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Brewster City Council approves Salmon Derby, hears project updates

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The Brewster City Council approved the application for the annual Brewster Salmon Derby at its regular monthly meeting held virtually last Wednesday, Jan. 19. The derby is scheduled to launch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 5,6, and 7 this year.

An earlier year-end summary from the Brewster Chamber of Commerce announced that the Chamber will assume derby operations this year with help of previ-

and Randy Cole. An online software company called SimpleDerby.com will handle ticket arrangements.

A fire department report underscored the need for more volunteers. A structure fire that occurred during the big snow of Jan. 6, only four Brewster firefighters were able to turn out. They did get help from other departments like Pateros to fight the blaze, but the need for volunteers remains.

Public Works Director Lee Webster reported that the Old 97 reconstruction program

ous organizers Lori Kratzer has been approved by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) local programs. The work involves a near-half mile of upgrading Old 97 from its junction with U.S. 97.

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J-U-B Engineers representative Michele Johnson reported that the city is now tracking the contractor warrantv items for year-long city water line project. J-U-B will address those final items during a walk-through with the contractor in about a month. Johnson said the city is expected to receive a contract deduction credit of about \$28,000 for uncompleted work. Turning to the well house project, Johnson said a problem with the control valve between the tank and well house is awaiting a scheduled visit from a Seattle-based technician who is scheduled to arrive on Feb. 3. Equipment delays caused by the pandemic cost the city an additional \$10,467.64 and 49 extra contract days.

Smyth said that owing to a spike in COVID numbers in the Brewster area he recommends continued virtual meetings until the situation improves.

Water reservoir #2 development continues



Mike Maltais/QCH

Bridgeport clerk/treasurer Judy Brown administers the oath of office to council member Mike Bjornstad who was elected to his first full term in last November's general election.

Bridgeport council approves USDA Rural Development funding application

Brewster council considers canine Parvo Vaccination for dog licensing

Referred for further study

By Mike Maltais Staff writer

BREWSTER - The Brewster City Council voted to consider a proposal that would require that all dogs licensed in Brewster show proof of vaccination for the Parvo virus at its regular virtual GoTo Meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Council member John Housden proposed the requirement as an additional measure to protect the health of dogs in town.

"Parvo is very deadly to dogs," said Housden. "You get a new puppy and take it to the vet the required shots are a Parvo and the rabies."

Housden explained that the highly transmittable virus can infect a dog that visits an area where an infected dog has been previously.

Council member Jan May asked if the vaccination requirement was common in most states out of her concern for adding an unnecessary burden on Brewster dog owners.

Mayor Art Smith noted that Parvo "runs rampant in the

city of Brewster." Housden and Smith clarified that the intent of the proposal is to look into the issue further and, with the assistance of city attorney Chuck Zimmerman, provide more information for council members to consider for a later vote on the matter.

According to the website canineparvovirus.org Parvo is an extremely contagious and resilient virus that affects dogs worldwide and equates to somewhere between the flu and Ebola in humans. The glaring difference between flu in humans and Parvo in dogs is that a healthy human who comes down with the flu usually recovers in a couple of weeks whereas a healthy dog that contracts Parvo succumbs to the virus about 90 percent of the time if not treated.

Canine Parvo is more like Ebola in its deadly consequences. There is no vaccine for Ebola and infected humans can die within 3-5 days. There is a vaccine for Parvo.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that humans cannot catch canine Parvo because the Canine Parvovirus (CPV) cannot replicate in a human host. There is a form of Human Parvovirus called Parvovirus B19.

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - The regular monthly meeting of the Bridgeport City Council commenced with the swearing in ceremony for Mike Bjornstad who won election to his first elected term in last November's General Election. City clerk/treasurer Judy Brown issued the oath of office to Bjornstad who will serve a four-year term.

A public hearing regarding a funding application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) for the city water reservoir No. 2 elicited no comment. Public works superintendent Stuart Dezellem delivered a brief overview of



Courtesy retailstrategies.com Matthew Tate, Business **Development Director for Retail Strategies, delivered** a presentation to the city council in a bid to help the city with its Downtown **Revitalization Plan.**

Former Waterville School District superintendent elected to NCESD board

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER/NCESD

WENATCHEE - A former Waterville School District superintendent has become the new member of the North **Central Educational Service** District (NCESD) board of directors.

Cathi Nelson will represent District #3 which includes Waterville, Mansfield, Brewster, Bridgeport, Pateros, Coulee-Hartline, Grand Coulee Dam, Nespelem, Orondo, Palisades, Methow Valley school districts. This position was previously held by Ed Daling who resigned after 29 years of service on the NC-ESD Board of Directors.

Nelson comes to the NCESD board of directors from a longtime career in education, including serving 26 years at the Waterville School District as an elementary teacher, principal, and then superintendent until her retirement in 2018.

Nelson's journey to leading the Waterville School District started in the Monroe School District as a paraprofessional. Encouraged by her school's principal, Nelson earned her Bachelor of Arts and teacher's credentials at Seattle Pacific



Cathi Nelson

University while raising two young boys and doing a "work study" job in the Monroe School District.

After graduating, Nelson taught in Snohomish and Monroe before moving to Waterville in 1993, where she taught as an elementary teacher for 10 years and earned her Master's degree from Heritage University. Through a Teacher of Special Assignment, Nelson earned her Administrative credentials while at the Waterville School District. She then served as the elementary principal for five years and K-12 principal for one year before becoming Waterville

School District Superintendent. Nelson retired in 2018.

During her time at Waterville School District, Nelson partnered with NCESD in a number of capacities, including the development of a district-wide leadership model which today continues to provide a high level of instruction for students, staff and family professional development, leadership training and support, and staff and facility safety.

"I learned to rely on the ESD for important networking opportunities that kept all of us current, connected, and relevant," Nelson said in her Candidate Statement submitted to the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Nelson was elected to serve on the NCESD Board of Directors during the fall 2021 elections conducted by OSPI which fills the expiring **Educational Service District** (ESD) Board of Director positions for the nine ESDs throughout Washington. ESD board members are elected by each current member of a public school board of directors (school board members) within the educational service district.

NCESD covers just over 12,600 square miles and provides services and support to schools in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties serving over 48,000 students. The Board is composed of seven regionally elected members including: Dr. Richard Johnson (District 1 Representative), Dr. Michael Musick (District 2 Representative), Cathi Nelson (District 3 Representative), Larry MacGuffie (District 4 Representative), Mary Kunkle (District 5 Representative), Marcia Henkle (District 6 Representative), and Susan Albert (District 7 Representative).

About NCESD

The North Central Educational Service District provides a wide array of programs, services and support to the 29 public school districts in the North Central Washington region of Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan county. The service district provides professional and timely tools to meet the needs of individual schools and districts, and a reliable point of education-related information for the communities served. The NCESD is one of nine respected educational service districts in Washington state.

what the application involves.

The water reservoir is an estimated \$5.2 million project comprised of loans and grants from the state capital budget (\$3.2 million), USDA (\$900,000), Douglas County (\$250,000 match), and Community Development Block Grant.

Retail Strategies

The principal speaker for the meeting was Matthew Tate, Business Development **Director for Retail Strategies** who pitched the council about the services of his group to assist the city with its Downtown Revitalization Project of the SR-173 corridor.

Downtown Strategies, a division of Retail Strategies, recently completed a five-year plan for Brewster through the Brewster Chamber of Commerce. Retail Strategies bills itself as the national expert in recruiting businesses and developing communities.

"We don't believe in giving you a study that's going to sit on a shelf," said Tate of his firm's hands-on approach to seeing a plan through implementation.

Council member Jackie Hentges wanted to know how Tate's group would promote two cities that are only 11 miles apart and often compete for the same customers and visitors.

Brown pointed out that Bridgeport's new RV park at Conklin Landing is attracting new business and overflow travelers visiting the area.

council members agreed to review Tate's information and how Retail Strategies might be right for the city's development goals.

In other business the council approved the USDA RD loan/grant application, approved the on-call contract for city engineers Gray & Osborne, and discussed the Washington State Department of Transportation Preview and Inspection Agreement.

Staff new hires

Council member Sergio Orozco requested that the council once again take responsibility for approving city new hires rather than leaving that authority in the hands of the mayor. He cited possible claims of discrimination in the hiring process if the council is not involved. Mayor Janet Conklin opposed Orozco's proposal arguing the difficulties hiring temp workers for jobs such as at the public pool when group approval is required.

Council member Matthew Schuh recommended that the council take under advisement that the council be involved with permanent city staff hiring and the mayor allowed to hire temps as needed. Council members agreed to give Schuh's suggestion more thought for a later decision.

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Community



SUBMITTED BY DOUG WHITE FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

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YAKIMA - The first major financial goal was successfully met by U.S. Congressional Representative candidate Doug White, Democrat. His two-month push to raise \$100,000 for his campaign purse was accomplished before New Year's Day.

White seeks the District 4 seat, representing Central Washington counties of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, and portions of Adams and Franklin. Central Washington's largely rural district stretches from Canada to Oregon.

Not a newcomer to Central Washington, White's agricultural roots run deep in orchard, cattle, hops, and farm-to-table businesses. But it was his international business and technology education that led him overseas to become Operations Manager for the world's largest telecommunications project overseeing 4,000 employees, representing 51 nationalities.

White believes these experiences and visionary leadership skills equip him to work successfully in the U.S. House of Representatives for Central Washington residents and businesses. He is especially interested in the federal infrastructure bill that will invest in local projects



Courtesy Doug White for Congress **Doug White seeks the District** 4 seat.

that provide for bridge repair, road safety, renewed power grid, and internet to rural communities. These projects are important to District 4 and the continued growth of our economy.

Looking forward to this year's campaign, White stated, "I stand in disbelief as to why the current representative has done so little for us, when there is so much that can be done.²

You can find more information on Doug White and his campaign at www.dougwhite-4congress.us.

Message approved by Doug White for Congress, PO Box 9674, Yakima, WA 98909. Democrat.

hearing for the plan for the

next regular council meeting

ARPA funds

bers and other interested

parties to contact her with

suggestions for apply more

than \$300,000 in American

Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)

funds. Brown said that the

money can be applied to a va-

riety of city projects depend-

ing on how the use is written

but wants to see those monies

applied to projects that the

public can see and appreciate.

Brown asked council mem-

on Feb. 16

COUNCIL

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Revised Park & Recreation Plan

City planner Kurt Danison reported on some final details for the revised Park and Recreation Plan and reminded the city that it needed to approve the finished plan by the March 1 deadline to be eligible to file for state **Recreation and Conservation** Organization (RCO) funds. Council scheduled a public



SUBMITTED BY AMANDA FITZMORRIS, OFFICE OF REP. NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On January 19, Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) cosponsored H.R. 6380, the Open Schools Act, legislation that would provide up to \$10,000 in a federal education grant to students if their local public school is closed to in-person learning for COVID-related reasons.

'We know that depriving our children of an in-person education has ramifications far beyond what they learn from their books," said Rep. Newhouse. "School closures

are proven to put our children's mental health, emotional development, and physical well-being at risk. This legislation puts the needs of our children first by helping our students and providing parents with increased options for their children's education." Last week, the Associated

Press reported a significant drop in Washington state students' exam scores. Earlier this month, a Lake Washington School District spokesperson informed parents that students would be forced to eat outdoors if temperatures are not below 38 degrees. Students across the country are suffering from school closures and lack of in-person learning. Teachers' unions across the country have advocated for school closures during the pandemic, even after schools

have received hundreds of billions of dollars in federal COVID aid to assist schools during the pandemic and open schools for in-person learning.

Background:

The Open Schools Act gives parents the means to provide their children an in-person education if their local public school is closed or shut down to in-person learning due to COVID. A closed or shut down school means any school that is partially or temporarily closed, is partially in-person, fully shut down or is operating in any manner in which less than 100 percent of the school's students are learning in-person on a given day due to COVID-19.

six rural education sites, serving residents in Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whitman, Ferry and parts of Lincoln counties.

CCS offers high-quality academic transfer, careertechnical and eLearning degree and certificate programs; business and community training; and adult literacy programs throughout northeastern Washington, enrolling approximately 34,000 students a year.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Brewster grads make SCC/

SFCC honor rolls

have a grade point average of or technical degrees or certifi-

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 10, Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office:

SPOKANE – Five Brewster

High School graduates have

made the fall quarter 2021

honor rolls at either Spokane

Community College (SCC) or

Spokane Falls Community

Victoria Rios, Conner Ash-

worth, Ricardo Garcia-Marti-

nez, and Ubaldo Arellano are

among 1,553 SFCC students

to qualify for the fall quarter

2021 honor roll that ended

last December. Students must

College (SFCC)

• Opened bids under bid document 21-57-W, Unit 7 spillway and gate repair at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. All bids will be evaluated prior to recommendation for contract award.

• Authorized acceptance of work and final payment to Olsson Industrial Electric under contract 20-01-W, replace battery bank 2 at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications. • Approved change order

No. 1 to contract 21-03-D, sup-

ply and deliver hydrogen stor-

age tanks. Partial payment

for testing and certification

will be paid prior to delivery

due to District delays. The

completion date is extended

• Authorized acceptance of

to April 30, 2022.

3.0 or above to be listed on the

nity colleges within the Com-

munity Colleges of Spokane

district and serves over 5.000

students. It is renowned for

its theater, music and fine arts

as well as exceptional STEM

programs. About 60 percent of

its graduates transfer to four-

year colleges and universities.

Other students pursue career

SFCC is one of two commu-

honor roll.

cascading panels. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications. • Approved acceptance of work and final payment

Hancock Sandblast and Paint under contract 21-29-W, rehabilitate Unit 10 Trashracks at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications.

cates. SFCC has campuses in

west Spokane, Fairchild Air

Jacqueline Garcia-Corrales

Community Colleges of

Spokane is a 12,300-square-

mile state community college

district that includes Spokane

Community College, Spokane

Falls Community College and

work and final payment to Ad-

vanced Flow Systems Inc. un-

der contract 21-27-D, H2 gas

earned a place on the Spokane

Community College fall quar-

Force Base and Pullman.

ter 2021 honor roll.

• Affirmed change order No. 2 to contract 21-33-D, hydrogen and Lincoln Rock Switchyard utility instal-

lations. Necessary for fire flow water, this increases the contract \$230,575 and extends the contract to March 4, 2022.

 Authorized amendment No. 3 to professional service agreement with Electrical Consultants, Inc. Necessary to include the electrical design work for the Hydrogen facility, this amendment will increase the contract \$450,000. (22-006)

• Rescheduled the February Commission Meeting dates to February 7 in East Wenatchee and the February 22 in Bridgeport. Meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m.

in-person learning for students related expenses. Eligible tuition includes tuition to a private or parochial school, a neighboring public school (for students who live outside of

the school district's boundaries), a public charter school, home-schooling, tutoring, or other forms of in-person learning.

The grant would be funded by clawing back unspent funds from the nearly \$130 billion that was appropriated for K-12 schools through the so-called American Rescue Plan (ARP), which was signed into law last year, in part, to allegedly open schools for in-person learning, according to the White House. Since the beginning of the pandemic in March



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2020, roughly \$200 billion in COVID relief funding has been appropriated to K-12 schools.



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and attended many. local craft

fairs with her friend Peggy.

She enjoyed spending time

with family, friends and grand-

Harlene is survived by her

two daughters, Pam Brisbois

of Spokane Valley, Washing-

ton and Liz Brisbois of Battle

Ground, Washington; three

grandchildren; four great-

grandchildren and one great-

Harlene was predeceased

by her husband Gene Brisbois;

one brother Ed Markham;

parents Harley and Elizabeth

Markham and one grandson

Todd Smith. To share memo-

ries of Harlene and leave con-

great-grandchild.

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January 18

St., Waterville.

Bridgeport.

January 19

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Rd., Waterville.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery

BREWSTER - Brewster Senior Center on Bridge Street is serving hot meals via Home Delivery on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please reserve your meal by calling 509-689-2815. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$8.50. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. For more information about senior meal programs: Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition at 509-826-7979 or Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington at 800-572-4459.

Jan. 26-29

Senior Center Thrift Store

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There is a great selection of children's and adult clothing. Donations accepted when they are open.

Jan. 27

American Legion ladies night

BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Columbia Post 97 is shifting its 2022 promotions into overdrive - or some kind of drive - with the ultimate ladies night presentation of the Exotic Legends Male Revue, 7-10 p.m., Jan. 27. Tickets for sale online or at the post. Visit the Legion's Facebook site facebook.com/ American-Legion-Columbia-Post-97-136344203093823/ for more details.

Jan. 30

Youth Air Rifle Target Shooting

BREWSTER - The Brewster American Legion will host Youth Air Rifle Target Shooting on Sunday, January 30 Legion Youth at 12:30 p.m. For more information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

Feb. 2 American Legion meeting

BREWSTER - Amercian Legion Post #97 current mem-

more information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk at 509-449-0605.

Feb. 11, 18

Brewster bus trips BREWSTER - OCTN takes

Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Feb. 11. 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, Feb. 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.

Feb. 13

Chili cookoff contest, Super **Bowl party**

BREWSTER - On Sunday, Feb 13. the Brewster American Legion will host a Chili Cookoff Contest and Super Bowl Party at 3 p.m. For more information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

Feb. 14

Okanogan County PUD meeting

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

Feb. 14

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.

Deadline April 30 P.E.O. Upper Valley Scholarship now open for local women returning to higher education

- DOUGLAS/CHELAN COUNTY - Applications are now being accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship supported by P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women in need of financial help return to higher education at an accredited university, college or technical school in the State of Washington. This needs-based scholarship must be used for school expenses and will be paid directly to the school.
- Applications must be received for consideration by April 30. Scholarship funds will be available by the Fall of 2022, and be sent directly to the school financial department upon confirmation of enrollment.
- Women applicants must be seeking further higher education at either the undergraduate or graduate level in one of the following ways:
- Applicant must be age 30 or above and reside in Chelan or Douglas County.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled in, or returning to, a higher education program after a two-year or more absence.

The colleges, universities, or technical schools where applicants have been accepted must be fully accredited and within the State of Washington. Out-of-state, on-line accredited schools are acceptable. Applicants may re-submit applications each year until they complete their programs of study. Women interested in applying for the scholarship may receive more detailed information concerning the application process, as well as request the application form by sending an email to Mimi Keller at the following address: peoleavenworth@ nwi.net

Harlene Elizabeth Brisbois

Born May 31, 1926 in Hunters, Washington to Harley and Elizabeth Markam, Harlene Elizabeth Brisbois passed away Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in Spokane, Washington. Harlene married Gene Brisbois June 12, 1945 at the Hitching Post in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and throughout the years, she worked at many jobs in the local community including as Operations Manager at the National Bank of Commerce until her retirement in 1991.

A member of the American Legion Auxillary and Senior Center Library Book Club, Harlene enjoyed sewing clothes for her daughters

> **OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF.** BREWSTER POLICE DEPT

> > 10:43 Harassment/Threat, 700

19:03 Psychiatric, 215 13th St.,

01:28 Assist Agency, 202 W.

04:09 Assist Agency, 514 E.

06:16 Alarm, 744 SR 173,

03:02 Prowler, 5 Hedwig Rd.,

10:17 Death, 108 Hummingbird

15:30 Civil, 224 Douglas St.,

21:38 Non-Injury Accident, SR

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17 MP 140, Bridgeport.

Poplar St. #1, Waterville.

Poplar St., Waterville.

Foster Ave., Bridgeport.

Douglas **County Sheriff**

January 14

06:00 Parking/Abandon, Fir Ave. & McCormack St.,

- Bridgeport. 16:03 Miscellaneous, 95 Springs Canyon Rd., Orondo.
- 16:41 Assist Agency, SR 173 & Gun Club Rd., Bridgeport.
- 19:39 Non-Injury Accident, 102 E. Locust St., Waterville.
- 21:27 Traffic Offense, 929 Maple St. #135, Bridgeport.
- 21:46 Welfare Check, 237 Spring Canyon Rd., Orondo.

January 15

- 09:39 Burglary, 2400 Tacoma Ave. #7, Bridgeport.
- 11:19 Animal Problem, 41 Mc-
- 19:59 Animal Problem, 400Blk

January 16

- 01:41 Welfare Check, Waterville. 17:24 Assist Agency, US Hwy.
- 97 MP 219, Orondo.

Okanogan

- 08:58 Abandoned Vehicle,
- 09:04 Welfare Check, Dun 07:11 Runaway, 111 W. Birch Horse Dr.
 - 10:52 Suspicious Activity, Spokane St.
 - 12:24 Bomb Threat, Hwy. 20. 14:07 Suspicious Activity, N.
 - 14:20 Vicious Animal, Kimberly
 - 16:16 Trespassing, Omak-Riv-
 - 15:58 Rape, Okanogan Airport
 - 17:07 Agency Assist, S. Granite
 - 16:38 Hazard, N. 2nd Ave.
 - 19:51 Citizen Assist, Copple Rd., Omak.
 - 22:22 Assault, Green Lake Rd. January 15
 - 11:48 Agency Assist, Engh Rd., Omak.
 - 18:49 Trespassing, S. 1st Ave. 21:15 Suspicious Activity, Kruse St., Omak.
 - SEE POLICE ON PAGE B1

Bridgeport. 12:55 Hazard, McNeil Canyon Cormack St., Bridgeport. Rd. MP 3, Orondo. 16:50 Malicious Mischief, 100 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport. Nollmeyer Rd., Orondo.

January 17

08:07 Welfare Check, 310 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport. 12:48 Disturbance, 113 E. Lo-

dolences for the family, visit

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cust St., Waterville. 13:13 Parking/Abandon, 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield.

County Sheriff

21:43 Domestic Disturbance, January 14 124 W. Maple St. # 8, Wa-

- Nichols Rd. & Duck Lake Rd., Omak.

- 2nd Ave
- Ln., Omak.
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SHOT Show at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas.

The return of SHOT Show

By JOHN KRUSE. THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

The COVID Pandemic put the kibosh on trade shows for the last two years to include the Shooting, Hunting **Outdoor Trade Show (SHOT** Show) held every January at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year though, SHOT Show went on as scheduled though it was a very different experience.

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SHOT Show kicks off with an Industry Day at the Range. This takes place at the Clark **County Shooting Complex** in Boulder City. The sprawling complex is 2900 acres, the largest in the nation. Media professionals arrived there on Monday morning to shoot various new models. shells and cartridges from the plethora of manufacturers there at the range. I gravitated towards the



Courtesy John Kruse An exhibitor at Range Day offering me the chance to shoot a Savage shotgun.

work in the industry which includes not only hunting and shooting sports enthusiasts, but also law enforcement and military personnel who want to check out the latest firearms, ammunition and other products available with an eye towards ordering them. This is a huge show. In 2020 there were 2,338 exhibitors and attendees came not only from all 50 states, but also 78 countries around the world. SHOT Show is the biggest trade show of its type and the 19th largest trade show in the world. During a typical year there are north of 60,000 attendees and this year the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which runs this event, expanded the floor space for exhibitors with hundreds of booths occupying not only the two floors of the Sands Expo, but also the adjoining Ceasar's Forum. The NSSF states if you walk every aisle of the show, you'll cover 13.9 miles. In past years you saw firearms and ammunition manufacturers from Washington State exhibit at this show but several of these Washington based businesses have either closed or moved to more politically and business friendly states that welcome the firearms industry. Despite that, there were several Washington based businesses at SHOT Show to include: Fort Discovery Inc. – A tactical training center based in Sequim Northwest Outfitting - A deer and elk outfitting service Rite in the Rain – Manufacturing waterproof pens Seattle Engraving Center -Producing custom, engraved, premium firearms

SHOT Show is not open to shotgun area and enjoyed the public, just to people who shooting a well-built single shot model 555 Trap Shotgun from Savage Arms as well as a unique shotgun from the JTS Group, a Kalashnikov style shotgun with a five-round magazine. Much to my surprise, it broke flying clay pigeons with ease, not something I was expecting from a tactical firearm. Talking to Mike Reilly with the JTS group he said the shotgun actually works well for hunting and he had used it on a sandhill crane hunt this season in the Dakotas with great success. Reilly did caution you do have to put an easy to install plug in the magazine so that the firearm only shoots three rounds, the maximum limit when it

Courtesy NSSF

in manufacturing tough, allterrain electric bikes used by hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts who want to go further into the backcountry than you can on foot. Spinks also showed me trailers that can be towed by their bikes big enough to haul in a good deal of camping gear or haul out a deer. The bike performed extremely well on the test track, even for this middle-aged, somewhat overweight rider and the electric motor allowed you to climb all of the steep hills on the track with effort at all.

The rest of the week SHOT Show happened at the Sands Expo Center. Attendance was down by about a third from previous years and approximately 10 to 15 percent of the exhibitors were no shows due to covid concerns. In fact, several exhibitors who planned on attending had to cancel at the very last minute because either they or a direct family member caught the omicron variant of covid just before the show started. Usually there are a number of celebrity appearances, numerous press conferences and happy hours where beer and wine are served at certain booths by exhibitors. This year, very little of this occurred.

The bright side about the lesser attendance meant I got to spend more time with exhibitors who are normally very pressed for time A case in point, I got to interview the presidents of three major companies as well as the **Director of Wyoming Game** and Fish, something I would generally never get to do at a normal, loud, crowded SHOT Show. Overall, the shooting, hunting and outdoor trade industry is strong and just about every company was doing better than they were before the pandemic. This is due to the huge amount of new people getting involved in both hunting and the shooting sports. You can find out more about SHOT Show and the National Shooting Sports Foundation at www. shotshow.org John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio. com

Splitting your pills how to do it safely

from dissolving in your stom-

ach. These coatings shield

you from medicines that can

provoke stomach upset or

burning. They are also used

to protect medications from

being destroyed by exposure

to the acids in your stomach.

designed to release their con-

tents slowly, over 12 or 24

hours. Cutting them will re-

lease the entire dose of medi-

cine immediately instead of

gradually. This can cause low

blood pressure, drowsiness,

dizziness, or problems with

Many tablets have a straight

groove that runs entirely

across one side of the tablet,

called a score. If a tablet is

scored, each half will always

contain the same amount of

medication when you split it

along that line. A scoreline

makes it easier to break the

tablet, whether you do it with

your fingers, a knife, a one-

edged razor blade, or, a pill-

While some capsules con-

tain only powder, others have

tiny beads of medicine that

can be sprinkled on food or

divided up into several doses.

You can divide the contents

of capsules with less mess

by twisting them apart, then

dividing them into empty

The most commonly used

gelatin capsule sizes are size

1, the length of a penny, and

size 0, pronounced "ought,"

which is the length of a nickel.

Online stores carry empty

gelatin capsules, or your local

community pharmacy could

Here are 6 Tips

on Cutting or

Crushing Pills Safely:

If you see an indented line

dividing a tablet in half, cutting or breaking there gives

2. Use up any unevenly

broken tablets close together.

12:12 Civil, Salmon Creek Rd.

16:12 Driving While License

Suspended, Old Hwy. 97,

10:13 Seizure, N. 6th Ave.

14:54 Theft, S. 2nd Ave.

1. Use the scoreline.

the evenest dose.

splitting device.

gelatin capsules.

order them.

balance.

Other pills are specially

Have you ever gone to bed and, just as you were falling asleep, a task left undone jumped out at you? It was over 20 years ago, but I still remember it because of what happened afterward. I had forgotten to take the last dose of an antibiotic given to me to prevent infection after an outpatient procedure.

"I really should finish the whole prescription," I told myself as I reluctantly rolled out of bed.

Blinking bleary eyes, I staggered to the bathroom, filled a glass half full of tap water, tossed the tiny capsule into my mouth, and chugged it down. When I didn't feel the pill go all the way down, I drank another half glass of water to make sure, then went back to bed.

The next day I noticed my chest started burning every time I ate. Over the next couple of days, that burning sensation intensified. Eventually, every time I swallowed felt like a hot poker burning inside my chest.

My doctor immediately sent me to the nearest Emergency Department to ensure I didn't have a heart attack. They discovered that my last antibiotic capsule had not ended up in my stomach, after all. It had instead stuck to the lining of my esophagus, burning a hole in it.

With treatment, the burning gradually went away. However, ever since, I have trouble swallowing pills. I usually use a spoonful of peanut butter or a bite of a banana to help them "slide down" safely.

I'm not the only one who has trouble swallowing pills. Many people who struggle to take larger medicine tablets break them in half or crush them up first.

But not every pill should be cut or crushed.

Some tablets have special coatings that protect them



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River Rd., Omak.

January 16 07:25 Suspicious Activity, West

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Unless you can cut each one in half perfectly, you will have uneven halves. Taking several bigger or smaller halves in a row can cause a temporary increase or decrease in your medicine level. Cutting a small amount at a time and using each uneven half-close together "evens out" the differently sized doses.

3. Invest in a good quality pill cutter.

Good pill cutters are easier to use and minimize pills breaking unevenly or, worse, crumbling. Many have compartments to contain the pieces, so they don't fly off the counter.

4. Use a firm, quick cut, or snap.

Going too slowly can cause the tablet to slip, creating an

uneven split. Break oblong tablets by placing your thumbnails along each side of the scoreline, quickly pushing IN and DOWN.

5. Twist gelatin capsules open, don't cut them.

For less mess, twist capsule halves back and forth before slowly pulling them apart.

6. Ask your pharmacist.

If your medication costs the same, no matter the size of the tablet, cutting them in half should save you money. Your pharmacist can advise you if your pills or patches can be safely cut.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 43-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog TheMedicationInsider. com. 2022 Louise Achey

22:08 Domestic Dispute, S. 2nd Ave

January 20

07:13 Automobile Theft, Copple Rd., Omak. **Brewster Police**

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comes to bird hunting. As much fun at as the shooting was (I literally couldn't miss!) I think my favorite part of the day was taking a beefy electric bike out on a sandy, hilly and rocky test track set up in the Nevada desert. The e-bike in question was a JEEP e-bike from QuietKat. Ryan Spinks, marketing manager for the Colorado based company, told me they specialize

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Ave. & W. Oak St.

- 11:33 Lockout, Engh Rd.,
- Omak. 11:28 Agency Assist, Omache Dr., Omak.
- 20:05 Missing Person, Pine Cone Dr., Omak.

January 17

Creek Rd. 11:26 Trespassing, Sinlahekin Rd

08:40 Traffic Hazard, Salmon

- 12:43 Suicide Death, Red Apple Dr., Omak.
- 13:02 Domestic Dispute, Hwy. 97.
- 16:07 Vehicle Prowl, Monroe St.
- 17:57 Suspicious Activity, Duck Lake Rd. & Miller Rd., Omak. 19:41 Lost Property, Hwy. 20. 23:03 Vehicle Prowl, N. Main St., Omak.

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- 05:43 Sick Animal, Old Hwy. 97
- 08:30 Automobile Theft, Nichols Rd., Omak.
- 09:13 Theft, N. 2nd Ave. 10:05 Suspicious Activity,
- Omak River Rd., Omak. 13:29 Civil, Apple Way Rd.
- 13:34 Burglary, Duck Lake Rd., Omak.
- 13:38 Theft, Glover Lane Rd.
- 15:48 Suspicious Activity, N. 4th Ave.
- 15:45 Other Calls, Robinson St.
- 17:51 Intoxication, Tyee St.
- 20:21 Domestic Dispute, S. 1st Ave.
- 20:34 Traffic Hazard, Kermel Rd. & Dalton Rd., Omak.

January 14

18:09 Vicious Animal, S. Bridge St.

January 15

No Report.

January 16

No Report.

January 17 No Report.

January 18

04:45 Burglary Alarm, E. Main Ave. 09:02 Theft, Hwy. 97. 19:46 Agency Assist, 13th St., Bridgeport.

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Unbuilt Border Wall Worth Millions Could Now Be Sold for 'A Penny on the Dollar' as Scrap Metal

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

COCHISE COUNTY, Ariz.—Millions of dollars of unfinished border wall materials have lain in the deserts of Arizona since January 2021, after President Joe Biden halted all construction on the wall on the day he took office.

"It shall be the policy of my administration that no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall," Biden's Jan. 20, 2021, executive order reads. "I am also directing a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to construct a southern border wall."

Construction companies downed tools and left job sites the next day, and stacks of materials have languished since. Now, they're looking to sell it all for scrap, according to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

"They're probably going to get a penny on the dollar for it," CCSO Sgt. Tim Williams said.

The steel bollards on fence panels are filled with concrete. Concrete culverts are sitting abandoned, filling with mud, instead of being used for the flood-prone portions of the roadway next to the fence.

But the unfinished lighting, ground sensors, and cameras are one of the biggest issues, according to Williams.

"Without the fiber optics and the lighting system, they'll just climb the fence and get over. It was supposed to be a four-tier approach," he said.

Border Patrol agents could be nearby, but without the cameras and sensors, they won't know that a breach is occurring. Under the cover of night, people on the Mexican side of the fence take to cutting a footer out, just wide enough for people to squeeze through. Each day, agents patch the holes and replace the concrete.

But with lighting and sensors it wouldn't happen, according to Williams.

"The big problem is that the fiber optics are in the ground already, and if they don't turn it on in the next two months, the fiber optics will go dormant and we won't get them back," he said. "So all those billions of dollars of fiber optics in the ground because there was only 24 months shelf life they can be dormant and we're at 22 months right now—we're talking about losing billions of dollars be-



Border wall panels sit untouched in Cochise County, Ariz., on Dec. 6, 2021, after President Joe Biden halted all border wall construction in January 2021.



Detective Jake Kartchner stands at the U.S.–Mexico border fence in Cochise County, Ariz., on Dec. 6, 2021.

cause they didn't turn the system on." A Customs and Border Protection official told The Epoch Times that he expects it to "take a while" to resolve what will happen with the unused border materials. On Dec. 4, 2021, the agency put out a request for comment "on proposed border barrier construction remediation actions," which expires on Feb. 3.

A report by Senate Republicans is-

sued in July 2021 states that the construction stoppage is costing taxpayers \$3 million per day.

The senators who produced the report estimated that the administration has spent between \$618 million and \$708 million to contractors between Jan. 20, 2021, and July 15, 2021, and will ultimately spend up to \$1.2 billion more to exit the border wall projects. Former President Donald Trump's administration prioritized border wall construction, building 453 miles of fencing along the U.S.–Mexico border. Approximately 211 miles of fencing were under construction as of Jan. 8, 2021, just before Biden took office.

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Trump allocated roughly \$16.4 billion to border wall construction and maintenance, with \$10 billion coming from the Pentagon.

'It's Embarrassing'

Most of the 83-mile border that Cochise County shares with Mexico has some type of fencing, but the sections that were left unbuilt are vehicle barriers or barbed wire fencing, which is easy to cross.

"It's embarrassing," CCSO Detective Jake Kartchner said, referring to the waist-high barrier on Coronado Peak that was meant to be 30-foot tall steel fencing with all the accouterments of roading, lighting, cameras, and sensors.

The illegal aliens coming into Cochise County aren't turning themselves in to Border Patrol and seeking asylum. They're young, single males dressed head-to-toe in camouflage clothing and doing everything possible to avoid law enforcement.

They're mostly from Mexico or one of the Central American countries of Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador, according to Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels.

"The federal government isn't doing anything. So we're watching people commit crimes in our communities every day," Dannels said. "Two weeks ago, on just one night, there were 50 of these people running around the neighborhoods. I mean, we're out there all night chasing them. That's all you can do. Next morning, they're still out there chasing them. It's a bad deal. They're all camouflaged up."

Between Border Patrol and the sheriff's office, about 16,000 illegal aliens are detected in the county each month right now, a huge upswing that started in early 2021.

Once across the border, illegal aliens coordinate with the cartel to be picked up by a smuggler and transported to Phoenix, according to Dannels.

"It's like the cartel Uber. And there's no other way to put it. They just stage in public places all along the roadways waiting to get called up to go pick them up. It's crazy," he said.

Dannels said 80 to 90 percent of the drivers are armed, "which is totally new to us."

Border Patrol agents apprehended 353,000 illegal aliens coming into the state of Arizona in the first 11 months of 2021—a jump of 350 percent over the same period in 2020.

Legal Action

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich filed an injunction in July 2021 in an attempt to void Biden's halt to border wall construction.

In April 2021, Brnovich filed a lawsuit against Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials, alleging that the halt of border wall construction violated the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires federal agencies such as DHS to weigh environmental considerations before taking any significant federal action.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality "estimates that each border-crosser leaves an average of six to eight pounds of trash behind," according to the complaint.

Zachary Stieber and Harry Lee contributed to this article.

Federal Government Mum on Non-COVID Mortality Spike in Americans Aged 18 to 49

PETR SVAB

Federal authorities have yet to respond to an Epoch Times analysis that shows a dramatic increase in deaths of 18- to 49-year-olds in the United States in the past year. The majority of those deaths weren't associated with the COVID-19 disease.

Deaths in this age group rose more than 40 percent in the 12 months ending October 2021 compared to the same period in 2018–2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the analysis of death certificate data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

About 42 percent of the excess deaths had COVID-19 marked on the death certificate as the cause or a contributing factor, the data showed. The agency doesn't yet have full 2021 figures, as death certificate data has a lag of up to eight weeks or more.

The Epoch Times repeatedly inquired with both the White House and the CDC about any steps they're taking to examine the issue. They have yet to respond.

Meanwhile, public health authorities in several states that record-



The Emergency Operations Center at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on March 19, 2021.

ed particularly sharp increases have told The Epoch Times that they're looking into the matter.

The highest increases occurred in Nevada (up 65 percent, of which 36 percent was attributed to COVID), Texas (up 61 percent, 58 percent attributed to COVID-19), Arizona (up 57 percent, 37 percent COVID-19), Tennessee (up 57 percent, 33 percent COVID-19), and California (up 55 percent, 42 percent COVID-19).

Texas, Florida, and Nevada indicated that they're taking some steps to evaluate the issue.

Officials in Arizona and Tennessee said they don't yet have their data finalized.

"When the 2021 data is finalized in the fall of 2022, we will have a better understanding of the data and a more detailed analysis," Sarah Tanksley, communications director for the Tennessee Department of Health, said via email.

"However, we do know that fatal drug overdoses continue to increase. For example, fatal overdoses in 2020 were around 3,000 compared to approximately 2,000 in 2019. We also know that the suicide rate has remained relatively stable."

Drug overdoses could likely explain at least a part of the surge, as they increased to more than 101,000 in the 12 months ending June 2021 from about 72,000 in 2019, the CDC estimated. About two-thirds of those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl that are often smuggled to the United States from China via Mexico.

The mortality surge appeared to be milder in the northeast. New Hampshire saw no increase, Massachusetts had a 13 percent spike (24 percent of it attributed to COVID-19), and New York was up 29 percent (30 percent attributed to COVID-19).

The CDC's detailed cause of death data isn't yet available for 2021, aside from those involving COVID-19, pneumonia, and influenza. There were close to 6,000 excess pneumonia deaths that didn't involve CO-VID-19 in the 18-to-49 age group in the 12 months ending October 2021. Influenza was only involved in 50 deaths in this age group, down from 550 in the same period pre-pandemic. The flu death count didn't exclude those that also involved COVID-19 or pneumonia, the CDC noted.

For those aged 50 to 84, mortality increased more than 27 percent, with about 77 percent of the deaths involving COVID-19.

For those 85 or older, mortality increased about 12 percent, with more than 100,000 excess deaths. There were more than 130,000 COVID-related deaths in this group, indicating these seniors were less likely to die of a non-COVID-related cause from November 2020 to October 2021 than during the same period of 2018–2019.

Comparing 2020 to 2019, mortality increased some 24 percent for those aged 18 to 49, with less than a third of those excess deaths involving COVID-19. In the 50-to-84 age group, mortality increased less than 20 percent, with over 70 percent of that involving COVID-19. In those older yet, mortality increased about 16 percent, with nearly 90 percent of it involving COVID-19.

For those under 18, mortality decreased about 0.4 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. In the 12 months ending October 2021, it fell some 3.3 percent compared to the same period in 2018–2019.



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Pentagon Misses Deadline to Produce Report on Billions in Weapons Left Behind in Afghanistan

KEN SILVA

The Department of Defense (DOD) has missed a deadline to produce a report on the estimated \$85 billion in U.S. weaponry left in Afghanistan, prompting a letter from 27 House Republicans demanding answers.

Congress approved legislation in September that required DOD officials to report on the property, equipment, and supplies that were destroyed, taken out of Afghanistan, or that remain in Afghanistan in connection with the August U.S. military withdrawal from the country.

This lack of information prevents Congress from being able to accurately and effectively conduct oversight over the tens of billions of dollars of equipment invested in Afghanistan over the past 20 years and creates vulnerabilities in our national security.

Group of House Republicans

The DOD had 90 days to submit that report to Congress. After the Dec. 29, 2021, deadline came and went with no word from the Pentagon, Rep. Andy Barr (R-Ky.) and 26 other Republicans demanded answers from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

"The DOD is over [two weeks] late on its reporting deadline, totally disregarding Congressional accounting of taxpayer funded equipment abandoned by this Administration and left in possession of the Taliban," the Jan. 14 letter reads. "This lack of information prevents Congress from being able to accurately and effectively conduct oversight over the tens of billions of dollars of equipment invested in Afghanistan over the past



A general view of Taliban military parade in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Nov, 14, 2021.



House Financial Services Committee member Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 20, 2021.

20 years and creates vulnerabilities in our national security."

The lawmakers cited concerns from Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told Congress on Sept. 29, 2021, that the conditions in Afghanistan could yield the reemergence of al-Qaeda or ISIS in the region in 36 months or less. The lawmakers said it's of the "gravest concern" that they don't have a full account of the weapons available in a potential hotbed for terrorism.

According to a Jan. 13 report from Radio Liberty affiliate Radio Mashaal in Pakistan, at least some of the arms are winding up in the hands of the Pakistani Taliban, Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Citing an unnamed source with knowledge of TTP affairs, Radio Mashaal said Pakistani Taliban fighters have obtained U.S.made M16 machine guns and M4 assault rifles fitted with night vision.

According to the report, the influx of arms has coincided with an increase in attacks by the TTP on Pakistani government forces.

"Observers say the weapons are likely from the stockpiles amassed by the Afghan Taliban, which seized millions of dollars in American-made weapons and equipment from Afghan security forces," the report stated.

Along with posing a risk to U.S. national security and regional stability in Central Asia, the abandoned U.S. military equipment in Afghanistan may also threaten the safety of America's Afghan allies. That's because the equipment left behind included U.S. surveillance tools that observers say could be used to track down those who worked with the United States during its 20-year occupation of the country.

New York-based group Human

Rights First announced on Aug. 16 that Taliban fighters had captured devices known as Handheld Interagency Identity Detection Equipment, which were used by soldiers to scan the biometrics of Afghans to match fingerprints on improvised explosive devices, as well as for other such forensic investigations.

"We understand that the Taliban is now likely to have access to various biometric databases and equipment in Afghanistan, including some left behind by coalition military forces," the human rights group said in a statement. "This technology is likely to include access to a database with fingerprints and iris scans, and include facial recognition technology."

Former U.S. Army prosecutor John Maher told The Epoch Times in August that the Taliban probably doesn't have the technical skills to utilize those devices, but said they could be aided by more sophisticated governments, such as China or Iran. The 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), signed into law in December 2021, also calls for Pentagon audits on the equipment and weapons left in Afghanistan, including abandoned or destroyed biometric equipment or tools. The NDAA also calls for an assessment of whether the Taliban breached the DOD's Automatic Biometric Identification System (ABIS)-the central database that stores the biometrics that soldiers capture in the field-as well as an explanation of the current efforts to ensure the security of all of DOD biometric databases.

The DOD has until March to complete these reports, but the Republican lawmakers said in their letter that they shouldn't have to wait until then.

"That is why Congress required your Department to comply by December 29, 2021," they wrote to Austin. "We urge that you work with your Service Secretaries and General [Frank] McKenzie to produce the required information for Congress immediately."

The Pentagon didn't respond to email queries about the matter by press time.

Noncitizen Voting Push Is Part of Agenda to Rid America of Citizenship: Election Expert

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

The recent New York City law to allow at least 800,000 noncitizens to vote in municipal elections is unconstitutional and likely to be overturned in court, said Hans von Spakovsky, manager of the Heritage Foundation's election law reform initiative and former member of the Federal Election Commission.

"It's actually pretty clear that it violates the New York State Constitution—it has a provision that specifically says that you have to be a citizen to vote in all elections in the state of New York, and that includes local elections," Spakovsky told The Epoch Times on Jan. 19.

"I also think it is bad from a policy point of view, because it basically cheapens and diminishes the concept of citizenship.

"It ought to be something that makes American citizens mad, particularly because of the potential number of aliens that's involved."

New York City Mayor Eric Adams allowed the measure to become law on Jan. 9, which includes the provision that voting noncitizens must be in the city for 30 days or more and have authorization to work.

"I believe that New Yorkers should have a say in their government, which is why I have and will continue to support this important legislation," Adams said in a statement. "I believe allowing the legislation to be enacted is by far the best choice, and look forward to bringing millions more into the democratic process."

The following day, the Republican National Committee filed a suit in the New York Supreme Court along with City Council Minority Leader Joseph Borrelli, Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.), and other Republicans.

The law applies to legal aliens, but Spakovsky said New York City's sanctuary policies that shield illegal aliens would open the floodgates.

"Does anybody really believe that the election department is going to investigate the lawful status of any alien who registers to vote?" he said.

"And so that means, of course, that lots and lots of illegal aliens will also get registered to vote."

Although he doesn't think any states will try to change their election laws to include voting rights for noncitizens, Spakovsky said there's a push from the progressive left to



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

change the concept or definition of "citizen."

"The whole point of the open borders crowd is to do two things: one, extinguish the line between legal and illegal aliens in this country. And second, to frankly, get rid of the whole concept of citizenship," he said.

New York City Councilwoman

Margaret Chin, a Democrat, told colleagues before the recent vote that many noncitizens struggle to become citizens but should still be able to vote in the meanwhile because they pay taxes and live and work in the city.

"They want to be citizens, they want to be able to vote for the president, but at least we have the opportunity to allow them to vote for the elected officials that are representing them in the city," said Chin.

However, Spakovsky said paying tax doesn't make someone a citizen.

"My response to that is that first of all, the vast majority of illegal aliens do not pay taxes. In fact, they get free rides from many jurisdictions," he said.

"This is being pushed by the progressive left today because they believe that aliens will vote for them ... and keep them in power."

Spakovsky said the inability for the Trump administration to get a question placed on the 2020 Census about citizenship status was a major win for the progressive left to blur the lines between citizen and noncitizen.

"One of the main reasons they wanted that done is for apportionment purposes, they did not want congressional seats apportioned based on citizen population—if they did, places like California would lose congressional seats," he said.

"That's why California probably has four or five more congressional seats than they should have, because of the huge population of illegal aliens in the state."

The Biden administration supports the creation of a citizenship pathway for millions of illegal immigrants in the United States. A decade-old estimate puts the number of illegal aliens at 11 million, and since then, millions more have crossed the southern border.

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Proposal Elements

Each proposal is limited to fifteen double-sided (15)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 decedent's following: *Project Name

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Date of first publication: January 12, 2022 **Co-Personal Representatives:** Bert M. Dobson and Alisia G. Foyle Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives: W. Scott DeTro

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scott.detro1@gmail.com Published in the Quad City Herald on January 12, 19, 26, 2022 #3354

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NOTICE OF STATE'S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE LEASE

Department of Natural Resources will begin negotiation of expiring leases with existing lessees on the following parcels. All leases are subject to third party bids by interested parties. Lease terms and bidding information is available by calling the Southeast Region at 1-800-527-3305 or by appointment at the Region Office at 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926. The leases expire June 30, 2022

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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 1300 Douglas Avenue, at Bridgeport, Washington. The meeting is called for the purpose of redistricting director districts to adjust to the 2020 U.S. Census Prior to adopting the data. 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 Avenue, Bridgeport, Tacoma 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 shall determine Board 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.

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The Pateros School District is a barrier free facility accessible to with disabilities. persons Additional information is available in the superintendent's office 509-923-2751 ext. 4.

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