

Staff vaccinations required

Quad cities students start school amid mask mandates

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Students returned to school last Wednesday, August 25, in the Brewster School District making it the earliest start among the four districts in the Quad coverage area.

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

Brewster

School superintendent Eric Driessen said attendance at Brewster is up this year.

“We are currently not offering an online option other than alternative school,” said Driessen.

Asked about the mask mandate Driessen praised the public's response.

“We have the best kids, and supportive parents and community,” said Driessen. “We appreciate all of them understanding that the requirements do not come from the school district. Our students, staff, and community are complying to the current requirements and doing a great job.”

Bridgeport

“Bridgeport is 100 percent in-person learning,” superintendent Scott Sattler said.

Sattler said the district is

following the current state mask mandate.

“Covid vaccinations are mandated for school employees,” said Sattler. “Those with religious beliefs and/or medical can seek an accommodation.”

Pateros

“Pateros is offering an online option,” said superintendent Greg Goodnight. “At this time less than five percent of our enrollment has requested the online option.”

“COVID vaccine will be mandatory for staff starting Oct. 18,” said Goodnight. “The vaccine is not mandatory for students.”

Goodnight added that staff is following the state's mask mandate.

“I believe the Pateros staff showed incredible commitment last year by opening the elementary school five days per week in person learning for all students last September,” said Goodnight. “The secondary opened with a hybrid schedule in October. That was way before the vaccine was available.”

Mansfield

The Kernels head back to school Sept. 3, following the North Central Washington Fair, August 26-29, a major draw for the school's FFA students. FFA instructor Jamey Jo Steele said she will have NCW results earned by her student exhibitors available this week.

Brewster added to race venue

Hydros return to Pateros Terry Troxell Memorial Regatta

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – After missing 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, the 11th annual Terry Troxell Memorial Hydro Classic returned to Pateros August 21-22 with thrills, more spills than usual, a new racing class, and an added venue to its annual summer racing circuit.

A second crane was staged at the Lakeshore Park launch site this year to help hoist boats into and out of the water and move the class heats along more efficiently. Racers had to contend with some stiff wind and rough water conditions that blew the boats off the water partway through the second day of competition, said Pateros resident and race supporter George Pearson.

During this year's competition two boats collided on a course corner, another sank while parked at the dock, and veteran owner/driver Dale Burnison, owner of the vintage Country Girl, was ejected into the water for the first time in his long racing career.

Pearson was the 2019 recipient of the Terry Troxell Memorial Trophy, named for the late unlimited hydroplane driver and 2005 Gold Cup winner who died in 2009. This year's trophy recipient was race supporter Debbie Myre.



Mike Maltais/QCH

The Buccaneer was hard to miss on sporting its distinctive skull and crossbones.

The Miss Pateros, a Sportsman Entry (SE) class boat that was a regular attraction at previous races was not among the competitors this year. Owner/driver Brandon Cushing has sold the Miss Pateros and has turned his attention toward helping his son compete as a driver. The Miss Pateros was sponsored by the Pateros Chamber of Commerce and Thomason Law and Justice.

A new racing class, the J Stock, was added this year for nine-year-old racers getting

acquainted with the sport. The J Stock included the first Jim Yancy Inspiration Award that was won in its debut year by Seattle-area driver Carson Kelly.

When algae bloom in Spanaway Lake forced cancellation of this year's race there earlier in the season, Tacoma Inboard Racing Association representatives were on the lookout for another location to add to their racing circuit. Someone suggested Brewster just upriver from Pateros. They loved the site and after some obliga-

tory discussions with city and EMS staffers it was decided, said Pearson. The hydros will race at Columbia Cove Park on the second weekend of September next year. An exhibition race is scheduled for Oct. 9 this year to give spectators at the new venue a taste of what to expect.

Brewster will be the sixth Eastern Washington stop on next year's hydro circuit including Soap Lake, Chelan (2), Manson, Pateros, and Brewster.

Herbert and Poole advance

Voters approve Pateros Transportation Benefit District

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Certified results from the Okanogan County Auditor's Office regarding the August 3 primary election show that voters approved the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for the City of Pateros by the simple majority the measure required. By a vote of 75-65 more than 53 percent of Pateros voters support the TBD which allows the city to collect .2 percent sales and use tax to apply toward transportation improvement projects.

State RCW (Chapter 36.73) permits cities to create TBDs for the purpose of financing their transportation improvements. Pateros created its TBD in 2018.

Valued at an estimated \$23 million, the city's transportation infrastructure includes more than:

- Seven miles of roads
• A mile of sidewalks
• One-half mile of trail
• 100 street and trail lights
• 180 traffic signs

All the above need annual repair or replacement by the street department that typi-

cally operates on a budget of \$100,000 to \$125,000.

“Unlike water and sewer utilities, which are required by law to pay for themselves through fee collection, streets do not have a mechanism to generate funds for maintenance and operation costs,” city administrator Jord Wilson said.

Mayor Carlene Anders said the city had a revenue shortfall when it came to transportation infrastructure upkeep so general funds were used. The general fund is supported by property, sales, and state taxes.

“TIB (Transportation Improvement Board) assists us with major street projects with grant funds,” said Wilson. “TIB funds are collected from statewide gas taxes and are very competitive.”

A .2 percent tax on each dollar a visitor or resident spends on Pateros retail sales will generate an estimated \$40,000 annually for the next 10 years.

Taxable retail sales mean goods and services such as buying household wares or

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The Proletariat are growing restless

By BILL FORHAN, PUBLISHER

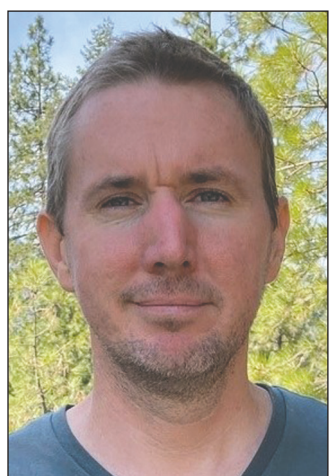
Across the country the American People are waking up to the challenges to their freedom. In Loudon County Virginia the School Board had to shut down their meeting when a crowd of concerned citizens showed up to challenge their policies. In Wenatchee this week a crowd of 30 “unmasked” citizens caused the school board to shut the meeting down and move it to an online meeting. When the meeting was moved online only 4 people spoke according to the Wenatchee World article.

In California there is a recall petition against California governor Gavin Newsom. Some people in the Tri-cities are attempting to launch a recall of Governor Inslee. Our local school board elections are mostly contested races for the first time in recent history.

The point here is people are becoming frustrated by elected officials who are growing increasingly out of touch with the people who elected them. This week I received a letter from a Leavenworth resident that expresses that frustration. I am offering it here as a Front Page edito-

rial because nothing is more important to the continuation of our great American experiment in self government than the views expressed in this young man's letter.

We are in a State of Emergency, but it is not the one the Governor has described.



Peter Kornowski

By PETE KORNOWSKI LEAVENWORTH RESIDENT

The real emergency is the erosion and outright elimination of our representation in

state government. A proclamation from the citizenry, withdrawing consent is in order.

It's seems so pathetic to write my 'concerns' in a letter and send them off to be read by maybe no one. I am at such a loss, and feeling so powerless and unrepresented. I am compelled to do something, and it begins with this letter.

Should this “State of Emergency” in Washington persist indefinitely? In other states, courts have ruled “No”; but many Governors including Jay Inslee are clinging to unchecked “emergency powers.” January 28, 2020, Gov. Inslee declared a State of Emergency “effective immediately ... until rescinded”. Ever since, he has exercised legal “emergency powers” without the regular oversight of elected representatives of the people.

Now, more than 500 days later, this “State of Emergency” drags on. I understand there is a need for legal emergency powers, that on occasion, decisions and actions need to happen quickly. However, we are far beyond a reasonable state of emergency when it comes to this virus. This is no longer an “unforeseen circumstance that requires

immediate, unilateral action.” For the last 18 months, the discourse and decision making has been robbed from the state representatives and local municipalities and consolidated to a single office. This is not the way this State and its local governments are designed to function. A weekly “Proclamation” of executive orders is not the duty of the Governor. The will of the people in the State of Washington is no longer being represented.

Some Washington State Representatives have called for a special session to review and amend Emergency Powers, but unless legislators from the majority party agree, the discussion will not be had. Paradoxically, Inslee is the only one who can end his emergency powers by ending the state of emergency, which he has no immediate intention of doing. This is too much unchecked power for any branch of the government in a free state. It sets an extremely dangerous precedent, and the outrage ought to be equal no matter your party or political affiliation.

If the Governor and his office insist that we are still

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New police reform laws “confusing”

WSSA urges governor to call for special legislative session

By Mike Maltais
STAFF WRITER

LACEY – The Washington State Sheriffs Association (WSSA) sent a letter to Governor Inslee on August 16 requesting the governor to call for a special session of the legislature to clarify the recently enacted reform laws in the interest of public safety.

“Washington State’s Sheriffs are elected by our counties to ensure public safety,” the WSSA letter begins. “It is clear to everyone that the newly enacted police reform laws are confusing and have many different interpretations, which reduce our ability to respond to calls and provide service to those who need it most.”

The letter suggests to best address the confusion and standardize interpretation “... we believe a special session by the Legislature is needed and warranted this year.”

“Public safety is too important to allow continued confusion,” the letter concludes. “The citizens of Washington

State deserve law enforcement in their communities that can effectively protect them. Our law enforcement across the state needs and deserve support and clarity on the new reform laws.”

Sheriffs from 37 of the state’s 39 counties belong to WSSA. Earlier this summer they met in Ellensburg on July 15 to sign a letter reaffirming their sworn oaths to support, obey, and defend the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Washington. Among the signors was Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley and Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris.

Morris attended the Bridgeport city council meeting last month to explain how the new police reform laws affect Bridgeport’s law enforcement that the county provides for the city. Last July, Hawley spoke before the Pateros city council that contracts with Okanogan County for its law enforcement and delivered a similar message about the new reform laws.

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facing an emergency, is it not reasonable then to argue that the litany of uncontested, unprecedented government imposed solutions have not been effective? The social distancing, the lockdowns, the closures, the masking, the required masking, the vaccinations, the mandatory vaccinations, and all the micro-managing proclamations have not quelled the “emergency”. If anything, they appear to be prolonging it. At what point do we admit that these measures are not effectively solving our problems? At what point do we resume debate, discourse, and local management of local problems? At what point do we resume the checks and balances of the established governing branches?

These uncontested overreaches ought to frighten all of us. If you were to tell me three years ago, it’s likely a State government will soon have a list of private businesses deemed un-essential and declared un-safe to be open for an entire calendar year, I would laugh it off and go back to my latte. If last year you had told me when a vaccine is ready, it is likely that the Governor will make it mandatory to receive it or be faced with losing your job, I would have said “never in the USA”. If you tell me now that soon you won’t be able to cross the state line, be in a public place, or enter into a grocery store without proving you’ve taken a state sanctioned medical treatment, I’m listening, and I’m deeply troubled.

I am in fear because I don’t see the same outrage and passion in my peers.

I am in fear because of the gross complacency and compliance from men and woman who speak their outrage behind closed doors but play along in public month after month.



Photo courtesy Susie Fox

Approximately 150 people (1/3 being kids and about 15 tourists) joined together on the four corners at the stop light corner in front of Safeway in Chelan on August 18. They were a part of a state wide protest against the mask wearing mandates. All came to share their desire to make a choice on whether or not to wear a mask. They feel it is an individual’s choice to do what they want with their body as one sign said, “My body, my choice”

I am in fear because the local news reports these “Proclamations” without question. Without even so much as acknowledging how unprecedented this type of government power is in the USA. Without so much as a curious question.

I am in fear of what the next “Proclamation” will contain; who’s shop will be closed, how many masks I’m “required” to wear. What needs to be injected into my body against my will. Where I can travel without disclosing medical records, and what the Science of the day is.

I am in fear because of how few people seem to understand how a representative

government is designed to work.

I am in fear because the slow boil of our representation in this state is nearly steam.

I am in fear because writing to my representatives, to the governor’s office, and to the local paper seems futile and hopeless.

I am in fear for the future of a free state.

I am not in fear of getting sick.

It is my hope that somehow, some way we can act en masse to compel the State Legislature to review the Emergency Powers Act, to at the very least include Legislative review of executive orders.

I know many of you are

as frustrated as I am, probably many of you much more. Please do something about it! Write to your representative, write to the governor’s office, call these people. Start, sign and share a petition! Resist, question and speak out about these proclamations and mandates. It may seem insignificant as an individual, but with many of us, it is more powerful than anything. The time for action has passed! This letter is late to the game. These overreaches are outside our front doors. Take action today! Unless we the citizenry do something, it is not just going to magically stop. This government overreach is the real emergency!

Who-o-o sees you?



Mike Maltais/QCH

A young horned owl who thinks he is well-hidden perched among the cottonwood branches gets caught on camera on the act of being a young horned owl.

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getting a car’s oil changed,” a TBD fact sheet explained. “Food, prescription drugs, and some other items are exempt.”

Herbert vs Poole

In other Pateros primary results, city council member Frank Herbert, appointed to fill the Position 1 vacancy left by Christine Perry earlier this year, will face Chantel Poole in the November general election. Poole got

40.6 percent of the vote and Herbert 36.09 percent. A third candidate, former city council member Adam Fritz did not make the cut with 21.05 percent.

TRH levy passes

Voters approved the renewal of the one-year levy

for Three Rivers Hospital (Hospital District No. 1) by a wide margin, 74.7 percent to 25.3 percent. The levy will collect 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value or about \$66 for a \$200,000 home to help fund hospital operations in 2022.

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A closer look at state mandates, emergency powers, special sessions

BY SEN. BRAD HAWKINS



Senator Brad Hawkins

As Washington state and the rest of the world continues to process through the COVID pandemic, governors throughout our nation – Republicans and Democrats – have utilized their offices and authorities in a variety of ways. In Washington state, the Emergency Powers Act (RCW 43.06.220) authorizes the governor to declare emergencies and issue orders in response to those declared emergencies. The original version of this law was enacted in 1969, at a time when likely no one would have anticipated any emergency lasting multiple years. On February 29, 2020, utilizing the Emergency Powers Act, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 declaring a state of emergency for COVID-19. This proclamation will likely be in effect until it is terminated by the governor.

Following the emergency proclamation last February, the governor has issued a number of subsequent statewide orders. His appointed cabinet members, such as the secretary of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), have released additional regulations. These DOH directives include the statewide mask regulations, which are referenced within the governor's emergency orders. DOH's Order 20-03 for statewide masking, issued August 19, 2021, is the most recent requirement. For the COVID vaccine, Governor Inslee has issued two different mandates: Proclamation 21-14 for state employees and Proclamation 21-14.1 for health-care work-

ers and K-12 school employees. Both mandates allow for exemptions for medical and religious reasons but not for personal reasons. In accordance with the governor's authority during emergencies, these directives have the same effect as state law, although temporary in nature.

Many people have contacted me to ask if these mandates are legal or constitutional. The short answer is that we are all entitled to our opinions, but final rulings from the judicial branch – in our “checks and balances” governance model – ultimately determine legality and constitutionality. These rulings include decisions by state and federal courts based on legal challenges, some of which have originated right here in North Central Washington. The federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals opinion in *Slidewaters v. L&I* affirmed the governor's authority to declare the COVID-19 emergency and

state Labor and Industries' power to adopt a rule to enforce the governor's proclamations. Last summer, a Chelan County court denied a bid from challengers to terminate Governor Inslee's State of Emergency. While state laws may differ throughout the nation, courts in other states have largely upheld the COVID mandates issued by their governors.

Washington state has the ability to modernize its Emergency Powers Act, but enacting a change in law would require approval by the Legislature and Governor Inslee. Last legislative session, I co-sponsored Senate Bill 5039 to expand legislative oversight of the governor's emergency proclamations by setting a 30-day time limit on all orders unless extended by the Legislature. Senate Republicans attempted procedural efforts to bring this bill to a vote last session, but those efforts were blocked by other senators. Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402 was also adopted during the 2021 regular session. It indefinitely extended many of the governor's emergency proclamations. Now, most of the governor's mandates are no longer actually reviewable by the Legislature, just extended in date indefinitely. I voted against this resolution, but it was approved by the Senate (28-19) and the House of Representatives (54-44). Beyond the Legislative process, only a citizens' initiative – if upheld by the state Supreme Court – could limit executive powers.

Many people have also asked about seeking a special session of the Legislature. According to the Washington State Con-

stitution, the Legislature only meets for part of the year in a “regular session,” which begins each January. Article II, Section 12 of the constitution authorizes the Legislature to call itself into special session with a two-thirds vote. The governor can also call the Legislature into a special session, but he has not done so. The specific process for gaining a two-thirds vote of the Legislature is set forth in the Legislature's Joint Rule 29. Senate Republicans, including myself, have called for a special session multiple times during the COVID pandemic. Most recently, we have called for a special session to address issues related to police reforms and emergency powers revisions, but we have not attained the two-thirds threshold among members. The political dynamics in Olympia have shifted greatly in recent years. Of the 49 state senators, there are 29 Democrats and 20 Republicans. There is no way to organize a special session without bipartisan support.

I hope this helps explain more about the complicated topics of state mandates, emergency powers, and special sessions. Judging by the thousands of emails that my office has received in recent days, there is definitely interest and questions about them. Clearly, the controversy from Governor Inslee's recent mandates will likely keep many issues at the forefront of legislative and legal discussions. There is no doubt that the governor's emergency powers and statewide vaccine policies will continue to be major topics of debate in the months and years ahead.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Aaron J. Viebrock, Molly Simpson and Ronald E. Skagen executed the following actions during the August 23, Commission meeting held at the District's Bridgeport office:

Heard the bid opening results for bid document 21-40-D, 230kV Switches for Urban Industrial Substation. All bids will be evaluated prior to a recommendation for contract award.

Approved acceptance of work and final payment to Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC for the second year under contract 19-04-D, provide Distribution tree trimming services. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications.

Authorized acceptance of work and final payment to MICA Steelworks Inc. under contract 20-17-D, supply and deliver tubular steel poles for the Rocky Reach to Chelan Falls 115kV Transmission Line. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications.

Approved acceptance of work and final payment to General Pacific, Inc. under contract 20-24-D, supply and deliver 144 count 600ft. span ADSS Fiber Optic cable. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications.

Authorized acceptance of work and final payment to General Pacific, Inc. under contract 20-25-D, supply and deliver 144 count squirrel and fire resistant ADSS Fiber Optic cable. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications.

Authorized a call for bids under bid document 21-36-D, install power conduits and vaults. Necessary along Urban Industrial Way to 10th Street NE as part of a data center project.

Approved amendment No. 1 to Professional Service Agreement 21-31-W, marking and tagging hatchery fish with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. This will decrease the contract \$51,187 with the cost responsibility of marking and tagging Southern Resident Orca and Pacific Salmon Treaty program fish to WDFW.

Authorized execution of a mutual aid agreement with Nespelem Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. This will coordinate response to restore service to customers as quickly and safely as possible after storms or other natural disasters.

Approved amendment No. 2 to professional service agreement with D. Rohr and Associates, Inc. Assistance with regional governmental, regulatory, power and natural resources issues will not exceed \$85,000 and will conclude December 31, 2022.

Awarded contract 21-40-D, 230kV switches for Urban Industrial Substation to Southern States LLC, the lowest responsive bidder.

Authorized a call for bids under bid document 21-45-W, spillway 7 concrete, embedded steel and gate repair at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. To ensure reliable operation the spillgate and some mechanical components need to be removed and replaced.

Heard that Moody's Investors Service upgraded the District's revenue bonds to Aa2 from Aa3 with a stable outlook. Full report can be found here.

Received the preliminary budgets for the Distribution System and Wells Hydroelectric Project for calendar year 2022.

The preliminary Distribution System budget includes a previously approved 3% increase in KWH charge for the highest two usage tiers of the General Service schedule (over 25,000 KWH).

Data Centers will see a 5% increase January 1 and July 1 and Cryptocurrency customers a 10% increase January 1 and July 1 for their rate schedules. The preliminary capital budget is \$49.5 million, of which \$32.8 million is for electrical facilities. The balance of capital spending is for the Hydrogen Project, improvements and new connections to the Douglas County Community Network and new equipment.

Wells Project Revenue Budget estimate is equal to the Operating Expense Budget at \$53 million. The preliminary Capital Budget totals \$36 million. Major items include generating unit refurbishment, 450T Gantry Crane replacement, Motor Control Center replacement, GUS Transformer replacement and Governor Controls upgrade.

Received the Environmental Reviews of the preliminary budgets.

A budget hearing will be opened on Monday, October 11, and held open until Monday, December 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office.

Heard a report on the Douglas County Community Network. The network currently has 6,723 end users.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. September 13, at the District's East Wenatchee Office.

OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT.

Douglas County Sheriff

- August 20**
Suspicious Activity at the 13900 block of U.S. Hwy. 2, Orondo.
Assist Public at the 1200 block of Columbia Ave., Brewster.
Hazard at the 1200 block of Desert Canyon Blvd.
- August 21**
Alarm at the 100 block of Orchard Pl., Orondo.
Non-Injury Accident at 14th St. & Fairview Ave., Brewster.

- Assist Public at the 1000 block of Columbia Ave., Bridgeport.
Suspicious Activity at the 21600 block of US Hwy 97, Orondo.
Extra Patrol at the 1100 block of Columbia Ave., Bridgeport.
Domestic Disturbance at the 100 block of W. Maple St., Waterville.
- August 22**
Civil at the 2000 block of Fisk Ave., Bridgeport.
Non-Injury Accident at SR 173 & Crane Orchard Rd., Bridgeport.

- Assist Agency McNeil Canyon Rd. & Rd. C.N.W., Mansfield.
Civil at the 1100 block of Foster Ave., Bridgeport.
Suicide Threat at Skeels Rd., Orondo.
- August 23**
Harassment/Threat at the 1900 block of Monroe Ave., Bridgeport.
- August 24**
No Report.
- August 25**
Suspicious Activity at Weimer Rd., Orondo.
Assist Public at the 100 block of Fir Ave., Bridgeport.
Animal Problem at the 1900 block of Monroe Ave., Bridgeport.
Extra Patrol at the 1400 block of Rd. 3 N.W., Waterville.
Alarm at the 1300 block of Douglas Ave., Bridgeport.
Assist Agency at SR 173 MP 6, Bridgeport.
- August 26**
Abuse at the 600 block of N. Monroe St., Waterville.
Welfare Check at the 100 block of 2nd St., Bridgeport.

- Pateros.
Weapon Offense, N. Eveline St. & W. Ives St., Pateros.
- August 22**
Malicious Mischief, N. Eveline St., Pateros.
- August 23**
Fireworks, Valley Rd., Brewster.
- August 25**
No Report.
- August 26**
Agency Assist, S. Dawson St., Pateros.
Recovered Vehicle, Monse Bridge Rd., Brewster.

Brewster Police Department

- August 20**
No Report.
- August 21**
Welfare Check, Plaza Way.
Noise Complaint, Selkirk Pl.
- August 22**
Vicious Animal, W. Griggs Ave.
- August 23**
No Report.
- August 22**
Harassment, S. 2nd Ave.
Rape, Jasmine St., Omak.
Malicious Mischief, N. Eveline St., Pateros.
- August 23**
No Report.
- August 24**
Child Abuse, W. Cliff Ave., Brewster.
- August 25**
No Report.
- August 26**
Burglary Alarm, S. Bridge St.

Okanogan County Sheriff

- August 20**
Medical, Paradise Hill Rd., Brewster.
Suspicious Activity, N. 2nd Ave.
Assault, Hwy 97, Brewster.
Custodial, Hwy 97, Brewster.
Weapon Offense, Golf Pl., Pateros.
- August 21**
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Sept. 1, 2, 7-9

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Sept. 3

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Sept. 4

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Sept. 8

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Sept. 8, 6 p.m. at Brewster Middle School. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information brewsterchamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk at 509-449-0605

Sept. 10-11

Pateros Community Market, Movie, Vendors

PATEROS - The Pateros Community Market (PCM), also known as the Pop-up Market,

DEATH NOTICES

Zahir Lopez-Martinez

Zahir Lopez-Martinez, 18, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on August 23, 2021. Visitation was August 29, at Barnes Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was August 30, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by Interment at Locust Grove Cemetery.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Consuelo Duarte De Arevalo

Consuelo Duarte De Arevalo, 77, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on August 21, 2021. No services will be held.

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will open for its fourth week-end of business on Friday and Saturday, August Sept. 10-11 at the Riverview Pavilion on Lakeshore Drive. On Market & Movie Fridays, the PCM will open at 5 p.m. and continue through 8 p.m. Then from around 8:30 p.m./dusk a family friendly outdoor movie will entertain marketgoers. On Market & Music Saturdays the PCM will open at 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. with music and local vendors. The Pateros Market Committee is currently looking for vendors of all kinds, farmers,

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Sept. 10, 17

Brewster bus trips

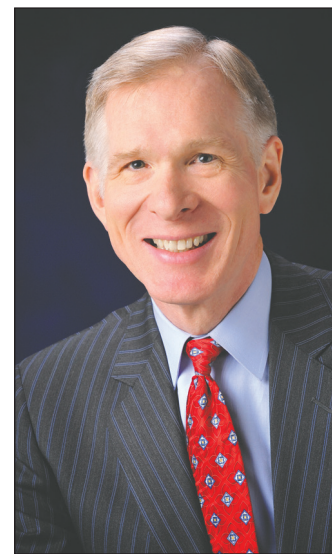
BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Sept. 10. The bus starts picking

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, Sept. 17, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

CRUTs: A practical path to a lasting legacy

By RUSS SPEIDEL, ATTORNEY, SPEIDEL BENTSEN LAW FIRM



Russ Speidel

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cared deeply about ensuring the future of aspiring musicians and also supporting the Wenatchee Valley Symphony, one of his favorite non-profits. By establishing a CRUT, Mr. Hill secured a larger income for himself during the remainder of his life, and he left an astonishing gift to the community by creating the Roy W Hill Music Scholarship and a designated fund to benefit the symphony. CRUTs work particularly well when people have an appreciated asset and want to avoid capital gains tax. People who own rental properties - and are tired of being landlords - can gift their rental properties to CFNCW to establish a CRUT. Often the interest income from the CRUT provides as much if not more income than they would have received from tenants, without all the hassle of maintaining the property. CRUTs provide tax advantages and provide a charitable deduction for the donor. And the best part: They will have established a charitable legacy in the process.

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Legislative update from Rep. Mike Steele

By REP. MIKE STEELE



Rep. Mike Steele

Law enforcement reform

House and Senate Republicans recently called for a special session to fix some bad police reform bills approved during the 2021 session. Unfortunately, these bills have overshadowed other good, bipartisan policing measures that were also approved.

Two bills in particular are especially problematic: House Bill 1310, regarding the permissible use of force by law enforcement and correctional officers, and House Bill 1054, establishing requirements for tactics and equipment used by peace officers. I voted “no” on both these bills. Here’s why: Each bill contains conflicting, vague language—creating gray areas that put law enforcement and the public at risk.

Unfortunately, we are now seeing the sad results of these policy choices. Two months after the governor signed these bills—embarking on a massive experiment in police reform—discrepancies in how officers may or may not intervene in active crime scenes and mental health crisis incidents continue

to cause uncertainty and danger. Take a look:

* Police around Washington scrambling, and struggling, to adapt a massive reform package (The Seattle Times)

* What happens when police don’t show up to 911 calls (The Olympian)

* New laws add restrictions to policing, authorities look to adapt (The Wenatchee World)

* Bonney Lake officers say new reform laws kept them from tracking armed suspect (KING TV)

* Man jumps onto cop car, allegedly hits officer who was following police reform rules (KOMO TV)

* They had probable cause after he made threats, but law prevented Bellingham police pursuit (The Bellingham Herald)

* Lower Columbia SWAT team arrests man after three-hour standoff with nonlethal weapons barred by new state law (The Daily News)

* OPINION: Legislative Democrats’ attempts at police reform puts communities at risk (The Seattle Times)

Sheriffs, police chiefs, troopers, patrol officers, and other law enforcement officials have joined with Washingtonians from across the state to express concern about the unintended consequences of these bills. A special legislative session is needed—and soon—to fix these bills and put real, commonsense solutions in place that keep our communities safe and hold law enforcement accountable.

A new payroll tax | The Long-Term Care Act

A new, and for many, unwelcome payroll deduction begins in 2022. Starting on Jan. 1, wage-earners will pay 58 cents for every \$100 of their earnings to fund the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program.

The WA Cares Fund, intended to assist with long-term care-related expenses, was authorized by House Bill 1087 in 2019—approved on a party-line vote with all House Republicans voting in opposition.

Here’s why I voted no: Acquiring this type of insurance coverage should be a personal choice, not one mandated by the state. Many hard-working Washingtonians simply can’t afford to pay more in taxes. Struggling with yet another additional expense—whether it be through the new payroll tax or the cost of private long-term care insurance—will be tough. Further, the costs versus the benefits breakdown for the state-managed plan are abysmal for most working individuals and families.

Here are a few other reasons the program is objectionable:

* If a worker retires or moves out of state, their benefits will be forfeited.

* Workers retiring within three years have no chance to benefit, but are not exempt from the payroll tax.

* Those who live in another state, but work in Washington, will be forced to pay the tax, but

will not be eligible to receive benefits from the program.

* The plan costs versus benefits margin is narrow for most working Washingtonians. Some estimates put the state-managed plan projection costs at nearly three times that of private insurance.

* It’s likely, in years to come, very real, large tax increases will be needed to keep this program afloat.

Unless they choose a private insurance plan, most Washington workers will be automatically enrolled in the state program, including the payroll tax. For those who do not wish to take part in the program and its payroll deduction, there is a brief window of opportunity to opt out. Once an eligible private plan is purchased, individuals must apply for an exemption from the program between Oct. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2022.

Standing against forced vaccine mandates

The governor recently issued a mandate that requires most state workers, as well on-site contractors and volunteers, public and private health care and long-term care workers,

to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Oct 18, or lose their jobs.

This underscores, yet again, the necessity of collaboration between the Legislature and the executive office in times of crisis. State government can and should make recommendations about actions like wearing masks or getting the vaccine—not force personal, individual health care choices. I’m absolutely against this heavy-handed approach. If the governor wants to get more people vaccinated, he should focus his efforts on continuing to educate and/or incentivizing the public to do so.

Stay in touch!

Your input is vital in helping me represent your values in Olympia. Feel free to call or email my office with your comments, concerns, or ideas about state government. My contact information is listed below.

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Rep. Goehner expresses concern over mandates for critical public service employees

By REP. KEITH GOEHNER

Earlier this month, the governor announced vaccination requirements for most state employees, private health care and long-term care workers. Last week, he announced further vaccination requirements for employees working in K-12, most childcare and early learning, and higher education, as well as an expansion of the statewide mask mandate to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

Under his vaccination mandates, most employees in Washington must now be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18 or lose their

jobs.

Rep. Mike Steele and I issued a statement to the media over the weekend regarding the governor’s announcements.

I have heard from thousands of you, as have my colleagues from across the state, opposed to the governor’s actions.

I am frustrated the governor has chosen this course of action. Mandating vaccines to our educators and health care workers at the expense of their jobs and income is unnecessary and heavy-handed. This is an individual’s personal health care choice.

Last year, the governor was praising our health care work-



Rep. Keith Goehner

ers battling this virus on the front lines, and our educators, tasked with teaching online and

then doing what was necessary to allow our students to get back in the classroom for in-person learning.

Now, he has threatened these workers will be terminated from their place of employment unless they are vaccinated. This is not the way to treat our most essential employees during this pandemic. Forcing vaccinations upon these workers could drive them out of some of the most important, essential professions needed during the pandemic. We cannot afford to lose health care workers or educators during this critical time.

Rather than enforce more mandates and requirements, we

need to allow school administrators to work with their school boards, consider parental and local input, and put our trust in our local school districts. I recently signed onto a letter to the governor requesting he reconsider the mask mandate in schools and, at the very least, let school districts make that decision with the input of the parents in their communities.

The mandates go back to one-person control during the pandemic and legislators being left out of the decision-making process. I have mentioned emergency powers reform many times. It isn’t for a lack of effort. We introduced many bills to

reform the state’s emergency powers law, including House Bill 1557. There was even a Senate bill introduced at the beginning of session, Jan. 12, to protect an individual’s right to refuse the vaccine without consequences.

While legislators continue to lean on the governor’s vaccine and mask mandates, police reforms, the long-term care tax, the need for a special session and much more, it is critical he hear from you, the citizens of Washington state. He needs to be aware how many of you are worried, concerned or frustrated with his decisions and how they impact you and your family.



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Our National Health Center Week event, was August 24th. Health centers, like FHC are community-based and patient-directed organizations that deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services to the county’s most vulnerable individuals and families, including people experiencing homelessness, agricultural workers, residents of public housing, and veterans.

ANNUAL NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK EVENT 2021 REVIEW

Family Health Centers brought their services to the public in collaboration with the Brewster School District, at their Back to School Night.

7 local heroes recognized with the “Community Leaders for Strong Communities” award

Attendees were offered:

COVID-19 vaccines, glucometer readings, blood pressures, BMI, mental health information, and career opportunities



Pictured above: Julie Wehmeyer, RN prepping COVID-19 Vaccines



Pictured above, left to right: Mayor Anders, Jesus Hernandez- CEO of FHC, Supt. Driessen

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Chinese Fluoride in Tap Water Worries Michigan Community

Downtown Lexington, Mich., a resort town that draws its drinking water from Lake Huron, on Aug. 23, 2021.

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“We are dependent on China for too many things” says Village President Ray Mach of Port Sanilac



STEVEN KOVAC

LEXINGTON, Mich.—The discovery that a Michigan town’s drinking water treatment plant has been adding Chinese-made fluoride to its water supply for years has some of its residents upset.

“It’s absurd,” said Steve Stencil, a long-time restaurant owner in Lexington, Michigan. “It’s not good at all, buying our drinking water treatment chemicals from a communist nation that is our enemy. I am surprised that any municipality would buy fluoride for its drinking water from China. Our country needs to know this is happening.”

People across Michigan and across America need to be aware of our increasing dependence upon China in some of our most basic and vital functions like our drinking water systems.

Walt Badgerow, supervisor, Worth Township

Lexington Village Utilities Director Chris Heiden said the water plant has used Chinese fluoride for years without any problems.

Fluoride is a chemical added to drinking water to help reduce tooth decay.

The Lexington water plant supplies drinking water to village residents and several neighboring communities. It has just under 3,000 customers.

A downtown apparel shop owner in Lexington said he had no idea Chinese-made fluoride was being added to the water supply.

When he learned of it, he said it gave him cause for concern.

“It’s scary. I can’t help but think of the ‘What if?’” he told The Epoch Times.

One former water plant employee told The Epoch Times, “While I was working there, I saw the Chinese fluoride in 50-pound plastic bags stacked on the floor. I was surprised and appalled.”

Doug Varty, a residential real estate developer whose new subdivision is serviced by Lexington water, said: “It’s wrong. I’m not comfortable with Chinese-made fluoride. Surely we have American products they can use. Buying American is the way to solve the problem. If they have an alternative, they should buy it.”

Village President Ray Mach of Port Sanilac, Michigan, whose community plans to buy its drinking water from Lexington, told The Epoch Times that the use of Chinese-made fluoride makes him uneasy.

“Look at COVID-19. Remember a few years ago, how baby formula was supplemented with melamine in China itself,” Mach said. “We are dependent on China for too many things. We can’t even buy a surgical mask made here anymore.”

In 2008, Chinese-made baby formula products were found to have been purposefully tainted with melamine. The additive boosted

the nitrogen content of diluted milk, making it appear to have a higher protein content. Out of 294,000 victims, 59,000 were hospitalized and six babies died of kidney stones and kidney damage.

Walt Badgerow, the supervisor of nearby Worth Township, which buys its drinking water from Lexington, recently passed a resolution banning the township government from purchasing Chinese products if an alternative is available.

“From the moment I learned of the use of Chinese-made fluoride by the Lexington water plant I was appalled,” he said. “In light of the CCP’s [Chinese Communist Party] track record of foisting tainted pet food on our country and selling us toys colored with lead-based paint, I am very wary of their quality control. I won’t drink water with Chinese chemicals in it.”

Badgerow was referring to the 2007 Chinese pet food scandal, during which melamine-tainted pet food sickened and killed cats and dogs in the United States. Lead-tainted Chinese-made toys made their way into the United States as recently as 2018, despite protective measures put in place by Congress.

Stencil said that in a previous career, he had direct experience with Chinese quality control. He once demonstrated a strength-testing machine to a Detroit-area truck equipment supplier.

“The supposedly inspected and certified Chinese-made grappling hooks we tested failed before they reached half of the stress load they were certified for. That could kill someone. I can’t trust what’s coming from China,” he said.

Utilities Director Heiden said he relies on a couple of independent international inspection organizations that subject chemicals such as the sodium fluoride Lexington uses to stringent testing as part of the exporting process.

“It may be possible for us to buy American-made granular fluoride. I don’t know,” Heiden said. “Wherever we buy it, it must be NSF approved.”

The two largest independent testing organizations are the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL).

Liquid fluoride is readily available from U.S. manufacturers, but Lexington and nearby Port Huron use two different dry versions of the chemical, which are more likely to be imported. Lexington uses a granular form and Port Huron uses a powder



A bag of Chinese-made granular sodium fluoride, which is added to the community water supply in Lexington, Mich., on Aug. 2, 2021.

form of fluoride.

A worker from the Port Huron water plant told The Epoch Times that they had been using Chinese-made powdered fluoride until the supply chain became so un dependable that they switched to a Belgian manufacturer.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of 2010, powdered and granulated sodium fluoride such as the one used in Lexington made up 15 percent of the water fluoridation products used in the United States. Sodium fluorosilicate, another powdered fluoridation product, made up 10 percent of the products. Fluorosilicic acid, a liquid water fluoridation product, was used in 75 percent of the country’s water systems.

The largest producers of fluorosilicic acid are located in the Asia-Pacific region, according to Research-AndMarkets.com. Some of those producers are Solvay America, Inc., Honeywell International Inc., Napco Chemical Company, American Elements, and IXOM.

According to Michele McRae, a

commodity specialist at the National Minerals Information Center, a handful of plants in the United States produce fluorosilicic acid: J.R. Simplot Co. in Wyoming, Nutrien in North Carolina, and Mosaic Co. in Florida and Louisiana.

With the exception of bottled water used as a consumer beverage, the United States Food and Drug Administration does not regulate additives, such as fluoride, used in community drinking (tap) water. Such regulation is left to state agencies.

“People across Michigan and across America need to be aware of our increasing dependence upon China in some of our most basic and vital functions like our drinking water systems. We can’t trust the CCP. We need to know what our own water plants are using,” Badgerow said. PVS Nolwood, the Detroit-based chemical company that supplies the Lexington water plant with Chinese-made fluoride, didn’t respond to repeated requests for comment.

PVS Nolwood was recently stripped of its National Sanitation Foundation certification for deliver-

ing four drums of sulfuric acid mistakenly labeled as liquid fluoride to the New Baltimore, Michigan, water plant earlier this year. The error was discovered by a workman before the substance was added to the city’s water supply, but a fluoride storage tank and a pump were damaged by the acid. No one was injured.

Mike Bolf of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy told The Epoch Times that PVS Nolwood is currently operating under its certification from Underwriters Laboratories, which Bolf said was “still current and valid,” thus enabling the firm to continue doing business.

“Underwriters has assured us that they have increased their surveillance over the company and are monitoring its corrective action plan,” Bolf said.

New Baltimore ceased doing business with PVS Nolwood right after the incident.

According to Heiden, Lexington suspended doing business with the firm and is using an interim supplier.

“We need to find out what corrective measures they (PVS Nolwood) are taking to get back in compliance with NSF,” he said.

According to the CDC, 6.6 million Michigan residents are receiving fluoride through their municipal drinking water. The vast majority of the fluoride is in liquid form and likely produced in the United States.

More than 207 million Americans had access to fluoridated water as of 2018, according to the CDC.

Adding China-manufactured fluoride to U.S. drinking water is “of course” a potential “attack vector” for the communist regime, according to Jeff Nyquist, author and expert on Chinese Communist Party subversion tactics and unrestricted warfare.

“If the Chinese government says, ‘Oh, you make fluoride there for the water for the Americans? Hey, we’ve got an extra little secret sauce for your American fluoride.’ I mean, that is certainly possible,” he told The Epoch Times.

One of the things stopping the regime from doing so is the risk of getting caught, Nyquist said.

“It would be an act of war.”

Is your community’s water system using Chinese-made water fluoridation products? The Epoch Times would like to know about it. Contact us at steven.kovac@epochtimes.us.

Cara Ding, Ivan Pentchoukov, and Petr Svab contributed to this report.

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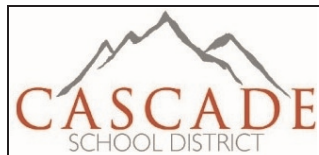
Employment

Help Wanted

Full and Part-time Housekeeper, Bedmaker and Laundry Worker

The Enzian Inn is hiring full and part-time Housekeepers, Bedmakers and Laundry workers. Core hours are usually 9 AM to 2 PM. Earlier and later start & finish times often available. Enjoy a positive work environment with a competitive wage. Health insurance is available for full time employees. Apply in person. 590 Hwy. 2, Leavenworth.

Jewels Hair & Nails is looking a cosmetologist or barber to lease a station. \$350/ month. Please call Julie at 509-679-4764.



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

Icicle River Middle School Para Educators

Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: www.cascadesed.org EOE

Bus Driver/ Operator – Full-time
Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO)

TranGO is looking for two (2) full-time transit drivers (36 – 40 hours per week); one (1) position based in Okanogan and one (1) based in Twisp. These positions are hourly non-exempt. Compensation is \$19.06-\$20.62 per hour. Benefits include health, dental, vision and life insurance, retirement, sick leave, vacation. Must have a minimum Class B CDL with Passenger Endorsement. Please visit www.okanogantatransit.com for required qualifications, application, and job description.

A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for the position. E-mail your completed application to clerk@okanogantatransit.com
Application Deadline: Application review will begin September 3, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

Food Service Transporter/Server

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The Enzian Inn is searching for energetic service-oriented individuals to join our breakfast team. Position provides opportunities to learn and perform a variety of duties. Prepare, present and serve the daily breakfast buffet. Full and part-time positions requiring some weekends. Health Insurance available for full time employees. Apply in person. 590 Hwy. 2, Leavenworth.



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

Food Service Cook

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PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER COACH

Starting salary \$2970.00 All applications processed through FAST TRACK: www.pateros.org>Our District>Employment. Position descriptions available online. Contact employment@pateros.org or the district office at 509-923-2751 x4 for more information. First review of applications is 9/7/21. Positions open until filled. EOE

Help Wanted

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Legals

Public Notices

The Town of Mansfield is seeking citizens interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission Board.

To apply for a position, mail or bring a letter of interest to the Town Hall at 26 Main Street (P.O. Box 218, Mansfield, WA 98830) on or before September 13, 2021. Contact Town Hall at 683-1112 for more information.

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Public Notices

2022-2023 Area Plan Update Meetings

Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington is hosting two Zoom meetings for input to their 2022-2023 Area Plan Update. Choose to participate on either September 3rd or September 7th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This is an important opportunity to provide input on how our discretionary funds are allocated to serve seniors 60 and over, and adults with disabilities in Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln and Okanogan Counties.

Please visit: <https://www.aaccw.org> and click on the "Area Plan Meeting Registration" link under our highlights section. This will redirect you to our registration page. Questions? Please contact: Erin Nelson at 509-886-0700 x232

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL NONSIGNIFICANCE

The Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County has entered a determination of environmental non-significance, (DNS), for the proposed action under the State Environmental Policy Act, (RCW 43.21C), as amended. The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the subject action does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency shall not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Written comments must be submitted by September 16, 2021. Written comments should be submitted to John M. Brown, SEPA Official, Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Copies of the DNS, and Environmental Checklist can be obtained from the Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802 and on Douglas PUD's website; www.douglaspubd.org.

The issuance of the determination of environmental nonsignificance, for which notice is hereby given, is for the following action:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County proposes to construct a 10 foot wide gravel trail connecting Conklin Landing Park and Marina Park in Bridgeport, Washington.

The subject property is located on vacant land between 100 2nd Street 100 7th Street. The subject property is found in Section 15, Township 29N, Range 25EWM, situated in Douglas County.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2021.

Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, WA
John M. Brown
SEPA Official

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Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR PIERCE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TAMARA LYNN TOOKE, Deceased. No. 21-4-01800-8 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED BELOW has been appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW Section 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's Attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW Section 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW Section 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: September 1, 2021 Personal Representative: s/ Alexander C. Tooke Attorney for Personal Representative: Daelyn Julius Address for Mailing or Service: VANDEBERG JOHNSON & GANDARA, LLP Attorneys for Personal Representative 1201 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900 Tacoma, WA 98402-4391 Court of probate proceedings: Pierce County Superior Court Cause Number: 21-4-01800-8 Published in the Quad City Herald September 1, 8, and 15, 2021. #2630

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of ROSEMARY C. FAUST, Deceased. No. 21-4-00266-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: August 18, 2021 Personal Representative: Mark E. Faust Attorney for the Personal Representative: David J. Bentsen Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00266-04 MARK E. FAUST Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: DAVID J. BENTSEN WSBA No. 42107 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Published in the Quad City Herald August 18, 25 and September 1, 2021. #2511

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS In the Matter of the Estates of KARLENE KAY WOOTEN; BRIAN THOMAS WOOTEN, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00067-09 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of the Estates of the above-named Deceased. Persons having claims against the Deceased must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the undersigned or the attorney of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of the Court, four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice or within four (4) months after the date of filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 or 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the deceased. DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE OF CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: 08-09-2021 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 08-25-2021 SHEENA R. HARRIS Presented By: BOHRNSEN STOCKER SMITH LUCIANI ADAMSON PLLC SCOTT R. SMITH, WSBA #14159 Attorney for the Estate 312 West Sprague Avenue Spokane, WA 99201 Published in the Quad City Herald August 25, Sept. 1 and 8, 2021. #2539

THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

It's humpy time!

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

With some three million pink salmon flooding Puget Sound and entering tributary rivers right now, it is prime time to go fishing! Pink salmon return to Puget Sound every odd year and this is the best return we've seen in nearly ten years. The pinks are also known as humpies for the hump that forms on their back after they enter freshwater on their journey upstream to spawn. They generally run from three to six pounds in size though they can get bigger than that. As a matter of fact, the state record pink salmon in Washington weighs a whopping 15.4 pounds and was caught by Adam Stewart in the Stillaguamish River in October of 2007.

Right now, you have the luxury of fishing for salmon in the saltwater of Puget Sound or from several river banks where they head upstream to spawn. Guide Brianna Bruce with Livin' Life Adventures has been fishing the Sound near Mukilteo, trolling 8-to-11-inch flashers and a 2 ½ or 3 inch white or Silver Horde Pink Fisher spoon. She avoids using herring or other bait because dogfish sharks are abundant and will be hitting the bait more often than the salmon do.

If you are fishing from shore in the saltwater, you can fish humpies from a variety of public piers in Puget Sound or from beaches, especially on Whidbey Island at Lagoon and Bush Point as well as at Port Casey and Deception Pass State Parks. High tide is a good time to fish but early morning and just before sunset are also very good times to be casting for pinks. Many anglers use



Courtesy John Kruse

The author with a pink salmon caught from shore on Whidbey Island.

a pink buzz bomb, which is cast a long distance and then jigged back to shore. If you can't find a buzz bomb, consider using a Mack's Sonic Baitfish (in pink of course) and fish it the same way. The salmon generally hit after you reel up and let the lure flutter and fall a second or two before reeling again.

Spoons are also effective in the saltwater, and in rivers too. I've had good success fishing pink spoons close to the bottom on a gravel bar on the Skagit River near the railroad trestle in Mount Vernon. One of my favorite spoons? A DarDevle Devle Dog. Youngs Bar on the Skagit at Mount Vernon is another very well-known place to cast for pinks. A good number of humpies will also fin their way up the Puyallup, Green, Nooksack, Stillaguamish, Snohomish and Skykomish Rivers too in the days ahead, with the bulk of the run finished towards the end of September.

Casting spoons is actually an old school method of catching humpies (though it works just fine). Nowadays, many people fish pink jigs or jig heads with pink squid hoochie skirts attached in rivers. In slower moving waters these jigs can be deadly effective.

As for table fare, pink

salmon get a bum rap from many anglers who complain about the soft texture of their flesh (made all the softer as they get closer to spawning). I've enjoyed some great meals of pink salmon though. Want to do the same? Here's a few suggestions:

1. Immediately bleed and clean the fish and keep it in a cool place or in the water.

2. Grill it up fresh! Grilled pink salmon on the BBQ is absolutely delicious when cooked within a couple of days of catching it and the firmness and texture of the meat is just fine, as is the taste.

3. If you freeze your salmon resolve to cook it within six weeks. Pink salmon fillets simply don't hold up as well in the freezer as thicker coho or chinook salmon fillets do.

4. Smoked pink salmon are absolutely delicious, and this is what I recommend doing for pink salmon you freeze and can't eat within a few weeks.

5. Canned salmon is an option too. There is a reason pink salmon is on sale at the supermarket in cans, people like it on salad or prepared as part of other dishes.

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

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18. *Popular messenger
20. Mosque prayer leader
21. Down Under marsupial
22. Thanksgiving serving
23. *100 days of snapping, e.g.
26. Military's inactive force
30. Repeated Cuban dance step
31. The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfather of Britpop
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35. Rough, as in voice
37. Chop off
38. Stephen King's "The _____"
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24. Feudal lord
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28. Dolby Theatre to Oscars
29. Often considered wise
32. *Video blog
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44. I to Greeks, pl.
46. Sheet music line, pl.
48. Basketry stick
49. Clark Kent actor Christopher
50. Black, yellow and chocolate dogs
51. Parking spot for a boat
52. Bone in human forearm
53. *Bernie wearing mittens, e.g.
54. *Do this before posting?
55. Chronic drinker
58. It's open to interpretation