

Brewster Fire Department hosts Open House



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A young future fireman gets his own red helmet to remind him of his visit to the station.



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Engine lights flashing, a pair of fire trucks parked outside the roll-up doors of the station took turns ferrying young passengers around town.

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Firemen's hats to fire engine rides, hot-dogs to handouts, the Brewster Fire Department had it all for visitors who dropped by the two-hour Open House from 6-8 p.m., last Thursday, Oct. 20.

Sources at the all-volunteer department said a full crew to staff the operations would include about 20 members where the station has about 12 active right now. The event helps spread the word that volunteers are needed while

it provides the up-and-coming future volunteers who are now youngsters a taste of the excitement and camaraderie that comes with being involved.

Brewster High School has been a source of new members as 2016 graduate Dario Orozco can attest.

A steady stream of parents and children stopped by as darkness set in and fire truck lights came on. A line of riders waited their turns to hop in the cab and take a tour of the town.

Everybody likes the firemen.

Bridgeport votes to join Good Sam RV Parks network

By MIKE MALTAIS
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BRIDGEPORT - Acting on a recommendation from RV park hosts Sue and Randy Stanley the Bridgeport City Council voted to become one of the more than 2,000 Good Sam Club RV parks scattered across the U.S. and Canada serving more than 2.5 million members.

Sue Stanley spoke before the regular monthly meeting of the council last Wednesday, Oct. 19, prior to the hosts taking leave of their park duties until next spring. Stanley made a compelling case for Bridgeport to become a destination point rather than a layover for travelers.

RV parks must meet a Good Sam minimum standard for services and appearance based on a rating system that evaluates facilities, background, and appeal. Compared against the minimum rating of 5-7-5 the city's Marina Park as is scores 6.5 (facilities), 9



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Sue Stanley, Bridgeport RV

(background), and 7 (appeal). Conkin Landing is 6.5, 10, and 8. Stanley said that Bridgeport's scores can go even higher with a little more time and money invested in the two facilities.

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Brewster council hears thanks, proposals for hydro regatta

By MIKE MALTAIS
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BREWSTER - Lisa Malmo, Pateros, appeared before the regular monthly meeting of the Brewster City Council last Thursday, Oct. 20, on behalf of the Tacoma Inboard Racing Association (TIRA) to thank the city for allowing the Tony Newton Memorial Regatta to run at Columbia Cove Park on Sept. 10-11.

"We really hope to come back," said Malmo and asked for a date change that does not conflict with the Okanogan County Fair. Malmo also asked the city to consider supplementing the advertising budget for next year's race to cover banners, posters, and artwork.



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Lisa Malmo of Pateros thanked the Brewster City Council for allowing the Tony Newton Memorial Regatta to run on Sept. 10-11.

Malmo said she hopes next year's event can be more of a festival like Issaquah's Tustin' n Racin' with vendors, live music, beer garden, and car show along with the boat races. She even had some clever names to suggest: Brewstertails, Brewstertails & Ales, for example.

Mayor Art Smyth recommended TIRA work with Chamber of Commerce president Mike Mauk for an expanded event.

Council member John Housden wanted to revisit the canine parvo problem that is also affecting Bridgeport dogs. The only action Housden recommended is a newsletter in two languages included with

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Pateros submits priority projects to Economic Development committee

By MIKE MALTAIS
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Pateros - The city presented three projects - announced at the September council meeting - for potential funding on Oct. 11 to the Okanogan County Priority Projects Committee of the NCW Economic Development District. At the regular monthly meeting of the Pateros City Council Oct. 17, council member George Brady briefly summarized the meeting that he, Mayor Kelly Hook and City Administrator Jord Wilson attended where a total of 19 projects were up for consideration. Wilson completed three applications describing the projects:

Pateros Library Improvements (top ranked of the three)

The library was constructed in 1966 during the Azwell Hydroelectric Relocation Project. The building has served the community well for over 50 years. However, times have changed. The index card file systems of the past have transitioned to online databases; encyclopedias are no longer printed; and continuing education classes can be attended remotely. Computer stations and the infrastructure and space supporting them are a critical link for students, job seekers, and business owners. This is phase one of the

Pateros Library Improvement Project.

Starr Road Development - Water Improvements

Development of the Starr Road site is an important piece of Pateros's work towards economic recovery and revitalization. After years of static economic activity and the widespread devastation caused by the 2014 Carlton Complex fires, the development of the 16.6-acre former landfill site has the potential to bring new revenue streams and new jobs to the city of Pateros. The results of this study find that the feasibility of developing the Starr Road site is dependent on the City's ability to identify and secure grant dollars for initial development and additional grants and low interest loans for subsequent improvements

Pateros Mall Improvements - Phase 2

The Pateros Mall is main street for the central business district. The Mall, built in mid-60s is in need of rehabilitation. The project requires replacement of the existing hardscapes, addressing stormwater, and replacement of lining of water and sewer mains which are over 60 years old, deteriorated and at the end of their useful life. This project is broken into three phases: Phase 1 - preliminary design and survey of mall, stormwater, and parking (funded and

approved by city council). Phase 2 - Design and engineering of Stormwater, Water and Sewer infrastructure. Phase 3 - Construction (estimated at \$1,100,000).

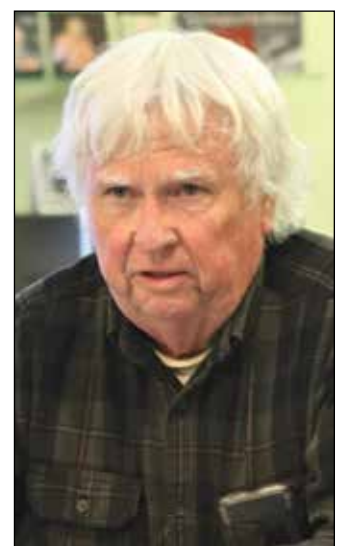
The North Central Washington Economic Development District (NCWEDD) is a federally designated economic development district, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serving the NCW region covering Okanogan, Douglas, and Chelan counties and the Colville Confederated Tribes.

The NCWEDD Regional Priority Projects Committee ranks projects based on several established criteria, including measurable regional economic benefits, measurable community benefits, fully developed plan and strategy, alignment with NCWEDD goals and objectives, and on public/private partnerships.

This year the NCWEDD will also select five projects that have been affected by COVID. These projects will need to align with the current EDA (Economic Development Act) American Rescue Plan (ARPA) available grants. Top ranked projects will receive NCWEDD letters of support and fund sourcing assistance.

In other business the council:

- Adopted a resolution approving the professional services agreement with Varela & Associates for



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George Brady, Pateros City Council member

engineering/planning/design of the Pateros Mall improvements and Commercial Avenue.

- Set a public hearing for 6 p.m., Nov. 21 (next council meeting) to review the 2023 budget, fee schedule, property tax, and EMS tax.
- Was advised that the Highway 97 pedestrian crossing and pathway project made it to the WSDOT Tier 1 which puts the project on the list for the legislature. Funding decision will be made May 2023.
- Heard that the corrugated walls for the winter barn should be going up this month.

Bridgeport revisits surplus lots east of Berryman Park

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - The city council resumed discussions over whether or not to surplus some real estate it owns east of Berryman Park when it was determined that the city cannot move forward with a joint development in conjunction with a private party without paying prevailing wage per state law. That requirement makes the project too expensive for the city to consider.

Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem said the property is zoned R-1

single family residence and could be marketed as four individual 10,000-square-foot lots or as one large parcel. Another option is a like-for-like trade for a parcel owned by a private party on Fairview Avenue near Marina Park. Attempts to get a response from the owner has proved unsuccessful so far. Dezellem said at the council's direction he would draft a proposal to the property owner exploring a potential trade.

Dezellem raised the issue of a potential traffic hazard

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Loose dogs like this little fellow will not have to keep one eye out for the city Animal Control Officer since the position is currently vacant.

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## A real full meal deal



Mike Maltais/QCH

He may be out on the hunt, but this well-fed and finely furred fellow does not appear to have missed any meals lately.

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“We can become a Good Sam Park, now,” Stanley said. The annual fee per park is \$895 that includes a free reservations software system that Stanley said is far superior to what she uses now for bookings at both parks.

“Over the past four years our current reservation software has cost the city \$7,674,” said Stanley. “That’s an average of \$1,918.50 a year without any marketing or advertising. If you do the math, Good Sam is the only way to go.”

Stanley said one obstacle to a higher rating is excessive cruising on a three-block strip of Jefferson from Seventh to Tenth streets paralleling Marina Park. She suggested converting that strip to an entrance only and block access to cruisers to improve park security. Future improvements to consider is a laundry room with a lending library, both highly rated additions.

Stanley recited the surrounding attractions for destination visitors including:

- Seven nearby golf courses including Gamble Sands, rated No. 1 in the state according to washingtongolf.com.
- Brewster has fishing tournaments and the Fourth of July celebration.
- Pateros has hydro races and Apple Pie Jamboree.
- Omak has the Stampede.
- Lake Chelan has water sports and sight-seeing tours.
- There are wineries and

cider houses to visit. Fishing and hunting seasons are drawing visitors. Bridgeport RV occupancy by hunters jumped from 19 percent last year to 35 percent this year.

During the July-August fishing season the parks were 96 percent full and 90-95 percent full during Memorial Day, Father’s Day, Labor Day weekends.

“We need to fill those shoulder months of May-June and September-October,” Stanley said.

One way she suggested to do that is to allow campers to bring their dogs. Chelan recently passed a city code banning dogs from city RV parks from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, Stanley said.

“Everybody wants to bring their dog in their RV,” said Stanley. “that’s why they’re not staying in a motel, because they want to bring their dog. We’re getting that business.”

With the Canadian border now open Stanley said the parks are seeing an increase in travelers stopping in on their way south and expects more business next April when they return north.

Last May the Douglas PUD completed the one-way half-mile ADA accessible Prickly Pear Trail that follows the river between Conklin RV and the Marina. Stanley said that is well-used.

The hosts planted 14 burning bushes lining Second Street and part of Columbia Avenue at Conklin Landing that will eventually make an effective privacy hedge.

## DOGS

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at Monroe Avenue and 26th Street near the Quik-E-Mart. Vehicles heading south on Monroe are supposed to yield to vehicles on their right on 26th by state law, but they do not. Dezellem proposed installation of a stop sign on Monroe where it intersects with 26th to solve the problem.

RV Park co-host Randy Stanley also served as the city Animal Control Officer. The departure of the Stanleys from their seasonal hosting positions leaves the office

vacant. Mayor Janet Conklin sent letters to Mansfield and Douglas County cancelling the interlocal animal control agreement until such time as the vacancy is filled.

Conklin advised the council that the city was not granted Recreation and Conservation Office funding to install permanent stands under the city’s tree sculptures.

- In other business the council:
- Set a public hearing for the 2023 tax ad valorem and income for the next regular council meeting on Nov. 16.
  - Set a public hearing date for the 2023 final budget for the Nov. council meeting.

## ZUZU African Acrobats to perform Oct. 30



Courtesy Omak PAC

The ZUZU African Acrobats will perform at the Omak PAC, October 30 at 3 p.m. Originating from the historical small town of Bagamoyo, Tanzania, ZUZU African Acrobats celebrate the 2,000 year old Bantic culture of East Africa. Each member of the cast has received special instruction from elders in the Bagamoyo’s Arts and Cultural Institute to perform these ancient traditions to audiences around the world. They present a high energy routine which includes fast pyramid building, limbo, contortion, bottle balancing, unicycle, tumbling and African traditional dance and music for everyone to enjoy. As their performance will be on Halloween Eve they are encouraging members of the audience to wear Halloween costumes if they would like. A parade of costumes will on stage at the end of intermission for those interested in appearing. Tickets are on sale at Rawson’s in Okanogan, Kelley Imaging in Omak and at Tonasket Interiors as well as online at [www.omakpac.org](http://www.omakpac.org). Adult tickets are \$25 student tickets are \$10. Children four and under are free.

## REGATTA

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the city’s water bills to remind residents of the issue.

### In other business the council:

- Accepted a Memorandum of Understanding between Okanogan County and the city regarding the Brewster Ballot Box Placement Agreement.
- Approved signing the sign agreement to apply for a USDA Rural Development

- wastewater system grant.
- Approved the annual North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force Agreement.
- Approved the annual North Central Washington Swat Response Team Interlocal Agreement.
- Heard a J-U-B Engineers virtual project update from company representative Michelle Johnson and approved a \$66,000 change order for additional concrete for the Canyon Creek well waterline.

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**Douglas County Sheriff**

**Oct. 7**  
09:34 CPS/ APS Referral, 610 E. Locust St., Waterville  
13:35 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 5, Orondo  
16:02 Agency Assist, 23 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport  
17:58 Welfare Check, 1400 block Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport  
20:03 Juvenile Problem, 2308 Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport  
22:54 Alarm, 238 Vineyard Dr., Orondo

**Oct. 8**  
08:39 Animal Problem, 103 W. Poplar St., Waterville  
14:19 Public Assist, 2426 Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport

**Oct. 9**  
00:51 Court Order Violation, 908 Foster Ave., Bridgeport  
01:35 Miscellaneous, US Hwy. 2 MP 146, Waterville  
03:03 Disturbance, US Hwy. 97 MP 217, Orondo  
09:01 Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block SR 173 Bridgeport  
15:29 Agency Assist, 1800 block Fisk Ave., Bridgeport  
22:13 DUI, SR 173 MP 9, Bridgeport

**Oct. 10**  
09:36 Court Order Violation, 212 W. 1st St., Waterville  
15:18 Civil Dispute, 8 Deer Creek Dr., Waterville

**Oct. 11**  
10:14 CPS/ APS Referral, 1505 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
16:27 Welfare Check, 32 Wilmot St., Mansfield

**Oct. 12**  
16:16 Agency Assist, US Hwy. 97 and Moser Ln., Orondo  
16:36 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Rd. 14 NW and Rd. C NW, Mansfield

**Oct. 13**  
01:15 Alarm 200 Ridge Rd., Orondo  
15:37 Miscellaneous, 19 Gun Club Rd., Bridgeport  
15:41 Miscellaneous, 409 22nd St., Bridgeport  
15:42 Miscellaneous, 440 10th St., Bridgeport  
15:45 Miscellaneous, 584 SR 173, Bridgeport  
19:03 Trespassing, 200 E. Birch St., Waterville  
23:38 Domestic Disturbance, 415 S. Franklin Ave., Waterville

**Oct. 14**  
07:06 Parking/ Abandoned Vehicle, Rd. 15 NW and Rd. D NW, Mansfield  
10:47 Alarm, 70 Zanol Loop Rd., Orondo  
12:38 Civil Dispute, 2412 Highland Dr., Bridgeport  
17:32 Traffic Offense, 1000 Foster Ave., Bridgeport  
21:15 Traffic Offense, SR 173 MP 3, Bridgeport Bar

**Oct. 15**  
00:19 Agency Assist, 1909 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
10:01 Property, 208 E. Elm St., Waterville  
13:33 Agency Assist, 2251 Columbia Blvd., Bridgeport  
13:44 Civil Dispute, 412 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
14:52 Trespassing, 2055 N. Division Rd., Mansfield  
16:03 Trespassing, 509 A Crane Orchard Rd., Bridgeport  
18:35 Suspicious Circumstance, Rd. A NE and Rd. 14 NE, Mansfield  
19:43 Harassment/ Threat, 60 N. Douglas Creek Rd., Waterville  
20:48 Traffic Offense, SR 17 MP 135, Bridgeport  
23:18 Noise Complaint, 109 Arden Ave., Bridgeport

**Oct. 16**  
10:35 Agency Assist, Jameson Lake, Mansfield  
13:49 Civil Dispute, 412 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
14:07 Civil Dispute, 412 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
21:28 Harassment/ Threat, 212 E. Poplar St., Waterville

**Oct. 17**  
11:04 Animal Problem, 310 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport  
11:16 Alarm, 204 Vineyard Dr., Orondo  
13:05 Weapons Violation, 100 Orondo School Rd., Orondo  
13:53 Sex Offense, 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield  
19:08 Disturbance, 111 W. Locust St., Waterville  
21:39 Harassment/ Threat, 106 Arden Ave., Bridgeport

**Oct. 18**  
10:14 Harassment/ Threat, 212 W. 1st St., Waterville  
10:22 Harassment/Threat, 206 Falcon Ridge Rd., Waterville  
10:48 Agency Assist, 108 Rd. Q SW, Waterville  
11:31 Welfare Check, 616 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport  
16:14 Missing Person, 731 Rd. G NW, Waterville  
16:26 Hazard, 238 McNeil Canyon Rd., Orondo  
17:02 Hazard, Rd. NW and Baseline Rd., Waterville  
18:30 Extra Patrol, 302 S. Central Ave., Waterville  
21:59 Welfare Check, 215 W. Locust St., Waterville

**Oct. 19**  
02:06 Noise Complaint, 2415 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport  
09:05 Civil Dispute, 301 E. 1st Ave., Mansfield  
15:24 Hazard, E. McCormack St. and SR 173, Bridgeport

**Oct. 20**  
08:31 Welfare Check, 731 Rd. G NW, Waterville  
09:49 Welfare Check, 410 S. Harrison St., Waterville  
15:04 Alarm, 356 Moses Coulee Rd., Waterville  
15:25 239 W. 3rd St., Waterville  
15:34 Domestic Disturbance, 1435 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport  
19:29 Civil Dispute, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

20:32 Civil Dispute, 102 S. Chelan Ave., Waterville

**Brewster Police Department**

**Oct. 7**  
07:58 A domestic dispute was reported on S. 4th St. in Brewster when dispatch heard a hispanic female caller crying and was unable to understand what she was saying, then the call was dropped.  
14:51A 3-year-old female child was found walking around West Indian Ave. in Brewster.  
16:55 A vicious pitbull was reported on S. Bridge St. after it bit a caller's 15-year-old daughter on the chin. The pitfall was black and gray and had no collar.

**Oct. 8**  
14:52 A caller reportedly flagged down law enforcement to report a male subject changing in the park nude in front of everybody, on S. 7th St. and W. Cliff Ave.  
16:24 Trespassing was reported at Brewster Marketplace when a female subject was in the store again yelling obscenities at management.

**Oct. 9**  
04:56 A male subject in a hoodie and driving a yellow Pontiac was reported parked next to the caller's vehicle and was trying to steal fuel on S. Bridge St. in Brewster.  
22:44 A gray and a white pitbull were reported in the area of W. Griggs Ave. and it sounded like they were fighting.

**Oct. 10**  
14:14 A juvenile problem was reported on S. 7th St. when a subject was caught in a bathroom smoking, it was unknown what substance.  
20:20 A domestic dispute was reported on W. Cliff Ave. in Brewster, the caller and her husband were fighting and he was trying to hit her but the dog got in the way.

**Oct. 11**  
13:59 A caller on W. Bruce Ave. requested information on a warrant for failure to appear and they gave her an address that she has never lived at.

**Oct. 12**  
No local reports.

**Oct. 13**  
16:58 A 37-year-old male subject was reported with shallow breathing in a little building on N. Bridge St. and E. Main Ave. in Brewster.  
20:01 A civil dispute was reported on W. Cliff Ave. in Brewster when a caller visited her child at the child's father's residence and he was under the influence of alcohol and did not feel safe leaving the child in his care.

**Oct. 14**  
12:02 A stray animal was reported on S. 3rd St. in Brewster.  
19:02 A German Shepard dog was reported barking continuously on E. Indian Ave. and S. 3rd St. in Brewster. It was reportedly caged up and was the 23rd time the subject had reported the animal noise.

**Oct. 15**  
14:04 A parking problem was reported on W. Main Ave. and N. 6th St. in Brewster.

**Oct. 16**  
10:53 A barking dog was reported on S. 3rd St. and E. Indian Ave. in Brewster as an ongoing problem, the caller did not know who the owner was.  
11:10 A parking violation was reported on 3rd St. in Brewster.

11:15 A parking problem was reported on W. Hanson Ave. in Brewster and the vehicle was blocking the alley and would be removed.  
18:10 A one-vehicle, rollover collision was reported on Monse Bridge Rd. in Brewster. The vehicle was a sand colored Honda and the occupants were all walking around and had possibly left the scene.

20:22 A traffic hazard was reported on E. Jay Ave. in Brewster for a male subject laying in the roadway.  
22:18 A domestic disturbance was reported on W. Main Ave. in Brewster, there was a male subject and a child screaming in the background, they were unable to understand what the interpreter was saying.

**Oct. 17**  
13:12 An animal problem was reported on S. Bridge St. in Brewster.

**Oct. 18**  
06:56 A non-injury accident was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster between subjects driving a 2002 black 4Runner and a green Ford pickup.

**Oct. 19**  
22:50 A juvenile problem was reported on S. 4th St. in Brewster and the caller requested law enforcement speak with her 13-year-old daughter.  
23:45 A 93-year-old female activated a pendant press medical alarm on Paradise Hill Rd. in Brewster and there was no contact with the patient.

**Oct. 20**  
15:33 Fraud was reported from a bank by a caller on W. Jay Ave. in Brewster.  
17:49 An agency assist was requested in an attempt to locate subjects driving a vehicle towards Omak with occupants armed with a high powered rifle.  
18:24 A domestic dispute was reported on W. Cliff Ave. in Brewster for a caller's brother that was being aggressive, pushing their mother and other children around.  
19:53 A burglary was reported on Mountain View Dr. in Brewster when a 96-year-old activated a pendant to advise she could hear someone attempting to get into the residence.

**Okanogan County Sheriff**

**Oct. 7**  
14:51 A 3-year-old girl was reported found walking alone on West Indian Ave.  
16:56 A caller reported a 5th grade student being threatened at Pateros School District and the caller's 9th grade daughter was helping the 5th grader.

**Oct. 8**  
14:52 Law enforcement reported being flagged down by a female subject who reported a male subject changing and nude in the park in front of others on S. 7th St. and W. Cliff Ave. in Brewster near the restrooms.

**Oct. 9**  
09:47 A traffic stop was reported on Hwy. 97 in Brewster and a subject was in a

heated argument with law enforcement.

**Oct. 10**  
07:15 Extra patrols were requested near Pateros High School on Beach St.  
20:20 A domestic dispute was reported on W. Cliff Ave. in Brewster.  
18:38 Extra patrols were requested on Beach St. in Pateros after a verbal threat was made on Friday from a 10-year-old in a classroom.

**Oct. 11**  
21:30 A subject in a silver Honda Civic with a black bumper was reported loitering on Lakeshore Dr. in Pateros.

**Oct. 12**  
11:38 A disorderly subject was reported at Alta Lake and was walking back towards Pateros and was reportedly drunk and belligerent.

**Oct. 13**  
20:08 A caller on Teleport Dr. and Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster reported a green laser pointing towards Hwy. 97 and while traveling on the highway the laser came into her field of vision.  
22:59 An assault was reported on Hwy. 97 when a caller was struck int face and was bleeding.

**Oct. 14**  
17:05 An agency referral was reported on Coyote Ln. in Brewster, with concerns regarding abuse and neglect from a 17-year-old female subject.

**Oct. 15**  
No local reports.

**Oct. 16**  
18:10 A one-vehicle, rollover collision was reported on Monse Bridge Rd. in Brewster. The vehicle was a sand colored Honda and the occupants were all walking around and had possibly left the scene.  
20:22 An agency assist was requested on E. Jay Ave. for a male subject laying in the roadway in Brewster.

**Oct. 17**  
14:04 A Husky-type dog was struck by a vehicle on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster and reportedly had a broken leg.

**Oct. 18 - 20**  
No local reports

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## OBITUARIES

### Ervin Douglas Wolley

Ervin Douglas Wolley, 88, of Pateros passed away February 21, 2022. Born March 10, 1933 in Walker, Minnesota. He was the eldest child of Hersel and Marjorie (Graves) Wolley. At an early age the family moved to Ronan, Montana where he attended school then moved to Washington.

He married Betty Aarestad in 1951 in Grand Coulee where they had two sons. They moved to the Brewster area shortly after the boys were born.

Ervin was a man of many skills. He worked construction on many of the dams including Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph, farmed, operated a steam rolled grain mill, and in the building industry. He designed and built many specialty items for warehouses when working for Brewster

Heights Packing and Jack Nickell.

He bought property south of Pateros where he developed a mobile home park and retired. He loved to garden, feed and watch the birds and tinker around his property. Ervin's knowledge and legacy will live on in his sons, family, and all whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his sons Don (Patti) and Duane (Donza), brother Lamar, sister Audree, three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, longtime companion Mary Loucks and ex-wife Betty.

A Memorial Service will be held at the American Legion Hall in Brewster, Washington on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 1 p.m.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Jim Brown

Jim Brown, 65, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on October 20, 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.

**Obituaries & Death Notices also appear online at [qcherald.com](http://qcherald.com)**

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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

BREWSTER – The Senior Center is now serving meals at Noon, at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-826-7979 to reserve or cancel your meal. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. MENU: Wednesday, Oct. 26: Baked Fish Fillet, Garlic & Parmesan Pasta, Peas, Garden Salad, Grapes, Dessert; Friday, Oct. 28: Western Omelets, Potatoes O'Brien, V-8 Juice, Peaches, Cereal Bar, Blueberry Muffin.

Oct. 25-29, 31, Nov. 1-6

### 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.

Oct. 25-27, 31, Nov. 1-3

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can be found at the following locations; Chelan Valley Hope, Chelan Fire Dept., Manson Fire Dept., Lake Chelan Eagles, Northshore Bible Church, Livingstone Church, and The Church of the Nazarene. If you are in need of warm winter wear please call or visit them at 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](http://chelanvalleyhope.org), [@ChelanValleyHope](https://www.instagram.com/chelanvalleyhope)

Oct. 27

### 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.

Oct. 28

### Okanogan County School Retirees' Association

OMAK - Okanogan County School Retirees' Association will hold a no-host meeting 11:15 a.m., Friday, October 28 at El Torito's Bar & Grill, 914 Koala Dr, Omak. Program: Attorney Bess Derting on "Seniors Think! Plan Ahead!" Information: Penny Garrison: 509-429-0292.

Nov. 2, 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. 8

### Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

WENATCHEE - Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)

Nov. 8

### Veterans Day Ceremony

BREWSTER – The Brewster School District will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 9, at 1 p.m. in the Brewster Middle School Gym. Veterans and community members are invited to attend a K-12 assembly to honor veterans of the Armed Forces. There will be fits for the veterans.

Nov. 9

### Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, November 9, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information [brewsterwachamber@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterwachamber@gmail.com) or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

Nov. 10, 17

### Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is Nov. 10 The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may re-

quest 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. 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)

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

THE DEER OPENER

The modern firearm deer season opened on the October 15 and lots of hunters were in the woods hoping to tag out on a buck. In Northeast and Southeast Washington, a number of voluntary check stations were open with biologists taking samples from harvested deer to check for the presence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Staci Lehman with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife stated, "We collected just over 50 samples from deer at eight check stations in Region One. We had over 200 hunters stop at check stations and it varied based on the location of the check station. It seemed like Republic, Deer Park, Walla Walla, and Clarkston may have had the most hunters visit the check station. We also had a handful of individuals stop with their roadkill salvaged deer and elk for sampling at check stations, which was great!"

Checking with Lonna Custis at the Beaver Lodge Resort near Colville, I learned a lot of hunters have been having success in the area but Custis says you can't expect to find the bucks driving around, you have to get out of your vehicle and do some walking to find them. Custis said several customers have bagged big bucks but they have been very secretive as to where they found them.

THE DUCK OPENER

Two consecutive dry summers in the Columbia Basin, coupled with an Indian Summer this year, made for an interesting waterfowl season opener on the October 15. For the first time in my 40 plus years of hunting in this region, I saw no green-winged teal, but instead blue-winged teal, which normally migrate out of the area in September. Many of the ponds that normally hold water near Frenchman's and Winchester Wasteway were dry and both the crowds and the shooting was limited on opening day.

One place that was crowded were the sand dunes at the north end of Potholes Reservoir. Recent rising water levels allowed hunters to access this area in boats, something they could not do a month ago.

As far as hunter success goes, Chad Eidson, the Manager for the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, was able to share harvest data from three regulated access areas (RAAs). At the Winchester Wasteway RAA hunters averaged 2.5 ducks each. At the Frenchman's Wasteway RAA hunters averaged just under two ducks apiece though the data was incomplete since 10 hunters did not turn in harvest cards. Finally, at the North Potholes RAA, which was heavily affected by drought conditions, seven hunters managed to bag a total of three ducks on opening day.



Hunter Check Station.

Courtesy WDFW



Courtesy WDFW

WDFW employee testing a harvested buck for Chronic Wasting Disease.

FISHING REPORTS:

The walleye bite is very good right now at Potholes Reservoir, that's the word not only from guide Shelby Ross at Ross Outdoor Adventures, but also from my best friend Rusty Johnston and I, who spent an afternoon trolling for them here last week. We ended up catching nine keepers, all measuring 13 to 14 inches in length, and also caught and released an equal number of bass. We had some success with deep diving crankbaits but the best lures we used (which are also favored by Shelby Ross) was a Mack's Smile Blade Slow Death Rig or Spindrift Walleye Rig, baited with a nightcrawler and trolled behind a bottom walker weight at a speed of 1.5 MPH. We found the walleye in 18 to 27 feet of water. Try trolling the face of the sand dunes, the mouth of Crab Creek or

along O'Sullivan Dam for success. [www.rossoutdoorsadventures.com](http://www.rossoutdoorsadventures.com)

Nadine West at the Cove Resort at Fish Lake west of Leavenworth said fishing has been great and they are catching lots of nice trout and perch. The perch have been averaging 8 inches and the rainbow trout are going 14 to 16 inches. The best fishing is out of a boat but they are catching both trout and perch off the resort dock too. Boat rentals are available at the resort. [www.coveresortatfishlake.com](http://www.coveresortatfishlake.com)

AN UPCOMING LUNAR ECLIPSE

Mark your calendar for November 8, when a total lunar eclipse will take place during the early morning hours. One unique place to view this is at the Goldendale Observatory, which will be open for this event from Midnight to 6 a.m. The cost to attend is free but you do need a Discover Pass (which is available onsite for purchase) to park at this State Park.

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

Guard against double whammy of flu and COVID with vaccinations

OKANOGAN - With flu season on the horizon and COVID still in the rearview mirror it is time for citizens concerned about these potential health risks to consider vaccinations as a measure of added protection. COVID boosters will soon be available for youngsters as well.

An Oct. 13 media release from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) advises that Omicron variant-targeted bivalent booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines will soon be available to people ages five and older.

"This is another step forward to a healthier tomorrow for everyone in Washington state," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "The more people who are eligible for COVID-19 boosters, the better protection we can provide to our communities."

That goes for flu season, too. "It's also time to get your flu shot," said Dr. Shah added. "We are entering respiratory illness seasons and it is a critical time to protect yourself and those around you from influenza."

The DOH said the booster eligibility expansion comes on the heels of the September rollout of the updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccine, which targets the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants currently accounting for the majority of COVID-19 cases.

All individuals aged five and older are urged to receive the updated booster as the cold and flu arrives. Flu vaccines, now available at many provider offices and pharmacies across the state, are safe to receive concurrently with the COVID-19 bivalent booster.

The DOH updated COVID-19 booster dose recommendations are as follows:

- People ages five and older who have completed a primary vaccine can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent booster at least two months after their most recent dose. These doses were scheduled to begin arriving in provider offices the week of October 17.
- People ages six and older who have completed a primary vaccine series can receive the Moderna bivalent booster at least two months after their most recent dose. Providers who already have an inventory of Moderna can begin administering these doses immediately.
- Children ages six months to four years remain eligible for the primary, monovalent COVID-19 vaccine series from both Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna and are not currently authorized for any COVID-19 booster doses.

As with previous vaccine and booster rollouts, the Center for Disease Control will provide states with weekly allocations, building each state's inventory levels over time. DOH urges the public to remain patient as initial demand is expected to exceed availability.

To make a vaccine or booster appointment, visit [VaccinateWA.org](http://VaccinateWA.org) online or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 833-VAX-HELP. Language assistance is available. Those individuals with further questions are encouraged to visit the DOH COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions webpage or talk to their trusted healthcare providers.

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The above Court has appointed Jennifer Carlson as Administrator of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to the undersigned counsel at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. DATED this 18th day of October, 2022. ZORETIC LAW, PLLC /s/ Michael T. Zoretic Michael T. Zoretic, WSBA #21221 207 Pateros Mall PO Box 427 Pateros, WA 98846 (206) 465-8109 [mike@zoreticlaw.com](mailto:mike@zoreticlaw.com) Published in the Quad City Herald on October 26, November 2, 9, 2022 #4834

**Public Notices**

**NOTICE OF 2023 BUDGET HEARING**

The Final read on the 2023 budget hearing for the Town of Mansfield has been scheduled for Tuesday November 8, 2022 at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM to afford citizens the opportunity to provide written or oral comments on the 2023 budget. Copies of the budget may be obtained from the City Clerk. Published in Quad City Herald, October 26, 2022 and November 2, 2022. #4797

**Public Notices**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of FLOYD R. LEYBA, Deceased. No. 22-4-00061-09 AMENDED PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030**

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: October 26, 2022 Personal Representative: Veronica L. Leyba Attorney for the Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: DAVID J. BENTSEN WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Published in the Quad City Herald October 26, November 2, 9, 2022 #4840

**Campfire restrictions reduced on Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest**

*Campfires at developed campgrounds, recreational shooting now allowed*

SUBMITTED BY USFS

NCW - Fire restrictions on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest have been reduced from Stage 2 to Stage 1, effective immediately. This change allows forest users to resume having fires in the developed campgrounds that are still open, as well as to engage in recreational shooting on forest lands. Campfires at dispersed sites are still

prohibited under Stage 1 fire restrictions.

Though fire danger is moderating in some higher elevation areas, much of the forest is still in high fire danger conditions. With no rain forecast for the coming weeks, fire danger may actually increase in some lower elevation areas.

"Our fire restrictions follow a prevention plan, which uses fire danger ratings (indices) and historic fire data to inform timing and levels of fire restrictions based on actual conditions on the ground. The days may be cooler and shorter, but the fuel conditions and fire indices are still showing high fire danger and potential for large fires," says Forest Fire Staff Officer Kyle

Cannon. "Our crews have responded to multiple new starts over the last week, as well as reports of illegal campfires. Please help our firefighters out by knowing and following current fire restrictions."

Campfires are a highlight of camping for many, especially during fall hunting trips. There are a number of propane and gas campfire alternative now available. These devices are still allowed on the forest during fire restrictions, even at dispersed sites. Just be sure to use them in an area free of vegetation.

Details on current fire restrictions are available at: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notices/?cid=fsbdev3\\_053600](https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/okawen/alerts-notices/?cid=fsbdev3_053600).

**Commission to discuss land transactions, caribou periodic status review, shoreline armoring rule making**

*Meeting Oct. 27-29 in Colville*

SUBMITTED BY WDFW

OLYMPIA - The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission will hear updates on a wide range of topics at a hybrid meeting Oct. 27-29 in Colville, including a briefing and public hearing regarding shoreline armoring rule making, a briefing on an estuary restoration project, and land transactions proposed by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff, among other items.

The Commission's work begins at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 with meetings of its Habitat, Wildlife, and Fish committees. Topics include the Washington Shrub-Steppe Restoration and Resilience Initiative, an update to the Game Management Plan, and a coastal steelhead update.

On Friday, Oct. 28, the full Commission meeting starts at 8 a.m. WDFW staff will brief the Commission on the caribou periodic status review, accept public comment, and ask the Commission for a decision on the topic. Commissioners will hear an update on the Duckabush

Estuary restoration project and discuss the process to develop a Spring Bear Policy.

On Saturday, commissioners will discuss the development of a Hatchery Workshop agenda and future meeting planning. The meeting will conclude with the Commission going into Executive Session.

This meeting will be held in-person at the Colville campus of the Community Colleges of Spokane at 985 S. Elm Street in Colville. There is also an option to attend virtually; see the meeting page for how to tune in online, as well as how to provide comment on meeting topics both virtually (please pre-register on WDFW's website) and in-person. This is the third Commission meeting being held in this hybrid format, and the public should be aware that technical challenges may occur as this new technology is tested.

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.

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.

Individuals who need to receive this information in an alternative format, language, or who need reasonable accommodations to participate in WDFW-sponsored public meetings or other activities may contact the Title VI/ADA Compliance Coordinator by phone at 360-902-2349, TTY (711), or email ([Title6@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Title6@dfw.wa.gov)).

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# Despite 3-Month Slump in U.S. Home Sales, Industry Leaders Remain Hopeful

MARY PRENON

For the third straight month, pending U.S. home sales have plunged, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) recently reported. At the end of August, three out of four major regions experienced month-over-month declines in real estate transactions, with only the West seeing a slight gain.

Year-over-year, all four regions indicated double-digit year-over-year decreases.

“The direction of mortgage rates—upward or downward—is the prime mover for home buying, and decade-high rates have deeply cut into contract signings,” NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said in a statement. “If mortgage rates moderate and the economy continues adding jobs, then home buying should also stabilize.”

NAR expects existing home sales to fall by 15.2 percent in 2022 to 5.19 million units, while new home sales are projected to decline by 20.9 percent. In 2023, Yun foresees a slower price appreciation and corresponding increases in sales as the year progresses.

“Next year, the annual median home price is expected to rise by only 1.2%,” Yun said. “Home sales will pick up in the second half of 2023, but will be down by 7.1% overall.”

Dottie Herman, vice chair of Douglas Elliman, one of the largest real estate firms in the United States, is still hesitant to label the current situation a recession.

“Obviously, everyone is experiencing a cooling of the market compared to 2021, but that’s a bad comparison,” she told *The Epoch Times*. “Frankly, anything is going to sound horrible after last year, because that was not a normal year. You really have to look at the pre-pandemic numbers.”

Herman explained that August is traditionally a “dead month” for real estate, due to summer vacations. Typically, the fall market begins to experience a pickup near the end of September and early October.

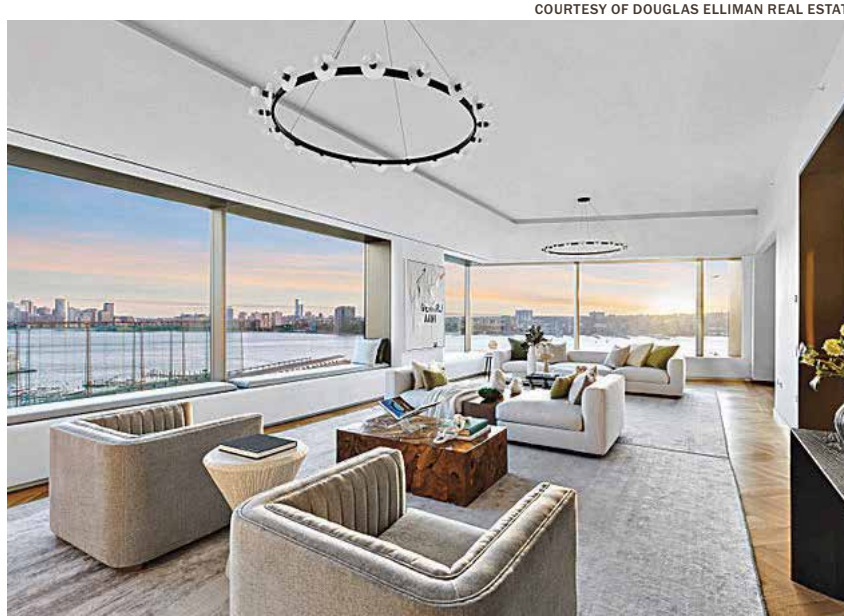
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A single family home on Long Island, N.Y., in this undated photo.



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Lawrence Yun, chief economist, National Association of Realtors



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A condo in Manhattan, in this undated photo.

With current rates teetering in the mid-6-percent range, many experts such as Herman believe that the seller’s market will continue in the near future. She remains cautious about using the word “recession.”

“The difference between today and 2008 is that today we still have very little inventory,” she said. “People who bought homes in the last couple of years are not going to move now and pay higher interest rates.”

While acknowledging that rising interest rates are slowing down home sales, Herman noted that they’re still well below the national historical average of 7.5 percent.

“It’s really not a fair comparison because if you go back to when the pandemic started, you saw interest rates as low as 2.5 percent—something we have never seen before,” she said. “I remember paying 15 percent interest

on my first house and taking an ARM (adjustable rate mortgage) on that.”

Ernest Jones, president of the National Association of Mortgage Brokers and a mortgage broker with Lend Smart Mortgage based in Minneapolis, believes that ARMs could be attractive to some buyers.

“With ARMs, there’s always some degree of the unknown, and most people who opt for them like to get out of them within a certain period of time,” he told *The Epoch Times*. “Right now, it could be challenging as we may not know what the market is going to do.”

Current interest rates are at or near 6.5 percent, but Jones said they could go higher depending on a potential homebuyer’s credit score and debt-to-income ratio. In most cases, lenders look for a credit score of at least 700, along with a significant down payment, typically about 20 percent, he said.

“I also think there’s a number of factors affecting the consumer thought process today when considering the purchase of a home,” Jones said. “It’s probably the biggest decision of their lives, and many people may be delaying making that jump right now until they get a better idea of what’s going to happen in the market.”

According to NAR, home sales in the Northeast decreased by 19 percent, while sales in the Midwest dropped by 21 percent from August 2021. In the Southern Region, home sales plummeted by 24.2 percent from a year ago, and the West had the largest year-over-year decline at 31 percent.

“Home prices are the least affordable in the West and, consequently, the region suffered deeper annual declines in contract signings due to rising interest rates when compared to other areas of the country,” Yun said.

While many economists forecast a recession for 2023, Herman said no one can make completely accurate predictions at this point.

“I don’t see prices dropping significantly, and I think builders are holding back right now as well,” she said. “I do think there will be more room for negotiation, especially as we get into the winter months, when things traditionally slow down.”

Herman indicated that the rental market is “off the wall” in many areas of the country, especially as first-time potential homebuyers are either priced out of the market or left with too little inventory from which to choose.

Yun predicts that the economy will continue to be sluggish through the end of 2022, with interest rates possibly hitting 7 percent in the coming months.

“Only when inflation calms down will we see mortgage rates begin to steady,” he said.

## 7 Indicted in Alleged CCP Plot to Force US Resident to China

ANDREW THORNEBROOKE

Seven people, including two New York residents, have been indicted in connection with an alleged plot by the Chinese regime to coerce a dissident in the United States to return to China, the Justice Department (DOJ) announced on Oct. 20.

An Quanzhong, 55, and his daughter An Guangyang, 34, of Roslyn, New York, were arrested on the morning of Oct. 20 and were due to appear before the District Court for the Eastern District of New York for an arraignment hearing in the afternoon, according to DOJ. The remaining five defendants are at large in China; the United States doesn’t have an extradition treaty with China.

Six of the defendants were charged with conspiracy to act as illegal agents for China.

The group allegedly worked at the behest of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to illegally force a Chinese national living in the United States to return to China, according

to an indictment unsealed on Oct. 20.

The lead defendant, An Quanzhong, allegedly acted under the direct orders of various CCP officials in order to conduct surveillance on the Chinese national and engage in a campaign to harass and coerce the individual back to China as part of an extralegal effort known as “Operation Fox Hunt.”

“As alleged, the defendants engaged in a unilateral and uncoordinated law enforcement action on U.S. soil on behalf of the government of the People’s Republic of China, in an effort to cause the forced repatriation of a U.S. resident to China,” Breon Peace, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, said in the statement, using the official name of communist China.

“The United States will firmly counter such outrageous violations of national sovereignty and prosecute individuals who act as illegal agents of foreign states.”

Operation Fox Hunt is a widespread effort by the CCP to locate

and repatriate alleged fugitives and dissidents who have left mainland China. The regime frequently uses extralegal means, including the harassment and detention of family members, to coerce such individuals to return to China, where they face punishment.

The CCP’s actions are done unilaterally, often illegally, and without any communication with or support from the U.S. government.

An FBI representative involved in the case said the targets of this most recent effort had fled persecution in communist China.

“The victims in this case sought to flee an authoritarian government, leaving behind their lives and family, for a better life here,” FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge Michael Driscoll said in a statement.

“That same government sent agents to the United States to harass, threaten, and forcibly return them to the People’s Republic of China. The actions we allege are illegal, and the FBI will not allow adversaries to

break laws designed to protect our nation and our freedom.”

The indictment states that the efforts went back to at least 2017 and that in the early 2020s, the CCP went so far as to transport a relative of the victims to the United States to personally convey the regime’s threats.

In 2018, two of the defendants traveled from China to New York City to spy on the victim, prosecutors said. Surveillance footage recorded them looking through windows, going through mail, and attempting to enter the victim’s home, the DOJ said.

An Quanzhong allegedly told the victims that the CCP would “keep pestering you [and] make your daily life uncomfortable,” and said that “it is definitely true that all of your relatives will be involved,” according to the indictment.

An Quanzhong also brought frivolous lawsuits against the victim in New York as part of a CCP effort to make the victim’s life miserable enough to return to China, according to the indictment. In one recorded

conversation, An Quanzhong explicitly told the victim that the lawsuits were frivolous and that the CCP could spend a billion dollars to harass them into returning, the document stated.

The indictment also alleged that An Quanzhong and An Guangyang engaged in a money laundering scheme. The scheme used a hotel in Queens, New York, to launder millions of dollars of funds from China into the United States in an effort to fund the CCP’s illegal activities while concealing its true origin, prosecutors alleged. Both defendants were also charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The charge of acting as an agent of the CCP carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. The money laundering conspiracy charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. The remaining charges, including conspiring to commit interstate and international stalking, carry a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

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