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A Brewster man died at the scene of this accident on State Route 17 when the vehicle in which he was a passenger struck the rear of the vehicle shown in the photo as its driver slowed to make a left turn onto Jack Wells Road.

One dead, four injured in two-vehicle accident

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – A two-vehicle accident at the junction of State Route 17 and Jack Wells Road near milepost 137 killed a Brewster man and sent four others with injuries to Three Rivers Hospital last Friday afternoon, June 3.

The Washington State Patrol press release said that a 1999 Mazda sedan driven by Tonya L. Turner, 48, of Omak, was traveling southbound on SR17 when she slowed to make a left turn onto Jack Wells Road.

A 2013 Dodge passenger van traveling behind Turner's vehicle struck the rear of the Mazda causing the se-

dan to come to rest in the northbound lane, blocking traffic. The van crossed the centerline, continued down the left embankment of the roadway and came to rest in an orchard.

Martin N. Aguilar Chavez, 22, of Brewster, a passenger in the van, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the van, Daniel Martinez Pio, 27, of Brewster, passengers Roberto C. Aguilar Guerrero, 22, and Eduardo Saucedo Tinoco, 33, also of Brewster, were transported by ambulance to Three Rivers Hospital for treatment.

The accident remains under investigation. No further details as to the condition of the injured parties was available at press time.

Culpepper & Merriweather raises the Big Top in Brewster

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus rolled into town for two performances last Saturday evening, June 4.

Earlier in the day the Big Top tent started going up in The Armory parking lot as Sixth and Main and the midway was ready to receive the public by 4 p.m. Attractions included pony rides, giant

slide, bounce houses, face painting, concessions, and more as the box office opened for those who had not already purchased advance tickets.

The first show as held at 5 p.m. followed by a second performance at 7:30 p.m. At its last appearance in 2019 the Culpepper & Merriweather drew some of its largest crowds at Brewster during its 32-week summer tour that stops at more than 200 cities across 17 states.



Mike Maltais/QCH

Face painting was a hit with this group of circus fans.



Pony rides were available for horseman of all sizes. See more photos at www.qcherld.com



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Spectators at Locust Grove Cemetery to witness the annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Preparations start early

American Legion performs annual Memorial Day services



The line of flags at Locust Grove grows longer as volunteers slowly work their way down the drive.

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Columbia Post 97 American Legion members Glenn Farrington and Frank Williver are up with the chickens Saturday morning, May 28, for what will be a long holiday weekend. The two veterans are among the dwindling list of volunteers who annually do the heavy lifting before, during, and after Memorial Day to honor military service.

Farrington and Williver devoted the early morning hours to distribute the 125 flag poles used to display the American flags that line the drive in Locust Grove Cemetery during Memorial Day.

Earlier the previous day Legion Auxiliary members Kim Patterson and daughter,

Kaylin, spent the morning locating more than 200 veteran graves and placing a small white cross on each. A group of Brewster High School sophomore and junior volunteers arrived later that morning to complete the process of tapping the crosses into place and inserting small American flags into each one. While they worked a city public works crew checked each flagpole base – a capped PVC pipe sunk into the ground – to make sure each was free of damage or debris and ready to do its job.

On Memorial Day morning Farrington, Williver, and three other Legion members again arrived early to attach a 5'x7' Stars and Stripes to each 14-1/2' pole and set them in place.

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The Honor Guard posts the colors as taps are played at the rustic Packwood Cemetery on Dyer Hill.



American Legion Columbia Post 97 members Greg Wagg, front left, Glenn Farrington, (back to camera), Barry Maitland, and Frank Williver, turn out early on Memorial Day morning to put up the large American flags at Locust Grove Cemetery. Here they attach two of the 125 flags to poles that line the cemetery drive and will greet visitors later that day. Each flag, like the one in the foreground bearing the name Basil Churchill, is named after a veteran buried here.

Brewster woman charged with vehicular homicide

BREWSTER – A Brewster woman has been charged with vehicular homicide following a vehicular accident on Old Highway 97 that left a six-year-old child dead last Sunday, May 29.

According to a media release from Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley the Sheriff's Of-

fice received a report at about 10:13 p.m. of a female who arrived at a residence on Old Highway 97 screaming that someone was dying in the pond.

Okanogan County Sheriff's Deputy Gonzalez, Sgt. Nichols from the Brewster Police Department, and Deputy Lopez,

Douglas County Sheriff's Office, responded to the call. They located a vehicle submerged in a pond.

The vehicle was removed from the pond at about 1:16 a.m., Monday, May 30, and a deceased six-year-old boy was found inside the vehicle.

During the investigation, Deputy Gonzalez determined probable cause that the driver, 32-year-old Liesenia Infante-Penaloza was impaired on intoxicants. She was booked into Okanogan County Correction Center on a charge of vehicular homicide.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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Each flag carries the name of a veteran buried in the well-manicured ground overlooking the Columbia River. Beginning at 9 a.m. Far-



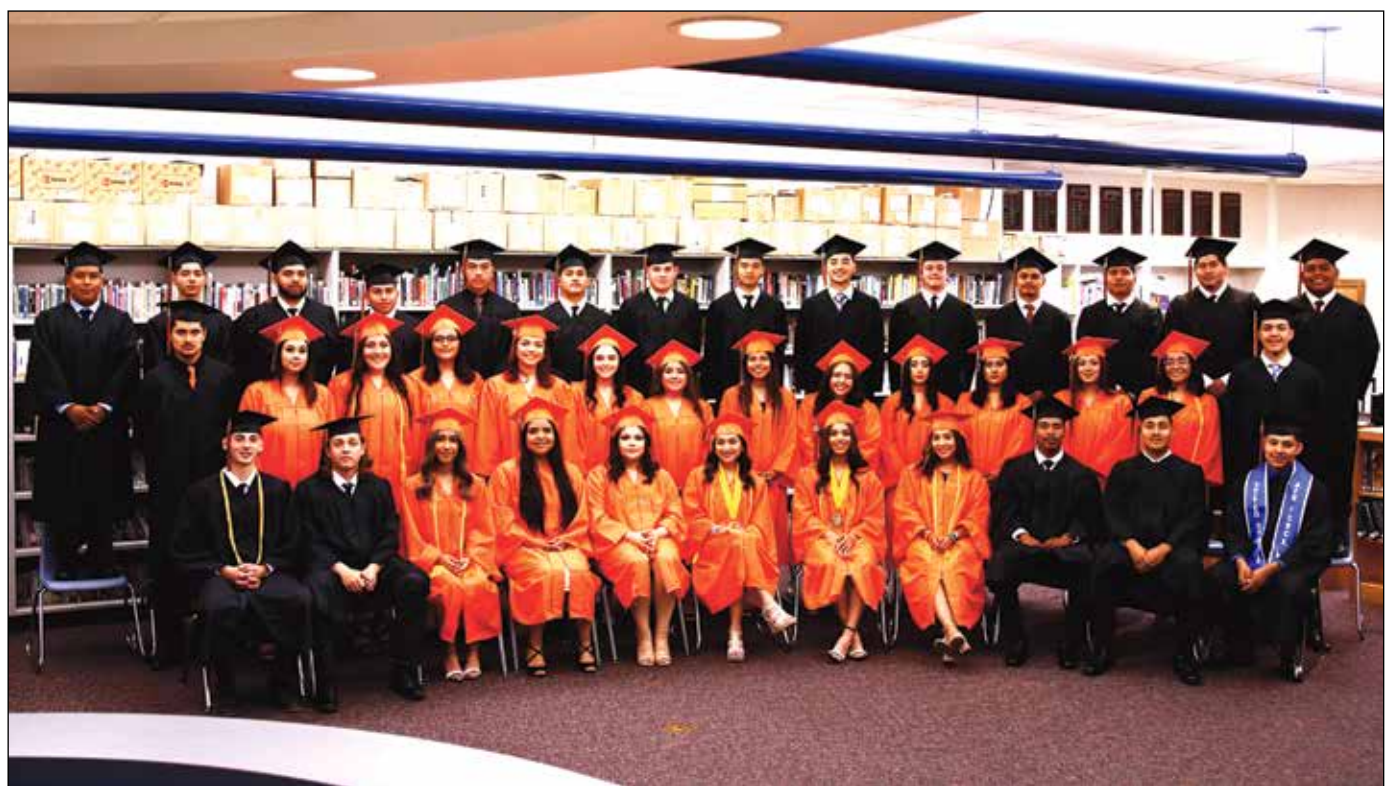
Each flag bears the name of a veteran like this one for Bill Pulsiver.

rington, Williver, Greg Wagg, and Area Three Commander Denny Pittman assembled at six sites around the area – Pateros Cemetery, the Bridge Street Bridge, Packwood Memorial Cemetery, Fort Okanogan Cemetery, Locust Grove Cemetery, and Legion headquarters – to post the colors, lay a wreath, fire a three-volley salute, and play taps. Later a team of volunteers would collect the flags, poles, and crosses and place them in storage to be used again.

It is a call to duty that each volunteer not only takes solemnly but also feels honored to discharge. Members of the public who would like to experience the privilege of playing a role in this annual ritual are encouraged to contact the Brewster American Legion at 509-689-3307 or Area Three Commander Denny Pittman at 509-670-3904.



Area Three Commander Denny Pittman drops a wreath from the Bridge Street Bridge to honor those military veterans lost at sea.



Bridgeport High School graduating class of 2022

Job's not finished

Bridgeport seniors graduate with academic honors, AA degrees



Class Salutatorian Jocelyn De La Cerda is all smiles.

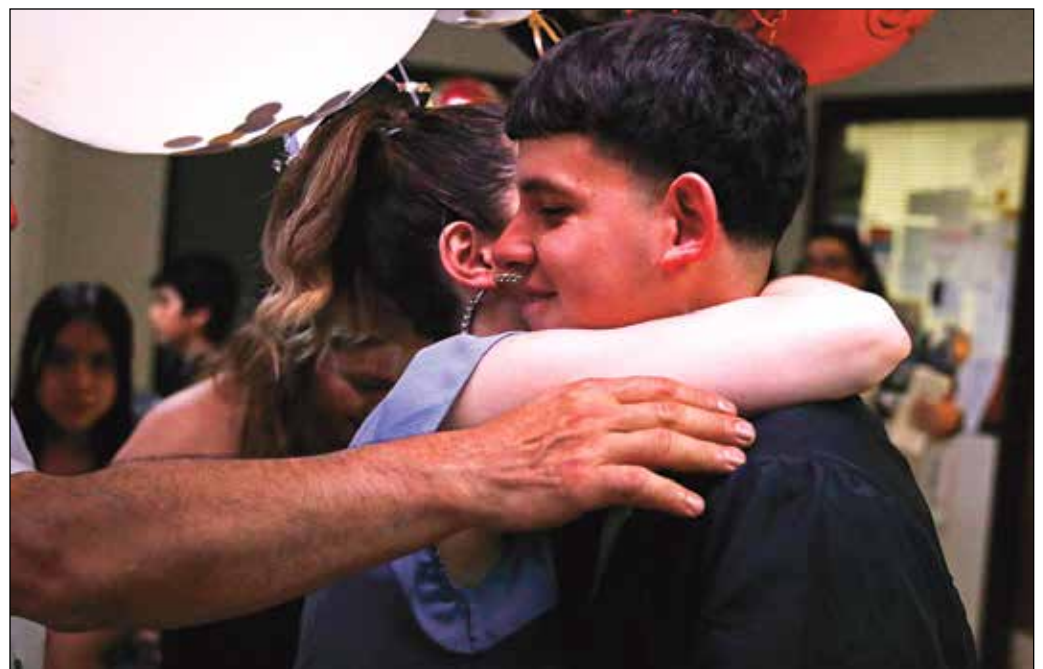
BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – Under the motto, “Job’s not finished,” 38 seniors in the Class of 2022 graduated in a ceremony that included academic honors and AA degrees before family, friends, and well-wishers in the school gymnasium last Friday, June 3.

The ceremony included a senior slide show, commencement speaker Dr. Chio Flores, Wenatchee Valley College Vice-President of Student



Brad Skiff/Bridgeport School District
Class Valedictorian Jennifer Farias-Gutierrez addresses the audience.



Ismael Rivera, one among 25 of the 12-year seniors, gets a hug.

Services, and addresses by class Valedictorian Jennifer Farias-Gutierrez, class Salutatorian Jocelyn De La Cerda, and class president Myrka Emilia Trejo-Hernandez.

Graduates with scholastic honors included:

- Jocelyn Rios De La Cerda
- Jennifer Farias-Gutierrez
- Drake Hunter Morris
- Melissa Rodriguez Padilla

- Stephanie Sandoval
- Myrka Emilia Trejo-Hernandez
- Jennifer Vargas-Ochoa

Graduates with a WVC AA Degree included:

- Jennifer Farias-Gutierrez
- Jocelyn Rios De La Cerda
- Nicolas Covarrubias-Flores
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More than half – 25 – of the 38 graduates were 12-year seniors.



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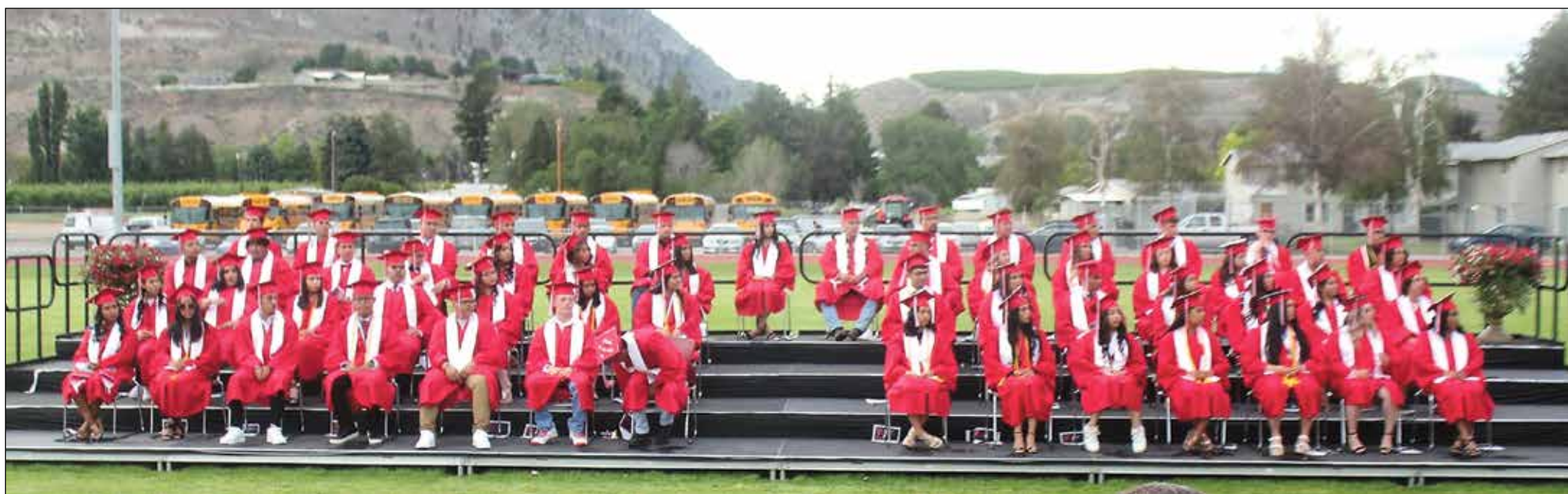
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The Brewster High School senior class of 2022 graduated in an outdoor ceremony on the school's athletic field last Friday, June 3.

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Brewster Class of 2022 graduates in outdoor ceremony

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – A break in the week's scattered showers allowed the Senior Class of 2022 to enjoy a rain-free outdoor graduation ceremony on the Bears' athletic field last Friday evening, June 3.

The class Valedictorian was Yunuen Pamatz, the Salutatorian was Brian Luquin, and class speaker was Elizabeth Garcia.

Superintendent Eric Dries-

sen inducted three new members Reba Gebbers, Trudi Gamble and Don Becker, into the school's Wall of Fame.

Honor Society members included Gaby Arellano, Carly Bowman, Elizabeth Garcia, Andrea Luquin, Brian Luquin, Yunuen Pamatz, Tori Reagles, Elias Silva, Jennifer Valdovinos, Evelyn Rojas, Olga Carrion, Luisa Lucas, and Perla Perez.

Associate of Arts degrees were awarded to Gaby Arellano, Carly Bowman, Chris-

topher Descoteaux, Victoria Reagles, Ryan Pamatz, and Ahtziri Arevalo-Pio.

Scholar athletes were Gaby Arellano, Olga Carrion, Elizabeth Garcia, Jennifer Valdovinos, Britany Perez, Tori Reagles, and Norma Saucedo.

Department awards went to:

- Art – Arileth Ziranhua
- English – Andrea Luquin
- Social Studies – Luisa Lucas
- Agriculture Technology – Nicholas Sutherland



Don Becker was one of three Wall of Fame inductees.

- Agriculture Science – Yunuen Pamatz
- Business Education – Brian Luquin
- Graphic Arts – Elizabeth Garcia
- Family & Consumer Science – Britany Perez
- Foreign Language – Jennifer Valdovinos
- Math – Yunuen Pamatz
- Music – Lizbeth Arrez
- Special Services – Marco Saucedo
- Science – Elias Silva

Scholarship and award recipients included:

- Elizabeth Garcia – Primeros y Primeras, University Scholarship Seattle, Jonathan Crane Memorial, World Language Club Scholarship, Baccalaureate Scholarship.
- Luisa Lucas – Primeros y Primeras, Jonathan Crane Memorial, University Achievement, World Language Club Scholarship, and Experience WSU.



Superintendent Eric Driessen inducted Trudi Gamble into the BHS Wall of Fame.

- Keyre Tinoco – Primeros y Primeras
- Elias Silva – Dean's Scholarship
- Olga Carrion – Presidential Scholarship
- Yunuen Pamatz – University Scholarship Seattle, Rawson Scholarship, World Language Club Scholarship, Herbert & Elizabeth Davis.
- AJ Woodward – CBC baseball, WAEF.
- Jonathan Para – Brewster Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year.
- Adiah Najera – Dean's Scholarship, Rawson Scholarship.
- Britany Perez – Richard "Obie" Oberweiser Memorial Scholarship.
- Jennifer Valdovinos – AVHRA Human Resource Scholarship.
- Brian Luquin – The Steiner Foundation.
- Andrea Luquin – WSU Merit Scholarship, WA State Opportunity Scholarship.
- Kaylee Cornejo – Faith for the Future Merit Scholarship, SPU Visit Scholarship.
- William McHugh – Army School Superintendent Eric Driessen inducted three new nominees into the school's Wall of Fame

Band travels to Chelan for Memorial Day Parade



RuthEdna Keys/QCH

The Brewster High School Band participated in the Memorial Day Parade held in downtown Chelan on Thursday, May 26. They were among some 20 entries in the parade.

Blood drive held in Pateros



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Pateros school principal Susan James was one of many who stopped in at the Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center last Friday, June 3, to donate blood. The drive was spearheaded by city council member Chantel Poole.

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BREWSTER – There is no longer take out/pick up meals available at the Brewster Senior Center and service days have changed. At this time they are serving home delivered meals only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Seniors may call 509-826-7979 for more information and to reserve or cancel their meal. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10.

June 8-11, 13-18

**Senior Center
Thrift Store**

BREWSTER – The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Joyful Thai will be leaving for a couple months as they get their new restaurant going in Tonasket. They will be returning. 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.

June 8

Brewster**Chamber to meet**

BREWSTER – The next gen-

eral meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, June 8, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

June 9, 13, 16

**Annual public
voucher distribution
schedule**

June 9 – Brewster Senior Center, 109 S. Bridge Street, 1-2 p.m.
June 13, Okanogan Senior Center, 1300 2nd Street, 10-11 a.m.

June 16 – Methow Senior Center (Twisp), 215 Methow Valley Highway, 10-11 a.m.

WIC and Senior Authorized Farmers Markets with payment options: Methow Valley Farmers Market (Twisp) 201 Hwy. 20 South, Parking Lot, Saturday, 9 a.m.-Noon, April-Oct. 29; Okanogan Valley Farmers Market (Okanogan), 999 2nd Avenue N., Legion Park, Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May thru Oct. 29; and Okanogan Valley Farmers Market (Omak), Omak Eastside Park, across bridge from downtown, Tuesday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., June 21-Oct. 25. If there is not a distribution site in your area, and you live within Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln and Okanogan counties, please contact Kathy Wright 509- 886-0700 ext. 235 / 800-572-4459

June 10, 17

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER – OCTN takes

Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. That next trip is June 10. 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 Friday of each month, June 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.

June 13, 27

**Okanogan County
PUD meetings**

OKANOGAN – The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, June 13, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

June 13, 27

**Douglas County
PUD meetings**

EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is June 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Bridgeport office.

June 13

**Okanogan County
Fair Advisory
Committee**

OKANOGAN – The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

June 15

**American
Legion meeting**

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. Next meeting is June 15 For information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

OBITUARIES

Jean Brownlee Engfer

Jean Brownlee Engfer passed away May 26, 2022, in Snohomish, Washington, after a long battle with MS. She was 75. Jean was born on April 15, 1947 in Omak, Washington, to Robert and Doris Brownlee of Pateros, Washington. Jean spent her youth in Pateros and was a twelve year graduate of Pateros High School.

Jean became a beautician and worked in the Brewster-Pateros area for many years. She also worked as a cook and waitress at the Rountable restaurant in Pateros. Later, she worked at Eastern State Hospital in Spokane, Washington, and Fircrest Hospital in Fircrest, Washington.

Jean was a single Mom to her daughters: Amy and Amber.

In the mid 1980's, she met Max Engfer. They were mar-

ried in June of 1988, in Pateros.

Max and Jean made their home in Marysville, Washington, where Max was employed.

Max was a dedicated caregiver for Jean as her MS intensified.

Max died in 2015 and a result, Jean was moved to a nursing home in Snohomish, Washington, where she remained until her death.

Jean is survived by her daughters: Amy Harris (Dustin Wilson), and Amber Escalante (Dave); her grandchildren: Carson and Jackson Harris, and Mateo and Jayden Escalante; and her brother, Phil Brownlee (Joan). She was preceded in death by her husband, Max Engfer; her parents, Robert and Doris Brownlee; her brother, Andrew Brownlee; and her sister, Lorraine (Brownlee) Gildeen.



A Graveside service will take place in the Pateros Cemetery, Pateros, Washington, on June 11, 2022 at 11 a.m. Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.prechtrose.com. Arrangements by Precht-Rose Chapel in Chelan, Washington.

Neil E. Asmussen

Neil E. Asmussen, a lifelong resident of Mansfield, Washington, passed May 19, 2022. Neil was born January 5, 1941, to Harold and Emma Asmussen and raised on the family cattle ranch and wheat farm near Mansfield. Neil grew wheat with his father for many years until Harold's retirement and operated the farm on his own until retiring after nearly 60 years in the business. Neil was a conscientious farmer and respected by his peers for the quality of his fields and the care of his equipment.

Neil was a fixture in the

community. Neil's infectious grin and quick laugh were a regular presence at community events and appreciated by all who knew him. Neil loved the community of Mansfield, and he leaves a lasting legacy benefitting the residents of Mansfield and northern Douglas County.

Neil survived his parents, Harold and Emma Asmussen, brother Gerald Asmussen and brother Gene Asmussen. Neil leaves behind his nephew Eugene Asmussen, niece Geri Langlow, multiple grandnieces and grandnephews, and many friends. Neil was pre-

ceded in death by his nephew, Calvin (Bug) Asmussen.

Neil loved to fish and developed many fine friends through this pastime. His relationship with his fishing buddies were the finest things he caught over the years of casting lures and sitting on riverbanks.

Funeral services will be held at the Mansfield United Protestant Church on June 16, 2022 at 11 a.m., Pastor Ric Bayless presiding. Dinner to follow downtown at the Mansfield Pioneer Hall courtesy of the ladies of the Mansfield community.

DEATH NOTICES

Adan Isaiah Torres Infante

Adan Isaiah Torres Infante, 6, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on May 29, 2021.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com.

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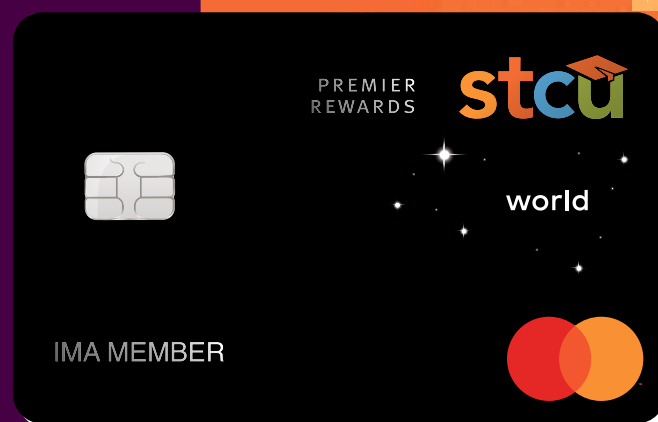
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Sheriff Hawley attends National Sheriffs Institute

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN BURNETT, WSSA PRESIDENT

OKANOGAN - The 117th Session of the National Sheriffs Institute was held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia from April 25-29. The course was conducted by the United State Department of Justice National Institute of Corrections in conjunction with the Major County Sheriff's of America. The course covered principles of leadership, community engagement, and challenges faced by first-term Sheriffs.

Twenty-four Sheriffs from across the United States attended the course. The Washington State Sheriffs Association would like to congratulate Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley, Cowlitz County Sheriff Brad Thurman, and Pend Oreille County Sheriff



Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley, (center) Cowlitz County Sheriff Brad Thurman, (right) and Pend Oreille County Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee (left), attended the 117th Session of the National Sheriffs Institute held in April in Virginia.

Glenn Blakeslee for attending this course and their com-

mitment to serve their communities.

How important is saliva?

Keith is an active 88-year-old former college basketball player and retired physical education teacher. "When I started getting up 3-4 times a night to go to the bathroom, my urologist started me on this medicine."

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"Keith, does your mouth feel dry since you started taking it?"

"Now that you mention it, yes. I want to drink more water, but I have to go to the bathroom more often whenever I do that. I've tried sucking on lemon drops, and that helps some."

It's estimated that over 30% of people older than 65 years have some degree of dry mouth. While healthy people can make up to 1.5 liters of saliva every 24 hours, people suffering from dry mouth, called xerostomia, make much less.

Your salivary glands are responsible for secreting saliva. They can be damaged by radiation to the head and neck for cancer treatment or impaired by autoimmune diseases like Sjogren's, rheumatoid arthritis, or lupus. And like Keith experienced, some medicines can decrease tear production, saliva secretion, or both. Saliva is vital for a healthy mouth. June is Oral Health Month, a collaboration between the American Dental Association and the Colgate company. Their goal is encouraging people to maintain healthy habits that protect their teeth, like brushing, flossing, and seeing a dentist

regularly for cleaning and fixing cavities.

Moisture from your saliva helps you chew food and swallow it without choking and helps you enjoy your food more by spreading it over your taste buds.

Saliva also protects the lining of your mouth and teeth from injury and infection, helps prevent food particles from sticking to your teeth, and contains essential antibacterial compounds that prevent tooth decay and gum disease.

Dry mouth symptoms like Keith experienced are not just a nuisance. Without enough saliva, the lining of your mouth will become more easily damaged as your usually moist tissue dries out. Food will stick to your teeth and tongue without saliva's moisture, dramatically increasing plaque formation, tooth decay, and gum inflammation.

When your gums get too dry, they tend to shrink and become more sensitive. This can significantly affect the fit and comfort of dentures. The dryness in your mouth often makes you want to drink more fluids. When Keith drank more water to relieve his dry mouth, he urinated more frequently, which cancelled out his goal of needing fewer trips to the bathroom when taking his Vesicare.

Mouth dryness can sneak up on you and create serious dental problems before you realize it. Keith's habit of sucking on lemon drops adds to his risk of having more cavities and inflamed gums because he has less saliva to help rinse the sugar out of his mouth.

Here are 6 Tips on Dealing with Dry Mouth:

1. Ask your doctor or pharmacist.

One common reason for dry mouth is that it is a side effect of a medicine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if any of your medications could be causing



your dry mouth. Keith ended up switching drugs, which really improved his frequent urination symptoms.

2. Avoid chewing or smoking tobacco.

The nicotine in tobacco can interfere with saliva production.

3. Avoid chewing gum or hard candy sweetened with sugar.

Sugar encourages bacteria in your mouth to produce more acid, which attacks your teeth and gums. Switching to a sugar-free gum or mint containing xylitol will decrease your risk of caries.

4. Take extra good care of your teeth.

Brush and floss twice a day with a very soft toothbrush to reduce damage to your mouth. See your dentist regularly for cleanings and follow-ups.

5. Try an over-the-counter saliva substitute.

Saliva substitutes come as sprays, gels, and even small discs that you stick inside your mouth where baseball players put chewing tobacco. Over 80% of my pharmacist colleagues recommend Biotene® dry mouth relief spray and Biotene® Oral Balance clear gel.

6. Ask your dentist or doctor for a prescription-only saliva stimulant.

If non-prescription products don't help, ask your doctor or dentist for pilocarpine drops. These are eye drops you put in your mouth just before eating to directly stimulate your salivary glands.

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

State officials aren't sharing much about dead wolves found in Stevens county

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Four wolves were found dead in Stevens County this winter in Northeast Washington but officials with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are saying very little about the incident. The wolves were discovered by two Stevens County Sheriff's Deputies on February 18 while they were patrolling the area of Churchill Mine Road a few miles south of the Canada border on snowmobiles. The deputies examined and photographed the animals and noted seeing no blood or bullet holes. They reported their findings to WDFW that day.

The wolves are part of the Wedge Pack and roam a territory where wolves have attacked livestock in the past. These attacks have injured or killed cattle, primarily calves and have led to lethal wolf removals from WDFW, the latest removal occurring in 2020.

WDFW remained silent about these dead wolves until the end of May. In fact, the incident was not even mentioned in the latest monthly wolf update from the agency which incorrectly stated only one wolf was known to have been killed so far in 2022.

However, that changed May 26 when Eli Francovich, writing for the Spokesman Review, broke this story open after the Kettle Range Conservation Group issued a press release about the incident.

Chris Bachman, the Wildlife and Wildlands Director for the Kettle Range Conservation Group, stated, "WDFW is often criticized for its lack of transparency around wolf management. This is simple opacity. Four gray wolves reported killed and three months have passed without any information related to this event being shared with the public." Bachman went on to say, "I understand WDFW likely has an investigation ongoing, but why not engage the public and try to garner information? Three months have passed, what is happening to bring the perpetrators to justice?"

Bachman believes the

wolves were poisoned. He told me he came to this conclusion after an assessment of the case by several experts, including a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service investigator. An interview with Bachman about this incident is scheduled to air the weekend of June 11-12 on the Northwest Outdoors Radio network.

WDFW did issue the following statement as this story came to light, "The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is aware of and actively investigating dead wolves found in Stevens County. Because this incident is under active investigation by law enforcement, no further information is being provided at this time. Please report any information about the death or harassment of wolves to the WDFW Enforcement Hotline at 1-877-933-9847."

I contacted Julia Smith, the Wolf Policy Lead for WDFW, as to why information wasn't released earlier. She defended the lack of transparency stating, "Often, in order to avoid jeopardizing an active inves-

I asked Smith why no similar rewards had been offered or pleas made to the public for help.

Smith replied, "Although we welcome and appreciate rewards being offered, offering a reward in itself isn't a compelling reason to make an investigation public. I've spent almost a decade working on wolves, and I cannot provide a single example of a monetary award leading to the conviction of a wolf poacher. The cash reward in Oregon has not resulted in any arrests to date. Typically, we get to the stage of offering rewards for information when there are no avenues of investigation remaining for law enforcement."

From my experience, the only thing that leads to convictions is evidence, and the only thing that leads to evidence is a sound investigation. WDFW chose to withhold information in this case to put law enforcement in the best position possible to carry out their investigation. We all want to see poachers brought to justice."



Courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Gray Wolf

igation, information is not released in order to prevent evidence destruction, protect officer safety, and ensure a case isn't compromised. We want to collect enough information such that a solid case can be referred to a prosecutor. Without sufficient evidence, a conviction cannot be made."

A similar case unfolded in 2021 in Northeast Oregon and Oregon State Police investigators, after several months, did announce a reward for information leading to a conviction in the case in the sum of \$50,000 that was donated by various environmental and conservation organizations.

Free fishing and public lands entry

On a lighter note, June 11-12 are free fishing days in Washington, where no license is required to fish or harvest shellfish though all other rules apply. June 11 is also National Outdoors Day and no entry fee or user pass is required to park at developed National Forest or BLM sites or to enter State Parks, Department of Natural Resources Sites or state Fish and Wildlife Areas for the day. Camping fees are still required for overnight stays.

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Looming Price Hikes on Food Set to Hit Americans This Fall

Higher inflation could force Fed action, leading to a 'deeper recession'

Higher gas and food prices will leave Americans with less money to spend on other goods, which will reduce demand and create repercussions for the wider economy.

KEVIN STOCKLIN

In its effort to contain inflation, the Federal Reserve has begun what many expect to be a series of interest rate boosts, which are already taking a toll on stock and housing markets, with job losses likely to follow. While Americans grow weary of record high gas and grocery prices, however, another round of price increases is making its way through the food supply chain and is expected to reach consumers this fall.

"People don't realize what's fixing to hit them," Texas farmer Lynn "Bugsy" Allen said. "They think it's tough right now; you give it until October. Food prices are going to double."

The 8.8 percent increase in food prices that Americans have already seen doesn't take into account the dramatically higher costs that farmers are now experiencing. That's because farmers pay upfront and only recoup their expenses at the point of sale, months later.

"Usually, what we see on the farm, the consumer doesn't see for another 18 months," said John Chester, a Tennessee farmer of corn, wheat, and soybeans. But with the severity of these cost increases, consumers could feel the effects much sooner, particularly if weather becomes a factor.

"Nothing that consumers are paying is going to bridge the gap for farmers right now," according to Lorenda Overman, a North Carolina farmer who raises hogs and grows corn, soybeans, and sweet potatoes. She said the spike in fuel costs has put her farm into the red this year.

"The prices now have not hit the grocery stores yet," but she expects they will start to by the end of summer.

Much of the cost of food hinges on the price of oil.

"They have no electric trucks delivering that food and there are no electric tractors," Allen said. "It takes diesel to run all this."

Chester said fuel and fertilizer together make up 55 percent of his total costs. The price of diesel fuel has more than doubled, to more than \$5 per gallon today from \$2.50 per gallon at the end of 2020. Farmers say the cost of fertilizer, an oil derivative, has tripled and in some cases quadrupled.

"When you look at the machinery that uses diesel, it's farm equipment, it's railroads, and it's trucks," said Daniel Turner, executive director of the energy advocacy group Power the Future. Diesel "moves all of our goods, it grows our food. From cargo ships arriving from overseas to trucks or trains getting those goods across the country, all those things now have added costs that will get sent to the consumer."

"That surge in food and energy costs is very demand-destructive for U.S. households," said Joseph Lavorgna, chief economist at Natixis, a European bank. "If you have to pay a lot more money for your food, to heat or cool your home, or put gasoline in your vehicle to get to work, there's less money available elsewhere."

Higher gas and food prices will leave Americans with less money to spend on other goods, which will reduce demand and create repercussions for the wider economy.

Economic reports are indicating that Americans are already unable to keep up with inflation. Household savings fell to the lowest rate in 14 years, as people struggle to maintain their standard of living. Credit card debt is hitting record highs, and retailers say they're preparing for more consumers to limit their spending to the "bare-bones basics."

While it's possible that Americans' loss of spending power may help to reduce inflation, some economists fear a return of 1970s-era "stagflation": rising prices coupled with economic stagnation and increasing unemployment. That period of inflation was ultimately tamed by the Fed raising interest rates to nearly 20 percent.

In contrast to the Carter-era energy crisis, which was sparked by an embargo from foreign oil producers at a time of declining American oil output, today's energy shortages are largely the result of domestic U.S. government policies, as the Biden administration attempts to force Americans to switch to alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, and electric from fossil fuels. This effort has included shutting pipelines, suspending oil and gas leases, and putting up regulatory roadblocks—all



Shoppers at a supermarket in Washington on May 26, 2022.



A farmer unloads corn from a bin before trucking it to a grain elevator where it will be sold, near Dwight, Ill., on July 19, 2021.

of which has reduced new investment in U.S. oil and gas production.

Last week, President Joe Biden stated that the spike in oil prices is "an incredible transition that is taking place that, God willing, when it's over, we'll be stronger and the world will be stronger and less reliant on fossil fuels."

According to Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, rising oil prices are "an exclamation point" for the need to transition to wind and solar and "build homegrown clean energy." Granholm previously stated that "if you drive an electric car, this would not be affecting you."

With natural gas prices now hitting a 14-year high, the Department of Energy recently posted "a few tips on how you can prepare your home and office to safely navigate a blackout."

Samantha Power, head of the U.S. Agency for International Develop-

ment, said the solution to rising fertilizer prices is "natural solutions like manure and compost, and this may hasten transitions that would have been in the interest of farmers anyway. Never let a crisis go to waste."

"That's not the real world," Overman said. "We are in the highest density for hog production in the nation and there's not enough hog manure or turkey manure or chicken manure to fertilize our crops. We tried this fall to lock in some chicken and turkey litter to spread on our crops and there's none to be had."

"There's just not enough animals to produce the amount of fertilizer we need."

"Energy is a very capital-intensive business, and we're basically down to about half the level of cap-ex within energy that we had a couple years ago," Lavorgna said. "A lot of that has to do with the fact that oil companies

are not tone-deaf to what shareholders want, or more importantly what the regulators and politicians want."

"It's incredibly curious that of all [Biden's] rhetoric, I have yet to hear anything along the lines of 'We will do everything to increase production in America.'" Turner said. "They are comfortable with the current state because of their green philosophy, and we're just necessary casualties."

Together with ruptures in global supply chains, oil and food prices are a key reason why many economists think the Fed will have a particularly hard time taming inflation.

"There is a real risk the price [of gas] could reach \$6 a gallon by August," Natasha Kaneva, head of global oil and commodities research at JPMorgan Chase, told reporters. "U.S. retail price could surge another 37 percent by August."

The higher prices climb, the more aggressive the Fed will need to be to contain inflation.

"We think the risks are skewed towards a much more significant recession, as inflation proves more persistent than is generally expected ... the moves from the Fed currently envisioned by markets will be too slow to restrain inflation," economists from Deutsche Bank stated in a research report titled "Why the coming recession will be worse than expected."

"A mild recession would be a relatively small increase in the unemployment rate," Lavorgna said. "If, however, the Fed feels that it needs to compress demand further, then we are looking at a much deeper recession, with the unemployment rate perhaps doubling, if not more."

One of the unique features of the current economic crisis is the extent to which it is driven by government actions, as opposed to a market failure. This includes trillions of dollars in federal spending to prop up an economy reeling from draconian government lockdowns that now appear to have had little success in containing the coronavirus. This spending was compounded by the Federal Reserve holding interest rates near zero while expanding its balance sheet to \$9 trillion, flooding America with cash.

These problems were then further exacerbated by the Biden administration's reregulating of the economy and its antipathy toward America's fossil fuel industry, together with a Western boycott of Russian oil and fertilizer exports following Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

Inflation is the result of too many dollars chasing too few goods, and, in this case, it has been a "perfect storm" on both sides of the equation. As the Fed works to cool demand by raising rates, some economists say the Biden administration must reverse the policies it has put in place that are undermining productivity and holding back supply.

"If you want to address the inflation problem, you do it through the painful way of Federal Reserve action and higher interest rates and borrowing costs," said Jonathan Williams, chief economist at the American Legislative Exchange Council. But, simultaneously, "you do it through the supply side, which reduces taxes and gets productivity back up across the United States."

Given the federal government's reluctance thus far to take the necessary steps, some states have created their own solutions, Williams said. Since March, four states—Iowa, Mississippi, Georgia, and Arizona—have gone from progressive income tax rates as high as 8 percent to flat tax rates in the range of 2 to 4 percent. North Carolina eliminated its business income tax, and nine other states currently have no state income tax.

On May 17, Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and other Republicans introduced the ONSHORE Act, which would give states the power to manage oil and gas production on federal lands within their borders. They simultaneously introduced the Lease Now Act, which would require the Department of the Interior to resume the sale of oil and gas leases.

Asked what Biden could do to help farmers, Allen said, "Lower the fuel prices. It will save the middle-class people. It will help them when it comes to buying food."

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON STATE IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING IN THE ESTATE OF LARUE E. FRANKLIN, DECEASED No. 22-4-02346-2 KNT NOTICE TO CREDITORS 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 or 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. 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 (3); 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Personal Representative: CARI L. FRANKLIN-HART Attorney for the Personal Representative: Scott Gifford WSBA #40926 Address for Mailing or Service: Scott Gifford 325 S 108TH PLACE SEATTLE, WA 98168 _s/ Scott Gifford Scott Gifford, WSBA 40926 Attorney for Personal Representative Published in the Quad City Herald June 8, 15, & 22, 2022 #4164



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LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST In accordance with RCW 29A.12.130 and WAC 434-335, a Logic and Accuracy test will be conducted on the Okanogan County vote counting equipment. The test will be held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office at 3:00 PM, Tuesday, June 14th, 2022. At that time a "test deck" of ballots will be run through the vote tabulating equipment. The test is designed to check the ballot tabulating and precinct programming. A test deck will be scanned and resolved at the time of the Logic and Accuracy Test. The test is open to the public. Published in the Quad City Herald June 8, 2022 & at www.qcerald.com June 6 - 12, 2022 #4153

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SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CHELAN NUMERICA CREDIT UNION, Plaintiffs, v. CARMEN Y. MALDONADO individually and the marital community of CARMEN Y. MALDONADO and JOHN DOE MALDONADO, wife and husband, Defendants. NO. 22-2-00343-04 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION The State of Washington to the said Carmen Y. Maldonado and John Doe Maldonado: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 18 day of May, 2022, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Numerica Credit Union, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys' for plaintiff Numerica Credit Union, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is an action to recover on a Complaint for Monies Due for defendants failure to pay. Published in the Quad City Herald May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2022 #4061

Sheriff & Brewster Reports

Douglas County Sheriff

May 27 10:26 Fraud/ Forgery, 71 Buckingham Aly, Bridgeport 12:16 Extra Patrol, 491 Rd. 14 NE, Mansfield 13:18 Drugs, 0 block S. Harrison St., Waterville 14:41 Welfare Check, 700 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport 16:59 Runaway, 401 W. Ash St., Waterville

May 28 09:11 Suspicious Circumstance, 180 Lakeview Ave., Orondo 19:49 Traffic Offense, 1200 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport 21:30 Theft, 2149 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport

May 29 02:00 DUI, 10th St. and Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport 06:29 Marine, 9 Cloud Nine Ln., Orondo 11:27 Public Assist, 117 Crest View Dr., Orondo 11:40 Noise Complaint, 3rd St. and Columbia Ave., Bridgeport 21:25 Noise Complaint, 616 16th st., Bridgeport 22:01 Noise Complaint, 20th St. and Fisk Ave., Bridgeport 23:20 Agency Assist, 1255 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

May 30 06:31 911-call, 11 Rd. c SW, Waterville 14:17 Burglary, 1 Lancaster Ln., Orondo 19:38 Injury Accident, McNeil Canyon Rd. and Beebe, Chelan 23:51 Assault, 60 Skeels Rd., Orondo

May 31 08:23 Welfare Check, 410 S. Harrison St., Waterville 08:29 CPS/ APS Referral, 44 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport 16:17 Court Order Violation, 100 Orondo School Rd., Orondo 19:53 Traffic Offense, 811 Jefferson Ave., Bridgeport

June 1 05:31 Vehicle Theft, 11 Old Ferry Rd., Orondo 14:05 Theft, 52 Richards Ave., Bridgeport 14:55 Traffic Offense, SR 173 MP 5, Bridgeport Bar 17:52 Hazard McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 7, Orondo 17:55 Civil 133 State Ave., Bridgeport

June 2 05:27 Harassment/ Threat, 1637 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport 19:21 Civil Dispute, Bridgeport Bar 23:15 Warrant, 400 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

Brewster Police Department

May 27 14:52 Suspicious Circumstance reported on N. Bridge St. in Brewster. 16:50 Harassment reported on N. Bridge St. in Brewster when a male subject passed by and wanted to fight the caller's 18-year-old stepson. 18:54 Citizen Assist requested on S. 3rd St. in Brewster for a

domestic situation between a caller and their girlfriend's son.

May 28 13:11 Citizen Contact requested for S. 7th St. regarding a stolen plate on a motorcycle. 14:45 Stray Animal reported on Brewster Airport Rd. 22:06 Disorderly Person reported for an intoxicated male being confrontational in Pateros.

May 29 12:31 Suspicious Circumstance reported on W. Jay Ave. in Brewster. 22:13 Fatal Accident reported on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

May 30 No local reports.

May 31 No local reports.

June 1 08:45 Burglary reported on Upper Reservoir in Brewster.

June 2 17:10 Suspicious Circumstance reported on W. Main Ave. in Brewster when a little girl called saying please come get me from Walmart, then a male got on the phone. 20:28 Unattended Death reported on Monse Bridge Rd.

Okanogan County Sheriff

May 27 19:39 Citizen Assist requested on Pedersen Rd. in Pateros.

May 28 16:03 Vicious Animal reported on Pioneer Rd. in Brewster for a Husky attacking the caller's dog. 22:06 Disorderly Person reported in Pateros for an intoxicated male subject being confrontational.

May 29 22:13 Fatal Accident reported on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster.

May 30 01:50 Malicious Mischief reported on Old Hwy. 97 in Brewster for a damaged vehicle. 18:40 Suspicious Circumstance reported on Mountain View Dr. in Brewster. for a male subject yelling outside a shed.

May 31 21:14 A female subject was reported and ticketed for reckless driving with two kids and a male subject in the vehicle on North Star Rd. in Brewster.

June 1 08:34 Fraud reported on Golf Course Dr. in Pateros when a suspect used the caller's name and driver's license number to access their account at a credit union in Henderson, Nevada.

June 2 No local reports.

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SUDOKU PUZZLE

GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR 12 days, departs May - Sep 2022 VISTARON 1-855-208-9533 FROM \$1,949 \$1,699 FREE ONBOARD CREDIT

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CROSSWORD grid with clues: 1. Fountain treat, 5. Pharaoh's cobra, 8. "the Woods," movie, 12. Gulf V.I.P., 13. Native American tent, 14. Rapper Dogg, 15. Hindu princess, 16. "Used to alert when driving", 17. "me, then who?", 18. "Corvette, e.g.", 20. Cambodian money, 21. "Like Stephen King's Christine", 22. "Some Nights" (2012) band, 23. "Aston follower", 26. State legislature's home, 30. 7th letter of Greek alphabet, 31. "What I used to step on the gas", 34. Lowest brass, 35. Salon offerings, 37. Exclamation of surprise, 38. Fathered, 39. Do like phoenix, 40. Underarm, 42. The Jackson 5's "Be There", 43. 3 or 6 in 3+6=9, 45. Knit cap, 47. Shed tears, 48. Winter Olympics participant, 50. Embarkation location, 52. "Earth traveler (2 words)", 56. 2-time NBA Champion Rajon, 57. Double-reed instrument, 58. Muscovite or biotite, 59. Lopsided, 60. Undesirable dwelling, 61. Causing pain, 62. Like certain military tent, 63. Between "ready" and "go", 64. #63 Across, pl.

THEME: CARS ACROSS 1. J. Lo's ex 2. Wet nurse 3. "Don't cross it when driving" 4. Hot dish stand 5. Garlicky mayonnaise 6. Shopping 7. Pub offering 8. "Car name that sounds like "unending" synonym 9. Opposite of all 10. Hammer or sickle 11. Choose or select 13. Like a rosebush 14. Maple goo, alt. sp. 19. French city, popular coronation location 22. Like a certain Tuesday 23. First 'M' in MGM 24. Aweigh 25. Turn toddler into an adult 26. Chicken house 27. Home of famous shroud 28. Obelus, pl. 29. Soup server 32. "Car company founded by a Henry 33. Unit of electrical resistance 36. "German luxury car 38. "Driving maneuver 40. Take your pick 41. In the same place, in a footnote 44. Cupid's ammo 46. Smells 48. Expensive fur 49. Type of whip 50. Do like a model 51. Squid's defense, pl. 52. Death, to some 53. Kamala Harris, e.g. 54. Not counterfeit 55. Dose of sunshine, pl. 56. "Car name that also means Aries

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