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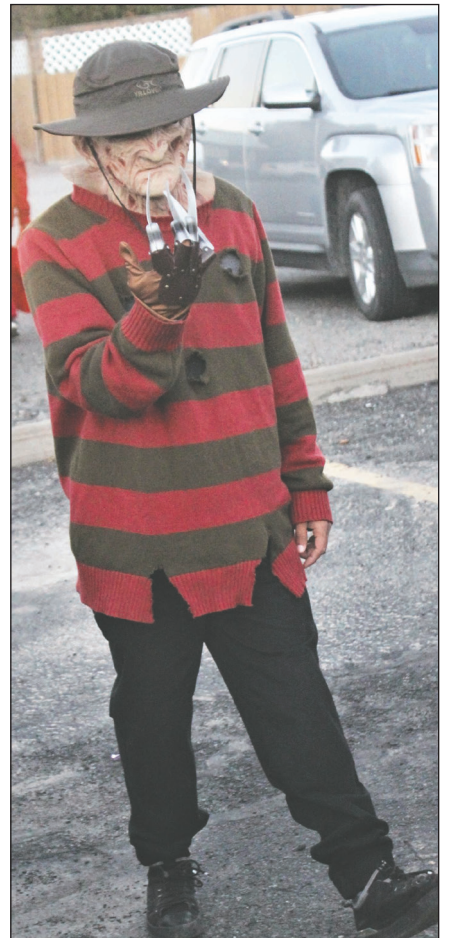
Trick or treaters by the trunk load turn out at Bridgeport Trunk or Treat



This clown didn't join the circus, he escaped from it.



Lupe and little witch Alexandra (Soco) Lopez cozy up with a severely malnourished friend.



A frustrated Freddy Krueger beckons victims – er, trick or treaters – to come just a little bit closer...

By MIKE MALTAIS
 STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – If success is measured by numbers, last Friday's Trunk or

Treat held in the Bridgeport Elementary School parking lot rolled out a real winner.

Youngsters in groups and others with parents in tow turned out in scores to see

what surprises awaited them at the more than a dozen vehicles with their

decorated trunks.

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Zipty Fiber moves forward

City seeks feedback to make west end of Indian Avenue one way

By MIKE MALTAIS
 STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Public works director Lee Webster requested member feedback at the Oct. 21 Brewster City Council GoTo Meeting in response to citizen complaints he has received about speeding traffic issues on the west end of Indian Avenue where it meets SR97.

Webster said the decision over making the west end of Indian a one-way street ultimately rests with the county “because they control three-quarters of that west end of Indian Avenue.”

Webster said that drivers reaching speeds of 45-50 miles per hour exiting off SR97 onto Indian Avenue have raised serious concerns about potential vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

“Apparently we had a bunch of near misses when apple picking was going on,” Webster said.

Zipty Fiber

Webster said he has received three additional right-of-way excavation permits from Zipty Fiber.

“They are moving very, very quickly on providing fiber within the city limits of Brewster and beyond,” said Webster. “They are going to be starting in November.”

He credited the city's successful arrangement with the Northwest-focused fiber optic service provider “primarily due to getting hold of that fiber bone and not letting go.”

Webster said Zipty recognized that Brewster is serious about its fiber future by pursuing grants toward that end and chose it as only one of two cities in Okanogan County where they are installing their initial high-speed fiber network.

Zipty is in the process of acquiring Frontier Communications and its four-state Northwest coverage area.

“We're building fiber over the next three years,” said Zipty CEO Harold Zeitz in an interview with The Quad last May. “We are investing about half a billion dollars to build fiber to about 85 percent of the locations in our footprint.”

Brewster's proactive vision has the city on the ground floor of that project.

\$10 million over five years

Design team visits Brewster for NCW Libraries revitalization project

By MIKE MALTAIS
 STAFF WRITER

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.

Earlier this year while the library, along with most other facilities, was closed in compliance with COVID-19 pandemic mandates the city took that opportunity to give its library a facelift. The work included a new roof, paint, floor, and drapes. City maintenance had been dealing with a structural problem in the library's floor that required frequent carpet cleaning and the roof needed attention as well. City clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz calculated that city money would be better invested in a new



Courtesy Misty Ruiz/City of Brewster

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.

floor rather than continuous cleaning bills. The city council voted to roll the library and fire station roof repair in with

roofing for city hall.

That was last spring. When NCW Libraries unveiled its plans last month the Brewster

branch was already ahead of the curve. With new librarian Daniel Blanchard who came on board last May, the newly renovated Brewster branch was ready to serve as the model for the makeover campaign.

In a media release last month from Public Relations Specialist Michelle McNeil (see the Oct. 13 Quad, page A2) NCW Libraries announced that funding for the \$10 million project comes from a reserve set aside by NCW's Board of Trustees. The revitalization campaign will unfold over the next three to five years and will involve all but the Wenatchee Public Library that recently underwent an extensive remodel and the Winthrop Library currently under construction thanks to Friends of the Winthrop Library (FOWL).

“NCW Libraries has worked closely (with FOWL) to apply their portion of the fund to furniture, fixtures, and other allowable costs,” McNeil said. Margaret Sullivan Studio

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With the COVID-19 restrictions relaxed, take time to visit our local businesses for Shopping, Dining and Events

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OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT

Douglas County Sheriff

October 22
 Parking/Abandon at Buyas Dr., Orondo.
 Fraud/Forgery at the 700 block of Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.
 Trespassing at the 2300 block of Rd. A N.W., Mansfield.
 Juvenile Problem at the 700 block of Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.
 Civil at the 300 block of E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield.

October 23
 Trespassing at the 500 block of SR 173, Bridgeport.
 Vehicle Theft at McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 1, Orondo.
 Missing Person at the 6th block of N. Douglas Creek Rd., Waterville.
 Extra Patrol at the 200 block of 5th St., Bridgeport.
 Assist Public at the 1100 block of Columbia Ave., Bridgeport.

October 24
 Juvenile Problem at the 1800 block of Raymond Ave., Bridgeport.
 911 Call at the 100 block of E. 2nd Ave., Mansfield.

October 25
 Alarm at E. Rocky Road Dr., Orondo.
 Animal Problem at the 400 block of Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.
 Warrant at the 400 block of Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.
 Harassment/Threat at the 100 block of Orondo School Rd. Orondo.
 Parking/Abandon at the 1100 block of Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.
 Harassment/Threat at the 5th

block of Griggs Ln., Orondo.
 Suicide Threat at 4th Skeels Rd., Orondo.
 Harassment/Threat at the 900 block of Foster Ave., Bridgeport.

October 26
 CPS Referral at the 1300 block of Douglas Ave., Bridgeport.
 Burglary at the 3rd block of Stafford Rd., Orondo.
 Welfare Check at the 700 block of E. Locust St., Waterville.
 Trespassing at Rd 13 N.W. & Rd. F N.W., Mansfield.
 Harassment/Threat at the 5th block of Griggs Ln., Orondo.
 Malicious Mischief at the 800 block of Jefferson Ave., Bridgeport.
 Welfare Check at the 300 block of 13th St., Bridgeport.

October 27
 Animal Problem at the 400 block of Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.

October 28
 Domestic Disturbance at the 6th block of Orondo Loop Rd., Orondo.
 Stab/Gunshot at Douglas Ave. & 15th St., Bridgeport.
 Burglary at Cedar Ave., Bridgeport.
 Non-Injury Accident at McNeil Canyon Rd. MP 6, Orondo.
 Unknown Accident at US Hwy. 2 MP 170, Waterville.
 Noise at the 300 block of 20th St., Bridgeport.

Brewster Police Department

October 22
 Assault at E. Main Ave. & N. Bridge St.

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Thought to be long extinct from over-indulgence of sweets, a rare T-Rex sighting never fails to thrill paleontologists.



Halloween brings out the real jokers.



Decorated trunks of every description lined the parking lot and attracted munchkins like moths to a flame.

TRUNK OR TREAT

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Bridgeport and Pateros schools both held Trunk or Treat events on Friday, Oct. 29. Mansfield held its version at the district fire station on Saturday, Oct. 30. Brewster combined Trunk or Treat with a costume contest and Trick or Treat on Main Street on Sunday, Oct. 31. Pateros held its city Trunk or Treat on Sunday as well.



Even with engine lights flashing Bridgeport Fire volunteers appeared to be a trifle under dressed for the occasion.



Trick or treaters by the trunk load turned out for last Friday's Trunk or Treat held in the Bridgeport Elementary School parking lot.

LIBRARIES

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specializes "on civic and cultural institutions, programming and designing the li-

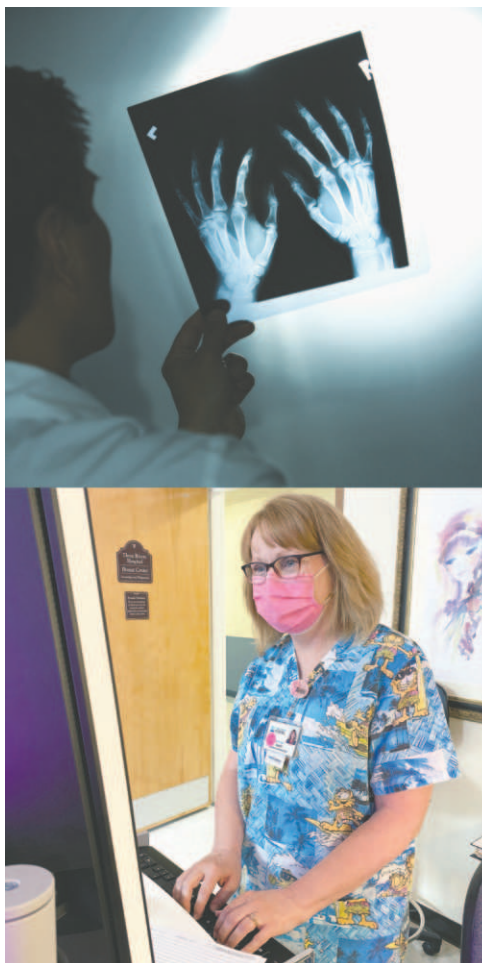
brary of the 21st Century," according to its Facebook website. That focus fits well

with NCW's vision of what it wants out of the makeover.

"This project is an unprecedented opportunity for NCW Libraries to partner with its branch communities to redesign their libraries to bring them up to 21st Century standards and more importantly, to reflect the communities they serve," said Library Trustee Denise Sorom. "Spaces will be inviting and highly flexible in order to accommodate a wide range of programs. This will drive up visitation and opportunities for engaging with community partners. Libraries will be able to act as community gathering places, centers for creativity and learning in addition to offering the same wide range of services patrons have enjoyed for years."

Trustee Jill Sheley echoed Sorom's view.

"This funding allows our libraries to create spaces that will uniquely fit the needs of each of our branch locations," said Sheley. "Instead of a one-size-fits-all approach, each library can design and build what its own patrons value, ensuring that each library reflects the character of where it lives."



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Nightmare on Beach Street

Pateros High School celebrates Homecoming, hosts Oroville Hornets



Pateros cheerleaders hold a halftime banner that the Billygoats will break through to start the second half.



The Billygoats varsity football team breaks through a Homecoming banner to start the second half of their final home game against Oroville.



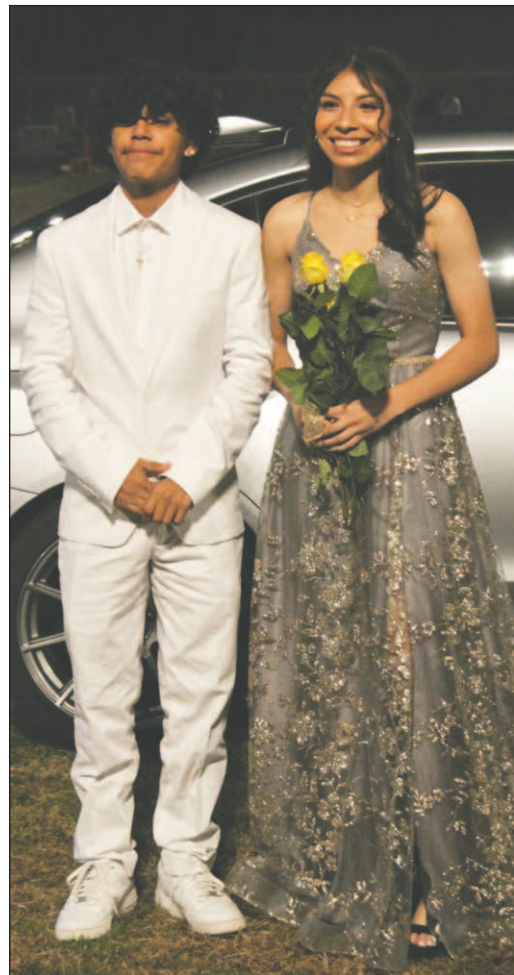
Homecoming seniors Queen Sage Scott and King Hoscar Ambriz.



Junior royalty Karina Mota, standing in for Christopher Poore, and Jasmine Contreras



Sophomore royalty Alex Sanchez and Janette Hernandez



Freshmen royalty Aldo Caballero and Giselle Cenicerros



Miss Soccer - Naili Hernandez, Mr. Football - Jose Martinez, and Miss Volleyball - Vanessa Cenicerros

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – The sting of a 40-0 halftime deficit against visiting Oroville that the Billygoats varsity football team took into the locker room last Friday, Oct. 29, was lessened a little by the Homecoming festivities that followed on the football field. Culminating a week of theme days on campus including Wouldn't Be Caught Dead

In...Day, Time Warp Day, Bring Anything But Your Backpack Day, Purple and Gold Day, and Halloween Day, Homecoming 2021 unfolded under the designation "Nightmare on Beach Street." Last Friday's football game was preceded by Trunk or Treat on the school's lower parking lot. It has been a tough year on the gridiron for the winless Billygoats who ended up on the short end of a 56-0 final score.

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The power and flexibility of a Donor Advised Fund

By TYLER MICKEY, CPA, MST SENIOR TAX MANAGER, MOSS ADAMS LLP



Tyler Mickey

I have been working with clients for over 25 years and I have found that Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) like those managed by the Community Foundation of NCW offer some of the best opportunities for not only substantial tax savings but also the ability to carry out your charitable intentions.

Some time ago, I was talking with a client who had worked at a publicly traded technology company for many years. The appreciation in some of the stock he held was about 100%. On the verge of retirement, we discussed his future goals as well as estate planning and charitable giving. The client said that he and his wife gave consistently every year, about \$15,000 to their favorite organizations, and did not see this changing. These gifts had always been in cash. Since he did not have a mortgage and they were capped at \$10,000 for deducting state and local taxes, he was receiving very little benefit from their annual charitable giving since his total itemized deductions were around the standard deduction for a married couple (\$25,100 for 2021).

I suggested an alternative for leveraging his highly ap-

preciated stock. Instead of giving his cash to charity, why not give multiple years' worth of highly appreciated stock to a DAF? Since he had held the company stock for more than a year, a gift to a qualified charitable organization would result in a tax deduction of the fair market value of the stock. By gifting the stock, he could avoid the long-term capital gains tax at 20% as well as the Net Investment Income Tax at 3.8%. In addition, his charitable contribution could offset his ordinary income which was currently being taxed at 37%. The potential tax benefit was therefore 61.9% on his \$100,000 gift. While this example is extreme, given the client's tax brackets and stock appreciation, it highlights the power of giving appreciated assets to charity. Further, by

using the DAF specifically as his charitable vehicle, he can continue his regular annual giving to his favorite charities every year.

Another client of mine left a substantial amount in his will to a specific charity in which he was very involved throughout his life. After his passing, the charity headed in a new direction which the donor's family felt was not in line with his intentions. However, there was nothing that could be done because that specific bequest was made in his will. Had he instead established a DAF with his family as the advisors, the family would have had more latitude in advising as to which organizations the client's generous donations went. This option might have allowed them to pause gifting to a specific organization or redirected to other causes that were important to the him. A charitable bequest at death to a DAF with family or friends listed as advisors allows the donor to better support his or her passions long past their lifetime.

Using the Community Foundation of NCW's DAF gives you the opportunity to maximize the benefits of charitable giving. I encourage you to consult with your professional advisor (CPA, lawyer, or financial planner) in supporting the causes you care about most.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Howard Anderson

Douglas Howard Anderson, born Dec. 9, 1954 in Devil's Lake, North Dakota to Dorothy Mae and Victor Helmer Anderson, was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Doug moved to Brewster 1978 where he served the area as a pharmacist and community member. He enjoyed the outdoors and living the simple life in the Methow

Valley with his family and friends.

Douglas was laid to rest October 25, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Janette, daughter Sherrie, son Rodger, daughter Ivy and grandson Aiden.

He was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



DEATH NOTICES

Richard (Rick) Hendrick

Day of service corrected/time added
Richard (Rick) Hendrick, 78, of Brewster, passed away on Dec. 6, 2020. A Celebration of his Life is planned for Friday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. to be held outdoors at the Department of Wildlife office at 54 Moe Road on Bridgeport Bar.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Brewster Grange Holiday Bazaar canceled

BREWSTER - The Brewster Grange will not be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar this year. Look for them in 2022.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery

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

Nov. 4-5-6

Senior Center Thrift Store

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. New items added weekly.

Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Dec. 2-3

A Matter of Balance in-person workshop

NCW - This is a free workshop starting November. 4 and 5, 11 and 12, 18 and 19, December 2 and 3, (8 sessions total). The times are 10 a.m.-12:00 and location is TBD. Interested people can call or email to register

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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.

Nov. 8, 22

Okanogan County PUD meeting

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Nov. 8 and 22, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

Nov. 8, 22

Douglas County PUD meeting

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Nov. 8 and 22, 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

Nov. 10

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m. at Brewster Middle School. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information brewsterwchamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk at 509-449-0605

Nov. 12, 19

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Nov. 12. 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, Nov. 19, 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.

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- October 23**
Agency Assist at SR 173 Hwy.
- October 24**
Burglary Alarm at W. Main Ave. Possible Fire at Hwy. 173 & Crane Orchard RD.
- October 25**
No Report.
- October 26**

- Traffic Stop at W. Main Ave. & N. 7th St.
- Agency Assist at Jefferson Ave.
- October 27**
Suspicious Activity at W. Griggs Ave.
- October 28**
Theft S. 3rd St.
- Okanogan County Sheriff**
- October 22**
Unsecure Premise at Rodeo

- Trial.
- Intoxication at N. 2nd Ave.
- Structure Fire at Green Lake Rd.
- Suspicious Activity at Green Rd.
- Civil at Miller Rd. & Robinson Canyon Rd.
- Missing Person at Bentham Rd.
- Fraud at East Parkway St.
- Civil at S. 2nd Ave.
- Missing Person at Okanogan.
- Suspicious Activity at S. 7th Ave.
- October 23**
Sex Offense at Old Hwy. 97.
- Animal Abuse at Gordon St.

- Violate Order at West River Rd.
- Assault at Sinlahekin Rd.
- Burglary at Omak Ave.
- Vicious Animal at Greenacres Rd. & Bide-A-Wee Rd.
- October 24**
Theft at Golden Lane Rd.
- Suspicious Activity at S. 2nd Ave.
- Civil at S. 4th Ave.
- Alarm at N. 2nd Ave.
- October 25**
Agency Assist at Riverside Dr.
- Agency Assist at W. Bartlett Ave.

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DeSantis Sues Biden Administration Over COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

NANETTE HOLT

LAKELAND, Fla.—Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced that Florida is suing President Joe Biden, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, and others over mandates requiring employees of federal contractors to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 28 in a U.S. District Court, names as defendants Biden, Nelson, six other officials, and five federal agencies.

In the complaint, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody seeks an injunction to block the federal government from mandating that its contractors require all workers to be vaccinated by Dec. 8.

“We have a responsibility to stand up to those requiring vaccine mandates, or new mandates will just keep coming,” said DeSantis, a Republican.

“We’ve gone from 15 days to slow the spread, to three jabs to keep your job. Are you kidding me?”

While DeSantis was making the announcement on Oct. 28, space workers 100 miles to the east on the Atlantic coast were wrapping up an anti-mandate protest that had begun well before sunrise.

About 700 workers representing five unions gathered outside the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, waving American flags and holding signs. The employees have been told if they don’t have proof of vaccination when they show up for work on Dec. 1, their access to the base will be denied.

And that’s exactly what the lawsuit is designed to stop, DeSantis said at a news conference at the Florida Air Museum.

“We’ve been clear in the State of Florida that we want people to be able to work and provide for their families,” he said.

“In Florida, you have an opportunity to earn a living, and it should not depend on these shots.”



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis departs after signing Senate Bill 7072 into law at Florida International University in Miami on May 24, 2021.

By requiring vaccinations of all employees of businesses providing services to the federal government, the Biden administration has created “heavy-handed mandates hanging over people’s heads.”

People have a wide variety of reasons, DeSantis said, for not wanting vaccines—religious objections, health conditions that make vaccines risky, or natural immunity following a recovery from COVID-19.

Many worked throughout the pandemic and now are being “kicked to the curb,” he said. “That’s just wrong.”

The Governor’s Office says new data show that Florida has the lowest per capita infection rate for COVID-19 in the continental United States.

And when a new federal report was released showing 194,000 jobs

had been created across the nation in September, 84,500 of those jobs were in Florida.

DeSantis said requiring vaccinations would deal a serious blow to an already faltering economy if workers walk off jobs or are fired. And it will cause the supply-chain crisis to worsen as more Americans leave the workforce, he said.

He said that many institutions, including health care providers, will have a difficult time functioning if they lose workers to vaccine mandates.

Matthew Dawley, a 38-year-old Air Force veteran, has worked for 16 years as an EMT and firefighter for a contractor that provides those services for Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

“I love my job,” he said. “It’s the best job I’ve ever had.”

But employees there have been told that, because the space center is a federal facility, they must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If not, the identification cards that allow them to enter to do their jobs for Space Force will be deactivated.

Dawley is not willing to get the vaccine because he believes he should have a right to choose what to put in his body. The idea that his government could compel him to take the vaccine, or any medical treatment, terrifies and enrages him.

But if he loses his job, “we’ll be broke,” says the married father of two. “We’re a single-income family.”

Pressure on the federal government will increase when vaccinated workers walk off the job with their unvaccinated colleagues at Cape Canaveral. That’s the plan for many, he says.

“If 900 people don’t show up for

work, you can’t launch a rocket, so good luck,” he says. “They’re going to have an inoperable space center.”

Every worker there “plays an essential role in accomplishing our day-to-day mission,” said Heather Scott, spokeswoman for Space Launch Delta 45.

That’s the new name for the military’s 45th Space Wing, overseeing Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

The installations are “committed to continuing to deliver assured access to space for the warfighter and our nation.”

Why would the vaccinated quit too? “Most of us are veterans, and we’ve seen things like this imposed in other countries,” Dawley said. “We’re not having it. If you want to take away our rights and freedoms, we’re going to take away your ability to operate your space center.”

When he was hired, there were no health requirements other than passing an annual physical, he says. Now the rules have changed.

That’s another huge problem with a requirement for federal contractors to have vaccinated workers, DeSantis said. It’s not fair to change the rules after businesses have bid on and won government contracts.

DeSantis said he expects more litigation to follow his lawsuit.

The governor will soon announce the dates for a special session of the Florida Legislature, the main goal of which, he said, will be to “make sure people can keep their jobs.”

He said he hopes his fight to keep people from losing their livelihoods “based on their decision about an injection” will ultimately help people around the country.

He didn’t say how many Floridians may be facing job loss due to the federal mandates.

“There will be a lot of people in the crosshairs,” he said.

NIH Removes Language on ‘Gain-of-Function’ From Website Amid Criticism Over Funding Chinese Research

Collins and Fauci are under heightened scrutiny for their funding of research in China.

ZACHARY STIEBER

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) altered a key portion of its website last week around the time it disclosed to Congress that experiments it funded in China met the definition of gain-of-function.

The federal agency had a detailed explanation of gain-of-function research on its site, noting that the term refers to any research “that modifies a biological agent so that it confers new or enhanced activity to that agent.”

But the explanation was wiped between Oct. 19 and Oct. 21—possibly ahead of the NIH’s most recent disclosures on Oct. 20 about research it funded in China that increased the potency of a virus by modifying it.

The updated page now says, in its only reference to that type of research, that research involving enhanced potential pandemic pathogens (ePPPs) “is a type of so-called ‘gain-of-function’ (GOF) research.” It claims that “the vast majority of GOF research does not involve ePPP and falls outside the scope of oversight required for research involving ePPPs.”

Oversight involving research on ePPPs is governed by a framework



NIH Director Fr. Francis Collins testifies during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on May 26, 2021.

issued by the U.S. government in late 2017, on the same day the NIH lifted its yearslong funding pause on most gain-of-function research.

There’s no definition of gain-of-function inside the framework. The only mention of it refers people to a list of examples of activities that would and would not be considered to involve ePPPs. That list was last available in May 2017, according to an Epoch Times review.

An NIH spokeswoman confirmed that the webpage, a “backgrounder” on the framework, was altered last week, around the same time the disclosures were made.

The information concerning gain-of-function “was being misused/used incorrectly (and still is) and creating confusion (and still is),” the spokeswoman told The Epoch Times in an email.

“The backgrounder was updated to

provide clarity on the scope of the framework,” she said.

The NIH Office of Communications and Public Liaison made the decision to alter the page, according to the spokeswoman. She noted that a separate page still gives details on gain-of-function research, but it doesn’t contain nearly as much information about what exactly the type of research is as the other page did.

The Epoch Times has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for all communications and other internal NIH documents concerning the alteration.

The agency’s outgoing director, Dr. Francis Collins, and one of its top officials, Dr. Anthony Fauci, are under heightened scrutiny for their funding of research in China during and after a pause in funding of most gain-of-function research.

The new disclosures, some experts say, showed the funding did go toward what Collins and Fauci told members of Congress in Washington during public hearings earlier this year.

While Collins and Fauci are standing by their statements, Fauci shifted his defense on Oct. 24, saying the experiments didn’t meet the definition of “gain-of-function research of concern”—after earlier claiming they were not gain-of-function at all.

Meiling Lee contributed to this report.

‘Ample Scientific Data’: Rep. Harshbarger Introduces ‘Natural Immunity Is Real Act’

ZACHARY STIEBER

There is plenty of evidence that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have natural protection against reinfection, Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-Tenn.) said.

“There’s ample scientific studies that show that natural immunity is absolutely one of the best things you could have—and some studies even show that it’s more effective [than vaccination],” Harshbarger said during a recent appearance on NTD’s “Capitol Report.”

Natural immunity refers to post-recovery antibodies that shield an individual against reinfection by the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus, which causes COVID-19.

Multiple studies have indicated that natural immunity among past COVID-19 patients is strong and similar or superior to the protection gained from COVID-19 vaccines. Some experts have pushed for federal health officials to take natural immunity into account when issuing recommendations and rules. But federal authorities currently recommend that virtually everybody be vaccinated, including those who have recovered, arguing that the strong protection gets even better when those people get the shot.

Harshbarger says a number of Americans have objections to getting the vaccine, while point-

ing out that natural immunity to other diseases is accepted as an alternative.

She and 10 other members of the House of Representatives late last week introduced the “Natural Immunity Is Real Act,” a companion to a Senate bill from Sens. Mike Lee (R-Utah), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska).

It would require federal agencies to “acknowledge, accept, and agree to truthfully present, natural immunity pertaining to COVID-19 pursuant to promulgating certain regulations.”

The lawmakers are presenting the proposal as President Joe Biden’s administration works to finalize a regulation that would force private companies with over 100 employees to mandate presenting proof of COVID-19 vaccination or have staff members be tested weekly for the disease. There is no opt-out for natural immunity.

Other mandates are already in place on the federal, state, and local levels that have led to some Americans losing their jobs.

The other co-sponsors are Reps. Jeff Van Drew (R-N.J.), Chris Stewart (R-Utah), Bill Posey (R-Fla.), Mary Miller (R-Ind.), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Dan Bishop (R-N.C.), Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.), and Chip Roy (R-Texas).

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Border Sheriff Says State Threatened to Pull Resources If He Didn't Stop Militia

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BRACKETTVILLE, Texas—Days after a militia made its presence known in a rural Texas town, the county sheriff said he received a call from a Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) official who threatened to pull all its resources from the county.

Kinney County Sheriff Brad Coe said that during the call, the official said they “didn’t know who these people were” who were wanting to come help on the border.

“He basically said, ‘I’ll pull all my resources out,’” Coe said.

Coe said he understood the call to mean that all state troopers assigned to the county would be relocated, and other resources including jail space could be made unavailable to Kinney County if militia personnel were operating in the county, even on private ranches.

“I said, ‘They’re not working for me. They’re not deputized. They’re just here on their own accord. And they have that right to be here,’” Coe told The Epoch Times.

Sam Hall, leader of the militia Patriots for America, said the group planned to operate as a deterrent in areas of high traffic.

“As a militia, we can’t detain or arrest people. We can disrupt and frustrate until the county or DPS can get there,” Hall told The Epoch Times.

Border Patrol agents recorded almost 4,000 illegal aliens who evaded capture in the Del Rio Sector in the seven days from Oct. 18, according to provisional Customs and Border Protection numbers provided to The Epoch Times. Most have to pass through Kinney County to get from the border cities of Del Rio and Eagle Pass to San Antonio.

“What we’ve seen is an invasion of this county,” Hall said during a county commissioner’s meeting on Oct. 18. “What we’ve seen is residents that are scared to death right now, and they don’t feel like they have support from the state.”

Coe said he had spoken to Hall and requested to know where they’d be operating, for safety purposes. The sheriff said he understood the concerns DPS might have of a “friendly fire” incident if they don’t know where people are working.

DPS has had a significant impact in Kinney County since the governor’s Operation Lone Star border enforcement effort began in March, especially with the extra state troopers on the roads arresting human smugglers and on the ranches apprehending illegal aliens for trespassing.

DPS didn’t respond to requests for



A Border Patrol agent picks up four illegal aliens after Kinney County sheriff’s deputies arrested a U.S. citizen smuggler who was transporting them to San Antonio, in Kinney County, Texas, on Oct. 20, 2021.

comment.

Possible Kidnapping Charge

It’s not the first time DPS has threatened to pull back.

Rancher Cole Hill figured he was being proactive when he invited four men onto his ranch to help guard the property against trespassers one night in September. He was fed up with the constant illegal alien traffic, damage to his property, and slow (or no) response from overwhelmed law enforcement agencies.

The men ended up detaining a group of seven illegal alien men for DPS to subsequently pick up and charge with trespassing.

The next day, Hill told The Epoch Times, he received a phone call from DPS.

“Almost verbatim it was, ‘Look, you can’t do that. That’s not even legal what you guys did. That’s technically kidnapping. You cannot do anything to impede the travel of any other human being. And if you do so, if you try to detain somebody against their will, that is kidnapping, and you can be charged with kidnap for that,’” he said.

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Sam Hall, leader, Patriots for America

Hill said the DPS officer told him that they will no longer come to his ranch to pick up detained illegal aliens because it would reflect badly on the agency to transport illegal aliens that had been “technically kidnapped.”

Hill’s ranch sits about 35 miles from the U.S.–Mexico border on a main thoroughfare for illegal immigrants who have evaded Border Patrol and are traversing his land on foot to skirt a highway checkpoint. The usual plan is to then be picked up by a smuggler who will drive them to a big city, often San Antonio.

Hill said he’s dealt with illegal aliens traversing his land for years, but only about 25 people a year, on average;

sometimes months would go by with no activity.

Until January.

Since then, he’s had men in full camouflage clothing on his front porch; a group surrounding his house, banging on the walls and peering in the windows; his ranch worker house broken into; and his truck ignition destroyed during a theft attempt.

The damage to his property is also increasing. In the past few months, he’s had his perimeter fence cut seven times, most of the time from top to bottom, and in three cases, an entire section was pulled out.

“Sure, there’s probably some good apples in there as well. But I don’t think the good apples are 35 miles off the river trying to evade every law enforcement they can as aggressively as they are,” Hill said.

He said he’s lost count of the number of confrontations he’s had with groups of five or six men while working alone on his ranch. The idea of having a group of men out on security one night seemed appealing.

“All they were doing was giving me a better night’s sleep,” he said.

He was shocked to get the call from

DPS.

Kinney County Attorney Brent Smith said ranchers have been detaining illegal aliens for years for Border Patrol and the sheriff’s office to pick up.

“No one’s ever brought this issue up until now with DPS,” Smith told The Epoch Times.

“Any citizen can arrest someone, or detain them, for breach of peace or a felony committed in their presence. And trespassing has been found to be a breach of peace before.”

Smith said that most of the time when a group of illegal aliens is walking through a ranch, one of them is the guide, or coyote, which constitutes a felony.

“So one of those guys is committing a felony. Can you detain all 10 of them until you find out who that one is? How do you know which one the guide is unless you detain them?” he said.

DPS didn’t respond to multiple requests for comment by The Epoch Times about this incident and about whether the agency has warned other ranchers in Texas that they could be charged with kidnapping.

5 Percent of Unvaccinated Workers Have Left Jobs Over Vaccine Mandates: Survey

TOM OZIMEK

Five percent of unvaccinated workers have left their jobs over workplace vaccine mandates, while 37 percent say they plan to do so if their employers impose such requirements, according to a new poll, which provides an early indication of labor market impacts of mandates.

The survey, carried out by the Kaiser Family Foundation on a nationwide representative sample of 1,519 adults and published on Oct. 28, showed that 1 in 4 workers said their employer has required them to get the COVID-19 vaccine—up 16 percentage points from June. And while 25 percent of all adults polled said they know someone who has left their job due to a vaccine mandate, 5 percent of unvaccinated workers—or 1 percent of

all adults—have done so themselves.

At the same time, around 50 percent of workers said they’re against their employer imposing a vaccine requirement and 37 percent of unvaccinated workers—5 percent of adults overall—said they would leave their job if a vaccine mandate were imposed even if it included a weekly testing opt-out. That proportion rose to 70 percent of unvaccinated workers (9 percent of all adults) in the absence of a testing option.

Meanwhile, 60 percent of unvaccinated workers (8 percent of all adults) said they would seek an exemption if their employer imposed a COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

While the question remains hypothetical for the 75 percent of workers whose employers haven’t imposed a vaccine mandate, the findings of the

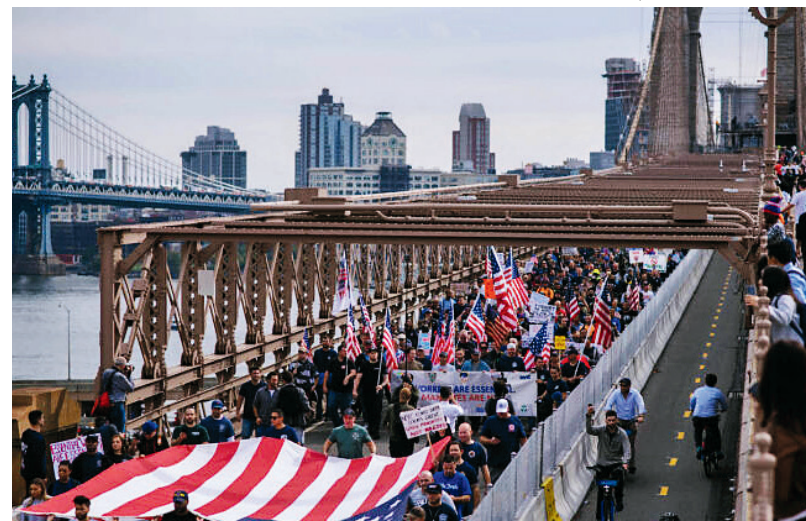
survey are an early gauge of the impact of requirements on the labor market.

In September, President Joe Biden announced a vaccine mandate with a weekly testing option for businesses with 100 or more employees. It’s estimated that the mandate, which remains under review, would cover about two-thirds of the private-sector workforce.

A number of business groups have asked Biden to rescind the rule or postpone it until the end of the busy Christmas shopping season, citing concerns that the mandate might prompt workers to quit, exacerbating the labor shortage and worsening the supply chain crunch.

Neither OSHA nor the White House has provided a firm timeline on when the emergency rule on private businesses would go into effect.

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Municipal workers march across Brooklyn Bridge during a protest against the COVID-19 vaccine mandate, in New York, on Oct. 25, 2021.

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Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Director of Quality to manage our quality program, including risk and compliance.



Patient Registration Representative Part-time/Weekends

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Patient Registration Rep. Collects required patient information and enters into computer database for in-patient & out-patient services.

For Sale

Antiques & Collectibles

Get cold hard CASH for your Antiques and Collectibles by placing them in our classifieds.

Place your ad with pictures online 24/7 at www.NCWMarket.com Register and pay on our secure site.

Garage & Yard Sale

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Fill your pockets with CASH \$\$ Let others know what items you are selling!

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Print only? Deadline Friday at Noon for all papers

Lake Chelan Mirror Quad City Herald Call 682-2213

Leavenworth Cashmere Call 548-5286

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MOVING SALE Continues Make an offer on these items:

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Greeting Cards for Sale 1/2 price

To raise funds for the Royal Ladies of Autumn Leaves. Special Leavenworth cards like: Wish you were here with me in Leavenworth.

'Special Friends' Or I miss you.

Happy Birthday from Leavenworth!

Many more titles. No boxed cards. Thank you for your support.

Stop in The Leavenworth Echo office 215-14th St. Open 10-5 weekdays. 509-548-5286.

Real Estate

Acreage



One of a kind Blewett Pass, 2.5 acres, 500' m/l creek front with well. 15 minutes from Leavenworth \$299,000.

Homes for Sale

FREE OLD HOUSE

Cashmere, must be removed in or dismantled within six months. Near new metal roof. Approximately 1400 sq. ft. And water purification system included.

Legals

Public Notices

Ordinance #515

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, relating to an amendment of the 2021 Budget.

Ordinance #516

A summary of an ordinance of the Town of Mansfield, Washington, amending Ordinance #491 to provide for an exemption allowing pit bull dogs in the Town if the dog passes a behavioral test.

Public Notices

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 on the 2022 Budget, EMS and Property Tax levies for the City of Pateros.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the rates book of Wells Ranch Irrigation District, in Okanogan County, Washington for the year 2022, has been completed and delivered to the Board of Directors and that said book can be viewed at 94A Mountain View Dr, Brewster, WA.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A Preliminary Budget hearing for the Douglas-Okanogan County Fire District #15 Fire District and Ambulance 2022 calendar year budgets will be held at a regular meeting at the ambulance hall located at 412 W. Indian Ave Brewster, WA on Monday, November 08, 2021, at 7p.m. as pursuant to RCW 84.55.120.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF 2022 BUDGET HEARING

The final read on the 2022 budget hearing for the Town of Mansfield has been scheduled for Tuesday November 9, 2021 at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM to afford citizens the opportunity to provide written or oral comments on the 2022 budget.

Public Notices

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 Equipment Fund and Garbage Utility Fund sources for the City of Pateros.

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SUDOKU PUZZLE

Grand Alaskan Cruise & Tour advertisement with image of a cruise ship and pricing information.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

THEME: BASKETBALL

- 1. Repeating word on South Pacific map
5. Bro's sibling
8. Dashboard abbr.
11. Fusses
12. Basketball slam
13. Go "Boo!"
15. Boisterous play
16. Upper hand
17. Part of mortise joint
18. "Unopposed attempt to score (2 words)"
20. "The Famous Five" children's writer Blyton
21. Basketball player Bojan Bogdanovic or Drazen Petrovic
22. "Mares eat ___" or "does eat ___," sing.
23. One who covers in silver, e.g.
26. Figure
31. Part of "panther"
34. Capital of Latvia
35. Like helium
37. Quilting party
38. Analyze
39. Dehydrated
40. Litter of piglets
42. Down Under bird
43. a.k.a. aardvark
45. Provincial governor in ancient Persia
47. Argo propeller
48. Subway in Paris
50. Conclusion starter
52. "Made basket (2 words)"
56. Not a soul
57. Like animal near extinction
58. Greek sandwich
59. Bandages
60. Arabian bigwig
61. Answer to "Shall we?"
62. Bar offering
63. "It sends a basketball game to overtime"
64. Highland tongue
1. Vomit
2. Sensory input
3. It wasn't built in a day
4. Characteristic to consider
5. Traditional scarf/headress
6. Brick of precious metal
7. Place at an angle
8. Indian princess
9. Circus trainer's poker
10. '80s band "___ At Work"
12. Remove antlers
13. Titanic propeller
14. Shaquille O'Neal and Wilt Chamberlain, e.g.
19. Halloween option
22. Not their
23. 1/100th of a rupee
24. Wrinkle-prone natural fabric
25. Warning
26. ___-do-well
27. Part of a stair
28. Old World lizard
29. "Fast-break ___"
32. Skier's aid
33. Part of H.M.S.
36. *Reward after missed shot
38. *Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy, e.g.
40. Away's partner
41. Stable worker
44. Relieves
46. On/off type of switch
48. * ___ Hurricanes
49. Creepy
50. Worry very hard
51. Use a whetstone
52. Worry without necessity
53. Deed hearing
54. A in A&E Network
55. *The Phoenix Suns did it in the 2021 NBA Finals
56. *Professional basketball league

Reduce Reuse Recycle advertisement with weathercam links for Stevens Pass, Blewett Pass, and Snoqualmie Pass.

Dish TV advertisement for a 2-year TV price guarantee with 190 channels.