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## 2021 Year In Review

July 2021  
*Quad City residents ride out record-setting heat wave*

QUAD CITIES – As temperatures rose to record-setting triple-digit highs last week residents tried to stay cool, kept an eye out for wildfire, and wondered how the local power grids were handling the load.

Early Tuesday afternoon, June 29, temperatures at points in Okanogan and Douglas counties were all well above 100 degrees as noted in the first column of numbers. The second column shows the maximum readings on Wednesday, June 30.

- Omak.....110 – 116+
- Okanogan..... 109 – 111+
- Bridgeport..... 109 – 113
- Brewster.....108 – 111+
- Pateros.....107 – 116
- Mansfield.....107 – 116
- Malott.....107 – 114



Bridgeport graduate Ana Trejo is the new Pateros librarian.

### Bridgeport graduate hired as new Pateros librarian

PATEROS – Ana Trejo, a 2014 graduate and class valedictorian at Bridgeport High School, is the new Pateros librarian for North Central Washington libraries.

An NCW Libraries media release said Trejo has served as the customer service technician at the Bridgeport and Brewster library branches for the last two and a half years. Prior to her employment with NCW Libraries Trejo worked with the migrant Headstart program in Bridgeport.

### Bridgeport Daze straddles weekends, COVID phases, and controversy

BRIDGEPORT -- The city's most popular - and lately, most controversial - celebration squeezed in another last-minute festival that began on its traditional first weekend of June, skipped the remainder of the month and concluded on Sunday, July 4. Along the way it claimed the unique distinction hereabouts of being the only event to begin on Phase 3 of Governor Inslee's WA Healthy: Roadmap to Recovery plan and end in the fully reopen phase. It also generated some controversy within city government that may find the city council considering a remedy for greater control over event deadlines before Bridgeport Daze springs to life again next June.



MA-18, consists of over 640 acres located across the highway from Azwell (near Wells Dam). Planned are a casino, hotel, golf course, concert venue and homes on over 640 acres.

### Brewster grapples with new state law enforcement mandates

BREWSTER – The regular monthly meetings of the city council include updates from various departments like finance, fire, public works, and police. However, last Thursday, July 15, law enforcement was front and center as the city prepares to adapt to a dozen new bills signed into law last May by Governor Jay Inslee that will change the way police statewide discharge their duties.

“There are going to be a lot of changes coming up in law enforcement,” said city clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz. “People will not be getting the same type of service they have gotten.”

### August 2021 Gebbers Farms, L&I reach settlement over 2020 COVID deaths

BREWSTER – Gebbers Farms and the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) have reached a settlement stemming from fines and citations levied by L&I last year following COVID-19-related farmworker deaths. Under terms of the mediated agreement Gebbers will invest more than \$2 million for housing, health care, and safety of its farm labor force.

In the original action initiated last July 2020 L&I assessed a \$2.06 million fine after two Gebbers farmworkers died from COVID-19 and cited the farm for a half dozen related violations.

### Colville Tribes eyes new area for economic development

AZWELL - The Colville Tribal Federal Corporation (“CTFC”) has completed a preliminary review of its latest

site for economic development, CTFC reported August 6. The site, colloquially known as MA-18, consists of over 640 acres located across the highway from Azwell, between Pateros and Chelan. The site features views of the Columbia River and easy access to Chelan and the rest of Okanogan County.

“MA-18 has all the features we are looking for when it comes to economic development,” stated Kary Nichols, Chief Executive Officer of CTFC. “After discussing with our architects, we are confident that MA-18 could be the home to our new flagship resort, attracting business and tourism from around the Northwest with our state-of-the-art casino, golf course, and concert venue.”

The architectural plans also include 100 lots for residential development. “Housing is becoming increasingly scarce throughout the region and the country,” stated Nichols. “MA-18 gives us the opportunity to provide affordable housing for many families while also giving them access to all the great amenities we have planned for MA-18.”

### Kings light up the leaderboard at Brewster Salmon Derby

BREWSTER – When Spokane resident Joe Biggs beached his boat in Columbia Cove late Saturday afternoon, August 7, he had a respectable king salmon to lay on the official scale for the 15th annual Brewster King Salmon Derby as consolation for the lunker that got away earlier in the day.

Biggs was one of the 253 entrants and 84 boats in this year's derby that launched last Friday, August 6, and weighing in a total of 95 salmon. Had it not been for a combination of bad luck and rough water he would have netted what he estimated to be a 25-pound hatchery chinook that would have easily bumped the then-frontrunning 18-plus pounder from the leaderboard.

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Matt Safransky made a late run at a prize-winning salmon on the final morning of the tournament and was rewarded with an 18.85-pound chinook that was just large enough to bump the previous day's 18.78-pound entry from the top spot King of the Pool.

## Open house Jan. 22

# Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center debuts Tech Center

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – A project that has been three years in the making will open its doors to the public Saturday, Jan. 22, when the Technology Center at Pateros Mall holds its grand opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With the help of a \$27,000 USDA Rural Development grant, the Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center (PBCRC) dedicated a space in the same building that houses its office at 169 Pateros Mall to hold the new Tech Center and its array of its business development aids. Start-ups, small businesses, project developers, or just about anyone needing access to tools and some of the latest technology now have a local hub where they can find the equipment and help they need.

The Tech Center offers equipment ranging from computer terminals and digital



Courtesy paterosresource.com

AmeriCorps volunteer Natalie Torres.

camera to 3-D and large format printers. A large screen Zoom platform donated by Wenatchee Valley College affords the capability to host virtual meetings. The center has more than a dozen laptop computers, digital projector unit with document reader, laminating machine, and related equipment.

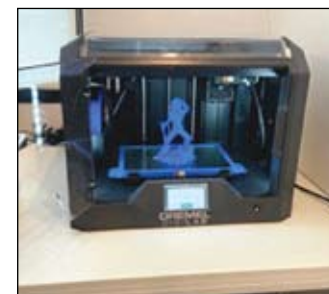
Gene Dowers, PBCRC Executive Director announced the grand opening date at last week's board of directors meet-

ing after his assistant AmeriCorps volunteer Natalie Torres familiarized herself with every piece of Tech Center equipment and advised Dowers that all was ready to go.

“We'll be able to demonstrate everything that's in there,” said Dowers. “And at that time have our schedule set and our fee schedule set for the general public.”



The large screen Zoom platform will enhance virtual meetings



Mike Maltais/QCH

The Dremel Digilab printer holds a completed piece by AmeriCorps volunteer Natalie Torres who will be on hand to demonstrate the 3-D technology along with other Tech Center equipment

## Circus date confirmed

# Brewster Chamber pursues ARPA development options

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – A firm circus date, trade-in-kind memberships, city promotion strategies, ARPA funds, and guest speaker John Hurley of Three Rivers Hospital were among agenda items at the regular monthly Zoom meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Hurley, a certified physician's assistant (PA-C) joined the Three Rivers Family Medicine (TRFM) team last June. Hurley grew up in Spokane where his family still lives and graduated the University of Washington School of Medicine in 2008. Hurley said he became familiar with this area as one of his favorite camping spots over the years.

“I have been doing family practice for underserved populations for about 14 years now,” said Hurley. “I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army so I have a passion for veterans' health as well as underserved health.”

Prior to joining THFM Hurley practiced at the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic for more than six years. He has also treated patients at



Courtesy brewsterclinic.org

John Hurley of Three Rivers Hospital.

Franklin Park Urgent Care Center, the Washington State Department of Corrections, Presbyterian Medical Services, and Northeast Washington Health Services.

“I found out that not a lot of people know that we actually have a family practice at the hospital,” said Hurley. “It's in the clinical building on the backside of the hospital.”

### Circus

It's confirmed. The Culpeper & Merriweather Circus will perform in Brewster on Saturday, June 4. Chamber president Mike Mauk said he spoke with a show representative who visits the per-

formance sites and handles preliminaries like contract arrangements who will be in town next month to finalize details.

### American Rescue Plan Act

Funds from the federal government to help cities and towns recover from the business shutdowns mandated over the past two years rank high on the list of 2022 Chamber topics since Brewster will benefit to the tune of \$513,000. Last year the chamber retained Downtown Strategies, a community planning and development consultant to design a five-year plan for the city. A link to the plan has been posted on the Chamber's Facebook site and copies sent to the 41 member businesses.

The ARPA funds can only be used for specific projects and one of those is signage for city promotion. That was one aspect addressed at the meeting as the Chamber continues to pursue. The Chamber plans to enlist the help of Firm Foundations owner Brooklyn Holton for additional guidance. Holton worked with the City of Pateros on last summer's Pop-Up Community Market project.

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# ARPA

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Down the road the Chamber will schedule a public meeting to gather input from city businesses and residents about what they would like to see in Brewster. Mauk said he will try to have representatives of Downtown Strategies, the Economic Alliance, and North Central Washington Economic Development District as well as Holton on hand to answer any questions. Mauk said he will approach local chambers, organizations, and businesses that cannot pay monetary membership dues with a proposal to trade-in-kind membership with the Chamber in lieu of money. The next regular Chamber meeting is at 6 p.m., Feb. 9.



Mike Maltais/QCH  
The new signs in the window of the Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center at 109 S. Bridge St. clearly announces the new headquarters for the Brewster Chamber of Commerce and its regular monthly meetings.

## Phone tree



Courtesy Ken Krugel  
A new twist on the term "phone tree" practically sprouted overnight along Fairview Avenue in Bridgeport as AT&T workers erected this monopine 5G cell phone tower and added branches designed to disguise its intended purpose.

## The other airline



Mike Maltais/QCH

A helicopter pulls telephone line to waiting installers along Highway 97 between Malott and Okanogan. The Michels Company is rebuilding the transmission line damaged by the September 2020 wildfire between Okanogan and Brewster using fire resistant materials like steel poles.

## Free virtual workshops on Talking to Young People about Race Jan. 20, Feb. 22

By MICHELLE McNIEL,  
NCW LIBRARIES

NCW - NCW Libraries is proud to partner with Cultures Connecting to present a free virtual workshop on Talking to Young People about Race on Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. Richard Kim, from Cultures Connecting, will share tools and ideas for how caregivers, educators, and families can give children anti-bias messages, through actions and words to actively counter what they may be seeing in the world. Kim will also share ways adults can model and encourage children to advocate for



Courtesy NCW Libraries

themselves and others.

This is the third event in a series of four workshops hosted by NCW Libraries in partnership with Cultures Connecting, a non-profit organization that provides culturally relevant

professional development, consulting, coaching, and one-on-one diversity leadership support to organizations and communities. The fourth event, focusing on how to have courageous conversations, will be held on Tue., Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Presenter Richard Kim brings nearly a decade of professional experience with a person centered approach to engaging race, culture, and identity in various non-profit and education settings. Most recently, Richard worked as the Intercultural Credibility Coordinator/Consultant at The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, where he received



his M.Div. Kim holds a B.S. from the University of Minnesota. As a person born in the United States to parents who emigrated from South Korea, Richard brings an uncommon voice to the work of racial equity. All NCW Libraries' virtual programs are free and open to the public. This event will be held through the zoom digital meeting platform. To participate, register at [www.newlibraries.org](http://www.newlibraries.org). Registrants will receive an email with the Zoom meeting information.

## Community leader Colleen Manley passes

SUBMITTED BY  
DAN HANSEN, STCU

NCW - Colleen Manley, who started her career as a teller and rose to CEO of the largest credit union headquartered in North Central Washington, died unexpectedly Monday from natural causes.

Manley worked at CDFCU for 43 years, starting in 1979. She became president and CEO in 2008, and saw the credit union triple in size before last year's merger with Spokane-based STCU.

After the merger, STCU retained Manley as regional president, leaning heavily on her knowledge to continue meeting the needs of the communities in Okanogan, Ferry, Douglas and

Lincoln counties.

STCU President and CEO Ezra Eckhardt called Manley "an exceptional mentor and champion," and noted that she often started the workday at 5 a.m.

"It was a privilege and an honor to work closely with Colleen over the past 15 months," Eckhardt said. "Her leadership was instrumental in guiding CDFCU through the Great Recession, a core technology conversion, the pandemic, and a full merger. She was the epitome of a selfless servant, always looking to empower employees, take care of members, and

serve the greater community.

"We will all miss her amazing positive attitude, kind soul, and caring approach."

A staunch advocate for the communities served by CDFCU, Manley was particularly concerned about the post-merger continuation of a scholarship for high school seniors. (STCU announced last year that it has been endowed, and it will continue in perpetuity.) She was involved in Rotary and other community activities.

Part of the large Babler family, Colleen grew up in Coulee Dam, and graduated from Coulee Dam High School. Early in her education, she attended the historic school that later became the CDFCU headquarters (now STCU's Coulee Dam Branch). Later, she graduated from CUNA Management School in Madison, Wisconsin.

"She was a hard-worker who was never above any task," said Vanessa Marcolin, who started her CDFCU career in 1994, and was Vice President of Marketing & Education at the time of the merger.

"She loved the credit union and what it stood for, and what it meant to the community and staff," continued Marcolin, now Senior Product Marketing Specialist at STCU. "She was an amazing mentor, coworker and supervisor. Most of all she was an amazing friend who will be missed beyond measure."

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband, John Manley, and is survived by a daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren.

### About STCU

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**Douglas County Sheriff**

**December 31**  
 12:31 Harassment/Threat, 20 Chelan Hills Acres Rd., Orondo.  
 16:12 Traffic Offense, US Hwy. 97 MP 258, Brewster.  
 22:57 Alarm, 21318 US Hwy. 97, Orondo.

**January 1**  
 00:51 Domestic Disturbance, 1222 Fairview Ave. #8, Bridgeport.  
 11:06 DUI., SR 173 MP 2, Bridgeport.  
 11:54 Vehicle Theft, 2020 Columbia Blvd., Bridgeport.  
 02:27 911 Call, 300Blk 22nd St., Bridgeport.  
 13:49 Unknown Accident, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 2, Orondo.  
 19:51 Extra Patrol, 880 Maple St., Bridgeport.

**January 2**  
 07:59 Burglary, 1902 Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport.  
 17:37 911 Call, 800 E. Locust St., Waterville.

**January 3**  
 No Report.

**January 4**  
 07:50 Non-Injury Accident, 15th St. & Douglas Ave., Bridgeport.  
 12:23 Hazard, Browns Canyon Rd. MP 1, Orondo.

**January 5**  
 Assist Agency, US Hwy. 97 MP 215, Orondo.  
 08:36 Non-Injury Accident, SR 173 MP 6, Bridgeport.  
 08:42 Animal Problem, 412 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.  
 09:16 Parking/Abandon, 506 15th St., Bridgeport.  
 12:51 Assist Agency, 1395 Rd. C N.W., Mansfield.  
 14:40 Assist Public, Alta Vista Way & McNeil Canyon, Orondo.  
 1:18 Juvenile Problem, 505 16th St., Bridgeport.

**January 6**  
 08:47 911 Call, 36 Pioneer Rd., Orondo.  
 17:57 Domestic Disturbance, 700 Fairview Ave. #6B, Bridgeport.

**January 7**  
 12:35 Civil, 23174 US Hwy. 97, Orondo.  
 13:56 Non-Injury Accident, Rd. 3 N.W. & Rd. N N.W., Waterville.  
 16:48 Assist Agency, SR 172 MP 13, Mansfield.  
 16:56 Welfare Check, 880 Maple St., Bridgeport.  
 17:13 Suicide Threat, 102 S. Chelan Ave. #3, Waterville.  
 17:35 Information, SR 172 MP 0-14, Waterville.  
 18:14 Suspicious Activity, 333 Walnut St., Mansfield.  
 19:38 Theft, 2200Blk Monroe Ave., Bridgeport.  
 21:44 Assist Public, Rd. 15 N.W. & Rd. F N.W., Mansfield.  
 22:52 Welfare Check, 188 Rd 3 N.W., Waterville.  
 23:17 Suspicious Activity, Mansfield.

**January 8**  
 11:23 Animal Problem, 103 Sagebrush Rd., Waterville.  
 15:38 Non-Injury Accident, 1200Blk Columbia Ave., Bridgeport.  
 19:23 Warrant, Okanogan.

**January 9**  
 08:13 Domestic Disturbance, 335 E. Railroad Ave. #15, Mansfield.

**January 10**  
 07:04 Assist Agency, SR 173 MP 7, Bridgeport.  
 07:31 Alarm, 24 Downton Ln., Bridgeport.  
 10:05 911 Call, 491 Rd. 14 N.E., Mansfield.  
 14:16 Attempt to Locate/Contact, 62 N. Douglas Creek Rd., Waterville.

**January 11**  
 08:35 Theft, 744 SR 173, Brewster.  
 10:30 Traffic Offense, McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 1, Orondo.  
 10:42 Assist Agency, Beebe Bridge East, Orondo.  
 17:19 Parking/Abandon, 95 Spring Canyon Rd., Orondo.  
 17:44 Fraud/Forgery, 2340 Monroe Ave., Bridgeport.

**January 12**  
 09:37 Animal Problem, 412 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.  
 12:40 Suicide Threat, 102 S. Chelan Ave. #3, Waterville.  
 12:40 Sex Offense, 305 S. Central Ave., Waterville.  
 14:09 Civil, 610 E. Locust St., Waterville.  
 14:50 Welfare Check, 1740 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.

**January 13**  
 No Report.

**Okanogan County Sheriff**

**December 31**  
 12:05 Burglary, Elmway.  
 15:49 Welfare Check, S. 2nd Ave.  
 16:29 Suspicious Activity, Old Riverside Hwy., Omak.  
 18:16 Threatening, N. 2nd Ave.  
 18:42 Theft, S. 2nd Ave.  
 19:06 Fireworks, S. 5th Ave.  
 20:11 Agency Assist, Hwy. 97, Omak.  
 14:52 Unattended Death, S. 2nd Ave.

**January 1**  
 00:03 Fireworks, E. Stampede Dr., Omak.  
 06:06 Unattended Death, E. Grape Ave., Omak.  
 09:04 Disabled Vehicle, Ross Canyon Rd. & Hendrick Rd., Omak.  
 10:32 Fraud, N. 3rd Ave.  
 10:42 Suspicious Activity, Gum Drop Ln., Omak.  
 13:17 Trespassing, Vic Smith Rd.  
 13:24 Trespassing, S. Van Duyn Ave.  
 14:04 Unattended Death, Old Riverside Hwy.  
 13:51 Unknown Injury Accident, Hwy. 97 & Twelve Tribes Resort Rd.  
 15:19 Hit & Run Accident, Mock Rd. & Ed Louis Rd.  
 20:48 Assault, Elmway.  
 23:56 Citizen Assist, Watson Draw Rd., Pateros.

**January 2**  
 02:29 Violation of Order, S. 5th Ave.  
 10:12 Attempt to Locate, S. 2nd Ave.  
 16:27 Disorderly, N. Main St., Omak.  
 18:04 Citizen Dispute, S. 2nd Ave.  
 18:18 Harassment, Country Vue Rd., Omak.  
 23:56 Suspicious Activity, S. 2nd Ave., Omak.

**January 3**  
 01:35 Agency Assist, Hwy. 97, Omak.  
 06:32 Abandoned Vehicle, Kermel Rd. & Dalton Rd., Omak.  
 09:46 Burglary, John Peterson Rd., Omak.  
 10:33 Citizen Contact, Duck Lake Rd. & Miller Rd., Omak.  
 12:01 Juvenile Problem, N. 2nd Ave.

13:06 Driving Under the Influence, Hopfer Rd., Omak.  
 13:43 Domestic Dispute, Country Rd., Omak.  
 13:51 Suspicious Activity, N. 2nd Ave.  
 13:24 Unattended Death, West River Rd., Omak.  
 17:59 Alcohol Offense, Bridge St.  
 18:12 Injury Accident, Hwy. 97, Omak.  
 22:46 Domestic Dispute, Daniel Dr., Brewster.  
 22:44 Burglary Alarm, N. Main St., Omak.  
 23:32 Burglary, Old Hwy. 97.

**January 4**  
 06:34 Juvenile Runaway, Bridge St.  
 09:09 911 Abuse, N. 2nd Ave.  
 08:48 Driving Under the Influence, Shumway Rd. & Senna St., Omak.  
 10:34 Civil, S. 1st Ave.  
 15:26 Traffic Hazard, S. 2nd Ave.  
 17:49 Non-Injury Accident, S. 2nd Ave.

**January 5**  
 10:51 Civil, Hwy. 97, Brewster.  
 09:55 Agency Assist, Hwy. 20.  
 12:27 Traffic Hazard, Hendrick Rd. & Weatherstone Rd., Omak.  
 12:39 Burglary, Miller Rd., Omak.  
 13:47 Welfare Check, W. Oak St. & N. 1st Ave.  
 15:40 Suspicious Activity, N. 5th Ave. & W. Oak St.  
 16:38 Traffic Hazard, Shumway Rd. & Ironwood St.  
 17:09 Traffic Hazard, Elmway.  
 20:50 Suicide Attempt, S. 2nd Ave.

**January 6**  
 09:01 Burglary, Copple Rd., Omak.  
 09:36 911 Abuse, Hopfer Rd., Omak.  
 09:46 Suspicious Activity, Midland Rd., Brewster.  
 10:12 Traffic Hazard, N. Main St. & E. Central Ave., Omak.  
 14:30 Traffic Hazard, N. 2nd Ave. & Linden St.  
 15:24 Violation of Court Order, Tye St.  
 16:06 Unattended Death, N. 6th Ave.  
 17:56 911 Abuse, Koala Dr., Omak.  
 20:48 Automobile Theft, Okoma Dr., Omak.

**January 7**  
 01:48 Sick Animal, N. 2nd Ave.  
 12:24 Traffic Hazard, N. 3rd Ave. & Maple St.  
 13:30 Citizen Assist, S. Western Ave.  
 14:32 Theft, Robinson Canyon Rd., Omak.  
 16:02 Burglary, S. 2nd Ave.  
 16:28 Abandoned Vehicle, Osprey Dr.  
 17:22 Assault, S. 2nd Ave.  
 18:12 Theft, Hendrick Loop Rd.  
 19:20 Welfare Check, Pateros.

**January 8**  
 09:30 Civil, North Star Rd., Brewster.  
 12:27 Burglary, Bide-A-Wee, Omak.  
 15:45 Fraud, Eagle Rd., Brewster.

15:56 Violation of Court Order, Tye St.  
 17:19 Citizen Dispute, Dun Horse Dr.  
 19:15 Agency Assist, North Star Rd., Brewster.  
 21:40 Burglary, James Ave.  
 21:44 Domestic Dispute, Monse River Rd., Brewster.

**January 9**  
 00:44 Weapon Offense, E. Apple Ave., Omak.  
 03:43 Threatening, Apple Way Rd.  
 04:29 Alarm, N. Juniper St., Omak.  
 09:56 Violate Order, Green Acres Rd. & Bide-A-Wee Rd., Omak.  
 09:53 Unknown Injury Accident, Hwy. 20.  
 12:54 Threatening, Riverside Ave., Omak.  
 17:20 Theft, Hanford St., Omak.  
 20:05 Suspicious Activity, S. 2nd Ave.  
 22:58 Citizen Assist, S. Western Ave.

**January 10**  
 07:13 Suspicious Activity, Dry Coulee Rd.  
 08:55 Harassment, S. 2nd Ave.  
 10:12 Burglary Alarm, Omak River Rd., Omak.  
 13:40 Traffic Hazard, Old Hwy. 97 & Cook Rd.  
 16:33 Assault, S. 2nd Ave.  
 18:18 Welfare Check, Hwy. 97.  
 19:05 Traffic Hazard, Hendrick Rd. & Conconully Rd.  
 19:15 Other Calls, S. 1st Ave.  
 21:08 Citizen Assist, N. 4th Ave.

**January 11**  
 No Report.  
 January 12  
 No Report.  
 January 13  
 No Report.

**Brewster Police Department**

**December 31**  
 06:25 Burglary Alarm, E. Main Ave.  
 08:18 Domestic Dispute, Hwy. 97.

**January 1**  
 04:28 Threatening, E. Indian Ave.  
 10:21 Vehicle Prowl, Hospital Way.

**January 2**  
 No Report.

**January 3**  
 07:46 Agency Assist, Brewster.

**January 4**  
 No Report.

**January 5**  
 10:33 Parking Problem, W. Griggs Ave.

**January 6**  
 01:45 Impound, E. Main Ave.  
 01:46 Structure Fire, S. Bridge St.  
 08:06 Traffic Hazard, Old Hwy. 97 & Hwy. 97.  
 09:56 Traffic Hazard, Main & 4th Sts.  
 12:13 Parking Problem, W. Indian Ave.  
 15:51 Civil, S. 4th St.

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**Jan. 19-22**

**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. 21, Feb. 11,**

**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, Jan. 21, 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.

**Jan. 24**

**Okanogan County PUD meeting**

OKANOGAN – The next meeting

of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

**Jan. 24**

**Douglas County PUD meeting**

EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Jan. 24 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

**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 at 7 p.m., Jan. 27. Drawings through Jan. 26 are giving away two VIP and five general admission tickets. Visit the Legion's Facebook site facebook.com/American-Legion-Columbia-Post-97-136344203093823/ for more details.

**Feb. 9**

**Brewster Chamber to meet**

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk at 509-449-0605.

**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.

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**Ancient homes in Sanpoil River and Lake Rufus Woods**

**CCT releases chinook salmon in historic habitat**

NESPELEM -- Recently, hundreds of adult summer chinook were released upstream of Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams. The releases are part of a huge undertaking by the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) to reconnect salmon to their historic habitat.



**Fish biologist Kirsten Brudevold.**

In July and August, 235 adult chinook were released in the Sanpoil. On August 16, 107 adult chinook were released in Lake Rufus Woods just behind Chief Joseph Dam. The chinook were surplus hatchery fish from the Douglas County PUD's Wells Hatchery.

September 2021

**Staff vaccinations required**

**Quad cities students start school amid mask mandates**

BREWSTER -- Students returned to school last Wednesday, August 25, in the Brewster School District making it the earliest start among the four districts in the Quad coverage area. The Bears were followed by Bridgeport, August 30, Mansfield, August 31, and Pateros due Sept. 3.

Schools statewide are facing a mask mandate imposed by the Governor Inslee and a requirement that school staff members be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18.



**Jada Freels, left, and Aspen Farrington with their goats.**

**Mansfield FFA cuts a swath at North Central Washington Fair**

WATERVILLE -- The Mansfield High School FFA class did not leave much in the way of awards for the other entries at the North Central Washington (NCW) Fair August 26-29 in Waterville. FFA advisor Jamey Jo Steele said the group returned for the Sept. 3, start of their school year with five Grand or Reserve Champion ribbons and a Best Overall award for the livestock they showed.

Steele said 16 Mansfield FFA students took livestock projects to the NCW including three steers, five goats, and eight hogs.

**Pandemic protocols included**

**74th Okanogan County Fair returns as a crowd comforting fixture**

OKANOGAN -- The 74th annual Okanogan County Fair



**Those having a problem calculating proper social distancing found the example of five cats helpful.**

demonstrated both its resilience and adaptability to adverse circumstances when it opened the gates for its four-day run last Thursday, Sept. 9. It was a far different scene from this time last year when the fairgrounds were sheltering livestock during the Cole Spring wildfire and serving as a central depot for recovery supplies.

**Brewster approves hydro event application at Columbia Cove Park**

BREWSTER -- Hydroplane races took a step closer to becoming an annual event in the Columbia River off Columbia Cove Park when the city council, at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, Sept. 16, approved a public event application for an exhibition race next month.

What the Tacoma Inboard Racing Association (TIRA) described as a "test session" is scheduled for a one-day run in Brewster on Saturday, Oct. 9. If it becomes a regular event like the annual hydro races at Pateros every August, the race will wear the official title of Tony Newton Memorial Regatta.

**Malott craftsman builds houses for the upper-crust bird set**

MALOTT -- Well-to-do birds among The Quad's flock of readers might want to keep tabs on Malott resident Ken Sumner if they are in the market for a custom home. Sumner's collection of elaborate hand-crafted birdhouses spans a variety of styles from churches and schoolhouses for the more buttoned-down to barns, lighthouses and saloons for the adventurous.



**A replica of the Salty Dawg Saloon in Homer, Alaska, is patterned after a more detailed original that Sumner made for his daughter-in-law, a former Alaska resident, who asked Sumner to build it for her.**

What is most amazing about Sumner's creations is that all were fashioned from nothing more than a photo -- as in the case of the Salty Dawg Saloon in Homer, Alaska -- or visual memory of a building that caught the craftsman's eye, such as the imposing Winthrop Emporium that anchors the town's main street at the intersection with State Route 20.

October 2021

**Giselle Cenicerros named WIAA Athlete of the Week**

PATEROS -- Freshman Giselle Cenicerros who plays at the forward position for the



**Giselle Cenicerros**

Nannies varsity soccer team helped her team win its very first league win in school history by scoring two goals against the Manson Lady Trojans on Sept. 21. Along the way to scoring both goals for the Nannies Cenicerros also picked up the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Athlete of the Week honors.



**Incumbent Pateros mayor Carlene Anders**

**Anders, Hook on Nov. 2 ballot for Pateros mayor**

PATEROS -- The Nov. 2 general election finds two candidates running for the office of Mayor of Pateros, two-term incumbent Carlene Anders and former Pateros and Brewster police officer Kelly Hook, both running as nonpartisans.



**Pateros mayoral candidate Kelly Hook as he appeared in uniform as a Brewster police lieutenant.**

November 2021

**Design team visits Brewster for NCW Libraries revitalization project**

BREWSTER -- Last month NCW Libraries announced an ambitious multi-million-dollar, system-wide revitalization for 28 of its 30 branches. Last week Margaret Sullivan, Robin Osler, and Tasmin Abdelkarim from the New York design firm Margaret Sullivan Studio visited the Brewster library to gather information about the library specifically and the community generally as they launch the \$10 million project.

**Challengers lead in races for Pateros mayor, council.**

If the most recent results from the third unofficial count of general election voter ballots in Okanogan County are any indication, Pateros will have both a new mayor and new city council person when the Okanogan County Auditor certifies the final tally on Nov. 23.

As of the auditor's report of Nov. 10, two-term incumbent mayor Carlene Anders trails challenger Kelly Hook by 32 votes, and appointed council member Frank Herbert is six votes behind challenger Chantel Poole.

With approximately 300 votes remaining to count, Chief Deputy Auditor Jamie Groomes reported Hook with 111 votes or 58.42 percent of 190 votes cast to 79 votes, or 41.58 percent for Anders. Poole has 95 or 51.63 of the 184 votes counted for the Council 1 Position while Herbert trails with 89 votes or 48.37 percent.

December 2021

**NCW Media publisher/co-owner passes**

William "Bill" Forhan March 20, 1947 - November 21, 2021 Leavenworth, Washington

William "Bill" Edward Forhan, age 74, passed away suddenly at his home in Leavenworth, WA, on Sunday, November 21, 2021.

Born on March 20, 1947, in



**Brewster city officials met with representatives of New York design group Margaret Sullivan Studio last week to discuss future design plans for the Brewster branch of NCW Libraries. Pictured from left, Public Works Director Lee Webster, Mayor Art Smyth, Robin Osler, Margaret Sullivan, Tasmin Abdelkarim, and Brewster librarian Daniel Blanchard,**



**Bill Forhan**

Butte, Mont. to Rudi and Alice (Mehrens) Forhan. He attended and graduated in 1965 from Butte High School where he met his wife, Carol, as a freshman. Graduated from the University of Montana, Missoula, in 1969 with a degree in Business Administration. Bill served in the Army ROTC in college, then was stationed at the Field Artillery Training Command at Fort Sill, Okla. where he earned the rank of First Lieutenant. He was then deployed to West Germany as a battery commander with the 4th Missile Battalion, 41st Artillery Regiment during the Vietnam era.



**Culpepper & Merriweather Circus**

**Culpepper & Merriweather Circus to revisit Brewster in 2022**

BREWSTER -- The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus knows

a good venue when it sees one, and this city responded with one of a handful of sellout crowds when the show made its Brewster stop in June 2019. That's why the circus contacted the Brewster Chamber of Commerce last month to request a return visit as C&M prepares its 2022 performance schedule.

**Chantel Poole sworn in as newest Pateros council member**

PATEROS -- Chantel Poole is an example of a lifelong Pateros resident and PHS graduate who is taking the term "community service" personally by putting it into action through her own initiative and ideas.

Poole declared her candidacy for city council position 1 occupied by appointee Frank Herbert on the Nov. 2 general election ballot and received 52 percent of the 190 votes cast by Pateros residents. She was the only opponent in nine other council races in the Quad City coverage area, four of those in Bridgeport, four in Brewster, and one in Pateros.

**Pateros school superintendent challenges legislators following firearms threats**

PATEROS -- The superintendent of the Pateros school district has reached out to the state's congressional delegates to urge legislative reform following a pair of firearms threats directed at Pateros schools earlier this month.

Superintendent Greg Goodnight sent letters to Sena-

tors Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Representative Dan Newhouse calling for changes to current Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) restrictions governing the release of information.

**Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce welcomes new president**

BRIDGEPORT -- The city's Chamber of Commerce has a new president, Carlos Henriquez, co-pastor of the Well-spring of Life Community Church who took over the helm last August.



**Carlos Henriquez, right, with wife Zuni, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Wellspring of Life Community Church that the couple opened in the Foursquare Building at 1300 Foster Avenue in July 2000.**

Henriquez and wife, Zuni, dedicated the Wellspring of Life Community Church in the Foursquare Building at 1300 Foster Avenue in July 2000 two years after the Bridgeport Community Church closed unexpectedly, taking with it the food bank that had served community members for more than a decade.

**Concerned parents address Pateros school student security**

PATEROS -- More than half a dozen citizens spoke during the first meeting of the Pateros School District Board of Directors last Thursday, Dec. 16, held since a firearms threat directed at the school earlier this month put all concerned on a high alert for the future security of students.

The threat was reported from a social media exchange that mentioned a firearm and threat of violence at the school. The subsequent investigation by school staff and law enforcement left many parents confused as to what transpired and who was involved.

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# Supreme Court Blocks Business Vaccine Rule, Declines to Stay Health Care Worker Mandate

ZACHARY STIEBER

The Supreme Court has blocked the Biden administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for private businesses, but has decided to allow a separate regulation that requires health care workers to get a vaccine to take effect.

In a 6-3 ruling on Jan. 13, the court halted the mandate for all private employers with 100 or more workers, ruling that the states and companies that challenged the rule were likely to succeed. Biden administration officials had argued that the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970 gave them the authority to impose the mandate, but a majority of the justices disagreed.

"Applicants are likely to succeed on the merits of their claim that the Secretary lacked authority to impose the mandate. Administrative agencies are creatures of statute. They accordingly possess only the authority that Congress has provided. The Secretary has ordered 84 million Americans to either obtain a COVID-19 vaccine or undergo weekly medical testing at their own expense. This is no 'everyday exercise of federal power.' It is instead a significant encroachment into the lives—and health—of a vast number of employees," the majority slip opinion reads.

The ruling came from Justices John Roberts and Samuel Alito, George W. Bush appointees; Clarence Thomas, a George H. W. Bush appointee; and Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett, all Trump appointees.

Justice Stephen Breyer, a Clinton appointee, and Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, both Obama appointees, dissented. They wrote in their dissent that the law in question didn't limit the labor secretary's powers.

The majority "[imposed] a limit found no place in the governing statute," the minority opinion reads.

"Not so," the majority wrote. "It is the text of the agency's Organic Act that repeatedly makes clear that OSHA is charged with regulating 'occupational' hazards and the safety and health of 'employees.'"



The Supreme Court in Washington on Nov. 29, 2021.

While Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar in an earlier brief didn't dispute that OSHA is limited in regulating "work-related dangers," she claimed that the risk of contracting COVID-19 qualifies as such a danger.

"We cannot agree," the majority opinion reads. "Although COVID-19 is a risk that occurs in many workplaces, it is not an occupational hazard in most. COVID-19 can and does spread at home, in schools, during sporting events, and everywhere else that people gather. That kind of universal risk is no different from the day-to-day dangers that all face from crime, air pollution, or any number of communicable diseases. Permitting OSHA to regulate the hazards of daily life—simply because most Americans have jobs and face those same risks while on the clock—would significantly expand OSHA's regulatory authority without clear congressional authorization."

The ruling means that the mandate is blocked while the case goes back

to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, which overturned a stay that had been imposed by a different appeals court.

OSHA is part of the Department of Labor.

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, a Republican who brought one of the challenges against the mandate, said in a statement that the ruling was "a massive win for millions of workers and businesses across the country, including Doolittle Manufacturing here in Missouri, who would've had to shutter their doors if this mandate was not halted."

"While we're disappointed in the Supreme Court's ruling on our lawsuit against the health care worker vaccine mandate, that fight is far from over, and the case is still ongoing," he said.

Schmitt was referring to a majority of justices agreeing to lift lower court orders that blocked a separate Biden administration mandate imposed by the Department of Health and Hu-

man Services' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The CMS mandate, which doesn't allow a testing opt-out, covers more than 17 million health care workers.

Congress granted authority to the health secretary to promulgate, as a condition of a health care facility's participation in Medicare and Medicaid, requirements that he or she "finds necessary in the interest of the health and safety of individuals who are furnished services in the institution," the majority of the court stated in their ruling.

While a vaccine requirement has never before been imposed, "we agree with the government that the Secretary's rule falls within the authorities that Congress has conferred upon him," the majority opinion reads.

The justices said getting a COVID-19 vaccine would "substantially reduce the likelihood that health care workers will contract the virus and transmit it to their patients." However, this doesn't align with studies

and real-world data on the effect of vaccination against the Omicron coronavirus variant.

"The rule thus fits neatly within the language of the statute. After all, ensuring that providers take steps to avoid transmitting a dangerous virus to their patients is consistent with the fundamental principle of the medical profession: first, do no harm. It would be the 'very opposite of efficient and effective administration for a facility that is supposed to make people well to make them sick with COVID-19,'" the majority opinion reads.

The narrow 5-4 opinion saw Roberts and Kavanaugh join the Democrat-nominated trio of justices, while Thomas offered a dissent that was joined by Alito, Gorsuch, and Barrett.

Thomas said the government hadn't made a strong argument that it was likely to succeed in the case, stating that the administration didn't establish that the Medicare Act or any other law gives it the authority to impose a vaccine mandate in order for facilities to participate in Medicare or Medicaid.

"These cases are not about the efficacy or importance of COVID-19 vaccines. They are only about whether CMS has the statutory authority to force health care workers, by coercing their employers, to undergo a medical procedure they do not want and cannot undo. Because the Government has not made a strong showing that Congress gave CMS that broad authority, I would deny the stays pending appeal. I respectfully dissent," Thomas wrote.

Cases involving the health care mandate will now go back to appeals courts for disposition.

CMS "is extremely pleased the Supreme Court recognized CMS' authority to set a consistent COVID-19 vaccination standard for workers in facilities that participate in Medicare and Medicaid," CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure said in a statement. "The bottom line is that vaccine requirements work and are an important tool to protect patients—and also to keep our health care workers healthy," she added.

## Inflation Jumps 7 Percent Annually in December, Fastest Pace Since 1982

TOM OZIMEK

Consumer prices accelerated in the year through December 2021 at their fastest pace in 39 years, new government data show, marking the seventh straight month of inflation running at more than 5 percent and a fresh sign that inflationary woes continue to weigh on U.S. consumers.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported on Jan. 12 that the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which reflects inflation from the perspective of end consumers, rose by 7 percent in the 12 months through December 2021, a level not seen since June 1982, when it reached 7.2 percent.

On a monthly basis, the CPI inflation gauge rose by 0.5 percent in December 2021 after a 0.8 percent jump in November 2021, suggesting a slight easing of inflationary pressures.

Still, so-called core consumer prices, which strip out the volatile categories of food and energy, continued to rise at an outsized pace. Core inflation rose by 5.5 percent in the year through December 2021, the fastest pace in nearly 31 years.

"This is not a lucky number 7," Bankrate Chief Financial Analyst Greg McBride told The Epoch Times in an emailed statement.

McBride noted that the pace of inflation was "far outstripping the wage growth of most Americans



People shop for groceries at a supermarket in Glendale, Calif., on Jan. 12, 2022

and squeezing the buying power of households."

A separate government report shows that real average hourly earnings, which are adjusted for inflation, fell by 2.4 percent in the 12 months through December 2021. Without adjustment for the pace of inflation, average hourly earnings rose by 4.7 percent over the year.

"The headline rate of inflation accelerated on an annual basis, hitting 7 percent, but did decelerate on a monthly basis for the second month in a row, owing to a decline in energy and slower increases in food prices," McBride said.

### Prices Rise Across the Board

New data show that almost every category was higher in the 12 months ending in December 2021.

Food prices surged by 6.3 percent, while energy was up by 29.3 percent. New vehicles and used cars and trucks soared by 11.8 percent and 37.3 percent, respectively. Apparel jumped by 5.8 percent, shelter picked up by 4.1 percent, and medical care services inched higher by 2.5 percent.

Close to every food item cost more in December 2021 compared to the same time a year earlier, including meats, fruits, and vegetables.

In the overall category of meat,

poultry, fish, and eggs, prices swelled by 12.5 percent.

Beef and veal prices were up by 12.6 percent, pork prices surged by 15.1 percent, ham rose by 10.5 percent, and chicken soared by 10.4 percent. The cost of eggs spiked by 11.1 percent, while fish and seafood rose by 8.4 percent.

Fruits and vegetables increased by 5 percent, milk rose by 4.2 percent, and coffee surged by 6.3 percent.

Among other food items on the list, baby food surged by 7.9 percent, margarine advanced by 6.7 percent, potatoes soared by 4.8 percent, and apples rose by 7.8 percent.

Energy prices eased on a month-over-month basis, but they were still high compared to the same time in 2020. Gasoline soared at an annualized rate of 49.6 percent, electricity prices jumped by 6.3 percent, and natural gas increased by 24.1 percent.

Charlie Bilello, chief executive of Compound Capital Advisors, wrote on Twitter that he believes that the true rate of inflation is being understated.

"Shelter is the single biggest component of CPI (33 percent of Index) and is being wildly understated (+4.1 percent) with rents up 17.8 percent over the last year (largest annual increase ever), and home prices up 19 percent (also largest annual increase ever). True inflation rate is much

higher than 7 percent," Bilello wrote.

President Joe Biden addressed the inflation numbers in a statement.

"Today's report—which shows a meaningful reduction in headline inflation over last month, with gas prices and food prices falling—demonstrates that we are making progress in slowing the rate of price increases," Biden said. "At the same time, this report underscores that we still have more work to do, with price increases still too high and squeezing family budgets."

In response to surging inflation and ongoing firming in the labor market, the Federal Reserve has moved to roll back emergency pandemic support measures and normalize monetary policy.

There's now a 74.4 percent chance of the Fed announcing a 25-basis-point rate increase in March, according to the CME's Fed Watch tracker.

### Inflation Fallout

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 38 points to 36,290. The S&P 500 added 0.28 percent to 4,726, while the Nasdaq Composite Index tacked on 35 points to 15,188.

The U.S. Treasury market was mixed, with the benchmark 10-year yield sliding to 1.736 percent. The 30-year bond rose to 2.086 percent, while the one-year bill rose slightly to 0.445 percent.

The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY), which gauges the greenback against a basket of currencies, declined by 0.72 percent to 94.93.

Andrew Moran contributed to this article.

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# Former Border Commissioner: ‘We Have Lost Control of the Southwest Border’

A Border Patrol agent organizes illegal immigrants who have gathered by the border fence after crossing from Mexico into the United States, in Yuma, Ariz., on Dec. 10 2021.

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON/THE EPOCH TIMES

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

The southwest border during President Joe Biden’s first year in office reached historic levels of illegal crossings, pulling agents off the front line and leaving large swaths of the border unpatrolled. Drugs, especially fentanyl, flowed in, and overdose deaths are at an all-time high.

“What we’re experiencing now on the southwest border is a complete, utter catastrophe,” Mark Morgan, former acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP), which oversees Border Patrol, told *The Epoch Times* on Jan. 7.

This is a catastrophic amount of illegal aliens trying to break into our country.

Mark Morgan, former acting commissioner, CBP

“We have lost control of the southwest border.”

During the 2021 calendar year, Border Patrol agents apprehended close to 2 million illegal immigrants from 150 different countries along the southwest border—more than double 2019, the last pre-pandemic year, according to CBP data.

Last year, Border Patrol agents detected but didn’t catch an additional 600,000 illegal border crossers, known as “gotaways,” Morgan said. “That’s the equivalent to the size of the state of Vermont,” he said. “Think about the bad people that are in that 600,000 that got away.”

Mexican nationals made up 28 percent of encounters in fiscal year 2021, the lowest proportion in recorded history, according to the CBP.

The northern triangle countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador made up 44 percent, and the remaining 28 percent were from other countries—double the previous record for the latter demographic.

“This trend is important because the Department of Homeland Security does not currently have agreements to electronically verify nationality with these different countries of origin, making removing or expelling their nationals more resource-intensive and time-consuming,” the CBP stated in a Jan. 3 press release.

On the Mexico side of the border, across the Rio Grande in Texas, hundreds of discarded passports, visas, and identification papers can be found every day. Illegal aliens are told it’s harder to be deported from the United States without papers.

“This is not a surge. This is an invasion,” Morgan said. “I mean, this is a catastrophic amount of illegal aliens trying to break into our country.”

The result in some border areas, he said, is that most Border Patrol agents are being pulled off the “national security mission” to be “day care providers, processing agents, and bus drivers.”

Morale among the Border Patrol workforce is at an all-time low.

Upon taking office almost a year ago, Biden was quick to dismantle several key border security initiatives that the Trump administration had established, including a halt to border wall construction, and the “Remain in Mexico” program, which contributed to up to an 80 percent drop in “catch-and-release” by requiring asylum-seekers to wait in Mexico until their final court judgment.

Now instead of waiting in Mexico, most illegal immigrants are released into the United States to wait for future court dates that can be set years into the future.

## Border Security

Although the public’s main focus is on illegal immigration numbers, Morgan said that’s just a subset of border security.

“When you open your borders up to one threat, one crisis, it’s not mutually exclusive from the others—you’re opening your borders up to the vast set of complex threats that we face,” he said.

“Anytime you’re so overwhelmed that you can’t perform the fundamental national security mission to secure our borders, the result is that every aspect of our nation’s public health, public safety, and national security is being impacted.”

The record numbers in 2021 occurred during a year in which many Americans, under the backdrop of a pandemic, faced vaccine mandates, work-from-home orders, and school closures.

Overcrowded border facilities were unable to test everyone for COVID-19, resulting in the release of illegal immigrants with the disease into communities. In July 2021, the city of Laredo sued the Biden administration for releasing a “flood” of illegal immigrants into Laredo, causing “irreparable harm.”

Under the Title 42 public health order, which was instituted in March 2020, illegal immigrants could be quickly expelled back into Mexico as a pandemic precaution, rather than be processed under Title 8 immigration law, which is a much more protracted process inside the United States.



SAMIRA BOUAOU/THE EPOCH TIMES



Mark Morgan, former acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, in Washington on April 24, 2019.

Since March 2021, however, Title 42 has slowly been whittled down—first to allow in all unaccompanied children, then families with children under 7, then most families in general, most single females, and single adults from non-Spanish speaking countries.

## Border 2022

Morgan predicts the southwest border metrics will continue to worsen through 2022.

“There’s no end in sight. There’s none. And this administration, every single day, everything they’re doing is just to get better at releasing people. They’re not trying to stop the flow.”

Biden tapped Vice President Kamala Harris to lead border security efforts, with the main focus being to

address the “root causes” of illegal immigration. Harris visited Mexico and Guatemala in 2021 but was criticized by the Guatemalan president in December for having no communication since June 2021.

On Aug. 26, 2021, the Supreme Court ordered the Biden administration to restart the Remain in Mexico program, but CBP data through November 2021 don’t indicate any new enrollees in the program.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has said he’s working toward building a “safe, orderly, and humane immigration” system.

During a Senate hearing in November 2021, Mayorkas gave himself high marks for his role in leading the border efforts.

“I’m a tough grader on myself and

I give myself an ‘A’ for effort, investment in mission, and support of our workforce,” Mayorkas said.

Morgan accused Mayorkas of creating a “sanctuary country” for illegal immigrants, allowing them to come in and then shielding them from deportation.

## Looking to Governors

Morgan said he believes the open border policies are an intentional move toward more Democratic House seats through redistricting, now that illegal immigrants are counted in the Census. In addition, they expect illegal immigrants to eventually vote Democrat.

Republicans are also complicit, he said, because they still believe this country needs the illegal workforce.

“But there is a true marginalized American workforce that’s out there that’s having to compete with companies paying lower wages to illegal immigrants. That’s real,” Morgan said.

He said concerned Americans should push their governors to do more in the immediate term instead of waiting for the federal elections. Morgan said Florida, Texas, and Missouri have made some inroads, but more need to step up.

“If you have a meth overdose in your state, I guarantee that meth came from the southwest border,” he said.

“The cost to American taxpayers is unconscionable, and governors should step up and say enough is enough.”

# EXCLUSIVE: Nationwide Surge In Deaths Among People Aged 18-49: A State by State Overview

Highest state sees 65 percent increase in prime-age mortality, only 36 percent attributed to COVID-19

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Deaths among people aged 18 to 49 increased 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 an analysis of death certificate data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by *The Epoch Times*.

The agency doesn’t yet have full 2021 numbers, as death certificate data trickles in with a lag of one to eight weeks or more.

The increase was notable across the country and in no state was COVID reported in more than 60 percent of the excess deaths. Some states experienced much steeper hikes than others.

Nevada was the worst with a 65 percent prime-age mortality surge of which only 36 percent was attributed to COVID. Texas was second with a 61 percent jump of which 58 percent was attributed to COVID. Arizona and Tennessee recorded 57 percent increases with 37 percent and 33 percent attributed to COVID respectively. Not far behind was California at 55 percent and 42 per-



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Health care workers tend to a patient in Apple Valley, California, on Jan. 11, 2021.

cent attributed to COVID as well as New Mexico (52 percent, 33 percent), Florida (51 percent, 48 percent), and Louisiana (51 percent, 32 percent).

On the other side of the spectrum was New Hampshire with no mortality increase and no COVID deaths in this age group and Delaware with a 10 percent mortality increase, zero attributed to COVID. Massachusetts had only a 13 percent spike with 24 percent of it attributed to COVID and Maryland had a 16 percent jump, 42

percent attributed to COVID. Close behind were Connecticut, Hawaii, and New Jersey with 17 percent increases (23 percent, 45 percent, 58 percent attributed to COVID respectively).

CDC data on the exact causes of those excess deaths aren’t yet available for 2021, aside from those involving COVID, pneumonia, and influenza. There were close to 6,000 excess pneumonia deaths that didn’t involve COVID-19 in the 18–49 age group in the 12 months ending Oc-

Nevada was the worst with a 65 percent prime-age mortality surge of which only 36 percent was attributed to COVID.

tober 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 or pneumonia, the CDC noted.

It’s not clear why the mortality spike seemed to exhibit a geographical trend. Overall, a part of the surge could be likely blamed on drug overdoses, which 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 including fentanyl that are often smuggled to the United States from China through Mexico. For those ages 50 to 84, mortality

went up more than 27 percent, representing more than 470,000 excess deaths. Almost four out of five of the deaths had COVID marked on the death certificate as the cause or a contributing factor.

For those 85 or older, mortality increased about 12 percent with more than 100,000 excess deaths. With more than 130,000 COVID-related deaths in this group, the data indicates that 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 18–49, with less than a third of those excess deaths involving COVID. For those 50–84, it increased less than 20 percent, with over 70 percent of that involving COVID. For those even older, mortality jumped about 16 percent, with nearly 90 percent of that involving COVID.

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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For more information and a link to the Committee Application form, please visit the Foster Creek Conservation District's website:

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If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Schexnayder, Douglas Co. VSP Coordinator, at [rschexnayder@fostercreekd.org](mailto:rschexnayder@fostercreekd.org) or (509) 888-6375.

Applications are to be submitted to the Douglas County Clerk of the Board, Tiana Rowland via email at [trowland@co.douglas.wa.us](mailto:trowland@co.douglas.wa.us) or by mail at PO Box 747 Waterville, WA 98858-0747 by 5p.m. on January 28, 2022.

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**PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING**

As directed by the Board Chair of the Pateros School District 122-70J; a special workshop meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pateros School District 122-70J has been scheduled for Monday, January 31, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the library of the Pateros School. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a workshop for discussion of school security. No actions will be taken. Visit [www.pateros.org](http://www.pateros.org) 'board of directors' for electronic meeting address. The Pateros School District is a barrier free facility accessible to persons with disabilities. Additional information is available in the superintendent's office 509-923-2751 ext. 4.

Greg Goodnight  
Secretary of the Board  
Pateros School District  
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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 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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**CITY OF PATEROS ORDINANCE 792 Set Property Tax Collection Amount for 2022**

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**CITY OF PATEROS ORDINANCE 793 Adopting the 2022 Pateros Budget and Salary Schedule**

Ordinance 793 adopts the Budget and Salary Schedule for the City of Pateros for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. The budget and salary schedule for the city was adopted at the fund level in its final form and content as set forth in the document entitled "City of Pateros 2022 Operating Budget" on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer. Passed November 15, 2021. Full text will be mailed upon request. Published in the Quad City Herald January 19, 2022 #3382



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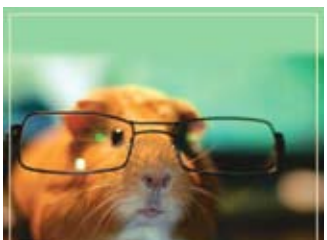
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His pastoring skills and the depth of support from his wife help him bring forgiveness and restoration to many broken relationships.

The bonds of three families are ultimately restored through celebrations of life experiences including fishing, holiday gatherings, the discovery of unknown family connections and a wedding.

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THEME: WINTER OLYMPICS  
ACROSS

- Sleeps in a tent
- Horror movie franchise
- Varieties
- Mozart's "Die Zauberflote"
- Road crew supply
- Moron
- Workman's cotton, once
- Exclamation of surprise
- Monte Cristo's title, in French
- "Olympic Athletes from \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 hockey winners
- "Figure skating jump (2 words)
- Capone's ilk, e.g.
- Attention-getting sound
- Eminem's genre
- Cashier's call
- Hit-or-miss
- It will
- "Triple one in figure skating
- Hustle and bustle
- German Mrs.
- A mile racer
- a.k.a. horse mackerel
- Jargon
- Workbench holding device
- Health club offering
- Diner, e.g.
- Latin for "and others"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aviv
- Ill-avivred one
- Curiousity's victim?
- "2022 Winter Olympics location
- "Torch Relay starting point
- "\_\_\_\_\_ the Family" TV series
- Refrigerator sound
- Poppy seed derivative
- Bitterly regretting
- Egyptian cobra
- Part of a stair

DOWN

- Cape \_\_\_\_\_, MA
- Copycat
- Spectrum maker
- Roofed colonnade
- Expression of satisfaction
- Angry
- Pas in ballet
- "Freezing" Marvel character
- Letter-shaped girder
- "\_\_\_\_\_ the land of the free..."
- Designer's studio
- "Biathlon gear
- Ski lift lobbies
- Manufacturing site
- "2022 Winter Olympics number
- Like Curious George
- Monocot's alternative
- "Killers of the Flower Moon" Oklahoma location
- "Olympic award
- "Olympic sled
- For fear that
- Respond
- Circling
- Far, old-fashioned
- Capital of Punjab
- Early Irish alphabet
- Sort of warm
- Vomit
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- Pelvic bones
- Put a hex on
- Concert units
- Not yet final
- Edible fat
- "Miracle on Ice winner
- Not Miss or Ms.

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