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With open arms Santa welcomes a young admirer.

Santa stops at Christmas in the City at Pateros

By MIKE MALTAIS Staff writer

PATEROS - With emergency lights flashing and a crowd of kids waiting Santa and Mrs. Claus made a dramatic arrival at 6 p.m. last Friday night, Dec. 10, at the Riverview Pavilion with an escort of vehicles from the Douglas-Okanogan Fire District 15 station in Pateros.

The special arrival kicked off a two-day Christmas in the City and Holiday Market, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11. A refreshments table served homemade chili, cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate and to counter the nippy temperature fire barrels stationed in

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Restored food bank distributions

Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce welcomes new president



Mike Maltais/QCH

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.

By Mike Maltais STAFF WRITER

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

Henriquez and wife, Zuni, dedicated the Wellspring of Life Community Church in the Foursquare Building at 1300

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Brewster Chamber names 2022 officers, announces headquarters

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The Brewster Chamber of Commerce named its new officers for 2022, established the Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center as its new headquarters, and heard from a guest speaker about plans for a summer bicycle race at its regular

monthly meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Brewster Food Bank president Dan Biddle was the chamber's guest speaker and discussed plans to organize a bicycle race in Brewster next summer. Biddle said he is still sorting out the details and

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Pateros school superintendent challenges legislators following firearms threats

"Svstem is not working"

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

> 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 Senators 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.

> FERPA affords parents the right to have access to their children's education records, the right to seek to have the records amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the education records.

> "I am writing to state that confidentiality for those that threaten schools with violence is not appropriate," wrote Goodnight. "Further, I propose that you change FERPA to allow the release of the identity of those who make threats with firearms and the steps the school has taken against those threats."

In a statement posted on the school's website, pateros.org, Goodnight acknowledged the



Greg Goodnight

dissatisfaction from parents over restrictions related to the release of details.

"I know one frustration felt by our parents and the community is the lack of specific information released by the school," Goodnight wrote.

The incident was first reported to the Okanogan County Sheriff's office on the morning of Dec. 1, when a Pateros student, whose name was redacted in the released incident record, "reported a social media threat" for Monday, Nov. 29. The threat came from "an anonymous person... challenging her to a fight and the anonymous person advised they 'would bring my .223," the report said.

A department narrative written by Deputy Anthony

Noble and provided to The Quad said Deputy Dave Yarnell investigated the incident and identified two persons as the participants in the Snap-Chat exchange, one whose name is redacted in the narrative and a second using an alias or username. With help from school staff Yarnell learned the identity of the second party and the individual's parents. Yarnell said he was familiar with the family from previous contacts and that a family member whose name is not disclosed in the report is a convicted felon and barred from owning firearms. The parents told Yarnell they did not have firearms in the residence.

In a report to Goodnight Yarnell determined that based on the timeline of Monday, Nov. 29, mentioned in the SnapChat exchange and the lack of access to firearms, the threat to the school was not imminent.

Coming as it did on the heels of a highly publicized Nov. 30 shooting at Oxford High School in Michigan where four students died and seven people injured, the incident at Pateros generated an immediate response.

Goodnight posted a statement on the school's website at 6 a.m., Dec. 2, advising: "The Okanogan Sheriff's Department and Pateros School District have investigated two separate threats of school violence involving the mention of firearms. The school has contacted all parents directly involved and believe the threats have been fully addressed."

Goodnight followed up with an additional posting later that same day and again on the morning of Dec. 3 advising that "the school has no new threats of violence at school or new developments in our ongoing investigation."

Goodnight's letters to Murray, Cantwell, and Newhouse made clear his feelings about changes he wants to see in current regulations.

"Our community needs information to understand the school has done everything we can do to address the threats," wrote Goodnight. "The community needs information to help us guard our students from those making threats."

"Concerning violence in school, the current school system and laws that govern schools are not working," wrote Goodnight and used an example from 25 years ago. "Washington State has been dealing with this issue since February2, 1996, when Frontier Middle School suffered the death of two students and a teacher."

'What is needed are solutions that can garner enough support to pass, and we need those solutions immediately." Goodnight concluded.

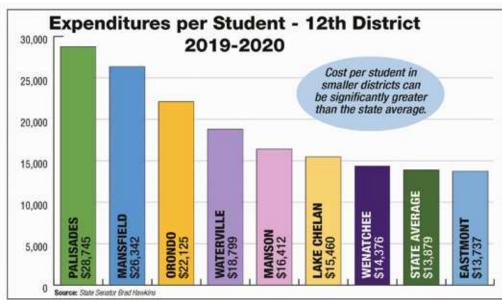
Hawkins proposes bipartisan school district consolidation bill

Proposal includes facility modernizationincentives for districts that "voluntarily" consolidate

By Brian Zylstra, PIO for SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

OLYMPIA - Citing the high costs per student among small school districts and the opportunity for more efficient use of state and local tax dollars, 12th District Sen. Brad Hawkins (R-East Wenatchee) recently announced that he has prefiled Senate Bill 5487, a bipartisan proposal to incentivize school district consolidation.

The ranking Republican on the Senate's Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee and former school board



Courtesy Senator Brad Hawkins

Sample of "per student" costs in 12th District.

president is the proposal's prime sponsor. Hawkins' committee colleague, Sen. Jamie Pedersen (D-Seattle), is the bill's lead bipartisan co-sponsor.

Hawkins stated that the

average cost during the 2019-2020 school year in state and local dollars was \$13,879 per student. Small school districts in Hawkins' legislative district, for example, spent as much as \$22,125 (Oron-

do), \$26,342 (Mansfield), and \$28,745 (Palisades) that year per student.

Hawkins said that smaller districts tend to spend much

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Dawn patrol



Mike Maltais/QCH

A coyote out for an early morning hunt and a camera hunter out for an early morning coyote crossed paths on a foggy December dawn last week.

SANTA

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front of the stage made sure visitors had a place to warm chilly hands. And visitors there were by the score who queued up for their turn to speak with the Claus couple, get a souvenir photo, or place an order for that special gift under the tree.

After everyone had an opportunity to see Santa, have a snack, stand near the warming fires, or enjoy the colorful lights in every tree, the crowd began to taper off by 7 p.m. Saturday was a day for shopping at the Holiday Market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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looking for support from organizations like the Chamber, the Brewster Boys and Girls Club and others.

At its new meeting headquarters the Chamber will have a small area with a brochure and literature holder that will also double as a visitor center. Plans also call for an official ballot box to be installed near the entry.

"We will be working there during the salmon season taking tickets for the Brewster Salmon Derby," said chamber president Mike Mauk.

For those wanting to visit the Senior Center or its thrift store, the current hours at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

The 2022 chamber officers are President Mike Mauk, Vice-president Charlene Knox, Treasurer Daniel Blanchard, Secretary Jeff Dowd, and Director Emmanuel (Manny) Hurtado. The next regular meeting of the Brewster Chamber is at Jan. 12, 6 p.m., at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street South



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more per student due largely to their higher central administration, building administration, and facility maintenance costs. He believes it would be more efficient for taxpayers if some of those districts partnered with nearby neighboring districts, spreading central administration and maintenance costs across more students.

"I've been encouraging my legislative colleagues to think differently about how we deliver educational services," Hawkins said. "If we were



Senator Brad Hawkins

to reimagine school districts today based on what we spend on education, we wouldn't draw up 295 different school districts in our state, especially when many of the small school districts are spending much more than the state average per student. It doesn't make sense for the taxpayers."

Hawkins bill would provide the new districts with a 10year boost in their School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) formula, a state capital budget program that awards matching funds to school districts whose communities approve construction bonds for school renovations. In structuring the bill this way, he said taxpayers could receive long-term benefits in school district operational efficiencies while also assisting districts with their school facility modernizations. This is something small school districts need and something provided for already in the capital budget.

"Legislators are in the 'carrots-and-sticks' business, and I've always preferred the carrots. We can't expect things to change unless we come up with creative options. I think a 'voluntary, incentives-based' consolidation bill might avoid the controversy of past proposals and prompt some healthy and candid conversations," Hawkins said.

HENRIQUEZ

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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 fir more than a decade.

The co-pastors moved to Bridgeport from Moses Lake early in 2019 to open the Wellspring of Life Community Church. Then set to work to restore the food distribution services despite a lack of storage freezers and other equipment that had been donated away after the Bridgeport Food Bank was forced to close. By April 2000 with help from the Food Distribution Center of Chelan, the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council, and the National Guard, they were ready to resume food distribution to the more than 200 families who had depended on the food bank.

Since that time that food bank has been open every Friday to serve the community and will celebrate its third year of operations in April 2022. But the Henriquez's did not stop there. The co-pastors have also organized a community garden to supplement food availability with freshly grown vegetables.

Seeing a need for a safe space and activities where youngsters could gather after school while many had family members were still at work, the Henriquez's started a free after school program to fill that need and provided that service until the COVID pandemic required its closure.

"Many families have members that are still at work after school gets out and the kids need someplace to go," Carlos said.

Currently the co-pastors are working on a proposal to establish a free sports court for outdoor sports and activities.

Since assuming the mantle of chamber president Henriquez tried to arrange the Santa Comes to Town event scheduled for Dec. 8 but had



Wellspring of Life Church co-pastor Carlos Henriquez loads a box of food into a customer's vehicle after he and wife Zuni reopened the Bridgeport Food Bank in April 2000.

to cancel at the last minute when application approval and related arrangements coupled with the pandemic precautions did not materialize in time.

Henriquez said he hopes that his role as Chamber president can help promote events and projects that make Bridgeport a place that people want to visit. The city and chamber have struggled over the past few years to coordinate events like Bridgeport Daze to everyone's satisfaction. City officials have cited lack of communication and proper documentation with organizers allowing adequate time to meet code standards. Henriquez said he hopes to get the chamber more involved to benefit all interests.

"I really want to make Bridgeport a place that people want to come to," he said.



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Dec. 15-18

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. Check out their Christmas section.

Dec. 15

American Red Cross Blood Drive:

Those donors who have received the COVID-19 vaccine will be asked which vaccine they received.

CHELAN - There will be an American Red Cross Blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1-6 p.m. at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, at the corner of Johnson and Emerson. To donate, simply download the American Red

Richard Field

Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Due to the lack of seating at St.

James Episcopal Church in Cashmere,

the space has been limited due to the upsurge of the Covid virus. We want to

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rishioners, members of the family, close

friends, co-workers and clergy of the

respect you and keep you safe.

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spects to Bill.

Dec. 3, 2021.

Richard Field, 79, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on

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BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Jan. 14. 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, Dec. 17, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60

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Dec. 20

Douglas County PUD meeting

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Dec. 20, 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

Dec. 27

Okanogan County PUD meeting

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Dec. 27, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

Jan. 10

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

Jan 12

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next gen-509-449-0605

N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

eral meeting of the Brewter Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m. at Senior Center at 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information brewsterwachamber@ gmail.com or Mike Mauk at

OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT

Douglas County Sheriff

Noise at the 100 block of Fir Ave., Bridgeport.

Parking/Abandon at the 800 block of SR 173, Bridgeport.

port.

Ave., Bridgeport. Civil at the 200 block of S. Central

port.

yon Rd. MP 4, Orondo.

Civil at the 200 block of Brays Landing Rd., Orondo.

Animal Problem at the 200 block of 12th St., Bridgeport. Assist Agency at the 2500 block of Monroe Ave., Bridgeport.

Burglary at the 200 block of W. Birch St., Waterville. Animal Problem at the 200 block

of 12th St., Bridgeport.

December 6

Chelan Ave., Waterville

Shore Dr., Orondo. Parking/Abandon at the 1st block

Domestic Disturbance at the 900 Suspicious Activity at the 100

December 7

Runaway at the 600 block of E.

Parking/Abandon at the 1600 block of Tacoma Ave., Bridge-

Waterville

December 8

December 9

No Report.

Sheriff

Burglary at W. 6th Ave. Burglary Alarm at Okoma Dr. Theft at Johnson Creek Rd.

December 3

Runaway at the 600 block of E. Locust St., Waterville. D.U.I. at SR 173 MP 10, Bridge-

Civil at the 700 block of Fairview

Ave., Waterville.

December 4

Traffic Offense at SR 17, Bridge-

Parking/Abandon at McNeil Can-

December 5

Domestic Disturbance at the 400 block of E. Birch St., Waterville. CPS Referral at the 100 block of S.

Burglary at the 100 block of N.

of Gun Club Rd., Bridgeport.

block of Maple St., Bridgeport. block of Orondo School Rd., Orondo.

Locust St., Waterville.

Harassment/Threat at the 500

block of N. Columbia Ave.,

No Report.

Okanogan County

December 3

Disorderly at E. Bartlett Ave.

Fraud at N. 2nd Ave. Vicious Animal at N. 5th Ave. & Norman St.

Violation of Order at S. 5th Ave. Search & Rescue at E. Dewberry Ave.

Domestic Dispute at Old Hwy. 97.

December 4

Suspicious Activity at S. 2nd Ave. Theft Automobile at Hwy. 97. Welfare Check at S. 1st Ave. Suspicious Activity at S. 2nd Ave. Domestic Dispute at S. 2nd Ave. Suspicious Activity at Old Hwy. 97. Malicious Mischief at S. 3rd Ave. Code Violations at S. 1st Ave. & Tyee St.

Suicidal Person at N. 2nd Ave. Agency Assist at Monroe Ave. & 25th St.

December 5

Disorderly at S. 5th Ave. Theft at Old Hwy. 97. Recovered Vehicle at Old River-

side Hwy. Animal Problem at Green Lake

Suicidal Person at N. Fir St. Trespassing at S. 2nd Ave.

December 6

Suspicious Activity at N. 2nd Ave. Suspicious Activity at Engh Rd. & Trail Ridge Dr.

Trespassing at S. 5th Ave. Trespassing at Apple Way Rd. Non-Injury Accident at Conconully Rd. & Pogue Rd.

Suspicious Activity at Kruse St. Violate Order at S. 5th Ave. Domestic Dispute at Engh Rd. Assault Hwy. 20. Agency Assist at N. 3rd Ave. Suspicious Activity at S. 2nd Ave. Domestic Dispute at N. 2nd Ave. Suspicious Activity at Engh Rd.

December 7 Assault at S. 2nd Ave.

Vehicle Prowl at Riverside Dr. Non-injury Accident Hwy. 97. Sex Offense at Kruse St. Domestic Dispute at S. 2nd Ave.

Animal Abuse at Indian Dan Canyon Rd. Suspicious Activity at Maple St. 911 Abuse at Paradise Hill Rd. Unknown Injury Accident at Salm-

on Creek Rd.

Trespassing at S. 5th Ave.

December 8 Non-Injury Accident at Conconully Rd.

Assault at Apple Way Rd. Fish & Game at Omak River Rd. Burglary at Rodeo Trail Rd. Civil at S. 1st Ave. Disorderly at S. 2nd Ave. Assault at S. 5th Ave. Trespassing at Trail Ridge Dr.

Juvenile Problem at S. 2nd Ave.

Trespassing at Lakeshore Dr.

Domestic Dispute at S. 2nd Ave. **December 9**

Suspicious at Rodeo Trail. Non-Injury Accident at Salmon Creek Rd. & Happy Hill Rd.

Brewster Police Department

December 3

Assault at S. 7th St. Domestic Dispute at S. 4th St.

December 4 No Report.

December 5

Child Abuse at W. Griggs Ave.



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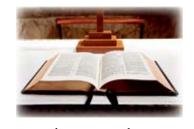
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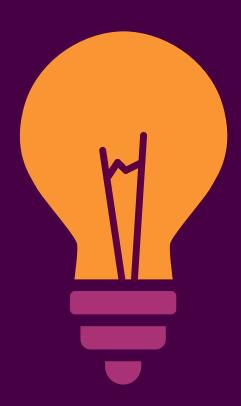
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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Brewster Boys Basketball Team



Courtesy Brad Skiff/Bridgeport School District

Brewster High School 2021 basketball players include, front row, from left, Oscar Amador, Fabian Nava, Francisco Garcia, Adrian Dorantes, Cole Aparicio, Eric Ramirez, Reese Vassar, Zane Madden, Alex Tinoco, Chris Hernandez, Adaih Najera, Christian Rivera, Miguel Aparicio, Oscar Xhurape, and Jaydynn Flores. Baack row, from left, Enrique Campos, Omar Barerra, Blake Burgett, Rafael Cruz, Tyson Schertenleib, Brady Wulf, Daniel Flores, Cort Gebbers, Kelson Gebbers, AJ Woodward, Grant Baker, Luke Gogal, Clayton Isensee, Kash Vandelac, Kameron Mathews, Alexis Cortez, Pedro Rios, and Mario Camacho. Head coach is Michael Taylor. Assistant coaches are Easton Driessen and Alejandro Sanchez.

Brewster Wrestling Team



Courtesy Brewster School District

The Brewster Bears 2021-22 wrestling team includes, from left, Aliyha Guzman, Adam Zamora, Davian Ramirez, AJ Garcia, Marisa Medina, Ami Mora, Edgar Talavera, and Victoria Arellano.

Brewster Girls Basketball Team



Courtesy Brewster School District

Brewster Lady Bears 2021 basketball players include, front row, from left, Grace Becker, Makena Kelly, Mia Gamble, Rosario Olvera, Maritza Ochoa, Ahtziri Arevalo, Abigail Pamatz, and Liz Bohorquez. Back row, from left, Maribel Perez, Mareth Wright, Morgan McGuire, Kaydence Carrington, Gimena Hurtado, Abi Boesel, Brenda Rodriguez, and Vanessa Duarte. Head coach is Stephanie Schertenleib assisted by Rafael Sanchez.

Brewster Cheer Team



Courtesy Brewster School District

Brewster Bears 2021-22 cheerleaders include, front row, from left Rubi Serrano, Lynnette Apolinar, Maddie Sandoval, Kimberley Tinoco, and Lucy Zhao. Back row from left are Rebeca Ornelas, Vivi Dorantes, Luisa Lucas, Kaylee Cornejo, Norma Saucedo, and Jenny Valdovinos. Not pictured are Lisbeth Garcia, Keyre Tinoco, and Karyme Arevalo. Brewster cheer coach is Monica Baker.

Careers After Schools returns on Dec. 16

Events open to all youth in Chelan, Douglas Counties

SUBMITTED BY ROSA PULIDO, WENATCHEE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NCW - Careers After School™ (CAS), a program that educates students about a variety of career paths through career connected learning, returns next month. During CAS, businesses and industry partners provide students with valuable information, hands-on activities, and connections to better equip our youth as they make plans for the future. The Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce developed this program in 2016.

This year, in partnership with the North Central Educational Services District and the Apple STEM Network, the events will be open to any youth in Chelan or Douglas Counties. There are also funds to support the students from across the region with transportation needs.

Careers After School events are free of charge and open to 6-12 grade students, including home-schooled students, parents, and educators. The on-site events begin at 5:30 p.m. and last for about two hours. Transportation is available for students and families who need assistance getting to and from the event.

The first event is scheduled for Thursday, December 16 and will be on site at the Wenatchee Police Department. Space is limited. Youth may register online at www.wenatchee.org.

For a full lineup of our 21'-22' events visit www.wenatchee. org/careers-after-school

Newhouse supports parents' role, greater transparency in education

Submitted by Amanda Fitzmorris, office of Rep. Dan Newhouse

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Dec. 3, Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) released the following statement after cosponsoring H.R. 6056, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. This legislation would put practices in place that facilitate meaningful dialog between a family and their child's school and lead to more parental input throughout the learning process. It amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to ensure that federally-funded schools provide parents with the transparency they deserve.

"Parents know what's best for their children and are their greatest advocates. Ensuring that they have a say in their child's education is just common-sense," said Rep. Newhouse. "I'm proud to sponsor this legislation that will provide families with more options to collaborate with school districts, have more access to information regarding their children's education, and ultimately provide a better curriculum and learning experience for our next generation of leaders."

leaders." Background:

• The Parents Bill of Rights is built on five core principles that would apply to all schools nationwide that receive federal funding.

• Parents have the right to review their school's curricu-

lum, reading materials, and state academic standards.

 Requires school districts to post their curriculum publicly

· Requires states to provide

the public a copy of any revisions to the state's academic standards or learning benchmarks
• Requires that school dis-

 Requires that school districts give parents notice of any plan to eliminate gifted and talented programs

Requires schools to provide parents with a list of books and reading materials available in the school library.
Parents have the right to

lawfully engage with their local school board and educators.
• Requires teachers to offer

two in-person meetings with parents each year

• Requires parents be allowed to address the school board

• Includes new protections under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FER-PA) and updates and clarifies provisions in the Protection of Pupil Rights Act (PPRA).

• Parents have the right to see a school's budget and spending, including detailed information about revenues and expenditures.

• Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy.

• Bans schools from sharing student data with tech companies without parental permission

SEE **NEWHOUSE** ON PAGE B2



Go, Bears!

Have a safe and healthy year!

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

Waterville-Mansfield Winter Sports Teams



Courtesy Mansfield School District

r) Fyalee Shafer Jimena Garcia

Mansfield athletes turning out for 2021 Waterville-Mansfield winter sports teams of basketball and cheer include bottom row, from left, Devyn Munson (cheer), Evalee Shafer, Jimena Garcia, Jasmine Garcia, Tiera Miller, Aspen Farrington, and Eva Cooper (cheer). Top row, from left are Trevor Moore, Max Murison, Braydon Murison, George Murison, and Armando Baltazar.

THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

A cowboy poet passes

By John Kruse, The Washington Outdoor Report

A cowboy I treasure traded his spurs for wings recently. Fred Duzan was a longtime wrangler for Icicle Outfitters, offering summertime day trips from Lake Wenatchee State Park, overnight trips into the Central Cascades and winter sleigh or wagon rides near the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery.

Chelan County Coroner Wayne Harris reports, "Duzan was taking a group on a winter

ride in a wagon on December 2 when a wheel became loose. The horses were spooked as the wagon slowed and Duzan attempted to get control of them. Unfortunately, he was thrown by the horses from the wagon and hit his head on a boulder, dying instantly of blunt force impact."

I met Fred 15 years ago when my then seven-year-old son David and I went on a summertime, two-night family horseback trip into the Entiat Mountains. Everyone on the trip was either a father or mother with a young son or daughter. We rode 10 plus miles from the trailhead, and through a shallow stream to

a meadow next to a creek full of small trout. That's where Fred and his assistant tied up the horses and mules and got to work setting up camp.

It was my first time in a backcountry horse camp and I loved it. The location was spectacular and deer wandered through camp on a regular basis. Fred was an excellent cook with a Dutch oven and the dinners and desserts he prepared were mouthwatering. Used to drinking water from a bottle on backcountry hiking forays, I was pleasantly surprised when I took a seat by the campfire and Fred offered me my choice of a soda pop or a beer. It was certainly nice to have mules carrying food, drink and camping gear for us

for us.

Fred was very good at his craft, adeptly handling all aspects of the trip. He was also a quick wit. He loved to tell corny jokes, gently poked fun at my son who seemed to fall into the creek or nearby alpine lakes every chance he could, and even recited cowboy poetry around the campfire for everyone during dinner.

Both the kids and adults alike loved Fred and the whole experience Icicle Outfitters offered. On the second day we rode to a couple of alpine lakes where Fred provided fishing rods for the kids to use to catch trout which ended up as dinner at camp. The experience was so delightful we did it again a year later and Fred dazzled us yet again.

Those weren't the only times I saw Fred. I chatted with him during the winter from time to time between sleigh rides at the fish hatchery. On the rare occasions I saw his truck parked next to the appropriately named Hitching Post Tavern in Cashmere, I'd always make it a point to drop in to see him and listen to his still corny jokes.

Fred was a true cowboy, and also a very good man who will be missed but being a Christian, I console myself that he's riding in some very fine pastures now.

Courtesy John Kruse Fred Duzan with a trout caught in an alpine lake.

My prayers go out to his longtime partner, Patti and to and under)—in addition to

My prayers go out to his longtime partner, Patti and to his friends at Icicle Outfitters during this time of loss.

Columbia Gorge photo contest:

In other news, the Friends of the Columbia River Gorge are now accepting entries into their annual photo contest, a popular event which has garnered over 2,000 entries over the last seven years.

According to a press release from the group, "Friends will honor winning photos in seven categories—Community & Culture, Scenic Eastern Gorge, Scenic Western Gorge, Waterfalls, Wildflowers, Wildlife, and the grand prize winner. The grand prize winner will be chosen from all of the submissions and can come from any category."

The deadline to submit photos for the contest is February 6, 2022. All photos must

photos for the contest is February 6, 2022. All photos must be owned by the photographer and taken within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Additional details about the contest can be found at http://gorgefriends.org/photocontest

John Kruse – www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.



Nobel Prize winning author Gabriel García Márquez was quoted as saying, "All human beings have three lives, public, private and secret."

In our modern world of the Internet search engines and DNA testing, keeping our private and secret lives separate is increasingly difficult. Sometimes they can come crashing in on our public lives when we least expect it.

Father Robert McCarthy is a middle-aged priest who is suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with his secret past. How he deals with the revelation of that past with his family, his congregation and the impacts of

that secret life is inspirational. How McCarthy discloses the news of his college indiscretion requires him to take everyone involved on a journey of confession. That journey forces him to deal with issues of homosexuality, judgementalism, divorce and pride.

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.

Bill's Book is available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook
The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. You can also pick up a copy of the book or order the book directly from
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NEWHOUSE

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• Bans schools from selling student data for commercial purposes

• Requires parental input when schools develop or update their student privacy policies and procedures

policies and procedures
• Parents also must consent before any medical exam takes place at school, including mental health or substance use

disorder screenings
• Parents have the right to keep their child safe and be updated on any violent activity at school.

• Requires schools to notify parents of violent activity occurring on school grounds or at school-sponsored events while still protecting the privacy of students



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DIETARY MANAGER Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Dietary Manager responsible for directing and assisting dietary staff with food preparation, helps with establishing patient menus and monitors departmental compliance with federal/ state guidelines and sanitary practices. Candidate must have one year food service management experience or a bachelor's degree in related field. CDM and ServSafe Certification, CPR and Food Handler's permit are required. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000. **Interested Candidates** may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital **Human Resources** PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517



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Director of Quality

Full-time Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Director of Quality to manage our quality program, including risk and compliance. Registered Nurse with a BSN degree is preferred; however, a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Business or related field may be considered. Three to five years healthcare experience is preferred. Strong skills required: organizational, interpersonal,

communication, analytical, risk assessment, computer, statistics & math, and problem-solving. Attention to detail and a high moral integrity is crucial. Interested Candidates

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Med-Surg/ER RN

Full-time/Days Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Med-Surg/ER RN to perform general nursing duties in an acute care and emergency room setting with adequate supervision. Current WA State RN license and must have current BLS/CPR & obtain ACLS, PALS & TNCC certifications within six months. Rotating days and includes some weekends. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812

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Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Program Manager-RN to oversee the Utilization Review and Discharge Planning Department, Infection Control Program, Employee Health Program, and provides support to the Quality Improvement Department. Current WA State RN license and three years' experience in Infection Control, Utilization Review, and Quality in a healthcare setting. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000.

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

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Pay depends on experience. EOE

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FLOAT NURSE Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Float Nurse. This position will float between Med/Surg and ER Departments. Current WA State RN license and must have current BLS/CPR & obtain ACLS, PALS & TNCC certifications within one year. Rotating days and includes some weekends. Hours: 11:00am-11:30pm. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000. **Interested Candidates** may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517



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CNO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Full-time Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a CNO

Administrative Assistant to assist the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) by performing clerical functions such as data entry and tracking, scheduling, personnel data management, education coordinating, correspondence, and organizing. High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum two years of executive assistance and/or clerical experience, preferably in a Healthcare setting. Must have strong knowledge of spreadsheet and word processing computer software and programs.

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COVID-19 **COORDINATOR / MA-C**

Full-time/Temporary Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a COVID-19 Coordinator to work in our medical clinic. This position performs essential tasks, which includes answering and returning phone calls to patients related to questions around the COVID vaccine, testing, results, and general questions; administrator COVID-19 vaccinations. High school graduate or equivalent, must have valid WA State MA License. Required: ability to communicate in English and Spanish. **Interested Candidates** may apply in person or by mailing their resume to:

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ER NURSE

Full-time/ Nights Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an ER Nurse to provide nursing assessment, treatment and evaluation of ER patients and outpatients. Current WA State RN license required. Current BLS / CPR, ACLS, TNCC and PALS certifications. Two years' Med/Surg experience or one-year ER experience preferred. Rotating days and includes some weekends. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE



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LAB TECHNICIAN **TECHNOLOGIST**

Temporary / Full-time Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Lab Tech to perform various technical clerical and information systems related procedures in Chemistry,

Hematology, Microbiology, Blood Bank. A.S Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology or related scientific field with a one-year internship or one year of clinical experience. Professional certification as a MLT (ASCP) or equivalent is highly recommended. Will include weekends and after-hours call-time. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital

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Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Radiology/ Mammography Tech to provide the best diagnostic images possible for the Radiologists, Physicians and ER Providers. Requirements: Registered by the ARRT and Certified by the State of WA. Graduation from an AMA - approved school of Radiologic Technology. Must have ARRT advanced certification in mammography, and completed an accredited program in radiology or imaging and have a minimum of 1 year experience as a Mammography Tech. **Interested Candidates** may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net



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OR Manager

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MEDICAL INTERPRETER

Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Medical Interpreter to provide communication support services to hospital and medical staff, as well as hospital Limited English Proficiency patients. Required: High School Diploma, current WA DSHS Medical Interpreter Certification or obtain the WA DSHS Medical Interpreter Certification within 120 days of acceptance of position. One year experience in the medical field with use of medical terminology. Experience in the areas of cultural awareness. public speaking, translation, and interpretation is preferred. **Interested Candidates** may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital **Human Resources** PO Box 577

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PATEROS CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Pateros shall hold a public hearing for a 2021 budget amendment for the General Fund, Hotel/Motel Fund and Garbage Utility Fund sources for the City of Pateros. Said public hearing shall be held on Monday December 20, 2021 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom information is located on pateros.com or by call city hall at 509-923.2571. Send written comments to the Clerk-Treasurer PO Box 8

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Is your medicine cabinet stocked for flu season?

Flu season is here, so it's time to check my medicine cabinet. Do I have all my favorite remedies for fever, muscle aches, cough, stuffy nose, sinus pressure, and runny nose?

Here are my "Must Have" medicines that I like to keep on hand for coughs, colds, and flu:

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2. Tylenol® for fever and body aches.

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3.Aleve® for body aches.

The influenza symptom that puts people flat on their back in bed or curled up on the sofa is severe muscle aches. Sometimes I swear that a ninia must have snuck in and attacked me in my sleep with their fighting

Naproxen (Aleve®) is my

go-to for muscle aches because each dose lasts 8-12 hours, twice as long as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin-IB). I used to use ibuprofen, but I would wake up at 3:30 in the morning in discomfort when it wore off.

NSAIDs like naproxen and ibuprofen are often more effective for relieving body aches than acetaminophen. Unfortunately, they can cause stomach irritation, stomach bleeding and can harm your kidneys. Drink plenty of fluids when taking any NSAID to avoid kidney damage.

People who take blood thinners like warfarin, Pradaxa®, Xarelto®, Eliquis®, and Plavix® (clopidogrel) need to be especially cautious. To reduce stomach irritation and the risk of developing a bleeding ulcer, you should ALWAYS take any NSAID with a full glass of water or fluid or immediately after eating.

4. Sudafed® for sinus and nasal congestion.

I only buy the original formulation of Sudafed®, which contains the decongestant pseudoephedrine. I prefer the red-coated 30mg tablets to the white 60mg tablets, both of which are only available "behind the counter." It's worth the hassle of showing your identification to have an effective decongestant. Phenylephrine doesn't work nearly as well; it is only available at 1/3 of its effective dose because higher doses have caused strokes.

5. Actifed® for runny nose and sneezing.

If you were a surgeon with a head cold, you really wouldn't want vour nose to drip or to sneeze on your patient during surgery. As a hospital pharmacist, I would take urgent calls from the surgery department, requesting something to dry up the runny nose of an afflicted surgeon or scrub nurse.

We'd send them a couple of tablets of the original formula of Actifed®, a surprisingly effective combination of antihistamine and decongestant. This Actifed® formula contained pseudoephedrine to relieve nasal congestion plus an older antihistamine called triprolidine. Triprolidine worked great at drying up runny noses and decreasing sneezing.

It also rarely caused drowsiness, so surgeons didn't have to worry about nodding off in the middle of performing a hip replacement. Today I still rely on the original formula of Actifed®, available only "behind the counter," requiring a signature and identification.

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Nativity Scenes on Display at 40 State Capitols This Christmas Season

JOSEPH M. HANNEMAN

After a year of court battles over government-ordered church closures and ignored religious objections to CO-VID-19 vaccines, two Illinois groups say they have the perfect societal antidote—Nativity crèches celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ displayed inside 40 state capitol buildings from New Hampshire to Hawaii.

It's the ninth year of a partnership between the American Nativity Scene and the Thomas More Society, a religious-liberty law firm, that's focused on promoting and placing Nativity scenes in state capitols and in other public venues. The 40 state capitol sites are a 25 percent increase from last Christmas and nearly double the number from 2018.

"We're very excited about the possibility of getting to 40," Ed O'Malley, president of the American Nativity Scene in Prospect Heights, Illinois, told The Epoch Times. "It looks pretty good, but we're not there yet."

With funding from an angel donor, American Nativity Scene provides two-foot-high figures depicting the baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and an angel to private groups who wish to display a Nativity scene in the public square. The local groups provide a manger and straw, then work with staff at the government venues to obtain any needed permits.

Since 2013, the group has shipped more than 400 Nativity scenes for display at capitols and other sites. If local volunteers encounter any resistance, the Thomas More Society steps in, going to court when necessary, to secure the constitutionally protected right to religious speech.

"The ability to do this is a good response to what has happened in society the last couple years," O'Malley said. "It's not going to make a huge change, but I think it will make a change."

American Nativity Scene was founded in 2012 when O'Malley's father-in-law, James Finnegan, sought permission to place a Nativity scene at the city-owned North Park in Arlington Heights, a Chicago suburb. After some resistance by the city and its park district, the Thomas More Society intervened and secured the group's right to display the manger alongside other holiday displays.

Soon, the idea expanded to placing crèches in state capitols.

"One of the benefits is the people and their enthusiasm with it and their



A couple portrays Mary and Joseph during a live Nativity scene in front of the Supreme Court in Washington on Dec. 4, 2019.

excitement about the opportunity to do something to freely exercise our faith in the public square," said O'Malley, who assisted Finnegan and eventually took over leadership of American Nativity Scene.

"That alone I think is important for our country and our world that we can do that. Not every place in the world can let you do that, but here, that's the First Amendment, the free exercise of religious speech."

One of the new sites will be at the capitol building in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

American Nativity Scene approached volunteer Steven Melia, and he took up the challenge. He said a friend is building the stable; Melia put through the paperwork to secure a spot inside the Wyoming Capitol. Gov. Mark Gordon has been invited to the dedication, which will take place sometime between Dec. 17 and 22. Volunteers from the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Cheyenne are working on the project.

"So we're trying to get that in there,

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Ed O'Malley, president, American Nativity Scene

bring Christ back into the public square, so people don't forget about him. To me, that's really important," Melia told The Epoch Times.

Key Legal Battles

A crucial legal battle over Nativity displays on public grounds was fought in Chicago around Christmas in 1987. William Grutzmacher received verbal permission from a city building commission official to place a lifesize Nativity display on the Richard J. Daley Center Plaza in downtown Chicago from Dec. 20–27, 1987. That permission didn't last long once the 12-by-12-foot display was up.

"A few calls must have been made," Thomas Brejcha, president and chief counsel at the Thomas More Society in Chicago, told The Epoch Times. "They came down from the office of the commission with crowbars and attacked and dismantled his Nativity scene."

The figures of the Holy Family ended up in a dumpster before being rescued by volunteers. Seven of the 21 figures in the display were saved. Meanwhile, Thomas More Society attorneys went to federal court and secured a temporary restraining order from U.S. District Judge James B. Parsons.

"He put a stop to the destruction," Brejcha said.

Richard Daley, then Cook County state's attorney and later the longest-serving Chicago mayor, ripped the building commission for asking the Nativity group to post a \$100,000 cash bond, and for tearing down the display.

"This is a season that's celebrated by people from all walks of life," Daley said. "It is a time for religious displays. The plaza is a public place."

Grutzmacher's lawsuit against the Public Building Commission of Chicago stretched into November 1988. Judge Parsons issued a permanent injunction ordering the city to abstain from religious discrimination and provide use of Daley Plaza to all applicants "without discrimination and without regard to the content of their expression, religious or otherwise."

Parsons said the city's administration of the plaza "may never be properly performed by saying to any one type of user against the other, 'It is easier for us to administer the city's properties if no religionists come aboard. We would prefer not to have religionists of any type aboard our Daley Plaza.' What a revolting and ridiculous position to be taken here in the United States of America and presumably under the mandate of our Constitution."

Inspired by the annual Nativity display at Daley Plaza, the Thomas More Society helped get a Christmas crib placed in the Illinois Capitol in Springfield in 2008.

FDA Says It Now Needs 75 Years to Fully Release Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Data

ZACHARY STIEBER

The Food and Drug Administration is asking a judge to give it 75 years to produce data concerning the Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine, up 20 years from a previous request.

The FDA told the court it can work faster than its previously proposed 500-pages-per-month rate, but it also said there are more than 59,000 more pages than mentioned in an earlier filing.

That discovery, and a desire to make sure it can work on other Freedom of Information Act requests at the same time, prompted the fresh request to the judge to allow production of roughly 12,000 pages by Jan. 31, 2022, and 500 pages per month thereafter.

That timeline would take it until at least 2096, Aaron Siri, a lawyer working on the case, wrote in a blog post.

"If you find what you are reading difficult to believe—that is because it is dystopian for the government to give Pfizer billions, mandate Americans to

take its product, prohibit Americans from suing for harms, but yet refuse to let Americans see the data underlying its licensure," Siri said.

The case was brought on behalf of the Public Health and Medical Professionals for Transparency, which stated that the FDA wasn't complying with its request for data in a timely manner.

The group includes Dr. Carole Browner, a research professor at the University of California–Los Angeles's David Geffen School of Medicine; Peter Doshi, an associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, and Dr. Harvey Risch, a professor of epidemiology at the Yale School of Public Health.

The group says the data should be made public quickly because the FDA spent just 108 days reviewing it before granting emergency use authorization to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

The matter is more urgent because millions of Americans are being mandated to take the shot or face repercussions, such as a loss of access to busi-



Signage outside the Food and Drug Administration headquarters in White Oak, Md., on Aug. 29, 2020.

nesses and employment termination.
The Pfizer shot is the only one that

has been approved by drug regulators. Approvals mean products have met a higher threshold of safety and effectiveness than those given emergency clearance.

"The entire purpose of FOIA is government transparency. In mul-

tiple recent cases, in upholding the FOIA's requirement to 'make the records promptly available,' courts have required agencies, including the FDA, to produce 10,000 or more pages per month, and those cases did not involve a request nearly this important—i.e., the data underlying licensure of a liability-free product that the federal

government requires nearly all Americans to receive," Siri said.

"As the present pandemic rages on, independent review of these documents by outside scientists is urgently needed to assist with addressing the shortcomings and issues with the re-

sponse to the pandemic to date."

The FDA said its Center for Biologics
Evaluation and Research maintains
the records sought by the plaintiff
but only has 10 staff members, and
two of them are new, leaving them
slower in processing pages than the
other workers.

Each line of each page must be reviewed to ensure proper redactions are applied, the filing states.

Additionally, a faster rate than that requested would divert "significant resources away from the processing of other FOIA requests that are also in litigation," and requests that came in before the request in question, the agency stated. "In sum, FDA's proposed processing schedule is fair to plaintiff."

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Congressman Wants to End China's Buying Spree of US Farmland

FRANK FANG

China has been buying up agricultural land in the United States for years, a trend that a U.S. lawmaker said must end in order to safeguard the U.S. food supply chain.

For this reason, Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.) introduced an amendment to the House's fiscal year 2022 agriculture appropriations legislation (H.R.4356) in June. In a recent interview with NTD, the lawmaker explained what his amendment would do.

"China, frankly, is an adversary. We want to make sure that we control our food supply. I think it's a natural, important, national security issue," Newhouse said.

The amendment was adopted unanimously by the House Appropriations Committee on June 30. On July 29, the House approved the agriculture appropriations legislation as part of a package of seven 2022 spending measures (H.R.4502).

If enacted, the amendment would empower the secretary of agriculture to prohibit the purchase of agricultural land in the United States by companies owned by China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia, according to the language of the legislation. In China, there's no distinction between private businesses and state-owned compa-

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Rep. Dan Newhouse

nies, since the Chinese Communist Party can exercise control over private firms through Chinese law or through embedded Party cells.

The measure also would prohibit the four countries from taking part in programs administered by the secretary of agriculture.

Newhouse said the current language of his amendment has been changed. He had initially named only China, but not the three other nations.

"During the rules process, it was changed somewhat by the Democrats to include several other countries," he said. "But the fact remains that communist China is the threat. They're the ones that are buying up most of the assets of that list of nefarious countries that are not our friends. And that's where the focus should be."

Chinese firms have been buying U.S. agricultural land for the past decade. According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Chi-



A soybean plantation near Dwight, III., on April 23, 2020.

nese investors controlled 191,652 acres in the United States worth about \$1.86 million before the start of 2020, compared to 13,720 acres, worth \$81,425, as of the end of 2010.

Buying Companies

One of the deals involved China's meat processor WH Group, which purchased Virginia-based Smithfield Foods for \$4.7 billion in 2013. With the purchase, the Chinese company now owns the largest pork producer in the United States, as well as 146,000 acres of prime farmland.

Another deal involved two Chinese entrepreneurs who bought a 22,000-acre ranch in Utah in 2011 to grow alfalfa and export it to China.

China's agricultural investments haven't been limited to the United States. According to a 2018 USDA re-

port, China's direct overseas investments in agriculture, forestry, and fishing jumped to \$3.3 billion in 2016 from \$300 million in 2009. The report found that these overseas investments were closely aligned with the communist regime's policies, including the "Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

"Chinese officials have ambitious strategic plans for agricultural investments to reshape patterns of agricultural trade and increase China's influence in global markets," the report reads.

Beijing launched the BRI in 2013 to develop Beijing-centered land and maritime trade routes in an effort to boost the country's geopolitical influence.

Chinese overseas investments also include buying and investing in foreign agribusinesses. According to the report, WH Group acquired California-based pork processor Clougherty Packing and a meat and poultry processing company in Poland in 2017.

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Another Chinese firm, Brights Food, invested in seven foreign companies between 2010 and 2016, according to the report. These companies included a dairy firm in New Zealand, a yogurt company in Australia, a wine business in France, a cereal company in the UK, and an olive oil company in Italy.

Newhouse said he took "proactive" action with his amendment to address the challenge posed by Chinese investments before "the problem gets so big that we can't correct it."

"We see the trend," he said. "We see the number of acres and companies that have been purchased by the communist government of China. And we should stop it now."

DC Board of Elections Sued for Keeping Voter Data Secret

MATTHEW VADUM

A good-government group is suing the District of Columbia in federal court for refusing to allow the inspection of voter list maintenance records as required by federal law.

The D.C. Board of Elections claims it can't provide the voter list maintenance documents because of its contract with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a nonprofit that describes its mission as "assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens." ERIC was created in 2012 with assistance from The Pew Charitable Trusts, a left-wing philanthropy.

The board says its contract with ERIC prohibits the release of the data ERIC provides to member states.

The District of Columbia, along with 31 states, outsources the maintenance of its voter rolls to ERIC. ERIC regularly provides the district board with reports showing which registered voters are no longer eligible because they have died or relocated. The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 says that all records used to add or remove voters are public records, yet the board denied a group's request to inspect the reports ERIC provides to the board.

According to the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), which brought this lawsuit, ERIC has a history of inaccuracy in removing deceased and other ineligible registrants from voter rolls

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Voters cast their ballots during early voting at a polling place in Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 14, 2020.

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said PILF President J. Christian Adams, a former U.S. Justice Department civil rights attorney.

"Transparency in elections leads to trust in results and accountability for election officials. ERIC and its agreement with the District of Columbia is standing in the way of transparency and violating federal law."

ERIC also has critics on the politi-

Liberal journalist Greg Palast has likened ERIC to Jim Crow, a set of post-Civil War state and local statutes that legalized racial segregation. Barbara Arnwine, former executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, reportedly said, "ERIC should be called ERROR because it's that erroneous and that full of flaws."

The lawsuit, PILF v. Evans, was filed on Dec. 6 with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Monica Evans is being sued in her official capacity as executive director of the D.C. Board of Elections.

Indianapolis-based PILF describes itself as "the nation's only public interest law firm dedicated wholly to election integrity," saying that it exists "to assist states and others to aid

the cause of election integrity and fight against lawlessness in American elections."

PILF states in its legal complaint that the District of Columbia's relationship with ERIC can't be used by election officials to escape the district's obligation under federal law to conduct election administration in a transparent matter. This obligation, PILF argues, is all the more important considering ERIC's incompetence in removing deceased and other ineligible registrants from voter rolls.

PILF states in the complaint that in 2016 the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor "examined the voter registration policies and practices of the [Board of Elections] and the [Voter Registration Agencies] to determine whether they comply with relevant federal and District voter registration requirements and whether they reflect best practices in election administration nationwide."

The auditor determined that the board of elections "lacked effective policies and procedures as well as monitoring and enforcement to ensure the removal of deceased voter records, duplicate voter records, and correct voter records with inaccurate birth years from the District's voter file, as required."

The Epoch Times reached out to the D.C. Board of Elections. Nick Jacobs, the board's public information officer, replied by email, "We don't comment on pending litigation."

The Epoch Times also sought comment from the Electronic Registration Information Center but didn't receive a reply as of press time.

Senate Blocks Biden's Vaccine Mandate for Private Businesses

ISABEL VAN BRUGEN

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday narrowly voted to block President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the private sector.

In a 52-48 vote, mainly along party lines, the Senate voted to pass a resolution of disapproval of the rule submitted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which is overseen by the Department of Labor.

All 50 Republicans in the upper chamber joined with Sen. Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) to challenge the measure under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), which allows Congress to review and, if necessary, overturn new regulations put into place by federal offices such as OSHA.

Two Democrats, Sens. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia and Jon Tester of Montana, joined the Republicans in voting to overturn the vaccine mandate.

Addressing the Senate floor ahead of the vote, Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.) laid out his reasoning for voting against the vaccine mandate.

"Biden's vaccine mandate—like so many other of the left's policies—is about power, controlling more aspects of Americans' lives, & in so doing, eroding Americans' personal autonomy," Hagerty said.

It comes after a U.S. appeals court on Nov. 12 rejected a challenge by the Biden administration and reaffirmed its decision to put on hold OSHA sweeping vaccine mandate, which required that businesses with 100 employees or more ensure that workers either be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Jan. 4, 2022, or be tested weekly and wear a mask.

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans stated in an opinion last month that OSHA's mandate is "staggeringly overbroad" and ordered it to "take no steps to implement or enforce the mandate until further court order."

The court had previously issued a temporary halt to the mandate on Nov. 6, pending litigation.

The mandate was introduced in September by Biden, who told the nation that "our patience is wearing thin" with the millions of Americans who have chosen to not get a vaccine against the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus.

To enact the mandates, Biden asked OSHA to declare an emergency temporary standard. In the past, such standards have been used to guard employees against dangerous chemicals or other similar toxins.

OSHA said in a statement to The Epoch Times at the time that the emergency temporary standard would "ensure [that a firm's] workforce is fully vaccinated or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work."

In total, Biden's mandate would extend to roughly 100 million Americans—nearly a third of all U.S. citizens.

In the federal appeal court's decision on Nov. 12, it stated that the Biden administration's vaccine mandate "raises serious constitutional concerns" and "likely exceeds the federal government's authority."

OSHA shortly later announced a decision to suspend its implementation and enforcement of the mandate.

Under the CRA procedure, if a rule is overturned, federal administrations are forbidden from issuing the same or a substantially similar rule.

The White House has continued to push the rhetoric that unvaccinated Americans are to blame for slowing down the nation's economic recovery.

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request by The Epoch Times for comment. However, Biden administration officials have said that the president would veto such a resolution should it reach his desk.

Joseph Lord contributed to this report.

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