

Writing in support

Pateros council member Poole writes school levy support statement

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER



Courtesy voters' pamphlet Chantel Poole

PATEROS – The newest member of the Pateros City Council, Chantel Poole, completed her first assignment as a member of the EP&O (Educational Programs & Operation) Committee, when she wrote the statement in the Feb. 8 Okanogan County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet supporting the Pateros School District's replacement levy.

The levy listed as Proposition 1 in the pamphlet is asking voters to approve the existing EP&O levy that will expire at the end of 2022. The four-year replacement levy would collect an estimated \$602,000 annually from 2023-2026 from an assessed assessment of \$2.50 per \$1,000 or property value.

"This is not a new tax," wrote Poole in her argument for the levy. "It is simply Pateros School District asking voters to say yes again."

Poole pointed out that the \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property is less than the rate of \$2.95 value approved in 2018. "Due to state restrictions imposed afterward, we have only been paying \$1.50," wrote Poole. "Essentially, we are voting on a one-dollar increase to our current general property tax rate."

In her rebuttal to the argu-

ment opposing the levy based on the per student cost of \$18,009 (2019-2020) for Pateros, Poole countered:

"Per pupil district spending ranges from \$10,784 to \$48,744 across Washington. Our \$18,009 per pupil (which includes local levy dollars) is typical."

Another opposing argument cites the McCleary Decision and the resultant increase in state school taxes since 2018 that should make EP&O levies unnecessary.

"The McCleary Decision increased the state levy but not enough to eliminate local levies," wrote Poole. "If our state completely funded education, schools would not have to rely on their community to fund things like counselors, new curricula, and vocational programs."

Poole volunteered to serve on the EP&O Committee shortly after her election to the city council in last November's General Election.

Three-plus decades of community service

Kelly Hook

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER



Courtesy City of Pateros Pateros Mayor Kelly Hook takes the helm as Pateros mayor

PATEROS – When Pateros native Kelly Hook assumed the office of mayor last month, he became the second member of his family to hold that post. His father, Tom, served two terms as the city leader from 1979-1986. Hook was asked if he consulted with his father before running for the office.

"I did," said Hook. "He told me to always act with the best interests of the town at heart."

Hook is no stranger to community service. As a former volunteer fireman, EMT, and police officer Hook has devoted more than three decades of his career to the protection of people and property in the Pateros and Brewster areas.

Hook's family settled in Pateros in 1974, five years before his father was elected mayor of the city. Hook graduated Pateros High School in 1984. An interesting detail about his school years is that Hook and outgoing mayor Carlene Anders were Pateros school classmates since third grade. Hook attended Wenatchee Valley College the year following graduation.

"I lived in several places around Pacific Northwest but always returned to Pateros," Hook said in his introductory bio on the city website, pateros.com.

Hook's father still resides in

Pateros as does sister, Wendy, and her family. A brother, Steve, and his family live in the Tri-Cities.

When he did return to his Pateros roots Hook volunteered as the high school football coach, a Pateros volunteer fireman, and District 15 EMT.

"I held my certification for 10 years," said Hook. "I was also a First Air and CPR instructor at this time."

In 1990 Hook entered law enforcement becoming the city's last uniformed police officer. He attended the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Police Academy in Burien in January 1991 and graduated the following March.

"I started working for the Brewster Police Department after Pateros contracted with the sheriff's office while I was away at my training," Hook said.

During the 28 years he spent with the Brewster Police Department until his retirement in 2019, Hook rose in rank from patrol officer serving the Pateros community to department lieutenant. Since retiring he has worked as a substitute teacher for the Pateros and Brewster school districts.

In his first term as mayor Hook said he would like to bring more business into the town and add to the safety of students crossing Highway

97 between the school and downtown.

"One of the biggest issues facing the town is more housing," Hook said.

Hook recalls the fond memories of growing up in Pateros.

"The summers were spent riding my bike through town with my best friend, playing basketball at the tennis courts at the west end of Warren Avenue, or the hot summer days in the park down town celebrating the Apple Pie Jamboree," said Hook. "The winters were ice skating on the frozen Methow River, building snow forts on the school field or just spending the cold winter days inside playing board games with my friends. Sometimes I wish I could go back to those days. And take the town and all of the people with me."

First hummingbird sightings

Bridgeport 26th annual Christmas Bird Count includes new species

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

cial bird of Vancouver, British Columbia.

A single sighting of an osprey was another new addition to the winter CBC count last December.

Of the numbers counted "this was about 1,000 below our long-term average," said Schroeder, "but when you have flocks of 1,000 birds on the water that doesn't seem like a big deal."

Schroeder noted increases in the numbers of common loon, horned grebe, ruddy duck, wild turkey, and common raven. Numbers that declined included Steller's jay, black-billed magpie, European starling, dark-eyed junco, and house finch. No sharp-tailed grouse were seen this year Schroeder said.

"Forty-four species have been observed every year," said Schroeder. "162 species



Courtesy nps.gov Anna's Hummingbird

have been observed at least once on count day not counting nine species only observed during the count week."

For a list of all the birds seen during the December 2021 Christmas Bird Count see this story on our website at qcherald.com

CDHD distributes COVID-19 tests at several rural NCW library locations

SUBMITTED BY VERONICA FARIAS, CHELAN DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT

BRIDGEPORT/WATERVILLE - Chelan Douglas Health District (CDHD) will distribute limited quantities of at-home COVID-19 test kits through select NCW Library locations across Chelan and Douglas counties.

Testing kits will be distributed at the Bridgeport, Cashmere, Chelan, Entiat, Leavenworth, Manson, Peshastin and Waterville libraries beginning February 1, while supplies last.

CDHD recommends checking an individual library's hours and then calling the library ahead of time to confirm test kit availability or visit www.newlibraries.org for a distribution site near you. Test kits cannot be reserved over the phone and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. NCW Libraries requires masks for all patrons entering its libraries.

NCW Libraries' mission is to connect the people of North Central Washington to vital resources and opportunities

that foster individual growth and strengthen communities, said Interim Director of Branch Operations Tim Dillman.

"NCW Libraries is proud to partner with CDHD to distribute testing kits in our rural libraries," Dillman said. "We are committed to doing all we can to promote the health and safety of our communities."

For ongoing public health updates, visit www.cdhd.wa.gov and follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Travelers advised to plan ahead

High demand means delayed results for TRH COVID-19 test results

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

72 hours before your flight, and you also need to keep in mind how long it could take for results to come back."

Best added that some airports, such as Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, offer on-site testing. However, there could be fees and other requirements to be mindful of.

Although the holidays are over, that turnaround time has not yet lessened. Winter storms have contributed to delays, along with intermittent supply shortages and the rare shipping snafu, but Best noted that the higher volume of testing requested is the main issue.

A Quest Diagnostics representative picks up send-out tests by 5 p.m. each week-

day from the hospital and transports them to its laboratory in Seattle. However, the same laboratory also accepts samples from surrounding states in addition to health-care providers throughout Washington.

"We're told Quest accepts several thousands of samples every day, and they are run in batches," Best said. "Because of the workflow involved there, it's also impossible to request that they pull out one sample to run faster than all the rest."

Those needing a travel test should come to the hospital's main entrance between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, where

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Annual homeless Point in Time Count moved to Feb. 24

Outreach teams will be sent out across Chelan, Douglas counties

SUBMITTED BY JILL FITZSIMMONS, CHELAN COUNTY PIO

DOUGLAS/CHELAN COUNTIES - Washington state has moved the statewide annual homeless Point in Time Count to Feb. 24 after the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved its request to postpone the event by a month because of ongoing COVID concerns.

Due to the high numbers of COVID-19 cases across the county that are driven by

the Omicron variant, HUD allowed states to move the annual count, which is done on the same day across the country every January, if the case rates would interfere with the count. After talking to all counties across the state, the state's Department of Commerce announced the change in date.

The local Point in Time Count will be held in Wenatchee at Link Transit, 300 S. Columbia St. The event will be held from 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. along the Wenatchee Avenue side of the property. Local nonprofits will attend to provide resources they have available to people who are experiencing homelessness and also raise awareness of their work in the community.

On Feb. 24, homeless housing providers then will be sending outreach teams across Chelan and Douglas counties to connect with individuals and gain an understanding of their situation and provide resources to them.

If you are interested in volunteering with the event, or your nonprofit or business provides services to people experiencing homelessness and you would like an information table at the event, email Sasha Sleiman, Chelan County Housing Program coordinator, at sasha.sleiman@co.chelan.wa.us.

More information on the Point in Time effort is at www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/annual-point-time-count/

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# DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Aaron J. Viebrock, Molly Simpson and Ronald E. Skagen executed the following actions during the January 24, Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office:

- Awarded Rene' Rowton, Confidential Secretary with her 25 year service award. Commissioner Viebrock thanked Rene' on behalf of the citizens of Douglas County for her years of service. Rene' thanked the PUD and said "It seems like just last year I was getting my 20 year service award. It's a great place to work."
- Opened bids under bid document 21-51-D, fiber optic cable installation. All bids will be evaluated prior to contract

award recommendation.

- Reviewed bid opening results under bid document 22-08-W, Methow Hatchery Residence. All bids will be evaluated prior to contract award recommendation.
- Affirmed change order No. 1 to contract 21-35-D, 15kV breakers for Urban Industrial Substation. This extends the completion date to January 18, 2022.
- Awarded contract 21-57-W, Unit 7 spillway and gate repair at the Wells Hydroelectric Project to Garco/WEMCO, the lowest responsive bidder.
- Approved a call for bids under bid document 22-02-D, supply and deliver 1272 ACSR and 1429 ACCC overhead conductor necessary for the Rapids to Columbia Transmission Line Project.
- Authorized a call for bids under bid document 22-17-W, Methow Hatchery groundwater valve replacement neces-

sary for a stable and robust water supply.

- Approved execution of a Compressed Air Medical Directors Agreement with Columbia Valley Community Health. The District is required to appoint one or more licensed physicians trained in the physical requirements and the medical aspects of compressed air work and the treatment of decompression illness.
- Authorized renewal of non-owned aircraft liability insurance with Starr Aviation.
- Approved change order No. 93 to contract 06-41-W, generator rebuild for unit refurbishment for the Wells Hydroelectric Project. This change incorporates miscellaneous extra work previously authorized for the 5th unit. This will increase the contract \$4,306,400 and bring the total not-to-exceed amount to \$231,014,354.
- Authorized a call for bids

under bid document 22-04-D, construct Rapids to Columbia 230kV Transmission line.

- Approved a call for bids under bid document 22-12-D, construct Hydrogen Facility Production building.
- Authorized the City of Brewster 2022 Operations and Maintenance budget for recreation facilities. The District's portion is \$76,273 and is required by the Wells Project license.
- Approved the City of Pateros 2022 Operations and Maintenance budget for recreation facilities. The District's portion is \$76,273 and is required by the Wells Project license.
- Heard a report on the Douglas County Community Network. The network currently has 6,989 end users. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., February 7, at the District's East Wenatchee office.

# State agencies begin implementing improvements to WA Cares Fund

SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

OLYMPIA - Gov. Jay Inslee signed two bills, House Bill 1732 and House Bill 1733, which make changes to the WA Cares Fund, a first-of-its-kind program ensuring all Washingtonians have access to affordable long-term care when they need it. House Bill 1732 enables near-retirees to qualify for partial benefits and delays the WA Cares Fund by 18 months, directing employers to begin withholding premiums starting July 1, 2023. House Bill 1733 will allow certain veterans with disabilities, spouses and registered domestic partners of military service members, workers on temporary nonimmigrant visas, and employees who work in Washington but live in a different state to opt out of WA Cares.

"Washington is the first state to take bold action to address the looming long-term care crisis," said DSHS WA Cares Director Ben Veghte. "Over the past year, we have heard concerns from the public regarding coverage gaps in the program. The reforms enacted today address those concerns."

The Department of Social and Human Services and the Employment Security Department are two of several state agencies partnering to deliver this benefit to Washingtonians. Some of ESD's responsibilities for the program are employer reporting, premium collection and exemptions while DSHS is generally responsible for WA Cares Fund benefits. Both agencies have started implementing the changes.

Beginning in July 2023, employees will pay \$0.58 per \$100 of earnings into the fund. ESD has started work to delay employer reporting and premium collection by 18 months. It has updated its website with basic information for employers and people who've applied for exemptions. ESD won't accept any WA Cares premium payments for the first quarter of 2022 and will communicate more detailed guidance to employers in February. "The Legislature and Gov.

Inslee's work to improve WA Cares this session will give employers and the public more time to understand and prepare for this first-in-the-nation program," said ESD Commissioner Cami Feek.

**Employers should:**

- Stop withholding WA Cares premiums from employee earnings.
- Reimburse employees for WA Cares premiums within 120 days of the date premiums were collected.
- Continue to maintain copies of exemption approval letters for workers who provided them.

**Exemptions.** ESD is continuing to monitor legislation that could affect exemptions and will communicate any changes as soon as we can.

Benefits. Employees' contributions will allow them to later receive up to \$36,500 in long-term care benefits over their lifetime. Eligible employees will now begin to receive benefits in July 2026. The benefit will be adjusted annually up to inflation. It can be used for services like professional personal care in your home, dementia support, respite for family caregivers and much more. You can read more about the available benefits here.

According to Veghte, "WA Cares will protect many Washingtonians from being driven into poverty by the need for long-term care and serve as a model for the rest of the nation. The program will make it easier for all of us to age with dignity and independence in the setting of our choice."

The number of Washingtonians over 75 is expected to double in the next 15 years. Research shows that 70% of us will need some type of long-term care, yet only 7% can afford private long-term care insurance. Medicare does not cover it, and many families are forced to spend down their savings to qualify for Medicaid. Caregiving can also place a tremendous burden on family members who are often forced to reduce work hours, forego promotions, or leave the workforce entirely to care for a loved one.

# Give NCW Supports Rural Communities

BY DENISE SOROM, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON



Denise Sorom

NCW - Give NCW, a crowdfunding campaign that runs from Thanksgiving Day to December 31, raised \$666,869 for 62 nonprofit organizations throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan Counties last year. The 2021 campaign broke all previous records, marking new heights for the total amount raised, the number of participating donors, and the number of participating nonprofits. It was a banner year for Give NCW overall and specifically for the smaller regional nonprofits that participated.

While most participating nonprofits in Give NCW are from the region's population center, the Wenatchee Valley, a full one-third of the groups from the 2021 campaign were based in smaller communities in North Central Washington. These smaller regional nonprofits are fine examples of the "love of place" that defines so many of our smaller rural communities. Let's look at a breakdown of each of these regions and how Give NCW impacted them:

**Upper Valley = \$116,604 raised for 11 Nonprofits**

- Cascade Medical Foundation, Greater Leavenworth Museum, Icele Creek Center for the Arts, Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center, Leavenworth Summer Theater, Mountain Meadows, Mountain Sprouts Children's Community, Upper Valley Connection, Upper Valley Mend, Waste Loop, and the Wenatchee River Institute.

**Okanogan Valley = \$30,519 raised for 7 Nonprofits**

- Green Okanogan, Okanogan Behavioral Health Care, Okanogan County Child Development Association, Okanogan Land Trust, Okanogan Regional Humane, Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus, Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center

**Chelan Valley = \$24,861 raised for 3 Nonprofits**

- Chelan Valley Hope, Chelan Housing Trust, Heritage Heights at Lake Chelan

What is behind the success of these numbers? First and foremost, it is the donors who step up year after year and give generously to their favorite organizations. In addition, it is the visibility, infrastructure, and capacity that the campaign offers to small nonprofits. The Community Foundation of NCW invests several thousand dollars each year in giving incentives for Give NCW, as well as paying credit card fees from online donations and covering the cost of the technology behind the campaign. This gets our vital rural nonprofits in front of new donors and makes online transactions easy and cost-free.

Grace Larsen, of Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center, states: "As a board member as well as supporter of a small nonprofit in very rural NCW, a great deal of our work is done as volunteers. Our small budget and donor base limits our ability to hire staff and

increase capacity. But when you pool us small nonprofits together, share out our stories and missions in one place, it makes it much easier for donors to get to know us — what's out there. Finally, this campaign has cultivated a local community giving habit and expectation that leaves everyone feeling supported. It truly energizes us little guys!"

Karen Schimpf, of Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus, adds: "It is currently so difficult to hold fund raisers in this rural county because of Covid risk and restrictions...With CFNCW helping with some of the marketing, listing requests from all over the region and doing the tax work, it is a SAFE way to raise funds for participating small organizations, no one has to go anywhere with crowds, so it was a MUST to join."

Kaylin Bettinger, Executive Director of Upper Valley MEND describes the campaign's impact on her social service organization: "Give NCW has helped the sustainability of Upper Valley MEND's programs by giving visibility to the organization. It's introduced new donors to our programs and increased gifts from existing donors. It's been an amazing partnership!"

To build on the success of Give NCW, this year CFNCW aims to make some improvements to its usability, making it easier for donors to find nonprofits they support as well as discover new ones. If you know of a nonprofit in your community that would benefit from participating, visit [www.cfncw.org/givenew](http://www.cfncw.org/givenew) for all the details. We know 2022 has great things in store for our cherished rural communities!



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## COVID-19

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they'll be asked to check in and complete the required paperwork before testing. Three Rivers Hospital is located at 507 Hospital Way in Brewster.

Residents who have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should call the Three Rivers Family Medicine clinic for screening before getting

tested, at 509-689-3749. The clinic staff helps patients complete some intake paperwork over the phone and provides directions to the private testing area.

For non-travel testing, Director of Ancillary Services Jeremy Vandelac advises testing about 2-3 days after developing symptoms, or five days following an exposure. This may help ensure more accurate results.

Due to short supply, the hos-

pital reserves its rapid tests and in-house PCR tests for ER patients needing transfer, inpatients, and those presenting severe symptoms.

Non-urgent questions about the testing process at Three Rivers are best directed to [covid@trhospital.net](mailto:covid@trhospital.net) to keep phone lines open, but residents can also call the hospital at 509-689-2517. Three Rivers also provides updates online at [threerivershospital.net/covid-19-information/](http://threerivershospital.net/covid-19-information/).

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Get up to 5x points when you use your STCU rewards credit card at restaurants and bars, February 24 – March 5, 2022. Use your points for cash back, gift cards, or even to erase a transaction! Apply or upgrade today.

Details at [stcu.org/dining](https://stcu.org/dining).\*

\*Purchases at qualifying restaurants and bars only; offer excludes fast-food. Bonus points promotion runs February 24 through March 5, 2022. Points vary depending on which STCU rewards card you use: Rewards World cards earn up to 3x points; Premier Rewards World cards earn up to 5x points. Reward points typically awarded within three business days after your qualifying transaction posts to your account. Earned points on purchases never expire, with at least one purchase every 24 months. Bonus points expire one year from date awarded. All loans subject to approval.



**Bears produce four pros**

# Brewster High School receives Seattle Mariners grant

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
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**BREWSTER** – The Brewster High School's baseball program is among 10 in Washington and Oregon to receive a share of a \$50,000 grant from the Seattle Mariners professional baseball team. The Bears will receive \$5,000 from the Mariners to upgrade basic equipment such as baseballs, helmets, and protective screens and to improve field maintenance.

Brewster has built a proud tradition of multi-sport excellence. The high school has produced four professional baseball players, including four-year Major Leaguer Jerrod Riggan (New York Mets, Cleveland Indians, 1996-2005). The other three are Cody Gunn (St. Louis Cardinals, 2001-2002), Andy Hill (Anaheim Angels, 2003-2006), and Hawkins Gebbers (Seattle Mariners, 2009-2011).

Head coach Todd Phillips strives to "create the ultimate



Courtesy ebay.com

**Former Brewster Bear Jerrod Riggan pitched for the New York Mets and Cleveland Indians.**

playing experience" for the student athletes, a goal that is made harder because of COVID-19 and the routine funding challenges school athletics face.

Seattle Mariners Hall of Famer Dan Wilson, who was a member of the grant selection committee, said although there were worthy applicants from across Washington and

Oregon, this year's winners stood out.

"They each displayed the incredible impact, both on and off the field, their programs are having on the young men and women in the Northwest as well as the community engagement that's occurring, especially in light of difficulties due to COVID-19. These programs serve as models for all to aspire to in the Pacific Northwest," said Wilson.

Other winners of the Mariners Care 2022 Equipment Donation Grant:

- Aloha High School Baseball, Aloha, Oregon
- Auburn High School Baseball, Auburn
- Cashmere High School Baseball, Cashmere
- Chief Sealth High School Baseball & Softball, Seattle
- Highland High School Baseball, Cowiche
- Kennewick High School Baseball & Softball, Kennewick
- Pasco High School Baseball, Pasco

- Washington High School Baseball, Parkland
- West Seattle High School Softball, Seattle

The annual grant was created in 2017 to support baseball and softball programs at the high school level in the state of Washington. In 2020, the program was expanded to include the state of Oregon. The program has now provided \$300,000 to help make baseball and softball more accessible for all student athletes. The grant is part of On BASE, a strategic effort by the Mariners to leverage new and existing partnerships to break down barriers that may prevent some children from participating in baseball and softball, whether that is because of high registrations fees, lack of equipment or access to playable fields.

For more information about On BASE (Baseball And Softball Everywhere), including the high school grant program, log onto Mariners.com/OnBASE.

## 4 tips to getting just enough potassium

Last month, at age 71, Diane had 3 stents placed into her heart. As I looked over her medication list, I asked her, "Any medication changes?"



"My heart doctor changed my Lisinopril to another medicine. Oh, and I'm not taking those big potassium pills anymore."

"Hmm... Here's the record of your visit with your cardiologist. He did change your Lisinopril to Losartan, but that's all. It says here that he wants you to stay on your water pills and potassium tablets."

"I thought the Losartan was my potassium pill. See, it says Losartan potassium on the pill bottle."

"Yes, that is confusing. Some medicine names now include the words sodium, potassium, or sulfate. This means that the medication contains a tiny amount of sodium, potassium, or sulfate, helping it to stay potent."

"Despite what that label says, your new medicine actually contains very little potassium. Your water pills and potassium pills go together, and you need to keep taking your potassium pills."

Water is not all that people lose when taking a "water pill" or diuretic. Besides the water, diuretics remove essential minerals like sodium, magnesium, and potassium from your body.

Potassium supplements are described either by weight in milligrams (mg) or chemically by milliequivalents (mEq). Most prescription forms of potassium are labeled as mEq and are available as either 10 mEq or 20 mEq tablets.

Unfortunately, most prescription potassium pills are large. They can be awkward or hard to swallow, leading some folks to try smaller, non-prescription potassium pills instead. One common over-the-counter (OTC) potassium is 595 mg potassium gluconate. This may sound like a lot, but it isn't. There's only 99 mg of elemental potassium in each tablet, with the rest being gluconate.

A potassium gluconate tablet with 99 mg of potassium has only 2.5mEq of potassium. You'll need to take 4 tablets of OTC potassium gluconate to match the potassium in one prescription tablet of 10mEq potassium chloride.

The average American adult gets about 2,600 mg of potassium daily through their diet, nearly 400 mg less than recommended. This is considered a public health concern for the general U.S. population.

How much potassium can you gain by eating a banana or drinking an 8-ounce glass of orange juice every day? Eating a medium-sized banana gives you 422 mg of potassium, and an 8-ounce glass of orange juice contains 473 mg of potassium. One potato with the skin has 610 mg of potassium, with sweet potatoes containing 694 mg potassium.

Leafy green vegetables and foods like tomatoes that grow on vines are good potassium sources. So are milk and yo-

gurt. More information on the potassium content of foods is available in the online resource Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020-2025, at [www.dietaryguidelines.gov](http://www.dietaryguidelines.gov).

Eating bananas and drinking orange and tomato juice regularly may not be enough to keep your potassium level balanced. People taking "water pills" every day may need more potassium than they can get by eating bananas and oranges.

One easy and inexpensive way to get more potassium is to use a salt substitute made with potassium. Salt substitutes such as Nu Salt® or Morton Salt Substitute® are sodium-free. They contain potassium chloride salt crystals instead of sodium chloride salt crystals. There are also low-sodium salt substitutes like Morton's Lite Salt, with a 50-50 sodium to potassium chloride ratio.

Both sodium-free and low sodium salt substitutes are concentrated sources of potassium. Switching from a typical table salt made with sodium chloride to a salt substitute with potassium chloride can dramatically increase your potassium intake.

People with kidney disease should avoid using a salt substitute containing potassium. But for people taking a water pill, switching to a salt substitute can be more effective than taking OTC potassium tablets and easier to swallow than prescription potassium pills.

### Here Are 4 Tips to Getting Just Enough Potassium:

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**3. Check with your doctor.** Certain heart medicines like lisinopril, losartan, and spironolactone encourage potassium to stay in your body. Ask your doctor before switching to a salt substitute containing potassium.

**4. Avoid potassium if you have kidney problems.** Discuss potassium-rich foods and salt with your doctor.

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**Win in overtime**

## Billygoats beat Devils by one point, 63-62

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**PATEROS** – The Billygoats varsity basketball team got a large dose of satisfaction from an otherwise difficult season with a 63-62 overtime win against Wilson Creek last week.

"We had a big league win that moved us to 2-10 league, 2-12 overall," head coach Marcus Stennes said.

Pateros got a slow start trailing 19-7 at the end of the first quarter but whittled the Devils' lead down to three points by halftime Marcus

**Pateros scoring:**

Chris Poore	1 point, 7 rebounds
Jacob Piechalski	24 pts, 7 reb, (9-10 ft)
Pidi Pamatz	19 pts, 7 assists
Ish Mireles	11 pts, 13 reb.
Jose Martinez	8 pts, 14 reb.
Diego Mota	4 reb., 2 assists
Trenton Rodman	3 reb.
Jesus Zanabria	2 reb.
Pablo Gonzalez	2 steals, 2 assists

said. Then the second half was a back-and-forth battle that found the teams knot-

ted 55-all at the buzzer. Good defensive effort earned the Billygoats the win in overtime

even though Wilson Creek took the final shot opportunity.

"We had big contributions from Jacob Piechalski and Pidi Pamatz but overall it was a team effort," Stennes said.

Pateros	7	28	34	55	63
WC	19	31	39	55	62

The Billygoats play their next three games on the road at Cascade Christian Academy, Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Soap Lake. Thursday, Feb. 3, and at Waterville-Mansfield, Sat. Feb. 5.

## THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

### Outdoors Roundup

BY JOHN KRUSE,  
THE WASHINGTON  
OUTDOOR REPORT

**Resuscitating the Spring Bear Hunt:** In November half of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission went against the advice of Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Kelly Susewind and his staff and postponed the 2022 spring bear hunt, an event that has occurred for decades in our state. This month, the Commission revisited that issue and in a 4 to 3 vote decided to look at a rule change that could result in the spring bear hunt occurring, albeit not before May 1. A public comment period will occur prior to that time for those for and against the hunt to express their views.

**New Fish and Wildlife Commissioners:** Three new Washington Fish and Wildlife Commissioners will get a chance to weigh in on this possible hunt. Governor Jay Inslee appointed Dr. John Lehmkuhl, Melanie Rowland and Dr. Tim Ragen to the Commission, filling two vacancies and taking the place of longtime Chair Larry Carpenter, whose term on the Commission expired at the end of 2020.

John Lehmkuhl is a former U.S. Forest Service research wildlife biologist from North Central Washington. He has served on the WDFW Wildlife Diversity Advisory Council since 2015 and is an avid horse-

man who operates a saddlery business south of Wenatchee. Lehmkuhl describes himself, "as a life-long hunter, angler and conservationist" and fills the seat vacated over a year ago by Dave Graybill.

Another North Central Washington pick for a commission seat is Melanie Rowland. She is an environmental attorney who formerly worked with the National Marine Fisheries Service to implement Endangered Species Act protections for salmonoid fish and marine mammals in the northwest. In recent years, Rowland has served as legal counsel for the Methow Valley Citizens Council. This group advocates for, "the protection of the Methow Valley's natural environment and rural character." The organization sued to stop the expansion of ATV use on Forest Service roads in Okanogan County without an environmental review, a lawsuit this non-profit won. The Council also supports the reintroduction of grizzly bears into the North Cascades.

The other new commissioner is Tim Ragen, the former Executive Director of the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission who calls Skagit County home. Ragen has been an advocate for suspending commercial whale watching around the San Juan Islands and for reducing or eliminating Chinook salmon fishing in portions of Puget Sound to protect resident Orca whales in the Salish Sea.

One fact about the current commission is worth noting. Only three out of nine of the commissioners identify as hunters and anglers, the rest of them stick to non-consumptive outdoors pursuits. WDFW's mandate is to, "preserve, protect and perpetuate the state's fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities". It will be interesting to see how well the Commission supports those fishing and hunting opportunities in the

months ahead.

**Navy halts training at State Parks:** Over the last two years a number of citizens complained to the State Parks Commission about U.S. Navy SEALs who were using some of the saltwater State Parks for special operations training purposes. This is something that has occurred for years without any problems. The training includes approaching the beaches using scuba gear and submersibles as well as rock and cliff climbing at certain parks. The Navy submitted a plan to continue doing this for five more years in 2020. The plan was narrowly approved by the Washington State Parks Commission last year with new restrictions that include only allowing the use of replica weapons.

Several of the citizens who complained were unhappy about this decision and did what unhappy people often do when they don't get their way. They got together, formed a coalition (consisting of several environmental and anti-war activist groups), and filed a lawsuit. As a result, the Navy has paused all training at Washington State Parks until the suit is resolved. You can find out more about the coalition who filed this lawsuit at [www.notinourparks.org/coalition](http://www.notinourparks.org/coalition).

Reaching out to Washington State Parks about this issue, Spokesperson Amanda McCarthy said they could not comment because of the ongoing litigation. In the meantime, the readiness and training of these elite sailors will likely suffer.

**Sturgeon retention changes:** The harvest quota for sturgeon has been met in the Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River but the Dalles Pool is open for catch and keep sturgeon fishing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays until February 28 or until the harvest quota of 190 fish is met. The John Day Pool remains open for catch and keep sturgeon fishing every day of the week.

The limit is one sturgeon per

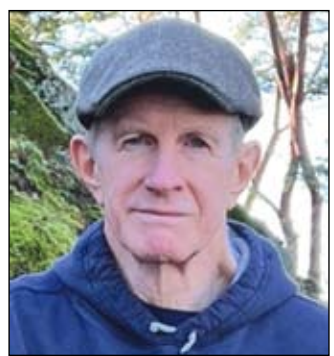


Courtesy Methow Valley Citizens Council

**Commissioner Melanie Rowland**

day, two per year, and the fish have to measure between 43 and 54 inches from the nose to the fork of the tail. There are no restrictions on catch and release fishing for sturgeon.

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# Post Office's Law Enforcement Arm Is Expanding Its Surveillance Powers

KEN SILVA

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has announced plans to provide its law enforcement branch with access to its vast trove of customer data, raising concerns among privacy activists about the organization's expanding surveillance powers.

The USPS came under scrutiny in 2021 when it was revealed that its law enforcement arm, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), was monitoring both left- and right-wing protest groups on social media. Multiple nonprofit organizations sued the USPS, seeking internal records about its surveillance program and questioning the legality of such activities.

Those lawsuits haven't stopped the Postal Service from seeking additional surveillance powers. On Dec. 17, 2021, the USPS announced that it intended to provide customer data to USPIS investigators.

"USPIS will collect and aggregate eight data elements—Name, Address, 11-Digit Delivery Point ZIP Code (ZIP 11), Phone Number, Email Address, Tracking Number, IP Address, and Moniker," the Postal Service stated.

According to the USPS, the influx of new data will allow postal inspectors to conduct "link analysis," using data analytics to discover patterns and trends in criminal activity.

But privacy activists have raised

concerns.

The Electronic Information Privacy Center (EPIC) filed comments with the USPS on Jan. 18, urging the Postal Service to halt its plans.

"By demanding access to more postal data, the Postal Inspection Service is exposing USPS customers to wrongful surveillance and a greater threat of data breach," EPIC said. "The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service should separate their information collection procedures and ensure that USPS customers do not come under greater surveillance simply by using a government mail carrier."

EPIC says that the USPIS is in danger of mission creep—when an agency has access to more tools or information than it needs to complete its designed mission, leading it to expand into another role outside of the designated mission to utilize those tools.

"The Postal Inspection Service has a well-defined mission in protecting the mail, but the agency has often overstepped its bounds," EPIC stated. "The Postal Inspection Service now claims a 'wide jurisdiction' to preserve the 'safety, security, and integrity of the nation's mail system from criminal misuse.'"

Such mission creep has occurred before, according to EPIC, which cited the Postal Service's surveillance of the LGBTQ community in the 1950s and '60s—when the USPIS investigated



A woman unloads a USPS truck in Norfolk, Va., in this file photo.

the delivery of homosexual publications under laws that were intended to restrict the mailing of obscene materials.

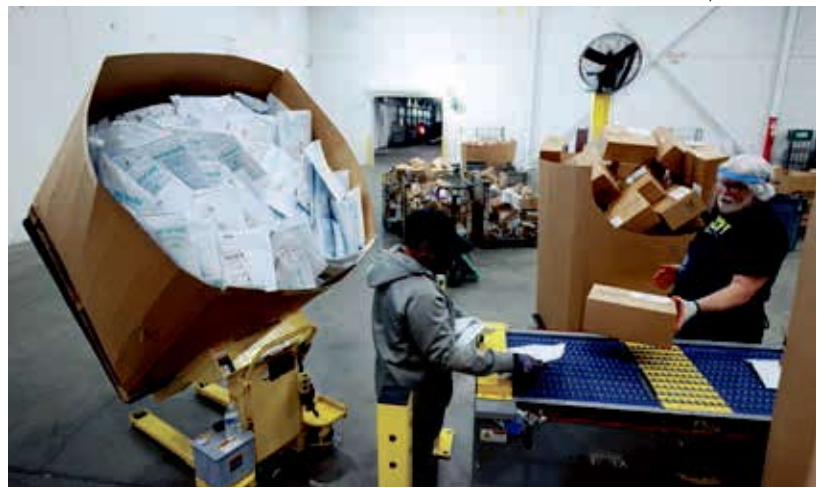
EPIC also reiterated its criticism of the Postal Service's Internet Covert Operations Program (iCOP), which was outed in 2021 by Yahoo News for surveilling protest movements.

"The availability of those tools facilitated monitoring protesters and organizers engaging in protected First Amendment activities," EPIC said, regarding iCOP. "The Postal Inspection Service should be wary of onboarding new tools and new data sources given the agency's troubled history with mission creep."

EPIC's comments to the USPS may be too little too late. The Postal Service's Dec. 17, 2021, notification stated that its new data-sharing initiative was to begin on Jan. 18.

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Workers load mail at a U.S. Postal Service package support annex in La Vergne, Tenn., on Nov. 4, 2021.

The USPS didn't respond by press time to questions about whether it has already begun transferring customer

data to the USPIS or if it's considering EPIC's comments before moving forward.

# Durham Keeps Active 'Criminal Investigation' Into Former Clinton Campaign Lawyer, Court Records Show

KEN SILVA

The U.S. government's criminal investigation into former Perkins Coie partner and Clinton campaign attorney Michael Sussmann isn't over yet.

This was revealed in Jan. 25 court filings from special counsel John Durham, who's investigating the origins of the Russia probe that cast a shadow over the presidency of Donald Trump. According to Durham, Sussmann worked with a group of individuals to devise allegations regarding a purported secret communications channel between the Trump Organization and Russia's Alfa Bank. Sussmann pleaded guilty on Sept. 17, 2021, to a single-count charge of lying to the FBI.

Durham said on Jan. 25 that the "government also maintains an active, ongoing criminal investigation of the defendant's conduct and other matters." His filing was made in response to objections by defense attorneys about the timeliness of him providing discovery materials.

COURTESY OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT



John Durham speaks at a conference in New Haven, Conn., on Sept. 20, 2018.

With the trial set for May 16, U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper ordered the government on Dec. 14, 2021, to provide all unclassified discovery to Sussmann by Jan. 28 and all classified material by Feb. 11. Durham told the judge in his filing that his office is

working hard to make those dates.

"Nevertheless, because of more than two dozen broad and detailed written discovery requests ... the Government also continues to collect, process, and review certain discrete and limited categories of materials that may yield further discoverable

information," the filing reads. "Accordingly, while the Government has complied diligently with its discovery obligations, it respectfully requests permission from the Court to produce any residual discovery materials resulting from its ongoing reviews by March 18."

Durham said the defense counsel is fine with a delay in receiving all material by Feb. 11—as opposed to getting the unclassified records early. But the defendant objected to receiving the material by late March.

The special counsel attached in his filing an email from defense counsel Michael Bosworth, laying out the defense's position on the matter.

"Receiving ... potentially tens of thousands of documents six weeks before trial, two weeks before the exhibit deadline, and less than a week before motions in limine are due would impose an unreasonable burden on Mr. Sussmann's defense," Bosworth wrote on Jan. 21.

"Consenting to such an extension would hamper our ability to appro-

priately review those materials and prepare for trial, or potentially force us to move back the trial date, when Mr. Sussmann is entitled to a speedy trial and has repeatedly emphasized his desire for a quick resolution of this matter."

Noting the defense's objections, Durham asked Cooper to nevertheless grant him a time extension on discovery. He said his staff has been working to produce hundreds of thousands of pages of materials.

"In particular, the Government to date has produced more than approximately 133,000 pages of materials in classified and unclassified discovery," the filing reads. "The Government expects to produce approximately 492,285 additional pages of materials later this week."

The end of Durham's filing reiterates his request for an extension to March 18.

"The Government also will consent to the filing by the defense of any additional or supplemental motions that are based on, or prompted by, the Government's residual discovery," the filing reads. "Finally, and as it has done throughout the discovery process, the Government will update the defense (and the Court as appropriate) regarding its progress on all of the above discovery issues."

# UN Giving 'Humanitarian Cash' to Migrants Heading to US Border

US taxpayers helping fund illegal immigrant passage to southern border via UN cash cards

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

DEL RIO, Texas—American taxpayers are increasingly funding the passage of a constant flow of migrants who ultimately cross illegally into the United States, according to new reports.

A United Nations "cash-based interventions" program provides migrants heading to the U.S. border

with debit cards, help with housing, transport, and medical assistance. The assistance is accessible in cities on the well-traveled routes from Latin America through Mexico.

Thousands of migrants converge in southern Mexico where they apply for asylum—which gives them unfettered travel in Mexico—then most head directly to the U.S. border, where they cross illegally and claim asylum again.

Migrants there are issued debit cards that reload each month, according to Todd Bensman, who is reporting from the city of Tapachula at Mexico's southern border with Guatemala. Bensman is the senior national security fellow at the Center for Immigration Studies.

In Tapachula on Jan. 14, a Haitian man was waiting for his 3,600 pesos owed (about \$180), Bensman said. A Honduran woman said her cash card provided 2,500 pesos a month for four people.

In the northern Mexico border city of Reynosa, families were receiving the equivalent of \$400 every 15 days, he said.

"The United Nations began ramping up CBI [cash-based interventions] in 2019, spending \$60 million on 29,000

migrants in Latin America, and then doubling the outlays in 2020, with plans to vastly increase its use in the Americas during 2022 and beyond," Bensman said.

In fiscal year 2021, the United States contributed nearly \$1.9 billion in humanitarian assistance to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), according to the State Department.

The United States funds about 20 percent of the total United Nations budget, which comprises 193 nations, and 40 percent of UNHCR's revenue, according to a report by the Council on Foreign Relations. The UNHCR budget for 2022 is \$8.99 billion.

Cash-based interventions have been used by UNHCR for several decades.

They are "often a more dignified way of assisting affected populations, as they empower people to determine their own needs and the best way of meeting them," according to the UNHCR.

Silvia Garduno, the UN spokesperson in Tapachula, Mexico, said the cash cards are strictly regulated as a humanitarian intervention.

"Humanitarian cash assistance is available only to individuals with par-

ticular vulnerabilities who are seeking asylum in Mexico and who intend to remain in the Mexican state where they have applied for asylum until the process is completed," Garduno told Bensman.

"It is provided to help ensure they can meet basic living expenses while their requests for asylum in Mexico are processed. This process may last three to four months."

However, Bensman said he questions that the program only applies to highly vulnerable people and wasn't able to get the actual criteria from authorities.

"I suspect they are being very liberal on the definitions based on the migrant demographics I have seen," Bensman told The Epoch Times.

The vast majority of migrants congregating in Tapachula end up crossing the U.S. southern border within months.

Rep. Lance Gooden (R-Texas) recently introduced a bill to put a stop to U.S. payments to the UNHCR, the UN International Organization for Migration, and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

"U.S. taxpayers should not be subsidi-

zing a mass invasion of our country by an endless stream of unknown and unvetted migrants," Gooden wrote in a statement at the time.

"It is time for the Biden administration to put an end to this crisis and regain control of our southern border."

TODD BENSMAN/CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES



A Haitian migrant shows his cash card provided by the United Nations. He said his 3,500 peso payment (about \$175 US) didn't deposit this month, in Tapachula, Mexico, on Jan. 14, 2022.



# Texas Republicans Urge Court to Reconsider Decision That Stripped AG of Power to Prosecute Election Fraud

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At least 100 Texas Republican lawmakers and party leaders are urging the state's highest criminal court to revisit a decision that they say dealt a major blow to the state's ability to prosecute election fraud and jeopardized election integrity laws.

A friend-of-the-court brief filed by 14 Republican state senators on Jan. 19 called on the state's all-Republican Court of Criminal Appeals to reconsider a decision that stripped the attorney general of the ability to unilaterally prosecute election fraud.

"There is no question it's a huge case," state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, a Republican, told The Epoch Times. "I hope this gets their attention."

Other friend-of-the-court briefs filed this month include one by the Texas Republican Party and another signed by 85 U.S. and state House GOP lawmakers and prominent party leaders such as Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and Texas gubernatorial candidate Don Huffines.

Matt Rinaldi, chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, called the court's decision "incomprehensible."

"If this decision is allowed to stand, it will cause irreparable damage to the integrity of elections in Texas," Rinaldi told The Epoch Times in an email.

Bettencourt added that the justices ultimately listened to an attorney for the Democrats arguing the case.

"They found a weak spot," he wrote. Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee, a Democrat, applauded the court's decision in a tweet.

"This is a big win for local government and Texans who are tired of state officials exaggerating voter fraud claims to undermine elections," Menefee wrote.

In December 2021, with little fanfare, the Criminal Appeals Court struck down the Texas attorney general's authority to prosecute criminal election law violations granted by legislation some 70 years ago, saying the provision violated the



Poll workers help voters inside a polling location in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 13, 2020.

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Matt Rinaldi, chairman, Republican Party of Texas

separation of powers clause in the state's constitution.

The legal decision involved a case against Jefferson County Sheriff Zena Stephens. After the county district attorney declined to prosecute Stephens over campaign-finance allegations stemming from the 2016 election, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton stepped in and obtained an indictment from a grand jury in neighboring Chambers County. The Texas Court of Criminal Ap-

peals opinion overturned a lower-court ruling that said the election code "clearly and unambiguously" gives the attorney general power to prosecute criminal laws prescribed by election laws. In light of the appellant ruling, the attorney general must now be asked to be involved in a case by a district or county attorney.

Bettencourt said he believes the court should revisit the issue, based on provisions in the Texas constitution that require legislators "to detect and punish fraud" in elections. The senators' brief further states the state constitution gives the Legislature the power to assign duties to the attorney general.

"Poof, it's gone," Bettencourt said of the long-held law, adding that the attorney general is an important tool in prosecution. "They need to rethink what they have done."

The Texas Supreme Court is the highest civil court in the state but

doesn't have jurisdiction over most criminal cases, making the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals the highest criminal court in the state.

Paxton, a Republican who has been keen on rooting out voter fraud, wrote on Twitter that the ruling could be "devastating" for future elections in Texas and filed a motion this month seeking a rehearing with the Court of Criminal Appeals.

"The court's decision to suddenly remove our authority to prosecute election fraud can only empower dishonest campaigns to silence voters across the state," Paxton said in a statement. "Last year's election cycle shows us that officials in our most problematic counties will simply let election fraud run rampant."

State Rep. Steve Toth, who signed on to the Jan. 14 brief, said he doubts the court will revisit the issue even with overwhelming Republican support.

The Republican lawmaker called

for an immediate fourth special session to draft new legislation to allow a neighboring district attorney to prosecute alleged election fraud, if the official in the county in question doesn't, as a potential solution to the ruling.

"No one saw this coming," Toth said in an interview. "The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said it's basically OK to cheat in Texas."

State Rep. Cecil Bell, who signed the brief as well, agreed that the state Legislature must act if the court doesn't.

"What it does, I think that is so problematic, is it means there are no checks and balances," Bell, a Republican, said of the ruling in an interview. "If we learned nothing else about the election in 2020, people can be very blatant in what they do."

Bell pointed to election issues in Harris County in 2020, which includes the Democratic stronghold of Houston. That county sent applications to vote by mail to nearly 377,000 registered voters 65 years of age or older, according to news reports. The county had planned to mail out unsolicited applications to all of its 2.4 million voters, although the effort was blocked by the Texas Supreme Court. Harris County also allowed for controversial drive-thru voting during the 2020 election.

The first phase of a Texas forensic audit, which focused on four of the state's largest counties, found thousands of possible non-U.S. citizens and deceased persons registered to vote statewide. However, the state didn't find problems on a scale large enough to alter the election, according to the Texas Secretary of State's Office. Overall, Donald Trump carried Texas with 52.1 percent of the vote to President Joe Biden's 46.5 percent.

The Texas Legislature approved legislation last year in an effort to stop drive-thru voting, mass distribution of unsolicited mail-in-ballot applications, and to require ID to vote by mail. The law also provided for election audits of select counties.

# Antifa Shuts Down College Event as Administrators Blame Republican Students

ALICE GIORDANO

Republican students at a New Hampshire Ivy League college say the school's administration has deserted them and has made false and embarrassing allegations against them in order to avoid bad publicity by canceling an event under heavy protest by far-left extremist group Antifa.

The live event scheduled at Dartmouth College was called "Extremism in America" and was to feature conservative personality Andy Ngo, who has been violently attacked by Antifa in the past.

Antifa and its sympathizers made several threats against the event, including offering money to anyone who assaulted Ngo. A local group known as Dartmouth Anarchists also posted violent insinuations about the event on social media.

"So long as we stand, Dartmouth will never be a safe space for [right-wingers] to spew their misinformation. Wear black to show your solidarity and hide your identity!" one member of the group wrote on Twitter.

The event was hosted by Dartmouth College Republicans. Club President Griffin Mackey told The Epoch Times that local and state police were well prepared for any violence from the



Independent journalist Andy Ngo, in an undated photo.

group and had a SWAT team in place before the event began.

"Moore Hall may have been the safest place in all of New Hampshire," Mackey said.

Just hours before Ngo was about to take stage, school administrators ordered the live event to be transitioned to a virtual-only event. The university later issued a statement blaming the move on failures by the

College Republicans.

"In light of concerning information from Hanover police regarding safety issues, similar concerns expressed by the College Republican leadership, and challenges with the student organization's ability to staff a large public event and communicate effectively (including dissemination of the visitor policy and a prohibition of bags in the building), the College

has requested that the Extremism in America panel be moved online," the university said in a statement.

However, emails exchanged between Anna Hall, senior assistant dean for student life at Dartmouth, and the College Republicans show that the student group had sent out emails to registered attendees days before that emphasized that backpacks wouldn't be allowed at the event and that student ID would be strictly required. The group also posted notices on the college's online bulletin and around campus, the emails show.

Mackey told The Epoch Times that he believes the real reason the college canceled the event was to avoid "bad publicity" and any potential fallout from it.

Chloe Ezzo, vice president of the Dartmouth College Republicans, noted that Hall made an arbitrary last-minute request for the group to provide additional staffing, as if she was trying to create "reasons" to cancel the event.

After the cancellation, members of Dartmouth Anarchists took to social media and declared "victory."

"By going virtual on such a short notice, they seriously disrupted our event, embarrassed our organization,

and created a roadmap for derailing these kinds of activities," Mackey told The Epoch Times.

New Hampshire State Police, Hall, and other college administrators didn't respond to requests for comments.

In a 2021 evaluation of free speech on college campuses, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), gave Dartmouth College a "C" in Free Speech.

Despite protests, the school didn't cancel a scheduled live appearance in 2021 by Madison Cawthorn, who would later become the youngest U.S. Congressman to be elected. During his speech, the Democratic Socialist Club at Dartmouth College chanted obscenities at police.

However, Antifa and its sympathizers made it clear that it was prepared to wage an aggressive protest against Ngo.

A couple of days before the event, the Green Mountain John Brown Gun Club posted on social media that it had "called up reserves" of "Antifa super soldiers" to be present for it.

And in a Twitter post just a few days earlier, Antifa member Jonathan Dylan Chase offered money to anyone "who managed to assault Ngo" during his Dartmouth appearance.

Chase is a member of the Portland, Oregon-based Rose City Antifa, charged with violently attacking Ngo in 2019. In a video captured by a local reporter, a group of demonstrators can be seen dousing Ngo with a milkshake, punching him, and yelling at him in an unprovoked attack.

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**Announcements**

**Lost & Found**

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS** can be placed in our **Local Newspapers** and **Online at NCWMARKET.COM** for **ONE week for FREE.** Limit 30 words. A small fee will be charged for over 30 words and pictures or other extras.

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509-548-5286  
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**Quad City Herald**  
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**Deadline Noon on Friday for the next week's papers**

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**Employment**

**Help Wanted**

**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGIST Part-time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an Ultrasound Tech responsible for the independent operation of sonographic equipment, and for performing and communicating results of diagnostic examinations using sonography. Candidate must have an active ARDMS, ARRT, RDMS or RDCS certification and a minimum of one year clinical experience. Graduate of a formal Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program or Cardiovascular Technology Program that is accredited by CAAHEP. Candidate must be able to perform general, OB and abdomen studies; vascular studies (i.e. Echo, Carotid, Arterial) and Cardiac capabilities are required. 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](http://www.threerivershospital.net/opportunity@trhospital.net) EOE

**Help Wanted**



**COVID-19 COORDINATOR / MA-C Full-time/Temporary**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a COVID-19 Coordinator to work in our medical clinic. This position performs essential tasks, which includes answering and returning phone calls to patients related to questions around the COVID vaccine, testing, results, and general questions; administrator COVID-19 vaccinations. High school graduate or equivalent, must have valid WA State MA License. Required: ability to communicate in English and Spanish. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 [www.threerivershospital.net/opportunity@trhospital.net](http://www.threerivershospital.net/opportunity@trhospital.net) EOE



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

- Head Cook

Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: [www.cascadesed.org](http://www.cascadesed.org) EOE

**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](mailto:pateros@swift-stream.com). Application deadline is February 14, 2022, at 4:30 pm. Position is open until filled.



**Help Wanted**



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

Icicle River Middle School Head Boys Soccer Coach

Icicle River Middle School Boys Assistant Soccer Coach

Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: [www.cascadesed.org](http://www.cascadesed.org) EOE

**Help Wanted**



**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](http://www.threerivershospital.net/opportunity@trhospital.net) EOE



**RADIOLOGY/MAMMOGRAPHY TECH Part-time**

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Radiology/Mammography Tech to provide the best diagnostic images possible for the Radiologists, Physicians and ER Providers. Requirements: Registered by the ARRT and Certified by the State of WA. Graduation from an AMA – approved school of Radiologic Technology. Must have ARRT advanced certification in mammography, and completed an accredited program in radiology or imaging and have a minimum of 1 year experience as a Mammography Tech. 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](http://www.threerivershospital.net/opportunity@trhospital.net) EOE

**Brewster School District**

**Para Educator - Special Education Bus Driver/Custodian Assistant Cook for the 2021-22 School Year Accounts Payable Specialist**

Applications may be obtained on the district website, [www.brewsterbears.org](http://www.brewsterbears.org) or by contacting the district office at 509-689-3418. These positions are open until filled.

Two full-time paid salespersons needed, along with 6 part-time volunteers wanted at Chelan Station Re-runs. Apply at 410 Chelan Falls Road, Chelan; email: [downtop@outlook.com](mailto:downtop@outlook.com) or call (509) 682-9808 or (206) 445-2600.

**Help Wanted**

**Looking for a part-time job?**

The Leavenworth Echo Newspaper is looking for a part-time front office receptionist. Greet customers. Have computer knowledge, math, and phone skills. We will train you on our computer software. Pay depends on experience. Please email a resume to [Carol@leavenworthecho.com](mailto:Carol@leavenworthecho.com) or stop in with a resume 215-14th St. Leavenworth. Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Or call 509-548-5286 for an interview time. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Help Wanted



**RADIOLOGY/CT TECH Full-time**  
 Three Rivers Hospital is seeking two Rad/CT Techs to produce CT scans and assist the Radiologist with interventional procedures that require CT guidance and to provide the best diagnostic images possible for the providers. Registered by the ARRT and Certified WA State. Graduation from an AMA – approved school of Radiologic Technology. Minimum of one year CT experience. (Technical staff can be crossed trained). Current BLS certification. Prefer ARRT certification in CT. 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

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Legals

Public Notices

Request for Statement of Qualifications

The Town of Mansfield is inviting Statements of Qualifications and performance information from firms interested in providing professional municipal engineering, architectural and land surveying services for the 2022-2024 calendar years in conjunction with town sponsored projects. The Town projects for which services are sought may include: Infrastructure Improvements, Roadway Improvements, planning studies, design plans, specifications, and services during construction for street and utility improvements. These projects may be funded by TIB, USDA, CDBG, DWSRF, PWB, SRF/Centennial Clean Water and federal stimulus funds. Qualifications and performance statements will be reviewed and placed on file for the 2022-2024 calendar years. These qualifications will be used as the source from which to select qualified firms to complete projects.

**Proposal Elements**  
 Each proposal is limited to fifteen (15) double-sided pages (excluding cover and dividers), and should present the team qualifications for projects and identify the following:

1. The Project Team, including Sub-consultants, expertise and experience with similar projects including designing Infrastructure projects, public streets, sidewalks, water, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage facilities. Include the following:
  - \*Project Name
  - \*Location
  - \*Brief description of the project
  - \*Firms role in the project
  - \*Project reference and contact phone number
2. The Projects Team's approach to the engineering and architectural projects.
3. The Project Team's approach to coordinating with the Town.
4. Qualifications of the proposed Project Team members, including any sub-consultants proposed for the design effort and their availability.
5. A description of experience in working with the public sector and elected officials in small communities.
6. A description of experience in working on projects and with state and/or federal funding. Firms shall submit three (3) bound copies of their qualifications.

Selection of Process and Evaluation Criteria  
 A committee of City personnel will evaluate and rate the proposals to these criteria:

1. Project team experience with similar projects. (15%)
2. Project team experience with federally funded projects. (20%)
3. Project team member qualifications. (15%)
4. General Approach to projects. (15%)
5. Capability to compete projects. (20%)
6. Local familiarity. (15%)

The Town in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all consultants that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. Minority and women-owned firms are encouraged to submit Statements of Qualification. The Town of Mansfield is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer.

Questions regarding this solicitation would be directed to the Town of Mansfield, at the following address: 26 Main Street, PO BOX 218, Mansfield, WA 98830. Response of interested firms is requested no later than February 18, 2022 by 3:00 PM.

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Public Notices

CITY OF PATEROS, WASHINGTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WARREN AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

The City of Pateros, Washington, will accept sealed separate bids at City Hall located at 113 Lakeshore Drive, Pateros, WA 98846 until 1:00 PM. on Thursday February 24, 2022 for the work described below.

Due to the current COVID situation Bids will be opened and read aloud virtually via the following link:

<https://meet.google.com/cgw-zqb-n-tby>

Join by phone (US) +1 216-755-4659

PIN: 968 899 697#

A bid summary will be issued after opening, emailed to all bidders, and posted on the website.

This project will provide street and pedestrian facility improvements, including the following:

- Removal of approximately 1670 SY of asphalt pavement.
- Approximately 1,600 LF of new curb & gutter.
- Approximately 580 SY of new sidewalk and 590 SY of cement concrete driveways (separated sidewalk with pedestrian landscape buffer).
- 6 ADA curb ramps and 6 crosswalks
- Approximately 800 SY of bio-infiltration swales.

The BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be viewed at the following locations:

1. Varela & Associates, Inc., 601 W. Mallon Ave. Suite A, Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 328-6066
2. Visit [www.varelaaplanroom.com](http://www.varelaaplanroom.com) under "Public Jobs". Prospective bidders may view digital files at no cost.

To Bid the project, Bidder shall register and be on the Plan Holders List. After registering, Bidder shall download and print a full set of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS from [www.varelaaplanroom.com](http://www.varelaaplanroom.com) under "Public Jobs". Bids shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Additional bid acceptance and contract award provisions are specified in the Contract Documents.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Pateros.

For additional information regarding this project, contact Mark Johnson at Varela & Associates, Inc., by phone at (509) 328-6066, or email at [mjohnson@varela-engr.com](mailto:mjohnson@varela-engr.com). The project is being funded by the Transportation Improvement Board funds P-E-883(P04)-1.

The City of Pateros is in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The City of Pateros is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women and minority-owned businesses to submit bids. The City of Pateros has the right to reject any or all bids.

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING ON REDISTRICTING DIRECTOR DISTRICTS TO ADJUST TO THE 2020 U.S. CENSUS DATA

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 29.76.010, that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Bridgeport School District No. 075, Douglas County, Washington (the "District") will hold a regular meeting on February 28, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM in the Bridgeport Middle School, located at 1300 Douglas Avenue, Bridgeport, Washington. The meeting is called for the purpose of redistricting director districts to adjust to the 2020 U.S. Census data. Prior to adopting the redistricting director districts plan, the Board will hold a hearing on February 7, 2022, commencing at 6:00 pm in the Bridgeport School District Office, located at 1400 Tacoma Avenue, Bridgeport, Washington for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the redistricting director districts plan. Any person may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of the 2022 redistricting director districts plan under RCW 29.76.010, redistricting. The Board shall determine the redistricting director district plan and shall, by resolution, adopt the redistricting director districts plan. Information is available in the District office or may be obtained by contacting Amparito Martinez, Admin Assistant (509) 686-5656.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 075 DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON Scott Sattler Superintendent

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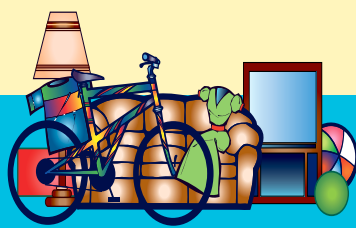
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  52. Dose of sunshine
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  55. Hair-raising product
  57. "\_\_\_\_\_ valentine, an opposite of love" note
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  66. Pooch's "wise" friend
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  69. Potassium nitrate
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  6. Heidi's shoe
  7. "Sweetie follower"
  8. Cook's cover
  9. Wheel holder
  10. Cambodian money
  11. Two-masted vessel
  12. "The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Rises"
  15. Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
  20. Source of lymphocytes, pl
  22. Pull along
  24. Dormant state
  25. "Famous archer
  26. Dispatch boat
  27. "\_\_\_\_\_ and whistles"
  29. Hodgepodge
  31. Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's son
  32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
  33. Seven days postmortem
  34. "Hive-related endearment"
  36. Unfortunately, exclamation
  38. Rumpelstiltskin machine
  42. Stallion's cry
  45. Business combination
  49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
  51. Darjeeling server
  54. Smell, usually pleasant
  56. Calms
  57. Ford Transit and such
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