy Mitchell, Entiat – STEM, Cultural and SEL Literacy, Nisha Bremmeyer, Lake Chelan – Incorporation of Art (supplies) into small group settings, Ryan Allstot, Bridgeport – Sounds of Culture, Amber Corrigan, Lake Chelan – STEAM Bins and hands on activities, BettyAnn Allstot, Bridgeport – STEM Station Activities for our second grade team, Meghan Perry, Lake Chelan – Extreme STEAM, and Rosanna Pittman, Manson – STEM Brain Bins.

## DOUGLAS & OKANOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

**Douglas County Sheriff**  
**Nov. 4**  
14:26 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 97 and McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo  
14:46 Unknown-injury Accident, US Hwy. 97 and McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo  
19:13 Alarm, 491 Rd. 14 NE, Mansfield High School, Mansfield  
19:27 Welfare Check, 32 Buckingham Alley, Bridgeport  
20:08 Non-injury Accident, Rd. 27 NW and Rd. B NW, Bridgeport  
21:19 Agency Assist, 109 Pine St., Bridgeport Bar  
**Nov. 5**  
11:33 Hazard, Rd. B NE and Rd. 18 NE, Mansfield  
22:37 Hazard, SR 173 and Pine St., Bridgeport  
**Nov. 6**  
05:33 Non-injury Accident, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 8, Mansfield  
09:37 Non-injury Accident, US Hwy. 2 MP 143, Waterville  
12:59 Hazard, 900 block Maple St., Bridgeport  
17:48 Welfare Check, 16 Richards Ave., Bridgeport  
18:29 Hazard, 1801 Raymond Ave., Bridgeport  
18:45 Diversion, 301 E. 1st Ave., Mansfield  
18:47 Injury Accident, US Hwy. 97 MP 217, Orondo  
18:58 Hazard, 222 17th St., Bridgeport

20:27 Public Assist, Foster Ave. and 9th St., Bridgeport  
21:58 Hazard, 700 block SR 173, Bridgeport  
**Nov. 7**  
03:55 Hazard, 355 E. Railroad Ave., Manson  
05:22 Hazard, 1015 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
10:03 Animal Problem, 100 Nollmeyer Rd., Orondo  
12:50 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 22366 US Hwy. 97, Orondo  
13:16 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Weimer Rd. and Silvest Rd., Orondo  
14:05 Weapons Violation, 200 E. Birch St., Waterville  
21:10 Hazard, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 6, Orondo  
23:11 Alarm, 1106 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
**Nov. 8**  
11:16 Public Assist, 21902 US Hwy. 97, Auvil Fruit, Orondo  
11:16 CPS/ APS Referral, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
12:50 Injury Accident, 100 block Grand View Rd., Waterville  
15:34 Hazard, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 3, Orondo  
17:31 Diversion, 2412 Highland Dr., Bridgeport  
18:43 Agency Assist, SR 17 MP 136 area, Bridgeport  
**Nov. 9**  
06:57 Hazard, Moe Ct. and Moe Rd., Bridgeport  
09:24 Suspicious Circumstance, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
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700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
13:22 Public Assist, Rd. 15 NW and Rd. A NW, Mansfield  
13:57 Non-injury Accident, Badger Mtn. Rd. MP 21, Waterville  
15:20 Agency Assist, 1015 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
19:08 Unknown-injury Accident, Rd. B NE and Rd. 17 NE, Mansfield  
21:29 Harassment/ Threat, 633 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
**Nov. 10**  
15:11 Welfare Check, 410 S. Harrison St., Waterville  
18:02 Attempt to Locate/ Contact, 21318 US Hwy. 97, Orondo  
19:21 Warrant Arrest, Columbia Ave. and 9th St., Bridgeport  
**Brewster Police Department**  
**Nov. 4**  
17:12 A possible house fire or feed bins were reported burning with black smoke on West Indian Ave. in Brewster.  
19:24 A citizen assist was requested on S. 3rd St. in Brewster when a caller reported someone threatening to shoot their house.  
**Nov. 5**  
17:15 Fraud was reported on E. Main Ave. in Brewster.  
**Nov. 6**  
06:57 A burglary alarm was reported coming from an ATM on Hwy. 97 in Brewster.  
07:58 A non-injury accident was

reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster and the vehicle was able to get unstuck.  
09:49 A traffic hazard was reported on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster for a semi that was blocking the road, putting on chains.  
11:15 A caller on 7th St. reported a natural disaster when a tree fell down near a building and it sounded like others were cracking and breaking as well.  
13:43 A utility problem was reported on N. 6th St. and W. Jay Ave. in Brewster for a power line that was down, smoking.  
17:57 A utility problem was reported on the 400 block N. 7th St. in Brewster for 8 inches of water in the roadway.  
**Nov. 7**  
No local reports.  
**Nov. 8**  
08:00 A non-injury accident was reported involving a male subject in a silver car parked halfway in the lane with the back half of the vehicle torn off, and a male subject was standing outside the vehicle on Ferry Ave. and S. Bridge St.  
**Nov. 9**  
04:34 A commercial burglary alarm was triggered on Hwy. 97.  
**Okanogan County Sheriff**  
**Nov. 4**  
15:29 An animal problem was reported on Starr Rd. in Pateros

for a neighbor’s Husky that was digging holes, the caller put up a fence but would like options.  
**Nov. 5**  
09:30 A loose Husky-type dog with no collar or tags was reported in a caller’s backyard on West Indian Ave. in Brewster.  
09:53 A civil matter was reported on Eagle Rd. in Brewster when a subject in a white flat bed with travel trailer and yellow crawler with a blade on the front, crossed the caller’s property.  
**Nov. 6**  
09:05 An injury accident was reported on Hwy. 97 in Pateros for a 2-vehicle collision with airbags deployed.  
10:39 Three German Shepard dogs were reported on Old Hwy. 97 and Pioneer Rd. in Brewster.  
21:13 An abandoned vehicle was reported on Monse Bridge Rd. and Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster for a gray SUV in the middle of the road with no one inside.  
**Nov. 7**  
08:28 A citizen assist was requested on Cassimer Bar Rd. in Brewster for a caller that was snowed in and could not

get out, reporting they were getting real cold and had been without power since 3 a.m. The plow reportedly did not come out there as it was a private road.  
10:21 A stray Husky dog was reported at a location for at least three days on Sunset Dr. in Brewster, reportedly appearing hungry and not aggressive.  
11:11 A white pickup was reported crosswise on the hill on Schnibble Rd. in Brewster and a small white car was reported blocking the road.  
13:28 A citizen assist was requested for a caller on Hwy. 153 in Pateros for a caller in a wheel chair and they were unable to reach their snow shovel.  
16:49 A welfare check was requested on Hwy. 97 in Brewster after a caller reported workers with no power and the road they lived on had not been plowed, they could not leave the area.  
17:49 A slide off was reported on Old Hwy. 97 for a car that was pretty deep in the ditch.  
**Nov. 8**  
03:46 A citizen assist was requested for power lines that were down on Hwy. 17 near the boat launch in Bridgeport.

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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Nov. 16, 18, 22-23, 25

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

BREWSTER – The Senior Center is now serving meals at Noon, at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-826-7979 to reserve or cancel your meal. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. Menu was not available at press time.

Nov. 16-19, 21-26

### 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. 16

### 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.

Nov. 16-17, 21-24

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Nov. 17

### 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.

Nov. 17, Dec. 8

### 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.

Nov. 18-19

### Crafts Bazaar

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 97 is hosting a Crafts Bazaar on November 18 and 19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the American Legion Columbia Post 97, 102 N Third Street, Brewster. Auxiliary proceeds are used to support Veterans, Veteran Families and the community. Contact Margi Allen 509-689-5402 or [margiallen11@gmail.com](mailto:margiallen11@gmail.com).

Nov. 19

### Auditions for spring play

OKANOGAN - Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus

announces auditions for their 2023 musical, Wind in the Willows. After a three-year hiatus they will be back on stage in May and want you to join them. Nominated for Best Musical in the 2017 Manchester Theatre Awards, The Wind in the Willows, is based on the classic 1908 children's novel by Kenneth Grahame. The story follows Mole, Ratty and Badger throughout a year as they try to help their friend, Mr. Toad, out of the trouble caused by his obsession with the new and exciting motorcar. This musical includes several vignette style musical numbers sung by families of forest critters. They encourage musical families to audition for these roles. Auditions will take place at Okanogan High School on Saturday, November 19, at 9 a.m. Please prepare a song that showcases your singing ability and an English accent. Wear loose fitting clothing so you can dance without restriction. For more information please visit [www.ovocmusic.org](http://www.ovocmusic.org) or contact Jan Farnsworth, Director, [jan.farnsworth@tonasket.wednet.edu](mailto:jan.farnsworth@tonasket.wednet.edu) or Cari Zachow, Stage Manager, [cariz717@gmail.com](mailto:cariz717@gmail.com)

Nov. 21

### 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](http://tcf-wenatcheevalley.org)

Nov. 28

### Okanogan County PUD meetings

OKANOGAN – The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. For more information [okanoganpud.org](http://okanoganpud.org)

Nov. 28

### Douglas County PUD meetings

EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office.

Dec. 2-3

### 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](mailto:pateroswamarket@gmail.com) or FB/IG [@paterosmarket](https://www.facebook.com/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.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Daniel D. Malone

Daniel D. Malone, 77, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on November 8, 2022. Please leave any thoughts

and memories for the family at [www.barneschapel.com](http://www.barneschapel.com). Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

### Helen G. Evans

Helen G. Evans, 81, of Winthrop, Washington, passed away on November 6, 2022. Please leave any thoughts

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# Commission to hold meetings on coastal steelhead, Spring Bear Policy, Columbia River Buoy 10 fishery

Meetings  
Nov. 17, 18, 30

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

OLYMPIA – The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold three meetings later this month to discuss coastal steelhead, spring bear policy, and the Buoy 10 fishery at the mouth of the Columbia River, among other topics.

On Nov. 17, the Commission's Fish Committee will discuss the upcoming coastal steelhead season and possible management options. This meeting will be held via Zoom; public comment will be taken if time allows. For more information and comment opportunities, visit the coastal steelhead webpage at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website.

The next day, Nov. 18, the full Commission will meet in Olympia and via Zoom to discuss development of a spring bear policy. The Commission will also decide on rule making for shoreline armoring, as well as hear briefings and make decisions on petitions

to consider rule making for spring bear hunting and black bear timber damage permits. Public comment will not be taken at this meeting, but the public may provide comment ahead of time by visiting the Commission webpage and selecting the subject "Nov. 18, 2022 Meeting" on that page, or by contacting commission@dfw.wa.gov. Comments will be accepted through Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 5 p.m.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Nov. 30, the Commission's Fish Committee will meet in Ridgefield and via Zoom to discuss management of the Columbia River salmon fishery below Bonneville Dam, with a focus on the popular Buoy 10 fishery located near the mouth of the river.

Fish Committee members will be briefed on the 2022 fishery, which included several in-season changes during the fall fishing season. The committee will also hear public comment and discuss possible management measures for future seasons. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments by Nov. 15 to help inform the agenda for this meeting; comments

can be submitted by visiting the Commission webpage and selecting the subject "Fishing/Shellfishing" on that page. The meeting will not discuss matters such as commercial and recreational catch allocation, tributary or ocean fishing, or hatchery issues.

All members of the public are invited to share their perspective and participate in WDFW public feedback opportunities regardless of race, color, sex, age, national origin, language proficiency, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, veteran status, or basis of disability.

For agendas and more information on how to attend these meetings in-person or virtually, visit the Commission's meetings webpage; information will be updated as details are finalized.

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is a panel appointed by the governor that sets policy for the WDFW. WDFW works to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

# National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to evaluate options for restoring grizzly bears to the North Cascades

Meetings  
Nov. 18, Dec. 1-2

SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SEDRO WOOLLEY – The National Park Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service today announced the initiation of a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process to evaluate options for restoring and managing grizzly bears in the North Cascades of Washington, where the animals once thrived.

The EIS process will identify a range of alternatives for restoring the bears to the mountainous region and eventual delisting of grizzly bears under the Endangered Species Act in the contiguous United States. The agencies will also examine a 10(j) experimental population designation, which would give local land managers additional flexibility.

Grizzly bears roamed across the North Cascades for thousands of years as an essential part of the ecosystem, distributing native plant seeds and keeping other wildlife

populations in balance. In the 20th century, humans nearly hunted them to extinction. The last confirmed sighting of a grizzly bear in the U.S. portion of the North Cascades Ecosystem was in 1996.

"This is a first step toward bringing balance back to the ecosystem and restoring a piece of the Pacific Northwest's natural and cultural heritage," said Superintendent Don Striker of North Cascades National Park. "With the public's help we will evaluate a list of options to determine the best path forward."

The new EIS process will include assessing alternatives to include a 10(j) experimental population designation, which provides land managers with additional options for managing grizzly bears. If adopted, the 10(j) designation would add more certainty, safety, and control for the region.

"By designating bears in the area as a 10(j) experimental population, the agencies can have more flexible options available for management. This would give authorities, ranchers, and landowners more options for managing bears to reduce or avoid conflicts while focusing on recov-

ery. The 10(j) experimental population designation would benefit the people and property in local communities, as well as the grizzly bears," said Hugh Morrison, acting regional director for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

A previous EIS process for the restoration of grizzly bears in the ecosystem was terminated by the Department of Interior in 2020. This announcement marks the start of a completely new process to evaluate alternatives.

Public comments and participation in the process are important elements to assess potential impacts and identify a preferred alternative. Virtual public meetings will be held at the following times:

Friday, November 18 at 7 p.m. Pacific Time, Thursday, December 1 at 12 p.m. Pacific Time, and Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. Pacific Time

You may join the meeting on your computer or mobile device; additional details and information are available at the project website. The public is invited to submit comments and find additional information on the process at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/NCE-Grizzly>.

## THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

### Outdoors Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

**WATERFOWL:** The first wave of northern birds has arrived in the Columbia Basin. Checking out Stratford Lake this past week I saw an estimated 10,000 lesser Canada geese and approximately 1500 snow geese on the lake before sunrise. The first wave of mallards has shown up as well, along with wigeon. That's something I found out hunting with my friend Rusty Johnston this week. We saw many more ducks, some in large flocks, that we didn't see in mid-October when warm weather made for a tough opening day weekend. Now however, the weather has turned chilly and the migration has begun. Smaller ponds are beginning to ice up but bigger water, creeks and wasteways used by the ducks remain open. The arrival of these new birds should provide some very good opportunity for hunters.

**POTHOLES RESERVOIR PANFISH:** Most anglers focus on walleye at Potholes Reservoir this time of year but there are some big panfish and lots of them to be caught this month as well. Pete Fisher at MarDon Resort shared a photo of a 1.2-pound bluegill (yes, a bluegill) caught recently and Travis Dawson, the Fishing Department Manager at the East Wenatchee Sportsman's Warehouse store, reported excellent fishing for crappie at Potholes last week. Travis was using small (1/16 ounce) white jigs or Road Runner lures tipped with a small Berkley Power Gulp bait for success. Look for schools of crappie around the habitat boxes planted in the lake. You can get a map at the MarDon store that will show you where they are at [www.mardonresort.com](http://www.mardonresort.com).

**COLUMBIA GORGE FISHING:** Wendy Boyer at Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus says the coho fishing is wrapping up at the mouth of the Klickitat, but walleye fishing is picking up though the fish are deep. Try using a deep diving Bandit crankbait that will go down to about 28 feet. You can also try a Berkley Flicker Shad with a suspension dot (weight) to get it deep. There has been some effort for catch and release sturgeon in The Dalles pool



Courtesy John Kruse

Rusty Johnston with three mallards.

and Wendy expects there will be good success when the catch and keep season for them opens up in January. On the hunting front, waterfowl hunters are having success on the Columbia River below John Day Dam near Rufus to the Biggs Junction Bridge. Wendy suggests dropping by the store in Rufus if you are looking for a good holiday gift for the outdoorsman or woman in your life. One special they are running is buy two deep diving plugs and get the third half off. The store is open Wednesday thru Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours service is available. Just contact Wendy at the store a day or two in advance. [www.gorgeoutfitters.com](http://www.gorgeoutfitters.com)

**LONG LAKE RAINBOWS:** Steve Morris at SJM Guide Service has been fishing at Long Lake and the rainbow trout fishing has been good. The trout are averaging 14 inches. Steve will likely fish Long Lake until the first week of December. Steve also went on a duck hunting trip near the Tri-Cities last week and had good success. Steve said

there are good numbers of ducks in the area, a mix of mallards and wigeon. [www.sjmguideservice.com](http://www.sjmguideservice.com)

**ICICLE RIVER COHO:** Some 13,000 coho appear to be bound for the Wenatchee and Icicle River but low waters and low temperatures kept most of them out of the Icicle where anglers can target them. That changed the first weekend of November when we got our first good amount of rainfall and the rivers rose. My son and I, along with a half-dozen other anglers, spent Saturday afternoon fishing the Icicle between the Fish Hatchery and the Icicle River Bridge at East Leavenworth Road. Unfortunately, the fish had not made it up yet in good numbers and only one fish was caught that afternoon. Those fish should be in now. However, they are likely not fit for eating at this point since they are either spawned out or close to it. The coho season on the Icicle River remains open until November 30.

John Kruse – [www.northwesternoutdoors.com](http://www.northwesternoutdoors.com) and [www.americaoutdoorsradio.com](http://www.americaoutdoorsradio.com)

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**BEFORE THE OKANOGAN COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD**

**OKANOGAN COUNTY WASHINGTON**

Notice of an Application for Change of Water Right to Change Point of Diversion, Add Point of Diversion and Change Place of Use under Ground Water Certificate No. 06217-A.

TAKE NOTICE: That on June 30th, 2021, Martin Wick of Brewster, WA filed an application number OKAN-21-06 with the Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board to Change Point of Withdrawal and Change Place of Use under GWCC-06217-A. The application was then amended and accepted at the September 2nd, 2021 Board open public meeting.

That said Ground Water Certificate withdraws groundwater at 450 gpm, 150 acre-feet per year, and that the season of use is April 1 through October 15 each year. That the authorized point of diversion is located in Gov't Lot 3, Section 20, T. 37 N., R. 27 E.W.M. The right is granted for the irrigation of 50 acres within that portion of Government Lot 3 of Sec. 20, T.37N., R.37E.W.M., described as follows: Commencing at a point on the east boundary line of said Lot 3, at which the westerly right-of-way line of the Great Northern Railway Company intersects said east line, said point of beginning further described as being 339.54 feet southerly from the northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence south 30° 39' west 235.82 feet; thence north 60° 04' west 264 feet; thence north 11° 39' east 250 feet, more or less; thence south 60° 50' east 346 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; AND, Beginning at a point where the east line of said Government Lot 3 intersects the westerly right-of-way line of the Great Northern Railway, which point is 339.54 feet southerly from the northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence southwesterly along the westerly boundary line of the Great Northern Railway 410.2 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continue southwesterly along said right-of-way 300 feet; thence north 60° 04' west 160 feet; thence north 11° 39' east 317 feet; thence south 60° 04' east 264 feet to the point of beginning; AND Government Lot 4, and that portion of Government Lots 3 and 5, and of the SW ¼ SE ¼ of said Sec. 20 lying and being west of the Great Northern Railway Company right-of-way EXCEPTING the following parcel of land in Government Lot 3 of said Sec. 20 to-wit: beginning at a point on the westerly right-of-way line of the Great Northern Railway where it intersects the east line of said Lot 3; thence north 339.54 feet; thence south 88° 36' west 327.3 feet; thence south 11° 39' west 878.1 feet; thence south 60° 04' east 160 feet to the westerly right-of-way line of said railway; thence north 30° 39' east 710.62 feet along said right-of-way line to the point of beginning.

That the applicant proposes to change the point of diversion/withdrawal to two existing diversions located as follows: 1) S½SE¼ of Sec. 22, and 2) E½SW¼ of Sec. 15, both within T. 31N., R.25 E.W.M. That the applicant proposes to irrigate 50 acres within E½SW¼ and SW¼SE¼ Section 8, and NE¼NW¼ and NE¼ Section 17, All in T31N, R25E.W.M.. from April 15 through October 31.

Any protests or objections to the approval of this application may be filed with the Department of Ecology and must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) recording fee and filed with the Department of Ecology Cashiering Unit, P.O. Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611 within thirty (30) days from November 16, 2022.

Any interested party may submit comments, objections, and other information to the Board regarding this application. The comments and information may be submitted in writing or verbally at any public meeting of the Board held to discuss or decide on the application. This application will be on the Board's agenda during its regular meeting to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 123 5th Avenue North in Okanogan, Washington until the Board renders a decision on the application. Additionally, the Board, may receive written comments or information through December 16, 2022 by mail to OKWCB c/o Lisa de Vera, 1205 Ormiston Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801 or by email to ldevera@nwi.net. Published in the Quad City Herald on November 09, 16, 2022 #4906

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK**

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**JOHN R. ANDERSON, Deceased.**

**NO. 22-4-00756-06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Personal Representative: JASMINE ECLIPSE

Attorney for the Personal Representative JOHN J. LUTGENS, WSBA 22649

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Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Clark County Superior Court Cause No. 22-4-00756-06

DATED at Vancouver, Washington this 21ST day of OCTOBER, 2022.

/s/ John J. Lutgens John J. Lutgens, WSB #22649 Of Attorney for Personal Representative

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# Confronting the epidemic of drug overdose deaths in our communities

StatePoint - As America's drug overdose and death epidemic continues to impact communities of every size in every corner of the country, new challenges have emerged.

In 2021, more than 107,000 people died from drug-related overdoses, according to the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the bulk of which were from illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which shows up in fake pills, methamphetamine, and cocaine.

Since its founding in 2014, the American Medical Association (AMA) Substance Use, and Pain Care Task Force has brought together medical societies and practicing physicians to develop and implement strategies that can help end this epidemic. The task force's recommendations include urging physicians to enhance their education as well as advocate for comprehensive care for patients in pain and for those with a substance use disorder. The AMA also strongly urges states to update laws to make the opioid overdose reversal medication naloxone more readily available, decriminalize fentanyl test strips, and take other harm reduction initiatives to save lives from overdose. When it comes to helping patients with a substance use disorder (SUD) so they can lead satisfying, productive lives, the science shows what works: medication prescribed by a physician or dispensed at Opioid Treatment Programs, combined with behavioral counseling and other services.

Despite certain positive trends and clear science, of the 40.3 million people nationwide with a substance use disorder, 93% receive no treatment, according to federal officials.



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A 2022 report from the U.S. Department of Labor found that health insurance companies regularly violate state and federal laws designed to provide coverage for substance use disorders and mental illness. Health insurance companies also continue to put up barriers to accessing medications for opioid use disorders (MOUD) and deny care to patients with pain—or make it so expensive that patients cannot access care.

“No community has been—or will be—spared the pain of this epidemic. The spiking mortality numbers—with young people and Black and Brown Americans dying at the fastest growing rates—add yet another urgent call to remove health inequities from the health care system. We know policymakers have not exhausted all remedies. Until we have, we must keep advocating for humane, evidence-based responses,”

said Bobby Mukkamala, M.D., chair of the AMA Substance Use and Pain Care Task Force.

The AMA stresses that while physicians are leading in areas where they can have an influence, they cannot end the epidemic alone. To combat the issue at the state and national level, the organization has issued a national “roadmap” to policymakers and regulators focused on these specific actions:

- Remove barriers to evidence-based care for patients with an SUD. This includes removing prior authorization, step therapy and dosage caps for MOUDs, continuing federal flexibilities for take-home medication for opioid treatment programs, continuing audio-visual, and audio-only telehealth options for patients to begin treatment, and removing regulations that prevent most physicians from being able to prescribe MOUDs to their patients.
- Take immediate steps to protect families by focusing on increasing access to evidence-based care rather than using punishment and the threat of family separation for persons with an SUD who

are pregnant, peripartum, postpartum and parenting.

- Enforce laws that require mental health benefits to be on par with other health benefits, thereby broadening access to treatment related to mental health and substance use disorders.

- Pharmacy chains, health insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers should remove arbitrary barriers to opioid therapy as well as ensure patient access to affordable, accessible non-opioid pain care.

- Patients and physicians should have conversations about safe storage and disposal of opioids and all medications; and increase access to naloxone to patients at risk of overdose.

- Develop and implement systems to collect timely, adequate, and standardized data to identify at-risk populations, fully understand polysubstance drug use, and implement public health interventions that directly address removing structural and racial inequities.

To learn more about efforts to end the drug overdose and death epidemic, visit [end-overdose-epidemic.org](http://end-overdose-epidemic.org).

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# Conservative New Yorkers Mull Moves to Other States After Zeldin Defeat

JULIETTE FAIRLEY

When Kings College student Jaidyn Fisher moved to New York from Texas before COVID emerged, she knew the political climate would be liberal, but had hoped that Republican gubernatorial nominee Rep. Lee Zeldin would be elected and usher in a more conservative agenda.

"I didn't expect things to be this bad," Fisher, 22, said. "Doing trivial things feels like you're out fighting for your life almost and with taxes, everything is so unaffordable."

As previously reported in The Epoch Times, Zeldin lost to incumbent Gov. Kathy Hochul in the Nov. 8 elections. Hochul won her first full term in office with 54.2 percent of the vote to Zeldin's 45.8 percent.

"A good Republican showing means that the country, as well as the state, is prepared for Republican leadership and although in New York, it was a long shot, New Yorkers can rise up and say 'enough is enough' in terms of crime and corruption," said 26-year-old Sebastian Balasov, a financial analyst.

Fisher and Balasov were among the crowd of 300 conservatives who

milled about at a Metropolitan Republican Club election watch party on East 83rd Street in Manhattan on the evening of Nov. 8, after dining on slices of pizza.

They talked about moving to Florida, Texas, New Jersey, and Tennessee in the aftermath of Zeldin's loss and how education, the medical system, the crime rate, and energy prices may be further affected by the Democrat's victory.

"A lot of hardworking people are thinking of moving out of the city," Balasov told The Epoch Times. "I may leave the city. I am thinking about Nashville. There's a great music scene. It's safer too, and warmer."

"Hochul is going to owe the green energy and progressive wing of her party so she's going to continue a ban on fracking," 12th District GOP candidate Mike Zumbuskas told The Epoch Times at the watch party.

"Zeldin was going to open up fracking again, which would have lowered energy prices for everybody," said Zumbuskas, who lost to Democrat incumbent Rep. Jerrold Nadler.

For Joshua Mason, Hochul's victory is causing him to consider relo-



New York Republican gubernatorial nominee Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-N.Y.) appears at "Get Out the Vote Rally" in Thornwood, Westchester N.Y., on Oct. 31, 2022.

**We're teaching kids to make sure their pronouns are attached to their email signature. It's just bizarre.**

Brian Merritt, resident, New York

cating to Florida or Texas because he witnessed a shooting on his Nassau County block.

"It's strange because crime really doesn't come out that far into Long Island," he said. "Usually, it happens only here in New York City and with four more years of Hochul, New York may be beyond redemption at that point."

Brian Merritt, 48, had hoped for checks and balances related to his concerns about the education system.

"My 11-year-old was introduced to email for the first time, and she was told to put her pronouns at the bottom," he said. "We're teaching kids

to make sure their pronouns are attached to their email signature. It's just bizarre."

With Hochul's election, the software salesman said he doesn't foresee the New York City school system being returned to state authority in Albany.

"We've let the teachers union just run rampant over what's going on to teach our kids," Merritt told The Epoch Times. "What happened to reading, writing, and arithmetic?"

As an unvaccinated New Yorker, Bonnie Zijic, 67, has concerns about her medical freedom and plans to relocate to New Jersey.

"It's life and death for me," she said.

# Biden Administration Defends Racially Discriminatory Adoption Law at Supreme Court

MATTHEW VADUM

A federal law aimed at preventing non-Indian families from adopting Native American children is discriminatory and unconstitutional and should be struck down, parents told the Supreme Court on Nov. 9.

The Biden administration supported the federal law at the court sitting, while a lawyer representing Texas argued the federal law filled with racial-preference standards is an example of overreach that interferes with state adoption policy.

At a three-hour hearing, the justices considered the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which was enacted by Congress in 1978 to prevent non-Indian families from adopting Native American children. The statute was a reaction to concerns that Indian children were being removed from their traditional homes and Indian culture and placed in homes that had no connection to their culture. The Bureau of Indian Affairs used to pay states to carry out the adoptions.

The ICWA generally requires that Native children living outside of tribal lands be placed with members of their extended family or tribe; failing that, they are to be placed with outside tribes. If none are available, non-Indian families

become eligible to adopt.

The case is *Haaland v. Brackeen*, court file 21-376, which was consolidated with three other related cases. Petitioner Deb Haaland is the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Chad and Jennifer Brackeen, a white evangelical Christian couple in Texas, tried to adopt a Native American child. An appellate court upheld the ICWA, finding that Indian families are entitled to enjoy preference in the adoption process.

The Brackeens argue that the ICWA denies them their constitutional right to equal protection.

Although adoption is generally governed by state law and based on the best interests of the child, the federal statute created a separate child-custody system for Indian children, directing state courts to give preference to the placement of a child with "(1) a member of the child's extended family, (2) other members of the Indian child's tribe, or (3) other Indian families" of any tribe, instead of with non-Indian adoptive parents, the Brackeens stated in a brief.

The ICWA isn't working, the Brackeens' attorney, Matthew D. McGill, told the justices.

Although in 2020, there were over 11,000 Native American children in state foster care, "there are fewer

than 2,000 Native American foster homes," McGill said.

"That means each year hundreds, if not thousands, of Indian children are placed in non-Indian foster homes, and sometimes there they bond with those families. Yet, when those families try to adopt those children, ICWA rears its head for a second time, allowing tribes to play the proverbial ICWA trump card at the eleventh hour," the lawyer said.

The statute is being used against the Brackeens for a second time as they try to adopt a child identified as Y.R.J., who is now 4 1/2 years old, as they are being "asked to show good cause to overcome the placement preferences" of the law, instead of demonstrating what is in the best interests of the child, he said.

Because of the ICWA, "not even Y.R.J.'s deep attachment to the Brackeens after being part of their family for four years is sufficient. For both that child and her family, this flouts the promise of equal justice under the law."

Justice Neil Gorsuch seemed to defend the law, chastising McGill for making "policy" arguments instead of legal arguments.

"I'm struggling to understand your argument," the justice said. "For the first half of it, I heard policy complaints. It took a while for me to even



A Native American family near the Navajo Nation town of Steamboat, Ariz., on May 23, 2020.

hear the words 'equal protection' or 'Article I.'"

"The policy arguments might be better addressed across the street," Gorsuch said, a reference to the nearby U.S. Capitol complex that houses Congress.

Gorsuch suggested that the law may impose a "political classification," rather than "an invidious racial classification" that might be unconstitutional.

"Tribes ... are mentioned in the Constitution," which describes them as "separate sovereigns."

Chief Justice John Roberts told Deputy U.S. Solicitor General Edwin Kneeder that the federal government was "arguing for special treatment with respect to Indians."

Justice Sonia Sotomayor defended ICWA.

"If you're a member of a tribe and

the government wants to protect you in a certain way ... the government should be unfettered from that," she told Kneeder.

The law's treatment of Indian children is "the quintessential part of ICWA that I find hard to overturn."

Justice Brett Kavanaugh told Kneeder the law seems to treat non-Indian families unfairly.

"I just want you to speak to the concern on the other side, which is ... you come in as an adoptive couple, you want to adopt a child, the state court otherwise would say the best interests of the child would be to go with you, and then you're told no, you're the wrong race."

Kneeder suggested there was no racial discrimination at play. The preference for Indian adopters is a determination related to "tribal political citizenship," he said.

# US Homeowners Lost \$1.3 Trillion in Home Equity in 3rd Quarter

LIAM COSGROVE

U.S. homeowners lost \$1.3 trillion, or 7.6 percent, in home equity in the third quarter, the largest quarterly decline on record, according to the mortgage software and analytics company Black Knight.

Following the unprecedented real estate boom of the past two years, signs of a slowing housing market are beginning to emerge.

Homeowner equity contracted after peaking in the second quarter, Black Knight President Ben Graboske said.

"In the span of just three months, U.S. mortgage holders saw a total of \$1.3 trillion in newly acquired equity evaporate," he said in a statement.

Homeowner equity peaked at \$17.6 trillion in May, as home values increased by 45 percent since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the report, equity among mortgaged homes is now about \$1.5 trillion (minus 8.4 percent) lower than it was in May, with the average borrower's equity having slumped by \$30,000.

Despite this, "equity positions remain strong," the report notes, citing that the average mortgage holder has \$92,000 more in equity compared to before the pandemic.

However, the proportion of mortgage holders who are "underwater"—that is, owe more than the current value of their home—is increasing.

"From a risk perspective, we've already seen the number of underwater borrowers more than double alongside the equity pullback," Graboske said while noting that the overall percentage of underwater owners remains historically low.

The vast majority of these underwater mortgage holders purchased their homes in 2022 or late 2021, which coincided with prices "at or near pandemic-era peak prices," according to Graboske.

The report also found that "San Francisco became the first market to see prices fall year over year in September." San Francisco's annual growth rate came in at minus 1.3 percent, with the next lowest growth rate in San Jose, California, at 0.2

percent.

While Florida's home price growth rates are steadily falling, the state continues to dominate the rankings, with four of its cities ranking in the top five in terms of yearly home price appreciation. Miami's price appreciation was the highest in the country at 22.7 percent year-over-year.

Black Knight also tracked the impact of Hurricane Ian on the housing market. The report notes that 335,000 properties were in the direct path of the hurricane, suggesting that the owners "face a higher risk of property damage and mortgage delinquency."

In aggregate, this grouping of mortgage holders accounts for an unpaid balance of roughly \$71 billion.

By tracking mortgage payments through the first half of October, Black Knight discovered a slightly higher delinquency rate from property owners located in Ian's path. The data firm estimates that 20,000 to 25,000 borrowers will be affected.

The report also states that real estate prices remain elevated compared to 2019 levels.

"Despite price corrections, home values in the nation's 50 largest markets remain elevated by anywhere from 19 percent to 66 percent since the start of the pandemic," it reads.

However, this isn't likely to be the end of pain for homeowners, according to Graboske. As he sees it, continued tightening by the Federal Reserve "increases the potential for even further headwinds in equity lending, as well as heightened default risk."