

Scheduled for Oct. 20

Bridgeport will vote to absorb its Transportation Benefit District

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The city held a public hearing on Sept. 15 for citizen input on a proposed resolution to revise the status of its Transportation Benefit District (TBD) from a separate city entity to one that is part of the city administration.

Nearly a dozen citizens attended the hearing, including Bridgeport resident Mike Knox, who initiated a recall action in the Douglas County Superior Court against council members for what Knox contended were state filing violations of required annual reports. Two days later Knox submitted a Letter to the Editor. See page 3 of this issue.

The council will proceed with a vote on the new TBD structure at its regular monthly meeting Oct. 20. Approval will result in a substantial cost savings for both insurance and audit expenses.

“Nobody told us we could do it this way when we were

setting it up,” mayor Janet Conklin told The Quad last week. “We would have done this at the get-go had we known it was an option.”

Bridgeport created its TBD in December 2016. It allows the city to collect a \$20 fee on all vehicle license tab renewals by city residents. The city uses those funds for transportation-related projects such as street repairs.

Knox filed a petition in Douglas County Superior Court last June to recall the city’s five council members alleging that the city failed to file annual reports to the state as required under RCW statutes that govern TBDs. Superior Court judge Brian Huber denied Knox’s petition.

At the city council’s regular August meeting council member and TBD president Matthew Schuh recommended that the city consider absorbing the TBD into the city administration. That action required the public hearing before the city could proceed with that change.

State DOC announces Working Washington Border Relief Grants

Application portal open Oct. 4-18

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OLYMPIA – Just when Congress has everyone on tether hooks over whether the nation’s budget ceiling will be raised to prevent a U.S. government shutdown comes some good news from our state’s Department of Commerce (DOC) for those small businesses suffering from the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

On Sept. 20 DOC announced Working Washington Grants: Border Business Relief Program targeted for small businesses in 10 counties, one of which is Okanogan, which have experienced hardship resulting from the COVID-19 border restrictions that began in March 2020.

“Commerce is launching new round of emergency grant relief funding,” said Roni Holder Diefenbach, Executive Director of the Economic Alliance in Omak. “This program will deliver grants of up to \$50,000 to businesses impacted by the U.S.-Canadian border closure.”

Businesses must have reported annual revenues of \$5 million or less in 2019, a DOC media release said. Along with businesses in Okanogan County, those affected in Clallam, Jefferson, San Juan, Island, Skagit, Whatcom, Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties are also eligible.

According to the DOC announcement the Border Business Grant will prioritize businesses that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Customer-facing businesses that require direct, in-person interaction with customers for a significant portion of business activity. Examples include a retail shop or nail salon.
- Businesses located within a 20-mile radius of a Canadian border crossing or port.
- Industry sectors most impacted by the closure, which includes but is not limited to, retail, tourism, hospitality, recreation and entertainment.
- Size of the business (measured by 2019 revenue)
- Lost revenue between 2019 and 2020 and/or added expenses to maintain safe operations
- Businesses operating in a rural or low-income community and/or owned by someone from a historically underserved population (minority, veteran, LGBTQ+ or women-owned).

“For businesses that depend on visitors coming into or out of Canada, this closure has been extraordinarily difficult,” said Gov. Jay Inslee. “This grant program is one way we can help small businesses hang on until U.S. and Canadian officials reach an agreement about reopening.”

Point Roberts an unincorporated community located on the southernmost tip of Tsawwassen peninsula, a part of Whatcom County that is only accessible by land through Canada, has been in the news on several occasions since the pandemic because of its unusual location

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Refined taste and plenty of bread required

Malott craftsman builds houses for the upper-crust bird set

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

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



Mike Maltais/QCH

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

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

No plans, no scaled-down dimensions, no prefab parts, just old-fashioned trial-and-error and the inventiveness to use



Courtesy Arleta Sumner

The Salty Dawg Saloon, a popular tourist attraction in Homer, Alaska, served as a model for a scaled-down replica Sumner built for his daughter-in-law.

materials at hand. That often involved salvaging scrap lumber from a fence or building and repurposing parts from some other device. For instance, to complete the lighthouse tower light in his Salty Dawg Saloon replica Sumner used the glass from a Coleman lantern and the mechanism from a strobe light found at a local store to wire in the working beacon characteristic of ever lighthouse.

“That one took me about three months, off and on, to complete,” said Sumner of one of his more ambitious and challenging replicas.

Sumner credits the experience he gained as a skilled and semi-skilled laborer in many capacities for the OJT (on-the-job) training that supplied him with

the confidence and abilities to do whatever he sets his mind to.

Some of the notable local projects Sumner worked on include the ComSat Earth Station site near Brewster, the raising and relocation of Pateros during the construction of Wells Dam, building the third powerhouse at Grand Coulee Dam. He has been a mechanic for Hamilton Equipment, a maintenance supervisor for Johnny Applesseed, worked on controlled atmosphere structures for the fruit industry, with the Army Corps of Engineers after the 1972 flood, for Tollefson Construction, and along the way built many kinds of structures. So, nothing about

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Bridgeport recognized with American Planning Association award

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT—The city has been recognized with the 2021 Vernon Deines Award presented annually by the Washington/Oregon Chapter of American Planning Association (APA). Bridgeport was selected for its work on the SR73 Revitalization Plan that proposes to upgrade that portion of State Route 173 that passes through the down-

town corridor. The award is given for an outstanding small town or rural comprehensive plan or special project plan that addresses the development of a neighborhood, community, county, or region.

With the assistance of SCJ Alliance Consulting Services of Spokane the city has been working toward a downtown revitalization concept for the past several years incorporating elements from its 2016

Comprehensive Plan. Last January the city council approved a resolution to proceed with the project following a survey of businesses and residents about the plan. A seven-member Revitalization Committee comprised of Mayor Janet Conklin, Planning Commission Chairman Leslie Robb, city planner Kurt Danison, clerk/treasurer Judy Brown, council member Mike Bjornstad, and planning commission

members Dan Peterson and Ray Allstot is spearheading the project.

SJC nominated Bridgeport for the APA award. The 80-page Community Revitalization PlanST-173 Corridor can be found at bridgeportwashington.net under the Forms & Docs tab.

Bridgeport Mayor Janet Conklin said the APA will highlight the city’s revitalization plan at its October conference.

Pateros council hears updates on grants received, pending, requested

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – City council members received the latest update on several grants the city has either received, are pending, or in the request pipeline during its regular monthly meeting attended virtually Sept. 20.

City administrator Jord Wilson said Pateros was recently notified that it has been awarded a \$30,000 planning-only Community Development Block Grant that will fund design specifications for new development. Wilson said that

data will become part of the city’s policy and procedures plan and provide some guidance for potential developers who need to know what the city expects from them with regard to water, sewer, street, etc., requirements. Wilson said the grant also includes money to allow city planner Kurt Danison to study low-income housing possibilities.

Wilson said the city closed out a \$5,000 Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) safety grant that paid for street safety items including the in-street pedestrian crossing signs.

The city has applied to the Energy Division of the WA state Department of Commerce for the first half of a solar grant that would pay for solar panels installed on the new water reservoir, an energy cost reduction for the water and sewer departments.

An energy production assessment was completed and between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a month would be saved in energy costs per year,” said Wilson. “With the city investment, the project would break even in year five or six. Life expectancy of the panels is

greater than 30 years.”

Mayor Carlene Anders has initiated a survey of city businesses to get feedback regarding the proposed reader board sign and breezeway that will be paid for with America Recovery Program Act (ARPA) funds. The object is to gather information for the Welcome Center project by Oct. 1. Based on survey results a committee will be formed to meet with Graybeal Signs to begin the design phase of the sign. Meanwhile Erlandsen is still conducting a survey of the breezeway property to resolve remaining issues there.

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The Big Chill - hard ciders pour from the Apple Capital of the World on Oct. 9

BY RHONA BARON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/EVENTS, SAVOR CENTRAL WA

WENATCHEE - On October 9, virtually all of Central Washington's hard cider makers will gather to pour at the third annual Big Chill Cider and HarvestFest, staged this year for the first time at Pybus Public Market. The event runs from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets start at \$25 when you bring a friend and VIP tickets include a curated charcuterie plate from Cured by Visconti.

Embrace the season with over 40 choices of cider from 14 local labels along with displays, games, music, snacks, and a

free kids' harvest play area for ticket holders. Discover the intricacies of cider and what to serve with it while visiting with the makers behind the flavors. The Big Chill also hosts the biggest, annual cider pop-up store in Eastern Washington, offering an astonishing variety of Central WA hard cider! Purchase from ChelanCraft, Archibald James, Union Hill, Bad Granny, Phillippi, Ole Swede, Snowdrift, Pear Up, Rootwood, Manchester Road, Steelhead, Barns Etc, Centre Ring, and new entry Watercore.

The cider story has been unfolding over the past decade in Central Washington. Early adaptors include Kevin Van Re-

enan, owner of Pear Up, located in East Wenatchee. Van Reenan's "perrys" helped establish the category in America and are now in Asia and Europe. Rootwood Cider in Manson started grafting cider apples into their fourth generation family orchard around 9 years ago. Today, they're pouring from a tasting room nestled on their property. All through the region, portions of family orchards are being repurposed to enable craft ciders to flow. Some labels, like Manchester Road, a consistent crowd favorite, are inspired by classic British beverages, others like Union Hill are innovating new territory. The awards and results speak for themselves.

From dry to sweet, from pear to apple, explore the newest and

finest entries onto the beverage scene in the Apple Capital of the World. Experience The Big Chill Cider and Harvestfest with an emphasis on COVID safety precautions that include an outdoor setting, adherence to current masking guidelines, distancing and single servings for food and ciders. Learn more and get your Big Chill Cider and Harvestfest tickets at: <https://savorcentralwa.com/events> or purchase at the door.

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Savor Central Washington (formerly Cascade Farmlands) is a non-profit association dedicated to fostering a sustainable future for wineries, cideries and related local enterprises. SCW magnifies and respects the connection between people, place



Courtesy Savor Central Washington

Central Washington's hard cider makers will gather to pour at the third annual Big Chill Cider and HarvestFest, staged this year for the first time at Pybus Public Market in Wenatchee on Oct. 9

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a birdhouse, even an elaborate one, intimidated Sumner.

After Sumner watched a neighbor build a simple birdhouse with about seven pieces, Sumner decided to tackle one with a little more eye appeal. He built a two-story saloon complete with swinging doors and donated it to an Eagles cancer fundraiser being held for an acquaintance.

"It went for the highest price at the event," recalled Sumner of the near-\$400.

Local Malott landmarks like the Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill and Malott church have been



This replica of a downtown Malott landmark, the Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill, is readily recognizable to many town residents.

miniaturized in Sumner's workshop. The Wagon Wheel birdhouse once hung in its name before Sumner bought it back from the owner.

Using just table saw, router, and hand tools Sumner applies a few rules to the 15 or so bird

homes he has completed.

"Size and weight," said Sumner. "I try to keep them from being too heavy."

There's an old axiom in the construction trade about the three most important elements of a structure: level, plumb, and

square.

"I make sure it's square before I start out," said Sumner. "If you don't it will follow you all through the project and will show in the finished product."

No word yet if the birds notice.

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and affected businesses.

Diefenbach said the application portal will be open from Oct. 4-18, and a Technical Support Center will be available to the public starting Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Details, including eligibility and ineligibility requirements and FAQs have been posted at commercegrants.com.

"Please review these FAQs as they cover a variety of important issues related to eligibility as well as prioritization for this program," Diefenbach said.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will host

two webinars about the grant program on Sept. 29 and Oct. 4.

"We will follow up with more information about that program, including links to sign up, in a separate email," Diefenbach said.

Questions can be directed to Diefenbach at 509-322-4634 or email at holderdiefenbach@economic-alliance.com.

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Kathryn (left) and Ray Dobbs (right) and with their grandkids and one great-grandchild, ages 5-months to 25 years. Ray and Kathryn Dobbs, are former Chelan residents now living in East Wenatchee. They have been a part of a national grandparenting ministry since it started in 2016 - Legacy Coalition. They are working with their church, Columbia Grove Covenant Church, to host the big Grandparenting Summit in October. Ray says Legacy's goal is to "light a fire" in grandparents - show them how God sees their critical role in passing on their faith and wisdom to grandkids and equip them to be more intentional and effective in this effort. He says it is their prayer and desire is to see Grandparenting ministries being active in every church in the Lake Chelan valley.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you know where that \$20 goes?

Bridgeport residents - when you renew the tabs on your license plates and you pay that extra \$20 to the state DOL, do you know what happens to that extra \$20?

In 2016, the city council of Bridgeport, under the authority of section 36.73 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) started that program when they created the Bridgeport Transportation Benefit District (BTBD). The state DOL, on a monthly basis, sends all that money back to the city council. Since the creation of the BTBD, the city council has received more than \$170,000 from the state DOL. That money is supposed to be used to repair city streets and for other transportation related issues in the city.

When they created the BTBD, the city council also, in accordance with citation 36.73 of the RCW, assumed responsibility for producing and publishing an annual report of their activities. This report is supposed to advise (1) how much money the city council received from the DOL (2) how much the city council spent on projects (3) how much money is left in the bank to pay for future projects and (4) what the future projects are.

Have you ever seen one of these annual reports? These

reports are required by state law.

The BTBD President, himself a member of the city council, Matthew Schuh as well as council members Mike Bjornstad, Jacqueline Hentges, Esiquio (Zeke) Martinez and Sergio Orozco are breaking the law. It is a documented matter of record that the reports have never...never... been done.

I have checked 21 other cities in the state who have this same program and discovered that Bridgeport is the only city that has failed to follow the law. The only one.

I think it's past time to ask.....what is the council trying to hide? What purpose is served by not producing these reports? Who benefits if these reports are not produced? Do you really want to re-elect a council member who violates state law? Look up the reference yourself in the RCW - 36.73.160(2)!! That citation says that reports shall...shall... be done. Not may be done or might be done or done if there is time. Shall. Contact me to sign the petition I am circulating which demands accountability.

Contact your city council members and demand...demand...an accounting of what has and has not been done and demand to know why the reports have never been produced.

Michael Knox
Bridgeport

Healthcare community statement

Joint-statement on monoclonal antibody therapeutic treatment for COVID-19

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT

EAST WENATCHEE - Due to widespread misinformation and misunderstanding, your local healthcare agencies want to clarify some important information regarding the limited supply of monoclonal antibody therapeutic treatment. Monoclonal antibody treatment provides a short-term, passive immune protection that can buy time for your body to fight against a COVID-19 infection. If given before severe symptoms set in, it can reduce the risk of severe illness in high-risk individuals. Monoclonal antibody treatment is administered through shots or intravenous (IV) infusions and can take anywhere from two to three hours at a clinic. In comparison, it takes 20 to 30 minutes on average to get vaccinated which produces a long term active immune response and reduces the risk of COVID-19 hospitalization by 71% (Johnson and Johnson), 88% (Pfizer), and 93% (Mod-

erna) in individuals who are not immunocompromised. Visit vaccines.gov to find a COVID-19 vaccine near you. Due to the demand of monoclonal antibodies, the federal government recently announced a new distribution process. Allocations in Washington are now distributed through the State Department of Health (DOH) who is actively working on a reasonable transition. Learn more at doh.wa.gov. Your local healthcare agencies want you to know that monoclonal antibody treatment supplies are very limited and specific criteria must be met for individuals seeking this treatment. Besides testing positive for COVID-19 and experiencing mild to moderate symptoms, you MUST have certain high-risk factors including: • Pregnant • Obesity • Diabetes • Chronic kidney disease • High blood pressure • Asthma For more details on the eligibility criteria, visit combatcovid.com. Due to limited supplies, it is important to note that local healthcare agencies are not be able to accommodate every high-risk individual who technically qualifies for monoclonal antibody treatment. If you are a high-risk individual and are within the 10 day window of testing positive for CO-

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Legacy Grandparenting Summit 2021

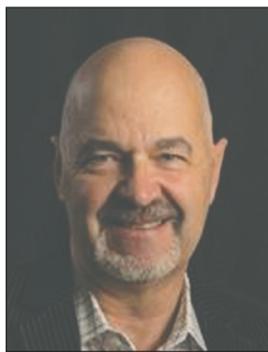
East Wenatchee church to host live simulcast Oct. 21-22

SUBMITTED BY COLUMBIA GROVE COVENANT CHURCH

EAST WENATCHEE - On October 21-22, Columbia Grove Covenant Church in East Wenatchee will be presenting the Legacy Grandparenting Summit. Grand-

parents around the country will join together for two days tailored to help them grandparent with purpose.

The live conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, with live simulcast locations spread throughout the United States. Grandparents can provide tremendous impact on the spiritual direction of their grandchildren. The Legacy Grandparenting Summit will give grandparents the vision and resources to make the most of the time



Larry Fowler

they spend with their grandchildren.

Grandparents will hear from world-renowned leaders and fellow grandparents. Featured speakers include:

- David Green - Founder and owner of Hobby Lobby
- Terence Chatmon - Former executive with Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson, and Citibank
- Reggie Joiner - Founder and CEO, Orange
- Ken Davis, Emmy-winning writer, producer, and stand-up comedian
- Larry Fowler - Legacy Coalition founder
- Kara Powell - Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary and executive director of the Fuller Youth Institute
- Valerie Bell - CEO of Awana and award-winning author
- Music from the Isaacs, Scott Westley Brown, and



David Green

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A grandparent is uniquely qualified to help children grow in their faith. The Legacy Grandparenting Summit will offer the encouragement and advice necessary to unleash the full potential of grandparents. Attendees will walk away with practical action steps they can immediately take to nurture their relationships with their grandchildren.

Join the movement at Columbia Grove Covenant Church

More information on Summit: <https://legacycoalition.com/summit/>

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On Friday, October 1, 2021 all of our branches will be closed as our new journey begins as we complete the merger and become STCU. While some of our team members have chosen to retire or pursue other adventures in life, the majority of our staff, united with our new team members from STCU, will open our branches on Monday, October 4, 2021. While some things will be different, together we are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible for our members and will continue to serve you with the care and dedication that has earned your trust.

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Court Order Violation at 17th St., Bridgeport.
Domestic Disturbance at Maple St., Bridgeport.
Attempt to Locate/Contact at Columbia Ave., Bridgeport.

September 18
Driving While Intoxicated at Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport.
Domestic Disturbance at Fairview Ave., Bridgeport.
Noise at Weimer Rd., Orondo.
Prowler at US Hwy. 2, Waterville.

September 19
Noise at Jefferson Ave., Bridgeport.

September 20
No Report.

September 21
Parking/Abandon at Tacoma Ave., Bridgeport.

September 22
Traffic Offense at Columbia Ave. & SR 173, Bridgeport.

September 23
Alarm at 4th St. S.W., Bridgeport.
Parking/Abandon at Dezelle Hill Rd., Brewster.
Suspicious Activity at Spring Canyon Rd., Orondo.
CPS Referral at SR 173, Bridgeport.
Suspicious Activity at 2nd St., Bridgeport.

Brewster Police Department

September 17
Fraud at Hwy. 97.
Medical at S. 1st St.
Non-Injury Accident at Old Hwy. 97.

September 18
Burglary Alarm at W. Main Ave.
Domestic Dispute at E. Ferry Ave.

September 19
No Report.

September 20
Driving While Suspended at Hwy 97, Pateros.

September 21
911 Abuse at S. 7th St.

September 22
Citizen Assist at N. Bridge St.

September 23
Burglary Alarm at E. Main Ave.

Okanogan County Sheriff

September 17
Assault at Monse Bridge Rd., Brewster.
Traffic Hazard at Hwy. 20.
Burglary at Hwy. 97 & Max Goehry Rd., Brewster.
Unsecure Premise at Rodeo Trail Rd.
Burglary at Hwy. 153, Pateros.
Assault at N. 2nd Ave.
Domestic Dispute at S. 5th Ave.
Suspicious Activity at Green Lake Rd.
Unattended Death at S. 2nd Ave.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Sept. 30, Oct. 5, 7

‘What’s Up Vet!’

NCW – All Chelan and Douglas County veterans are invited to attend the new “What’s Up Vet!” informational meetings via Zoom! Every Tuesday/Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

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Help available for Douglas County veterans EAST

WENATCHEE – Sarah Simonson the Veterans Service Officer for Douglas County, is available for appointments in her office at 211 11th St. NE in East Wenatchee. Call her at 509-683-3605. You can also find her on Facebook at facebook.com/douglascountyyvso

Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2

Thrift store expands days open

BREWSTER – The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is now open Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Great Halloween costume ideas are waiting for you at the Thrift Store. New items added weekly.

Oct. 1

Brewster Farmers Market

BREWSTER – The Brewster Farmers Market is held every Friday, 2-5 p.m. at the Brewster Grange Hall, located at the corner of Highway 97 and Grange Road in Brewster. The market will continue thru mid-October.

Oct. 8, 15

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Oct. 8. 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, Oct. 15, 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.

Oct. 11

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.

Oct. 11

Okanogan County PUD meeting

OKANOGAN – The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

Oct. 11

Douglas County PUD meeting

EAST WENATCHEE – The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Oct. 11, 1:30 p.m. at the District’s East Wenatchee office.

Oct. 13

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER – The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13, 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

Oct. 21

American Red Blood drive

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

BREWSTER - There will be an American Red Cross Blood drive on Thursday, Oct. 21 Noon-5 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 17 N.W. Hospital Way. To donate, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Submitting your Bulletin Board item – Deadline Friday at Noon p.m.

Who: Any non-profit 501(c)3 group. Person(s) must submit full name and contact phone number. What: Items pertaining to local events, meetings etc., that are free or a minimum charge. Where: email to: ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com, subject line QCH Bulletin. Be sure and include date, time, place and cost if any.

Obituary & Memorial Policies

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Memorials are another way to let the community know about the life and memories of the person who has passed. A Memorial is different from an Obituary. An Obituary is usually current, while a Memorial can be written later.

Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday.

Obituaries are priced by the number of words and include one color photo and go online at no extra charge. Memorials are priced per column inch. Please call for cost. *Payment is due at the time of placement. *Exception: Chapels, funeral homes who have an account, can be billed. There is no charge for a Death Notice - information is limited.

Deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday - some exceptions may apply.

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COVID-19

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VID-19 with mild to moderate symptoms, your healthcare provider will determine if you are eligible for monoclonal antibody treatment. Your local healthcare agencies continue to work tirelessly to provide adequate care. We appreciate your patience as we continue to respond to the

highly-stressed demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit our websites below for more information: Chelan-Douglas Health District: www.cdhd.wa.gov Lake Chelan Health: www.LakeChelanHealth.org Columbia Valley Community Health: www.evch.org Cascade Medical: www.cascade-medical.org Confluence Health: www.confluencehealth.org

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To place your Church information in the Church Guide call Ruth at 682-2213 or email: ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Brewster High School Varsity Cross Country Team



Long distance runners on the 2021 Brewster High School varsity cross country team include front row from left: Alexander Saucedo, Angel Rendon, Oscar Churape, and Caleb Infante. Back row from left: Cayden Miller-Behler, Justice Serrano, Juan David Martinez, Geraldo Rodriguez, Dane Hampe, and Enrique Campos. Not pictured: Osvaldo Calderon. Kara Pulsifer, Caydence Carrington, and Alexis Cortes.

Mike Maltais/QCH

Bears Varsity Football Team



Players on the Brewster Bears 2021 varsity football team include, front row, from left: Adaih Najera, Eric Martinez, Jaydynn Flores, Fabian Nava, Reese Vassar, Juan Pamatz, Jose Nila, Daniel Romero, David Fernandez, Zane Madden, and Brayan Gallaga. Back row from left: Arnie Arevalo, Alexis Martinez, Nick Sutherland, Marco Saucedo, Raf Cruz, Cole Aparicio, Brady Wulf, Mason Harper, Mario Camacho Jr., Clayton Isensee, Braiden Westerdahl, Alan Perea, Jason Madrid, Blake Burgett, and Jason Rosario.

Mike Maltais/QCH

Lady Bears Varsity Volleyball Team



Playing for the Lady Bears varsity volleyball team this season are from left: Grace Becker, Makena Kelly, Abi Boesel, Tori Hull, Morgan McGuire, Gimena Hurtado, Mareth Wright, Maribel Perez, Perla Perez, Victoria Contreras, and Rae Najera.

Mike Maltais/QCH

Brewster names fall sports coaches

BREWSTER – Fall head coaches for the 2021 Brewster Bears High School and Middle School sports include: High School Football Head Coach – Travis Todd. High School Volleyball Head Coach – Marey Boesel. High School Girls Soccer Head Coach - Alejandro Sanchez. High School Cross Country Head Coach – Kelly Brown. Middle School Football Head Coach – Irv Smith. Middle School Volleyball Head Coach – Jackie Henges. Middle School Cross Country Head Coach – Kyle Woelber.

Start season 0-2

Brewster head football coach reviews returning impact players

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Travis Todd, the new head coach of this year's Bears varsity football team has some thoughts about the positions where some of his returning players – his impact players - can best contribute to this season's team based on their past performances.

“Adaih Najera will be carrying most of the role at running back,” said Todd. “Through two games he has over 190 yards rushing and 150 receiving with five total touchdowns.”
“Reese Vassar is playing a new role at quarterback this season,” said Todd. “He is doing

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A word about fall sports schedules...

QUAD CITIES – The resumption of school sports during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is presenting a challenge to school athletic directors as they work to line up opponents and game days amid the ongoing reality of cancellations

and rescheduling due to player/team exposures to the virus and quarantines resulting therefrom.

One Quad City area athletic director reported 11 changes to his school's fall sports schedules during just the first

week of competition and more occurring almost daily in week 2.

The Quad advises readers to check the official school websites or Facebook sites for last-minute updates before heading out to support their favorite teams.

National Forests in Washington, Oregon to launch free use firewood program

Okanogan-Wenatchee forest to transition
Jan. 1, 2022

SUBMITTED BY USFS

PORTLAND, OREGON - The National Forests of Oregon and Washington in Region 6 of the USDA Forest Service are transitioning their firewood program to become a free use firewood program to the public. Those who receive free use firewood permits may use firewood for cutting, manufacturing, handling, or other processing, but not for resale. Charge permits are available for individuals who wish to resell firewood. The regional minimum rate for firewood charge permits remains unchanged at \$5 per cord.

"We are pleased to be able to offer free personal use firewood across the National Forests in Oregon and Washington," said Regional Forester, Glenn Casamassa. "This change will benefit people who rely on firewood as their primary heat source and will allow us to dispose of material that otherwise would have a cost to burn or remove."

The following National Forests will transition to free use firewood beginning October 1: Mt. Baker Snoqualmie, Mt. Hood, Olympic, Rogue-River Siskiyou, Siuslaw, Umpqua, and Willamette.

A second transition will occur no later than January 1, 2022, for the following National Forests: Deschutes, Fremont-Winema, Gifford Pinchot, Malheur, Ochoco, Okanogan-Wenatchee, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman.

The Colville National Forest has offered free use firewood since 2019 and will continue with the same level of service to the public.

Free firewood permits are only valid during the current firewood season for the forest on which they were issued. Permits will not be available for purchase outside of the forest's firewood season. Forest Supervisors will designate free use firewood areas on all or parts of units that are compatible with land management plans and will establish the annual limit on the number of cords of free use an individual may collect. The total amount of free use material granted to an individual in any fiscal year cannot exceed \$200 in value (36 CFR 223.8). Additional free use may be granted by District Rangers or Forest Supervisors in cases of hardship or unusual need. Free use of green material may be declined where supply is limited, or other conditions justify.

For more information regarding the free use firewood program, please contact Mike Spisak, Assistant Regional Director of Natural Resources, michael.spisak@usda.gov.

TODD

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a good job in this position and leading the Bears' offense."

Backing up Vassar is Brady Wulf who is also playing receiver and defensive back.

"Jose Nila, Nico Maldonado, Cole Aparicio, Jose Nila, and Mario Camacho will be playing receiver on the offensive side of the ball," said Todd. "While on defense these athletes will be in the secondary."

Todd said he will be rotating Juan Pamatz, Cort Gebbers, and Zane Madden at tight end and wing positions on offense.

"The offensive line will be led by last seasons All-League Arnie Arevalo," Todd said.

Clayton Isensee and Eric Ramirez will bring both their athleticism and knowledge to the offensive line, noted Todd and six more Bears, Jason Rosario, Alexis Martinez, Timmy Shomler, Nick Sutherland, Marco Saucedo, and Braiden Westerdahl, will see significant playing time on the offensive line as well.

The Bears opened their season on the road with non-league losses to A league opponents Chelan, 41-12, on Sept. 3; Omak, 54-29, on Sept. 10; and Cascade, 42-22, on Sept. 17.

THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Hiking for Upland Birds

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

The forest grouse season opened on September 15 and general upland bird seasons for chukar, quail and gray partridge (formerly known as Hungarian partridge or Huns before the PC police changed the name) opens October 2 across Eastern Washington.

Upland bird hunting, also known as going for a long walk with a dog and a gun, can be a rewarding day afield. All that's needed is a shotgun, a pocket full of shells, a good pair of boots, plenty of water and a few snacks to give you energy to keep hiking after the birds you are looking for.

When it comes to where to find these birds the habitat varies. Forest grouse are, as the name implies, creatures of the woods and while they are not the smartest birds in the world, they can be difficult to hit if you take them on the wing (as opposed to on the tree branch, they are sitting on), simply because clear shots can be hard to come by.

Chukar present the ultimate cardio work-out. Generally speaking, you'll chase them up a steep, rocky ridgeline or draw,



Courtesy John Kruse

David Kruse on an upland bird hunt in Douglas County.

flush them near the top, only to watch them fly to the bottom of the canyon or valley you just hiked up from. Then you get to repeat the process as many times as you like.

Hungarian partridge? I've always found them in the tall sage brush though they also hang out around grain fields too. They are pretty birds and I only wish there were more of them around.

Then there's the California valley quail. These adaptable birds have exploded in growth over the last 30 years in Central and Eastern Washington and

can be found in a variety of habitats from brushy draws to sagebrush flats to creek bottoms to berry patches. Unlike chukar, quail don't always all flush at once, giving you the chance to get several shots off as they pop up from the brush like flying popcorn. Better still, you can often see where they land and head that way to flush them again though they do tend to run quite a bit from their initial landing point.

As for where to go, the Washington Department of Wildlife (WDFW) says historically, the best forest grouse hunting is

found in Okanogan, Stevens and Ferry Counties. Yakima county is far and away the best place to hunt quail, followed by Grant and Chelan Counties. When it comes to Hungarian partridge, less than 700 a year are harvested per county but the best bets in order are Grant, Whitman, Asotin and Okanogan Counties. Finally, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas and Yakima Counties are all good places to look for those fast climbing and downhill flying chukar.

Within these counties there are state wildlife areas as well as federal Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands offering opportunities for the hiking hunter. WDFW also has partnerships with private landowners throughout the state who will let you hunt on their properties. Some of these lands are posted as "Feel Free to Hunt" where you can just park and go. Others require written permission which must be obtained prior to the hunt and still others require you to register in advance which limits hunting pressure on these private lands. You can find more information about WDFW's private lands program and where these properties are at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/locations/private-lands>.

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

Most WDFW wildlife areas now open for extended day use hours in Eastern Washington

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON DEPT. OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

SPOKANE— Most wildlife areas managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in Eastern Washington are now open for extended day use hours (4 a.m. to 10 p.m.).

In July, WDFW closed wildlife areas in Eastern Washington to overnight use amid high wildfire danger, limiting public access to 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

"We're extending day use hours to make destinations accessible for hunters heading out early in the day," said Paul Dahmer, WDFW land

stewardship and operations manager. "However, the overnight camping closure and campfire ban are still in effect until the fire risk decreases, and we encourage everyone to recreate responsibly."

An emergency order is still in effect and being enforced on Department-managed lands east of the Cascades, which prohibits:

Fires or campfires, including those in fire rings. Personal camp stoves and lanterns fueled by propane, liquid petroleum, or liquid petroleum gas are allowed.

Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle.

The discharge of fire-

arms for target-shooting or other purposes by anyone not engaged in lawful hunting.

Welding and operating chainsaws, including the use of an acetylene torch or other open flame.

Operating a motor vehicle away from developed roads. Parking is permitted within designated parking areas, including developed campgrounds and trailheads; and in areas without vegetation that are within 10 feet of roadways.

Members of the public engaged in these high-risk activities will be ticketed as WDFW enforcement officers are applying a zero-tolerance

approach.

Dahmer advises people to check WDFW's website at wdfw.wa.gov/wildfire for more details before heading out to their destination. Several wildlife area units remain closed to all public access until further notice due to active wildfires or high fire danger.

WDFW stewards over 700,000 acres of public land in Eastern Washington which are managed to protect lands and water for wildlife and people. WDFW works to preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

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Mansfield High School athletes



Courtesy Mitchell Darlington/Mansfield School District

A total of 15 Mansfield High School athletes are participating in the fall 2021 sports season. They include back row from left: Trevor Moore, Armando Baltazar, George Murison, Max Murison, Braydon Murison, and Jacob Simpson. Front row from left: Jimena Garcia, Tiera Miller, Jada Freels, Alexa Garcia, Devyn Munson, and Eva Cooper. Not pictured are volleyball players Evalee Shafer, Natalie Rendon and Valerie Hunt.

Waterville High School names fall sports coaches

WATERVILLE - Fall sports coaches who will mentor Waterville/Mansfield athletes for the 2021 season include:

• Tavn Kendrick - head coach varsity football.
• Alyssa Polson - head coach varsity volleyball.

• Kaianni Deshazer - head coach cheer squad.



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US Deports Over 1,000 Haitians but DHS Declines to Say How Many Released Into America

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON
& ZACHARY STIEBER

DEL RIO, Texas—The United States has deported more than 1,000 Haitians who streamed into the small border city of Del Rio, Texas, although officials are refusing to say how many others have been released into America's interior.

The number of illegal immigrants, primarily from Haiti, rapidly grew under the international bridge near the border last week, at one point topping 14,000. The quick jump sparked the deployment of more than 600 agents and officers, as well as repatriation flights to Haiti.

U.S. officials have since moved more than 6,500 people from Del Rio to other parts of the border in an attempt to alleviate pressure. Approximately 1,083 have been deported back to Haiti on nine flights through Sept. 21, a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spokesperson told The Epoch Times in an email.

Others are being released into the interior. How many is unclear, because DHS officials aren't saying.

The same spokesperson declined to answer questions about those being released, while Customs and Border Protection as well as Immigration and Customs Enforcement, both offices within DHS, referred The Epoch Times to DHS.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki refused to give the data during a briefing in Washington and DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has twice this week declined before Congress to share data about the number of illegal immigrants being

released. On Sept. 21, he told senators in Washington he didn't have the precise numbers and wanted to wait so he could provide accurate information; on Sept. 22, he again said he didn't have the data.

"Yesterday, you were asked exactly the same question and you gave exactly the same answer. You would think you would be a little better prepared now that you've been asked that question. ... You don't have that information?" Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-Fla.) said.

"I work 18 hours a day. So when I returned from yesterday's hearing, I actually focused on the mission," Mayorkas responded. "We will get that data both to the senator who posed it yesterday and to you, congressman, today."

The Biden administration is dealing with an unprecedented surge in illegal immigration, a surge critics say stems from his administration's policies. The number of illegal immigrant apprehensions at the southern border is on track to set a new record for the calendar year. And the administration has refused to shift its strategy, claiming it's working.

Part of the strategy is releasing illegal immigrants into the country's interior, which has been described by some as "catch and release." Some 600,000 illegal aliens have been released into the United States since President Joe Biden took office on Jan. 20, Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council, told The Epoch Times in a text message.

That's about half of the aliens who have been stopped by border agents



Thousands of illegal immigrants, mostly Haitians, live in a primitive, makeshift camp under the international bridge that spans the Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico, while waiting to be detained and processed by Border Patrol, in Del Rio, Texas, on Sept. 21, 2021.

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since the inauguration. They're released with a Notice to Appear, which gives a future court date to kick off their immigration proceedings, or a Notice to Report, a new phenomenon that requests the alien reports to a local ICE office within 60 days of being released.

Two U.S. officials told The Associated Press that many Haitians are also being freed, undercutting Mayorkas's claims that Haiti nationals shouldn't travel to the United States because they won't be able to stay. One official said many of those being freed are being told to report to an immigration

office within 60 days, as opposed to receiving a notice to appear in court.

A Border Patrol source told The Epoch Times that 3,843 illegal immigrants were apprehended in the Del Rio Border Sector in Texas between Sept. 20 at midnight and Sept. 21 at 11:45 a.m., with another 1,125 immigrants evading capture. Another 2,435 were apprehended in the Rio Grande Valley sector, in addition to 301 "got-aways."

An ICE spokesperson told Fox News that the agency has, over the past several weeks, "released numerous immigrants who transferred from the border after determining they could safely be released into the community under alternate forms of supervision." One independent reporter spoke with Haitian nationals on a flight out of Texas headed to inland destinations.

Roughly 8,400 illegal immigrants remained in the makeshift Del Rio camp as of late Sept. 21. Mayorkas told senators on Sept. 21 that the goal was to clear the litter-ridden camp in the next 10 days, with "dramatic results" expected in the next two to four days.

That could prove difficult if more keep crossing the border illegally.

Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.), the top

Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee, said on Fox News that lawmakers were briefed on Sept. 21 that 40,000 to 60,000 more Haitians are amassing in Central America "and are on their way in a caravan up to the southwest border."

Katko said some Haitians are being deported but some aren't.

"Why? We don't know," he said. "The lack of consistency is feeding the frenzy to come across the border, the Southwest border. It's making our country a lot less safe."

While Republicans call for more deportations, some groups and Democrats are calling to stop them altogether.

"Deportation flights to Haiti must stop, and those seeking safety at our borders must be granted their legally assured chance to seek asylum," a coalition of 39 groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union, wrote to Biden on Sept. 21.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), who rarely criticizes Biden, took him to task on the Senate floor in Washington.

"The policies that are being enacted now—and the horrible treatment of these innocent people who have come to the border—must stop immediately," Schumer said.

Michigan Hospitals Cut Workers, Beds Amid Patient Surge

Employees who lost jobs for refusing the COVID-19 vaccine say cuts are related to staff resignations over vaccine mandate

STEVEN KOVAC

Staff shortages have forced two large Michigan hospital systems to cut hundreds of beds.

The action comes as a fourth wave of the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus, the pathogen that causes COVID-19, has caused hospitals to be swamped with patients.

The Detroit-based Henry Ford Health Systems announced on Sept. 13 that it was cutting 120 beds from five of its eight hospitals due to a lack of nurses and other staff members to service them. Two days later, Beaumont Health Systems announced that it was temporarily closing 180 beds for lack of staffing.

Henry Ford Health and Beaumont Health, along with most of Michigan's hospital chains, implemented requirements earlier this year for all of their employees to be vaccinated against the CCP virus. Those who refuse to do so face suspension, firing, or resignation for refusing the shot.

Henry Ford Health System hasn't disclosed the number of employees it has lost due to noncompliance with its

mandate. Data quantifying the nursing shortage in Michigan are hard to come by.

At a Sept. 9 press conference, Brian Peters, CEO of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, said that no precise figures will be available until a statewide study is completed later this year.

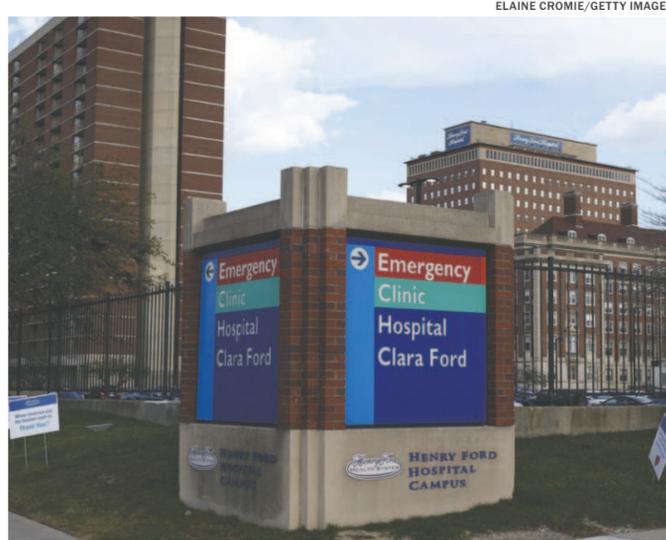
"What I can tell you is ... I have never heard a consistent theme from across our entire membership like I have on this staffing issue," Peters said. "Right now, our staffing is stressed to a level that we have not seen previously."

In a statement released by Beaumont Health on Sept. 15, CEO John Fox outlined another cause for the flood of patients at the system's eight hospitals.

"Many people delayed getting tests and treatment for medical issues because of their concerns about the pandemic. Now, more than a year and a half after the pandemic began, those delays in care are resulting in medical emergencies," Fox said. "Add in a staffing shortage and you have a perfect storm."

In an interview with The Epoch Times, a former Henry Ford physician, Dr. Mo Talia, who was recently stripped of his hospital privileges for refusing the CCP virus vaccine, questioned the wisdom of "letting go badly needed nurses and other health care workers at a time when they are needed the most."

Former Henry Ford nurse Katie Kirn, who was also let go for refusing to get vaccinated, told The Epoch



A view of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit on April 8, 2020.

Times: "I absolutely think the bed cuts are due to staffing (shortages) because of the mandate."

Former Henry Ford nurse Kristen Noble, who also lost her job for refusing to be vaccinated, told The Epoch Times that a pandemic was no time for a health care system overwhelmed with patients and already short on staff "to be firing health care personnel."

"I absolutely believe there is a correlation between the suspension of staff and systems cutting beds," Noble said.

Henry Ford Health System's an-

nouncement of the bed cuts came on Sept. 13, three days after the system's Sept. 10 vaccination mandate deadline. Vaccine refusers were given until Oct. 1 to change their minds.

"They do not have enough staff to care for their patient load," Noble said. "Patient safety takes a big hit with being short-staffed."

In a Sept. 13 press briefing, Henry Ford's chief clinical officer, Dr. Adnan Munkarah, said that despite the staff shortages and resultant bed cuts, "our patients continue to receive the highest and safest level of appropriate care from our care teams."

The Biden administration's national vaccine mandate, which affects 17 million health care workers, isn't helping the situation, according to Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association.

"As a practical matter, this policy may result in exacerbating the severe workforce shortage problems that currently exist ... which the American Nurses Association has called a national crisis," Pollock said in a Sept. 9 statement.

According to the Michigan Annual Nursing Survey for 2020, nearly one in five registered nurses and licensed nurse practitioners have said they plan to leave the profession within the next five years.

The survey of more than 40,000 Michigan nurses found that one in five cited too heavy a workload, stress, safety issues, and not enjoying the profession as some of their main reasons for leaving.

According to the Michigan Hospital Directory, the state has 185 hospitals with 26,632 beds. As of Sept. 20, 30 of the state's hospitals were at 85 percent or higher occupancy, with the average occupancy rate being 78 percent.

The state of Michigan's official virus-tracking website shows that on Sept. 20, there were 1,492 adults in hospitals sick with the virus. From Sept. 18 through Sept. 20, there was an average of 2,395 new cases per day.

Since the pandemic struck Michigan in spring 2020, there have been 995,910 confirmed cases of the CCP virus, resulting in 20,700 deaths.

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US Rights Group Calls on UN to Address China's Forced Organ Harvesting

Falun Gong practitioners take part in a parade marking the 22nd year of the persecution of Falun Gong in China, in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 18, 2021.

FRANK FANG

U.S.-based advocacy group Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) is calling on the United Nations to take action against China's state-sanctioned practice of killing prisoners of conscience to supply organs for its lucrative transplant market.

"The failure of the United Nations to address and thoroughly investigate the forced organ harvesting from living people in China is an unacceptable omission that needs to be resolved," said Dr. Torsten Trey, founder and executive director of DAFOH, in a Sept. 23 press release.

Condemning this inhumane practice remains an unfulfilled task for the largest organization in the world.

Dr. Torsten Trey, founder and executive director, Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting

The 76th session of the U.N. General Assembly began on Sept. 17 in New York City, as world leaders and foreign ministers gather to discuss issues such as climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

DAFOH stated that China's horrific practice should be on the agenda of the world body. It also called on participants of the U.N. summit to "treat this issue like any other crimes against humanity."

"After more than two decades of forced organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience, DAFOH believes the UN has fallen short in taking the lead in stopping these crimes against humanity," according to the press release.

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China is one of the top destinations for those in need of vital organs as its transplant industry boasts an extraordinarily short waiting time. To explain such a phenomenon, the communist regime has claimed that there are many voluntary donors in China while locals have a low demand for transplant organs. Beijing has also said it relies on its national organ donation system to procure organs.

In 2019, evidence surfaced that Beijing was killing innocent people to drive its transplant market. That year, a London-based people's tribunal published a report concluding that forced organ harvesting was happening on a "significant scale" in China, with Falun Gong practitioners being the main source of

organs.

Adherents of Falun Gong, a spiritual practice also known as Falun Dafa, have been targets of persecution by the Chinese regime since 1999. Several years later, the Chinese regime allegedly began harvesting organs from detained Falun Gong adherents.

China's public transplant data has also been debunked, according to a 2016 report by David Matas, a human rights lawyer; David Kilgour, former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific; and Ethan Gutmann, a U.S. investigative journalist. The report estimated that Beijing carried out between 60,000 and 100,000 organ transplants a year, as opposed to 10,000 claimed by Beijing.

The report concluded that most of the organs came from Falun Gong adherents, while the remaining originated from other prisoners of conscience—House Christians, Uyghur Muslims, and Tibetans.

"Given the scope of China's organ harvesting crimes with an unknown number of victims and the nature of the crime itself, a commercialized murder for transplants, condemning this inhumane practice remains an unfulfilled task for the largest organization in the world," Trey added.

The United Nations, the Office of Spokesperson for the U.N. Secretary-General, and the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

In June, OHCHR special rap-

porteurs and several other human rights experts said they were "extremely alarmed by reports of alleged 'organ harvesting' targeting minorities, including Falun Gong practitioners, Uyghurs, Tibetans, Muslims, and Christians, in detention in China."

They called on China to "promptly respond to the allegations of 'organ harvesting' and to allow independent monitoring by international human rights mechanisms."

China's forced organ harvesting is now being discussed at the World Summit on Combating and Preventing Forced Organ Harvesting, which began on Sept. 17 and resumed on Sept. 24, ending on Sept. 26. DAFOH is one of five NGOs sponsoring the online event.

Biden Administration 'Strongly Opposes' Honorable Discharge for Troops Who Refuse COVID-19 Vaccine

ZACHARY STIEBER

President Joe Biden's administration on Sept. 22 came out against efforts to prevent dishonorable discharges for U.S. troops who refuse to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

The Office of Management and Budget said in a policy statement it "strongly opposes" an amendment to the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that bars any discharge but honorable for service members.

The provision "would detract from readiness and limit a commander's options for enforcing good order and discipline when a Service member fails to obey a lawful order to receive a vaccination," the office said, adding that commanders "must have the ability to give orders and take appropriate disciplinary measures" in order to have "a uniformed force to fight with discipline."

The amendment received support from members of both parties during a markup of the act on Sept. 1. It was authored by Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn.), a military veteran and a doctor.

At the time, Green said he understood the need for a vaccine mandate but noted that no longitudinal data is yet available for the COVID-19 vaccines, adding that service members who decide not to get vaccinated and are ultimately discharged should receive an honorable discharge.

"I am dismayed and concerned that the Biden administration is trying to remove my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that prevents anything but an honorable discharge for servicemembers who refuse to get the COVID-19 vaccine," Green told The Epoch Times in an email.

"This was a bipartisan amendment—not one Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee opposed it. Nothing is more telling of the current political climate than the Biden ad-

ministration refusing to respect the rights of our military that every House Democrat on the Committee voted for."

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last month ordered U.S. troops to get Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine shortly after it was approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The order was backed by Biden, who has imposed mandates on all government workers and has ordered a mandate on the private sector.

Service members who aren't approved for a religious or medical exemption and still don't get vaccinated will face discipline, the Pentagon has stated.

"Our commanders have a range of tools available to them short of using the Uniform Code of Military Justice to again try to get men and women in the department to make the right decision here," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby told reporters during a briefing.

The Biden administration also said it opposes another amendment, which would exempt troops who demonstrate they have recovered from COVID-19 from the mandate.

COVID-19 is the disease caused by the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus.

The protection afforded by recovery is known as natural immunity, and some scientists argue those who have it shouldn't have to get vaccinated.

That amendment "would create a new and overly broad exemption from the vaccination requirement for previous infection that would undermine the effectiveness of the requirement," the Office of Budget and Management stated.

If the provisions don't stay in the NDAA, they could be passed separately. Four senators on Sept. 21 introduced a bill that would prevent dishonorable discharges for troops who don't get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Florida Acquires Monoclonal Antibodies From GlaxoSmithKline After Biden Administration's Rationing

ZACHARY STIEBER

The state of Florida has obtained thousands of monoclonal antibody treatments to treat COVID-19 from a UK-based company after the Biden administration's abrupt rationing of federally acquired doses.

Florida went to GlaxoSmithKline, which produces monoclonals that haven't yet been bought up by the federal government. They reached an agreement on about 3,000 doses, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced on Sept. 23.

"That's showing that we're going to leave no stone unturned. And, if there's somebody that needs a monoclonal antibody treatment, we're going to work hard to get it to them," the Republican told a press conference in Tampa.

The Biden administration seized control of monoclonals this month in response to what some officials have described as a national shortage. The federal government has bought millions of doses from Eli Lilly and Regeneron. The only other monoclonal authorized for use in the United States is produced by GlaxoSmithKline, or GSK.

A GSK spokesperson confirmed to The Epoch Times in an email that Florida obtained doses of its treatment, which is known as sotrovimab.

The doses were through AmerisourceBergen by CDR Health, the company stated. Any health care providers or facilities have an option of directly ordering the treatment.

The wholesale cost per dose is \$2,100—roughly the same as its competitors were charging the government. Patients often pay much less, if anything.

Drug regulators in May authorized GSK's treatment for mild-to-moderate COVID-19

in patients 12 and older and weighing at least 88 pounds.

Regulators and state officials say the drug and similar others help keep people out of hospitals.

DeSantis estimated thousands of Floridians have been able to avoid going to the hospital after getting COVID-19 or being exposed to a positive case because of the treatments.

But, like other states across the country, Florida is struggling with a looming shortage because of the Biden administration's sudden rationing.

Florida announced last week it was in touch with GSK. Health officials in other states told The Epoch Times they're not exploring buying their own treatments, with some suggesting that cost was a factor.

Earlier this month, sites in Florida were getting more than 30,000 doses. That doesn't include hospitals. All sites could order directly however much they needed, and the federal government provides the doses for free. In the next weekly shipment, Florida was scheduled to receive less than 18,000, state officials say.

"I would hate to see somebody who really could benefit from this treatment not be able to have access to it. When we know that the track record has been very, very positive," DeSantis said.

He hosted Floridians who credit monoclonal treatments for their recovery.

Betsy Palmer Bigler, a former teacher in Pasco County, received Regeneron's monoclonal antibody treatment, as did her husband and her father after her husband tested positive for COVID-19.

"I certainly feel that it saved probably one or all three of our lives," she said.

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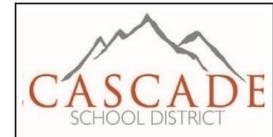
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Public Notices

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST The Logic and Accuracy test on the Okanogan County vote counting equipment and the Disabled Access Unit that was scheduled on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 2:00 PM. In accordance with RCW 29A.12.130 and WAC 434-335, a Logic and Accuracy test will be conducted on the Okanogan County vote counting equipment and the Disabled Access Unit. The test will be held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office on, Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 2:00 PM. At that time a "test deck" of ballots will be scanned and resolved. The Disabled Access Unit will also be tested at that time. The test is designed to check the ballot tabulating and precinct programming. The test is open to the public. Published in the Quad City Herald Sept. 29, 2021. #

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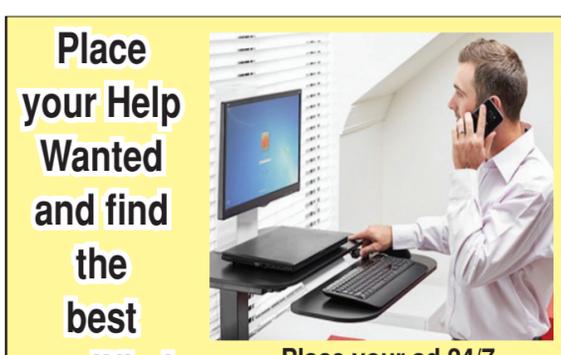


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