

Review of 2021 projects

Long Term Recovery Group updated on DCM, volunteers, and rebuild projects

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - A 2021 Year in Reflection presentation comprised part of the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) meeting of the board of directors last Thursday, March 10.

Lead Disaster Case Manager (DCM) Jessica Farmer opened the PowerPoint presentation that covered three areas of last year's OCLTRG works: disaster case management, volunteer help, and rebuild projects. Farmer noted that contrary to 2020 when COVID pandemic restrictions put a damper on recovery work and travel, last year allowed workers back into the field when restrictions eased.

"We have traveled a little over one time around the earth with disaster case management, rebuild project, and volunteer coordination," Farmer said of the combined 29,000 miles racked up by those components last year.

Mass outreach projects included one for Conservation District resources last May, again for insurance support in July, August, and September for insurance support.

"We did a back-to-school support for every child who lost their homes in the 2020 fires," Farmer said.

Another project provided Christmas gifts for kids in both 2020 and 2021 with help from the Unmet Needs Roundtable and Les Schwab in Wenatchee.

An outreach project initiated last September for appliance grants of up to \$2,500 to replace large and small appliances lost in the fires. Qualified individuals still have until May 30, 2022, to apply. More details are available by contacting Farmer at 509-846-5101 or email jessicaocdcm@gmail.com.

A bulk buying project has provided more than 303 out-buildings across the disaster zone, Farmer said. More than two dozen - 16 tool sheds and 11 woodsheds - currently stored at an Okanogan vendor are being delivered as driveway access allows.

DCM has received and processed 731 referrals, opened 202 cases of which 38 remain active. The active cases in-



Mike Maltais/QCH

Four members of the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery (OCLTR) team were recognized with Certificates of Appreciation during the monthly meeting of the OCLTR board of directors meeting in Pateros March 10. From left, Renee Haug, Jessica Farmer, Barry Hansen, and Aimee Bannwarth were singled out - in the words of the certificate - "for countless hours and unwavering support and commitment to helping those recovering from the wildfire disasters of 2014, 2015, 2020, and 2021."

clude the Cold Springs, Palmer Mountain, Pearl Hill, and Rehmk Road fires. A total of 418 people have received case help.

The Unmet Needs Roundtable comprised of more than a dozen charitable organizations spent \$228,185 in 2021 and is projected to bring \$313,000 to the table.

Victims of 2021 wildfires including the Walker Creek Fire by Bonaparte Mountain, the Cub Creek Fire near Winthrop, the 25 Mile Creek Fire in Chelan, and the Whitmore Fire on the Colville Reservation have reached out to OCLTRG information and resource help.

Of the 38 rebuild contracts from the 2014-2015 fires, 24 have been completed to date, said Farmer.

Volunteer coordination
Volunteer case manager Aimee Bannwarth discussed the vital role played by volunteers and organizations through the recovery process.

Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) Bi-National Deployment has been onsite since the first week of January and has provided a big boost to rebuilding efforts since their

arrival. Bannwarth said that as of March 3, 77 MDS volunteers have dedicated 3,602 hours of work amounting to \$72,040 saved in labor costs.

Those figures already total nearly half of the amount done in 2021. The group has also agreed to extend their normal three-month tour by an extra month through April.

In 2021, a total of 114 volunteers contributed 6,769 hours of work that amounted to \$135,380 in labor costs saved. Along with MDS, volunteer teams that included:

- Western Anabaptist Missionary Services (WAMS) - Custom built storage outbuildings
AmeriCorps/NCCC - Smoke & Mirrors Exhibit, table construction, warehouse organization.
Restoration Hope - Ground foundation work.
United Methodist Church (UMC) Fairwood and Sedro-Woolley - House framing and floors
North Creek Presbyterian Church (NCPC) - Framing floors and building walls.
JVC Northwest
Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) - Site cleanup

Rebuild project

The first round of 2021 rebuilds began in September with Restoration Hope preparing the ground for five home sites. In October NCPC and both UMC groups were working at the Okanogan County fairgrounds building the wall panels for the first four homes. In November MDS crew from Pennsylvania spent two weeks closing in three two-bedroom homes before winter hit.

Recovery Project Manager Barry Hansen reported that February was a productive month for the recovery team for home rebuilds.

"As of the end of February we have four houses we are actively working on," wrote Hansen in his monthly report.

Hansen said rebuilds from the 2020-2021 fires extend from Palmer Mountain on the north end of the county south to Coulee City. Structures range from an off-grid residence to a four-bedroom home. The permit process is underway for several more with hopes that foundations for three or four houses can be poured this month and next. Prospective sites on deck include one above Bridgeport, two in Douglas County, one south of Monse on Highway 97, and a solar project on the Colville Reservation's Cameron Lake Road.

With the current rebuilds underway and more on the drawing board or in the permitting process, "it's gonna get crazy, so be prepared," Hansen told the board.

In other developments OCLTRG is signing a new contract with the Okanogan Fairgrounds to extend use of the Rabbit Barn from April 1 through August 1.

Anders said the Disaster Recovery Team has been asked for support by Whatcom and Skagit counties, for Oregon wildfires, in California, Kentucky, Colorado's Marshall fire, and Arizona, and some national planning for issues dealing with long term recovery.

The Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization (PTEEO) and OCLTRG have been awarded a National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) AmeriCorps team from April 4 through June 24 this year.

Hawkins pleased that capital budget funds many 12th District projects

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ZYLSTRA, OFFICE OF SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

OLYMPIA - Sen. Brad Hawkins is pleased that 10 projects throughout the 12th District, totaling more than \$10 million, are funded in the final capital budget proposal agreed upon by House and Senate negotiators.

"I'm thankful that House and Senate Republicans had opportunities to engage directly in this budget process, and I appreciated the discussions with my Senate colleagues and House seatmates about 12th District projects," said Hawkins.

NCW projects include:

- Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority port trades project: \$3,000,000
Wenatchee City Pool Repairs: \$550,000
Wenatchee Valley YMCA: \$515,000
Chelan-Douglas Food Distribution Center: \$1,030,000
City of Brewster Canyon Well House: \$480,000
City of Brewster Sewer Upgrade: \$2,800,000



Sen Brad Hawkins

- Lake Chelan EMS Design: \$191,000
Peshastin Cross Over Siphon Pipe: \$309,000
Town of Elmer City Fire Station Improvements: \$772,000
Brewster School District: \$933,000

A supplemental state capital budget typically makes only modest updates to the original two-year budget, but Hawkins says this one is larger due to federal infrastructure bill dollars.

United Church of Christ funds

Wildfire recovery group awarded grant to build homes

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PATEROS - The Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) has been awarded a grant from the United Church of Christ to help fund home rebuilding following residential losses from the 2020 wildfire.

OCLTRG Executive Director Carlene Anders was advised by letter last Feb. 14 that the group's application for the Global H.O.P.E. Disaster Ministries Recovery and Repair Grant was reviewed and approved by Global's Team of Wider Church Ministries.

"Full funding for the requested amount of \$10,000 has been awarded," said the letter.

"As stated in the application, funds are designated for 2020 Wildfire Recovery from the Cold Springs and Pearl Hill Fires in Okanogan and Douglas Counties, for the building of eight homes."

Anders announced the grant award at the March meeting of the OCLTRG board of directors meeting. The group's rebuilding project



Carlene Anders

is currently working on the completion of four houses with permits in the works for several more.

In related funding news the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) awarded a \$5,200 grant to the Disaster Leadership Team to support case work in the Whatcom County flooding disaster. Both Anders and OCLTRG Disaster Case Manager Jessica Farmer have been helping the county in its recovery efforts.

Stakeholders respond to Hawkins' Affordable Housing Bill progress

By MEGAN SOKOL,
STAFF WRITER

OLYMPIA - Sen. Brad Hawkins' affordable housing bill has reached the Governor's office and is pending final approval. Those who testified for its approval expressed their excitement for the bill's progress.

"Chelan Valley Housing Trust is very grateful for the efforts of both representative Mike Steele up here in Chelan County and of course, Senator Brad

Hawkins," Chelan Valley Housing Trust Executive Director Steve Wilkinson said. "They're really highlighting the need for creative legislation to address the housing crisis we have got here in Chelan County and Senator Hawkins demonstrated great resolve and flexibility to sponsor Senate Bill 5868 for the purpose of expanding that eligible use of the existing rural sales and use tax for funding housing."

SB 5868 is targeted towards expanding the use of rural

county public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing, generally used for economic development or building infrastructure. This is a 0.09% sales remittance tax that is coming out of the 6.5% state sales tax. If signed into law, this would not increase tax rates and will be eligible for those who do not make more than 120% over the median income within their county. It would be designated for nonprofit housing so that it remains affordable after a

resident or developer sells their property.

"There is a major growing issue with housing affordability especially in our areas," Sen. Hawkins said "Places like Leavenworth, Lake Chelan, the Methow Valley, and all throughout the state."

The bill traversed both House and Senate floors March 7-9 and was finally placed on the Governor's desk by March 11.

"Passing any bill in Olympia is difficult but housing

ills have proven to be especially challenging, so I'm just really grateful to the many local stakeholders who supported this effort and who helped advocate for it. This bill would not be where it is without their support."

Those who testified for the bill's approval include Upper Valley MEND, Chelan Valley Housing Trust, Chelan County, Leavenworth Mayor Carl J. Florea, Leavenworth City Councilmember Zeke Reister, Wenatchee Valley Chamber, Confluence Health,

and Cascade Medical.

Those who testified against the bill include the Washington Public Ports Association due to the bill's last minute change to fund workforce housing through the state sales tax rather than through lodging taxes. Chelan County Housing & Economic Development Director Sasha Sleiman recalled that the Port's concerns were based in the funding stream becoming too thin down the line.

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A golden moment



Mike Maltais/QCH

A golden eagle profiled against a clear blue sky never fails to draw attention.

Year of the Apple High School Student Art Contest

NCW - The Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) invites all current high school students in the following counties to participate in the 20th Annual Year of the Apple Art Contest. Our (local) counties of: Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan. The Washington apple-themed contest will grant over \$1750 cash in student prizes.

First place will receive \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, and 3rd place \$250. In addition to cash prizes for students, the top three winner's art class/teacher will win a \$150 Amazon gift card for art supplies. Start working on your artwork today! Contest rules and registration forms may be found

at www.waef.org or by calling 509-663-7713.

The overall grand prize winner is awarded \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to see his/her artwork reproduced onto a poster-sized calendar. Artwork submitted to: Washington Apple Education Foundation C/O Art Contest, 2900 Euclid Avenue, Wenatchee, WA. 98801. Deadline of May 1.

The Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) is the charity of the tree fruit industry. The organization is best known for its scholarship program. Annually, WAEF awards over \$1 million in scholarship aid to students raised in tree fruit industry communities.

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"I think everybody kind of understands the importance of it, but anytime you expand use of funding, that means hypothetically, other people won't be able to get as much funding. The funding is limited, there's a set amount of money," Sleiman explained. "If you're allowing for more people to apply for that funding, people who are existing recipients of that funding may get nervous, so I think that's where we're seeing that from the statewide port association."

Many proponents for the bill argue that there will be little economic development without more infrastructural development for workforce housing.

"If your workers can't live where you have the infrastructure or you want to build the infrastructure, then what's the point of having money for infrastructure if it's in a place where those kind of skills, those kind of laborers, those kind of workers can't live?" Leavenworth City Councilmember Zeke Reister asked. "It's really important to have people living where they work as much as possible."

Steve Wilkinson reports that both Leavenworth and Chelan are placed in a unique housing position due to their high-income populace driving out the housing market, but with tourism and hospitality at an all-time high, employees have become increasingly scarce.

"We have a much greater populace of affluent retirees that now live here. They are in the need of central year-round services," Wilkinson explained. "There's a need for employees here and for a longer period of time to meet this tourism. When you do not have the housing, it's hard to retain employees and it's hard to attract employees."

Here is Leavenworth Mayor's response regarding WA SB 5868:

Mayor Carl J. Florea:

"This is a great bill that will give us one tool to help us address our housing crisis. No one thing, nor any one bill, will solve our housing needs. But this is the first time we have the option to put some locally generated funds towards the problem, and the significance of that can't be overstated. And this is the first time a bill of any kind has come through our state that gives resources towards those needing hous-

ing above the affordable housing model that was limited to those making less than 80% of area median income. This bill allows these dollars to go for workforce housing that serves those up to 120% of area median income. Truly groundbreaking.

I approached Sen. Hawkins with our need for a funding stream to address workforce housing and asked for his help. He originally agreed to sponsor a bill to allow us to use a portion of our lodging tax. But when that failed to gather the needed support, he changed direction to use these county .09% sales and use tax funds to address the same need. Sen. Hawkins truly gets how the lack of housing is devastating to a community such as ours. I can't thank him enough for his tenacity and steadfastness to work this through the legislature. And both our representatives, Rep. Mike Steele, and Rep. Keith Goehner, were supportive and a help to get this bill through the House. A big first step, one of many that will need to be developed to address our shortage of housing."

COMMON GROUND Community Housing Trust Board President Thom Nees

"Senator Hawkin's bill, SB 5868, is smart legislation for such a time as this as evidenced by the broad support in the WA State House and Senate. The bill does not create a new funding stream, but instead, offers the "opportunity" for local jurisdictions, like Chelan and Douglas Counties, to direct existing funding that can increase attainable housing units for our workforce. With the Governor's signature, the counties will be able entertain applications from non-profit Community Housing Trusts and the Housing Authority for development infrastructure costs which is a major cost of housing.

In the Greater Wenatchee area, we have a median sale price of over \$450,000 now, and an affordable price for our workforce is \$200,000-\$250,000. In order to deliver these housing units to the consumer, we have to fill the gap between what the market place delivers and what is attainable. This legislation gives the opportunity to access funding to help do that.

I am grateful for SB 5868 passage. I am also glad to live in the Greater Wenatchee area where local officials recognize our housing crisis, and are responding with their advocacy and funding decisions."

Guest artists to perform at OVOC concert

SUBMITTED BY OKANOGAN VALLEY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

OMAK - "Okanogan Valley and Chorus, plus several guest artists, are slated to perform at 3 p.m. March 26 in the Omak Performing Arts Center

Special guests are: Kori Thornton, who will perform "Straight Up" that has been nominated for a Native American Music Award.

Dan Nanamkin, who will perform on the flute and give an inspirational presentation

of Native American traditional knowledge and values.

CITIZENS, a native drum group and the popular duo, Karen and Gil who will perform two songs.

The chorus will perform "We Rise," composed by Adam Mitchell in 2020, to remind people they need to rise together to achieve dreams. Karen Harris will accompany the chorus on guitar.

The next selection will be "The Dream Keeper," by Rollo Dilworth. Dilworth, a prolific

and powerful African American writer, expresses social issues and concerns. Tim Alley will accompany on percussion.

The choral selection "Puff the Magic Dragon," was originally performed by Peter, Paul and Mary. Alley will accompany on percussion. The chorus will also sing "The Clouds," words and music by Cynthia Gray, and "Hisakata No," (In the Peaceful Light), a traditional Japanese song of spring and blossoms by Ruth Morris Gray.

"West Side Story Selections," by Leonard Bernstein and arranged by Jack Mason, will begin the orchestra portion of the program, followed by "Lennon- A Tribute to the Music of John Lennon," by John Lennon and arranged by Roland Barrett.

"Ode to Joy Festival," one of the most performed pieces of music by Ludwig van Beethoven and arranged by Todd Parrish, is also planned.

For more information www.ovocmusic.org.

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Brewster Police Department

March 4
00:51 Suspicious Circumstance, State Way

March 5
10:19 Stray Animal, STCU Bank

March 6
17:10 Recovered Vehicle, Hwy. 97
17:46 Non-Injury Accident, Hwy. 97
18:51 Trespassing was reported on N. 7th St. when a person was sleeping inside.

March 7
20:09 CPS Agency Assist, Washburn Ave.

March 8
13:43 Suspicious Circumstance, N. Bridge St.
15:15 Malicious Mischief, Brewster
18:44 Non-Injury Hit-And-Run Accident was reported on Hwy. 97 when the caller's vehicle was in the turn lane and a lighter colored truck pulling a trailer traveling southbound hit the caller in the rear driver's side fender.

Okanogan County Sheriff

March 4
00:51 Agency Assist for courtesy ride, State Way, Brewster

March 5
09:13 Traffic Offense, no license, Hwy. 97, Brewster
11:49 Suspicious Activity with abandoned rollover accident, Moore Apple Rd. and Osprey Nest Rd., Pateros

March 6
04:34 Home Burglary Alarm, Stennes Point Dr., Pateros
13:14 Agency Assist for a wallet found in Chelan, on Pedersen Rd., Pateros
14:16 Unknown Problem with male subject lying near Hwy. 17, Brewster
15:18 Four pigs were reported at large and in the roadway, Monse River Rd., Brewster

17:10 Recovered Vehicle, Hwy 97, Brewster

March 7
15:21 Citizen Assist, Hwy. 97, Brewster

March 8
No Report

Douglas County Sheriff

March 4
00:08 Noise Complaint, 120 Fir Ave., Bridgeport
12:33 Suspicious Activity, 112 Sage St., Bridgeport
16:35 Public Assist, 124 W. Maple St., Waterville
20:00 Public Assist, 430 16th St., Bridgeport
21:08 Public Assist, 103 Sagebrush Rd., Waterville
22:37 Traffic Offense, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP1

March 5
10:45 Agency Assist, 44 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport

March 6
01:57 Domestic Disturbance, 124 W. Maple St., Waterville
09:44 Theft, 113 Pondersoa Rd., Waterville
11:47 Animal Problem, 18 Gun Club Rd., Bridgeport
14:10 Agency Assist, 44 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport

March 7
05:12 Runaway, 1821 Raymond Ave., Bridgeport
10:00 Animal Problem, 412 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport

March 8
No Report.

March 9
No Report.

March 10
03:55 Alarm, 21318 US Hwy. 97, Orondo
11:02 Civil, 530 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport
13:14 Drugs, 1400 Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport
18:49 Agency Assist, SR17 MP 135, Bridgeport
23:19 Burglary, 505 16th St., Bridgeport

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery only

BREWSTER – As of right now there are no longer take out/pick up meals available at the Brewster Senior Center. Service days have changed and they still have not been able to find a cook. 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.

March 15-19

Senior Center Thrift Store – now open Tuesday-Saturday

BREWSTER – The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is now open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They are bringing out their spring and summer wear, and the jewelry section is shining. Donations accepted when they are open. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Joyful Thai is cooking their wonderful cuisine on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Eat in or take out.

March 16 meeting was scheduled

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, March 16, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brewsterchamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

March 18, April 8

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. That next trip is April 8. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Friday of each month, March 18, 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.

March 28, 11

Okanogan County PUD meetings

OKANOGAN – The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, March 14, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

March 28, April 11

Douglas County PUD meetings

EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Bridgeport office.

March 16, April 6

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 March 16. For information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

March 26

Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus concert

OMAK - The Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus will be in concert at the Omak PAC, March 26 at 3 p.m. This concert will feature many family favorites selections. Ticket prices are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors and Youth 15 and younger are free. Go to www.ovocmusic.org for details and updates.

April 11

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.

Transmission line replacement continues



Mike Maltais/QCH

Work continues on replacement of the Okanogan/Brewster transmission line damaged in the 2020 wildfire. A Michels Company lineman working from a bucket truck is seen in silhouette installing hardware to a power pole.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Knox

Michael Knox, 80, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on March 5, 2022. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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LETTERS TO
THE EDITORSpring bear hunt
unnecessary,
deadline to
oppose March 18

DEAR EDITOR,

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is considering a proposal to allow a recreational spring bear hunt this year. This hunt has been held in previous years, but in late 2021 the Commission voted to cancel this year's hunt, due to a lack of scientific justification for it. But after a shakeup of the Commission's composition, they are one again considering this extremely controversial hunt.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife refers to the spring bear hunt as a "long-standing recreational hunting opportunity." This hunt, held from April to June, targets malnourished bears leaving their dens after hibernation. Female bears have young, dependent cubs during this season. This unethical hunt would only provide "recreation" for a few hundred hunters – an incredibly small proportion of the Washington population, most of whom appreciate living wildlife. The spring hunt of vulnerable bears is also redundant to the annually held fall bear hunt.

This hunt is unnecessary and does not reflect Washington's conservation values. Let the Commission know that you oppose the spring bear hunt by emailing commission@dfw.wa.gov by March 18, 2022.

Thank you.
Peri Gallucci,
Chelan

Pale Blue Dot

In our house we have a place we call the Blue Room named for its sky-blue painted walls. My writing desk is there, and a large bay window facing the eastern sunrise fills the space with light. The other day the clouds were oriented such that a shaft of light slanted through the window and when I paused to look closer at it, I noticed a speck of dust dancing in its path.

The scene reminded me of one of my two favorite photos from the age of space exploration. One is Earthrise, that iconic look at our planet captured by astronaut William Anders from his 1968 lunar orbit aboard Apollo 8. A copy of that photo rendered in needlepoint hangs on the wall above my computer screen.

The other, Pale Blue Dot, was taken by Voyager 1 in 1990 when, some 3.7 billion miles from the sun, the spacecraft was instructed by NASA to snap a photo of Earth. It was a last look back at its point of launch as Voyager left the solar system on its journey into interstellar space. In it, the Earth appears as a mere pixel caught in a shaft of sunlight and it is arresting to see the magic place we depend on for our existence appear so tiny and vulnerable.

About that blue dot the late astronomer and cosmologist Carl Sagan said:

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple



in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there-on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."

The week I watched the speck of dust was also the week Russia invaded Ukraine. It is one among 27 armed conflicts going on around the world as I write this. So, I looked again at that dot...

The late Jim Morrison – Mr. Mojo Risin' – songwriter and lead singer of The Doors once said: "No one here gets out alive," later used as the title of a biography about his life. The quote by itself is more than a little prescient.

Time, like the planet's resources, is a commodity we once treated as though there was an abundance of it. Now, we are running out of both. For the first time in our history, we are face-to-face with the real prospect that we will not leave a better planet, only bigger problems, for our children. The threat from climate change is real enough that more than one set of parents is debating whether they want to bring a baby into the world what awaits it.

Journalist David Wallace-Wells wrote an essay titled "The Uninhabitable Earth" for New York magazine in July 2017 that became the most read article in the publication's 54-year history. If you read it online (aleph-zero.fr/



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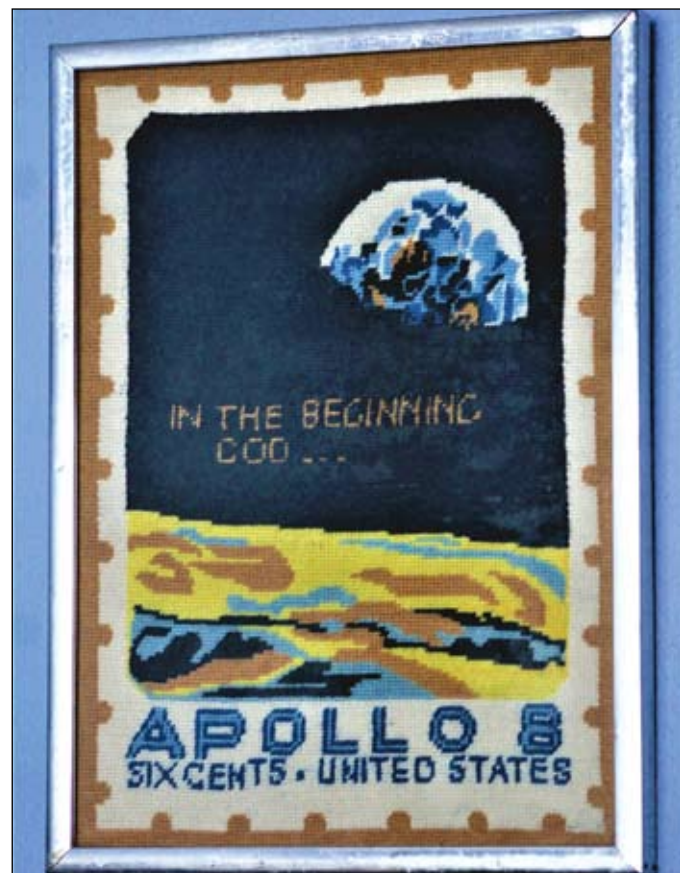
Pale Blue Dot.

[blog/Documents/The_Uninhabitable_Earth_9july2017.pdf](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/317111111)) you will understand why.

On Feb. 28 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its most alarming report yet which says, to sum up in a sentence, climate degradation is accelerating faster and with greater consequence than previous studies indicated. And those previous were troubling enough.

If our species continues its genocidal diversions that consume our energies, humanity, and destiny there will come a period when, as Thomas Rainwater of the Broken Rock tribes predicts in the popular series Yellowstone: "Someday this planet's going to shake your world off its back like dirty water."

Should that come to pass we will all become refugees, but this time on a planetary scale, with no place left to run, no place to find safety and sanctuary.



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Good fire projects planned on 6,800 acres across the National Forest

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NCW - This spring, firefighters across Central Washington will once again be putting good fire to work to help restore watersheds and better protect nearby communities. Frequent, low-intensity fire is essential for restoring public lands and the communities who depend on them.

"As the snow recedes, we are gaining access to our spring prescribed fire units. This spring we will be implementing numerous prescribed burns for fire risk reduction and forest health across the National Forest. Depending upon local weather conditions and smoke potential, we will carry out burning when opportunities present themselves to minimize smoke impacts and meet burning objectives," said Acting Forest Fire Management Officer Matt Castle.

Just over 6,800 acres of prescribed burning is planned this spring, but not all planned acres may be completed if conditions are not favorable. Conditions include correct temperature, wind, fuel moisture, and ventilation for smoke. When these criteria are met, firefighters implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets forest health and public safety goals including air quality.

"These prescribed fire projects reduce the amount of burnable fuels in the forest, improve forest health, and help lower the risk of future high-intensity wildfires," Castle said.

Residents and visitors can expect to see and smell some smoke during burning operations. Even though smoke from prescribed fire is usually light and doesn't last long, it is important that smoke-sensitive individuals plan ahead and be prepared. For more information on smoke and public health, please visit wasmoke.blogspot.com or airnow.gov/ fires.



Courtesy U.S. Forest Service

A Forest Service employee uses a drip torch to ignite forest debris and dried grasses during a planned prescribed burning project on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

For real-time prescribed fire maps and updates:

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Late March through May, managed burning operations are planned on national forest lands in the following counties.

Okanogan County:

- If weather conditions allow, crews will be burning piles of forest debris this week in Loup Loup Campground located 10 miles east of Twisp.
- Loupy Unit 6 - 73 acres of piles in the Loup Loup Pass area, 10 miles east of Twisp.
- Benzer Unit 844 - 10 acres, located 10 miles southeast of Twisp.
- Lost Driveway Unit 1 - 141 acres about 3 miles northwest of Mazama.
- Lost Driveway Unit 10 - 50 acres adjacent to Highway 20 about a mile west of Mazama.
- Lost Driveway Unit 3 - 30 acres and 2.5 miles northwest of Mazama.
- Goat Unit 2 - 554 acres, 2.5 miles southeast of Mazama.

Chelan County:

- Falls Coyote Unit, 1,269 acres 15 miles west of Chelan/
- First Creek Unit, 1,476 acres 10 miles west of Chelan.
- FJ Unit, 651 acres, 13 miles west of Chelan.
- Crum Unit, 72 acres, 4 miles northwest of Entiat.
- Tillicum Unit, 401 acres, 5 miles southwest of Ardenvoir.
- The Wenatchee River Ranger District will conduct a small 20-acre training burn in mid to late May, there are no other plans to do prescribed burning on this district this spring

Kittitas County:

- Liberty Unit, 100 acres, 17 miles northeast of Cle Elum.
- Orion Unit, 300 acres, 15 miles northeast of Cle Elum.
- Teanaway Unit, 500 acres, 13 miles north of Cle Elum.

Yakima County:

- Canteen Unit, 1,200 acres, 20 miles northwest of Yakima, near Cleman Mountain and Hwy 410
- Additional prescribed fires and pile burns may be conducted if favorable conditions allow.

March is Caffeine Awareness Month

Most mornings at 5:30 PST you'll find me in my kitchen, standing in front of my white Braun drip coffee maker. I'm waiting to pour fresh-brewed, steaming dark brown liquid into my favorite mug. This morning was no exception.

I'm not alone in insisting on having some coffee before trying to engage my brain. 100 million Americans are daily coffee drinkers, and 60% of us consider coffee a mandatory part of our morning routine.

Although Americans purchase a large proportion of the world's supply of coffee beans and are the home of Starbucks®, Seattle's Best® and Dunkin' Donuts® per capita, we only rank 25th in coffee consumption. Who are the top coffee drinkers? The top 5 per capita coffee consumption countries are Finland, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, and the Netherlands.

3 years ago, when my granddaughter was born, I flew to Weimar to help my daughter. Although she didn't own a coffee maker, she did have instant coffee for any guests. I prefer fresh brewed over instant coffee, but Maureen had a small bottle of Nestle's Nescafé® Gold, so I tried it. Ugh. It wasn't as bitter as Taster's Choice, but it was close.

I headed to the town's center with my German phrasebook to scout out some decent instant coffee the next day. The second store I checked devoted an entire aisle to coffee, most of it instant. Only two brands were available, Nestle and Jacobs. Since I had already tried Nestle's Nescafé® Gold, I purchased a glass jar of Kr'nung, made in the Netherlands by Jacobs.

Best. Instant. Coffee. Ever. I "instantly" loved it and still keep bottles of Kr'nung at home and at work for convenience. My daughter sends me a jar



every Christmas, and it is also available at Amazon. Coffee is a worldwide beverage; green (unroasted) coffee beans are the second most traded and valued commodity in the world, behind crude oil. We also refer to coffee as ijavai because when coffee first became popular in the 19th century, the highest quality of coffee beans came from the Philippine island of Java.

Why do we love coffee so much? Because it naturally contains caffeine, the most widely consumed stimulant globally. Found in over 60 different plants, caffeine's effect on the brain can be detected in amounts as low as 10mg, a fraction of the 100mg dose in an average 8-ounce cup of brewed coffee.

Caffeine is the most common psychoactive compound ingested in the world, found in beverages around the globe: coffee, tea, a South American drink called mate, and kola nut. Originally added to flavor carbonated beverages, manufacturers now use synthetic sources of flavoring and caffeine in cola-flavored sodas instead of kola nut extract.

Enterprising manufacturers are now adding caffeine to other things besides soda. Needing the pick-me-up quality of caffeine but don't want the coffee breath? Try one of the popular energy drinks like Red Bull, Monsters, or Rockstar. Or chew a stick of gum. Stay Alert® chewing gum has 100mg of caffeine per stick, about the same amount of caffeine as in a typical cup of coffee.

Not interested in drinking a roasted beverage to get your day going? Most carry-outs and

gas stations have displays of 5-Hour Energy, a 2-ounce shot of liquid caffeine with twice the caffeine found in a cup of coffee. Both 5-Hour Energy and the older product No-Doz tablets have the same amount of caffeine, 200mg in each dose.

March is Caffeine Awareness Month.

There is significant variation in our sensitivity to caffeine. Although I can drink coffee after dinner and still sleep well, my husband cannot. He has a cut-off of noon because he will be up all night if he drinks coffee after lunch.

Those very sensitive to caffeine can experience heart palpitations, tremors, anxiety, or insomnia from just one cup of coffee. Some heart patients are advised to avoid caffeine altogether because of the risk of increased blood pressure and heart rate.

Smoking changes how your body handles caffeine. People who smoke cigarettes are far less sensitive to caffeine, often drinking twice as much to get the same effects.

Currently, recommended limits of caffeine intake are 300mg (3-4 cups of coffee) per day in adults and 100mg daily in teens and young adults.

If you are trying to avoid getting extra caffeine, check the label for naturally occurring sources of caffeine. Kola nut, guarana, and yerba mate contain caffeine and are often added to supplements marketed for weight loss, athletic performance, and energy."

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Outdoors Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

MORE SALMON FORECASTS:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has come out with their second round of salmon forecasts and things are looking up for most runs compared to last year.

Starting with the Columbia River, some 230,400 "upriver bright" fall Chinook are expected to return above Bonneville Dam, 9500 less than the 2021 return and well below the 10-year average. As for the lower Columbia "tule" Chinook, that return should be similar to last year with 73,000 salmon forecast to return.

The coho run was very good last year with 829,000 salmon and this year is shaping up to be even better with just under one million salmon coming back. If this is true it will mark the best return of coho we've seen in the Columbia since 2014.

As for the sockeye run, that is forecast to improve with 200,000 fish expected. This compares to last year's return of 152,309 salmon. Unfortunately, the endangered Snake River sockeye run continues to struggle and only 200 fish forecast to come back to Idaho. The projection for the Lake Wenatchee sockeye run is to be below the escape goal of 23,000 salmon. However, it is worth noting that in recent years, WDFW has routinely under forecast the sockeye run for the Upper Columbia River and Lake Wenatchee so don't count this fishery out yet.

Heading to the coast, coho salmon returns are expected to be much better than last year's forecast of 241,800 fish. This year, biologists expect 454,693 coho. Many will be heading to Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay but several other coastal rivers will see improvements as well.

In Puget Sound coho returns to the Sound and surrounding rivers should be up around eight percent over last year with 666,648 wild and hatchery coho forecast to return. The North Sound stocks are expected to see the bulk of this increase with more coho coming back to the Skagit and Nooksack Rivers. Other areas will likely remain down to include Hood Canal,



Courtesy Columbia River Walleye Anglers Association

Jordan Reeder with two quality walleye caught near the Tri-Cities.

the Strait of Juan De Fuca and the Snohomish River system.

Finally, the Chinook numbers in Puget Sound are expected to be up by about 19,000 this year, with 250,444 salmon expected back. This reverses a multi-year downward trend but low returns to some rivers like the Stillaguamish will likely constrain fisheries.

THE COLD-WATER

WALLEYE BITE IS HOT:

The Columbia River Walleye Anglers Association had their first tournament of the year March 5th and 6th in the Tri-Cities. Fifty-one anglers fished the Columbia and Snake River looking to bag a limit of six walleye each day. This being the pre-spawn, there were some real Hawgs caught. The biggest walleye brought to the scales was a monster 13.5-pound fish and a total of 11 walleye were weighed in that hovered near the ten-pound mark or better.

As for who won this tournament? That would be the dynamic duo of Matt Brown and Jordan Binstock. They weighed in 12 walleye over two days weighing a total of 67.35 pounds. In addition to bragging rights, Brown and Binstock also get to split a \$3,120 first place check.

The walleye fishing is also hot further downstream. During the first week of March WDFW creel checkers contacted 47 anglers who caught

54 walleye in The Dalles Pool and 79 anglers who caught 81 walleye in the John Day Pool.

The fishing is also very good right now at Lake Roosevelt. Launching near Kettle Falls, Steven Morris, the owner of SJM Guide Service, took three clients out on March 7th for a day of fishing and came back with 29 fish. The majority of them were eater-size walleye but there were also some nice burbot caught as well, a fish also known as the "poor man's lobster".

STATE PARK STAYCATION

With gas prices at an all time high a staycation at a Washington State Park over the spring break could be a good bet. Sure, it can be chilly at night but if you have an RV or camper you'll be just fine and if you don't, consider a rustic cabin stay. An Eastern Washington expedition in particular can be appealing since the day time temperatures are usually mild in late March and early April and you've got a good chance to enjoy sunny skies. As of March 10th, there were openings the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April in several state parks east of the Cascades. Go to <http://washington.goingtocamp.com/> to make a reservation today.

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United Airlines to Let Workers Who Didn't Get COVID-19 Vaccine Return to Work

ZACHARY STIEBER

United Airlines plans to let workers who declined to get a COVID-19 vaccine return to work, according to a missive obtained by The Epoch Times.

Unvaccinated employees can return to their positions on March 28, according to the memorandum, which was sent to workers on Thursday morning.

Kirk Limacher, vice president of human resources at United, said the change was due to the plunge in COVID-19 cases and COVID-19-related hospitalizations across the country in recent weeks. Many states and cities are lifting COVID-19 restrictions, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention dramatically eased its masking guidance, he noted.

"These changes suggest that the pandemic is beginning to meaningfully recede. As a result, we're confident we can safely begin the process of returning our RAP employees to their jobs," Limacher wrote.

United imposed a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for all of its 67,000 U.S. employees in the fall of 2021. It was the first U.S. airline to impose a company-wide mandate.

Workers could apply for a religious or medical exemption, but if such an exemption request was deemed reasonable—known as RAP in company parlance—the worker was placed on unpaid leave indefinitely instead of being allowed to continue in their job. The company later let some of these workers switch jobs instead of going on unpaid leave.

United CEO Scott Kirby also told workers "to be very careful about" requesting accommodations and said workers were putting their jobs on the line if they did.

The policy triggered a lawsuit, which is ongoing. In a ruling in February, a federal court said United's



United Airlines planes are parked at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago on Nov. 20, 2021.

mandate was "actively coercing employees to abandon their convictions."

United ended up firing more than 200 workers for not getting a vaccine.

United declined to say whether the workers who were fired will be offered their jobs back.

John Sullivan, an attorney representing the plaintiffs in the case, told The Epoch Times in an email: "We are gratified to see United re-

turning employees to work since they should have never been put on unpaid leave for their faith or health. Hopefully people are beginning to see that individual rights should not be swept aside even during a pandemic."

Limacher said workers with an approved exemption request would get an email on Thursday with instructions on how to return to "active status" or how they would be transitioned from their

role if they were allowed to work in a position that does not deal with customers.

"Of course, if another variant emerges or the COVID trends suddenly reverse course, we will reevaluate the appropriate safety protocols at that time," he said.

The United official also alleged the vaccination policy was successful at preventing COVID-19 infections and severe cases of the disease.

"Our vaccinated employees have

been significantly less likely to lose their lives to COVID," he said, adding that vaccines continue to provide "high protection."

Limacher did not mention how all three of the vaccines that received regulatory clearance in the United States have performed much worse against virus infection and worse against severe COVID-19 since the Omicron variant of the virus became dominant in the country in late 2021.

Senators Say People's Convoy 'Fighting for Freedom' After Meeting on Capitol Hill

Convoy traveled to Washington, DC, area from California

TERRI WU & ZACHARY STIEBER

WASHINGTON—Sens. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) on March 8 praised The People's Convoy for "fighting for freedom" and "awakening Americans" during their meeting with leaders of the group, which traveled across the country from California.

Johnson said the truckers are taking "extraordinary measures" to "get the unbiased news out." To

him, what the convoy is trying to convey is to "lay out the damage being done by these emergency orders [and] all these mandates," he told The Epoch Times.

Doctors, nurses, truck drivers, and grocery clerks are heroes who kept the U.S. economy going early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Johnson said. Unfortunately, they weren't a part of the workforce that could work on virtual platforms and be immune from lockdowns and mandates, he

said, lamenting that these workers were being fired from their jobs because they chose not to comply with COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

The convoy left from Southern California on Feb. 23 and arrived in the Washington area on March 4.

The group is protesting against vaccine mandates, President Joe Biden's continuation of the COVID-19 national emergency, and other issues.

At least 1,000 vehicles are es-

timated to be part of the convoy, which circled the Capital Beltway for the third day as its leaders met with the senators.

Cruz said the group is "standing up for freedom, standing up for a very basic and simple principle: that it ought to be your decision how to live your life, it ought to be your decision how to treat your body and what to do with your own health."

"If you choose to get the COVID vaccine, God bless you. That's your choice, you can make that choice. I'm glad that choice is available to you. But if you choose not to, that's your choice also," he said.

A statement from Johnson's office announcing the event said the senators would be meeting with convoy organizers "to discuss the harmful effects of President Biden's vaccine mandates."

Brian Brase, a co-organizer who drives trucks in Ohio, told reporters after the meeting that "we're not going anywhere."

"We're going to keep looping the Beltway until we're heard," he said, referring to the 64-mile road that encircles Washington and primarily runs through Maryland and Virginia.

Organizers later met with Reps. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) and Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), and hope to hold more meetings with members of Congress as well as the White House.

Law enforcement officials have said the convoy hasn't disrupted Beltway traffic. Washington Police Chief Robert Contee told reporters on March 7 that the department is keeping close tabs on the convoy.

"People can peacefully express their First Amendment freedoms in the District of Columbia, but there are certain things that we're not going to tolerate," he said.

Dr. Paul Alexander, part of the convoy delegation, told The Epoch

Times that the meeting with the senators was excellent and went well. He expressed hope that the two senators would spark a discussion in Congress for rolling back the emergency declaration and the mandates.

The Senate has recently approved legislation to block enforcement of Biden's mandate for health care workers—one of the few not blocked by courts—and declare an end to the emergency, but the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives isn't expected to take up the measures.

The White House said the latter bill would be vetoed if the House does approve it, and without strong Democratic support, Congress doesn't have enough votes to override a veto.

Democrats have largely expressed opposition to the convoy and others like it, including similar groups that protested earlier this year in Canada.

Ron Coleman, another member of the U.S. convoy delegation, shared touching notes he received along the way. He recalled how a little girl hugged him and gave him a handwritten crayon note that said, "We love you, truckers. Thank you for fighting for our futures."

A mother of three was said to have written: "Dear truckers, I admire your courage and your determination in doing this. I will support you and pray for you. Thank you for fighting for all of us."

Coleman said he was determined to take people's messages, tears, hearts, and love, and "let them be heard."

Dr. Pierre Kory, a member of the convoy, told The Epoch Times: "We are calling attention to a critical ill in society" and said the emergency declaration "is propagating policies which have hurt America."



Participants in the People's Convoy to protest COVID-19 mandates, in Golden Valley, Ariz., on Feb. 24, 2022.

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City of Leavenworth
Attn: Sue Cragun, Executive Assistant
PO Box 287 / 700 Highway 2
Leavenworth, WA 98826
or scragun@cityofleavenworth.com
or dropped off at City Hall. Letters of interest will be accepted until the position is filled. First review April 11, 2022.

See MORE CLASSIFIEDS & PUBLIC NOTICES on Page B4

Employment

Help Wanted

Parks Maintenance Worker - Part Time (24 HR) Seasonal Position

The City of Leavenworth, an equal opportunity employer, is now accepting applications for the following position: Three (3) vacancies for a Seasonal Parks / Cemetery Worker - maximum of 24 Hours per week position. This position is a non-union covered position with a starting pay of \$17.00 - \$20.00/hr DOE.

Requirements: Minimum 18 years of age and WA state driver's license with record acceptable to the City; position will require a drug/alcohol screening and physical evaluation. Individual must be able to work weekends, holidays, and required overtime. Duties include: Landscape and turf maintenance, building and restroom maintenance, litter control, irrigation maintenance, operation of light and/or special use equipment (ballfield and turf maintenance equipment), and cemetery maintenance.

Job application and full job description are available at City Hall, 700 US Hwy. 2, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, via our website at www.cityofleavenworth.com, or by contacting us at 509-548-5275.

Applicants will be interviewed upon submittal of application. Job will remain open until filled.



LAB TECHNICIAN / TECHNOLOGIST Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Lab Tech to perform various technical, clerical and information systems related procedures in Chemistry, Hematology, Microbiology, Blood Bank. A.S Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology or related scientific field with a one-year internship or one year of clinical experience. Professional certification as a MLT (ASCP) or equivalent is highly recommended. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE



Help Wanted



Three Rivers Hospital is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

ER Nurse – FT Nights (Sign-on Bonus \$10,000)

Med-Surg RN – FT Nights (Sign-on Bonus \$10,000) – 2 open positions

Med-Surg/ ER RN – FT Days (Sign-on Bonus \$10,000)

OR Circulator Nurse - FT (Sign-on Bonus \$10,000)

OR Circulator Nurse – PT

OR Manager – FT (Sign-on Bonus \$10,000)

Radiology / Mammography Tech – PT

Ultrasound Technologist – PT

Interested Candidates may apply online or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE



ER TECH Full-Time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an ER Tech to provide limited direct patient care under the supervision of a licensed nurse. Will assist when needed with patient registration duties including interviewing patients to collect required registration data and enters patient information into computer database for in-patient and outpatient services. Must have NA-C or MA license. Spanish bi-lingual is preferred. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Department PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 x 3343 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

Help Wanted

PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER 7 MONTH SEASONAL POSITION

The City of Leavenworth, an equal opportunity employer, is now accepting applications for the following position: One (1) vacancy for a Park Maintenance Worker - Returning Seasonal 7-month position. This position is a non union covered position with a starting pay of \$17.00 - 20.00/hr. DOE

Requirements: minimum 18 years old and WA state driver's license with record that is acceptable to the City. Individual must be able to work weekends, holidays, and required overtime. Duties include: landscape and turf maintenance, building and restroom maintenance, litter control, irrigation maintenance, operation of light and/or special use equipment, (ballfield and turf maintenance equipment), and cemetery maintenance.

Job application and full job description are available at City Hall, 700 US Hwy. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., via our website at www.cityofleavenworth.com, or by contacting us at 509-548-5275. Open until filled.

City of Pateros Public Works Department

The City of Pateros has a current opening for part time seasonal public works position. Wage is \$24 hour with no benefits, thirty hours a week for eight months of the year.

Primary duties include: Assisting public works, parks department and events. Applicant must have a valid WA State Driver's License and provide current driving record from DOL. A complete job description and application can be obtained by calling 509-923-2571, or email pateros@swift-stream.com. Position is open until filled.

Help Wanted

Employment Opportunities City of Chelan Parks & Recreation

is accepting applications for seasonal employment positions covering General Parks maintenance, night security, parking enforcement and landscaping, RV Park, Marina, and Putting Course attendants, and Golf Course staff. See www.CityOfChelan.us /employment for job application instructions or pick-up application at the Chelan Parks & Recreation Office at 619 W Manson Hwy, Chelan.

PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County is seeking customer service rep.

The primary purpose of the position is to provide superior customer service to the district's internal and external customers by handling a variety of customer account and billing issues, including answering calls, cashiering duties, and performing account analysis in terms of credit/collections and payment arrangements. Please see www.okanoganpud.org for job description, requirements and submit application with resume. Okanogan PUD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Cascade High School/Icicle River Middle School Choral Director

Icicle River Middle School STEM/Honors Math Teacher

Cascade High School Spanish Teacher

Track application process and information can be found on our website at: www.cascadesd.org EOE



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Help Wanted



The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:
Cascade High School Resource Teacher
Peshastin-Dryden Elementary Counselor
Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: www.cascadesd.org EOE

Help Wanted

Operations Manager Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO)
TranGO is seeking an Operations Manager. Office location is Okanogan, WA. This is an exempt position according to FLSA and Washington Wage Act. Compensation range is \$81,057 - \$87,672 DOE. Benefits include health insurance (including dental and vision), life insurance, retirement, sick leave, vacation). Must have a Bachelor's Degree and five years progressive experience in transit and/or operations with at least five years supervisory experience in both fixed-route and demand response services. Must have a minimum Class B CDL with Passenger Endorsement or ability to obtain within 90 days of hire. Please visit www.okanogantransit.com for full job announcement, required qualifications, application, and job description. A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for the position. E-mail your completed application to financehr@okanogantransit.com Application Deadline: Application review will begin March 25, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Public Notices

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Certified Coder Full-time
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Certified Coder. This position is responsible for timely, accurate and comprehensive review of services. Abstracts, analyzes, and assigns ICD-10-CM, CPT, HCPCS codes and appropriate modifiers for evaluation and management (E/M), minor procedures, and diagnostic tests by using either computerized or manual systems. Required: Associate degree, bachelor's degree, or equivalent years of experience as coding specialist. Current professional coding credentials such as AAPC, (CPC), (CCA), (COC), (PMI), (CMC), or AHIMA (CCS-P), (CCS), (RHIA), (RHIT) or be able to obtain credentials within 6 months of hire. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

The Bridgeport School District is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions for the 2022-23 school year:
Psychologist
Speech Language Pathologist
Elementary Music Teacher
Secondary Music Teacher
HS Foreign Language Teacher
HS CTE/Computer Applications Teacher
All positions are open until filled. Apply on-line: <https://bridgeportjobs.hrmplus.net/Home.aspx>. For further information, please contact the HR office at 509-686-5656 or email jobs@bsd75.org. BSD is an equal opportunity employer.

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2 aprons, satin light blue and 1 copper-colored. \$5 each. One medium-sized long-sleeve white dirndl blouse. \$5.
3 girls' dirndls, sizes 6, 8 and 10. \$10 each.
Stop in to see items at The Leavenworth Echo 215-14th St. or call 548-5286 or Carol's cell:670-1723.

Real Estate

Vacation Property



LAKE CHELAN Sunset Marina
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OKANOGAN MIRIAM CARDONA Plaintiff, vs. LIVING ENVIRONMENTS OF WASHINGTON, INC., a Washington corporation, and assigns, A.B. HARTMAN, DAVID E. HARTMAN, DAVID HOENE, GARY F. LINDEN, and CHARLES W. MERTEL, and their respective heirs, devisees and assigns

Defendants. No. 22 2 00076 24 SUMMONS

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the Plaintiff named above. The Plaintiff's claims are stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating your defense, in writing, and serving a copy upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service (or within sixty (60) days if this Summons was served upon you outside the State of Washington), or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to what he asks for because you have not responded.

If you serve a Notice of Appearance on the undersigned attorney, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

The originals of this Summons and Complaint have been filed with the clerk of the above-entitled court.

If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served in time.

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2022.
MINNICK-HAYNER, P.S.
By: /s/ Mona J. Geidl, WSBA #42455 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff
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ACROSS

- Campus military org.
- Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 1968 hit "Harper Valley"
- Turkish honorific
- "I captained the Millennium Falcon in "Star Wars"
- Inlet in Greenland
- Map out
- Pharaoh's symbol
- Austin Powers and Shrek to Mike Myers
- "I developed the theory of relativity"
- Sailor's hail
- Lyric poem
- Solar System center
- Portable stairs
- "I am Sgt. George Baker's inept comic strip character"
- Mine deposit
- Shape
- Fairy tale cannibal
- Feline sneakers
- Lawyer group
- "I have a coiled shell and eyes on stalks"
- Very dark black
- Free from obstruction
- Aviv
- Most buffoonish
- Rest or hydration for common cold, e.g.
- Hot springs resort
- "...he found a crooked sixpence upon a crooked"
- Japanese stringed instrument
- "I am a runaway slave, an abolitionist, and a best-selling author"
- Email destination
- Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
- Food fish
- Silly
- Self-cleaning appliance
- Ad staple
- O in IOU
- P in m.p.g.
- Affirmative, colloquially

DOWN

- Do like Drake
- Eye up and down
- Bangkok native
- Like preserved peaches, sometimes
- Sharpened
- Like Huck Finn's dad, e.g.
- "Some people call me the Rocket Man"
- "I starred as Pam in the "Meet the Parents" movies"
- "I used to host a sports show with Mike Golic"
- Commercials
- Buddhist's enlightenment
- Sham
- "I am a WWE Champion, an actor, and my nickname is geology-related"
- Vision correctors, colloquially
- Greek letters on campus
- "My rSUmE includes Fly Girl and "American Idol" judge"
- CuraAao neighbor
- Evil one
- Fence board
- Popular gemstone
- Shed tears
- "I am an American who became Princess of Monaco"
- Harangue
- Network with an eye
- "My TV role became synonymous with a hair style"
- Perform at the bee
- Canada's neighbor
- Beginning
- Strong adhesive
- Contemptibly small
- Dry white Italian wine
- Radio receiver
- Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will"
- Piercing woodwind
- Water quantity
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