

Well drilling bids received



Courtesy Brewster PD

The Brewster Police Dept. has parted with officer and K-9 handler Javier Aguilar, along with his pit bull narcotics dog, Taz.

Brewster awarded STBG funds for Old Highway 97 repairs near east city limits

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

BREWSTER - The city has finally convinced county transportation funding sources to pony up grant money to help repair a portion of Old Highway 97 near the east city limits, the Brewster City Council learned at its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, August 19.

Public works director Lee Webster advised the council that Brewster has received a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) through the Economic Alliance Infrastructure Committee to repair the corner of Old Highway 97 where Hospital Way, Old Highway 97, and State Route 97 converge. The city has been seeking funding help to repair that heavily used farm-to-market route at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. The EA committee agreed to fund a lower estimate below \$1 million.

"At the end of the day we'll make it work," said city clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz, "but that means next year we will not be able to do any chip seal work because all our chip seal money will go towards matching funds for that project."

In other business Webster said bid requests have been received for drilling a new city well and Holt Drilling from Puyallup is the apparent low bidder. The new well will be located near the city's current wells after all other site options were exhausted. When a test well was sunk at the site it produced adequate water without significant drawdown of the water table. While the city would have preferred other locations a process of elimination ruled out other sites.

The city submitted project recommendations to the Eco-



Lee Webster, City of Brewster Public Works Director

nomic Alliance Infrastructure Committee that included the broadband project, the RV Park project, and the Old Highway 97 project that will go before the County Commissioners for approval.

"We do not receive any funds for them," explained Ruiz, "it's just for our county's infrastructure list so that when we apply for other funding, we can hopefully get some because the projects are on our county list."

The Brewster Police Department has parted with officer and K-9 handler Javier Aguilar along with his pit bull narcotics dog, Taz. The department hired Aguilar, a trained K-9 handler who previously worked for the Colville Tribal Police, last November and purchased Taz from the Colville agency with a generous donation from the Ostrem family of Brewster. Aguilar was allowed to keep Taz for \$1 paid to the city. He also signed an indemnification agreement with the city in exchange for keeping the dog.

The city is going back to call-in meetings next month because COVID appears to be resurging in the county. The next council meeting will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16.

Wastewater facility plan approved

DOE gives Pateros grant for Shoreline Master Plan update

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

PATEROS - The Pateros City Council, at its regular monthly meeting August 16, to adopt a resolution approving a \$11,200 grant from the Department of Ecology (DOE) to help Pateros update its Shoreline Master Plan (SMP). City administrator Jord Wilson and city planner Kurt Danison will work together on the city's SMP.

In other business council approved a professional service agreement for Varela & Associates to draft a new wastewater facility plan that has not been updated since 1999. In 2001 facility upgrades were made to the wastewater treatment facility as outlined in the 1999 plan. The existing plan does not reflect the city's

current wastewater, flows, or loadings or current national pollutant discharge elimination system waste discharge permit requirements.

"Our transmission lines and Warren Avenue lift station and head works station are over 50 years old," city clerk/treasurer Kerri Wilson wrote in a resolution summary for council members.

The new a plan is required before the city can upgrade or perform major repairs to the wastewater system.

Wilson reported that she submitted a \$169,552 grant application to the Transportation Infrastructure Board (TIB) to add chip seal to Warren Avenue from Dawson Street to the end of Watson Draw, Pryor Drive, Pearl Street, and Augusta Street.

"Typically, TIB has awarded

100 percent of the request," said Wilson, "but we could have a match requirement of up to 10 percent."

Last June the council approved a grant of \$199,312 in American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds that will be distributed to the city in two installments of \$99,656 this year and 2022 through the state Office of Financial Management. The city planning committee identified two projects that meet the criteria for use of the funds, upgrades to the downtown breezeway and the reader board.

"Erlandsen just received the title report for the breezeway property and should complete the survey for the property in the next couple of weeks," Wilson said.

Wilson said she has a \$7,181.50 proposal ready for

Graybeal Signs to manage the design and specifications of the reader board and information kiosks in the breezeway and mall.

Earlier this month Wilson submitted three projects to the Economic Alliance Infrastructure Committee and its 2021 .09 Prioritization Process for Community and Economic Development/Public Infrastructure Projects within Okanogan County. The Public Facilities Fund (.09 Sales and Use Tax rebate) is allocated for rural communities. Eligible entities are limited to incorporated cities and tribes within Okanogan County.

Public works has completed the installation of all new water meters with the exception of Big River Enterprises.

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Ancient homes in Sanpoil River and Lake Rufus Woods

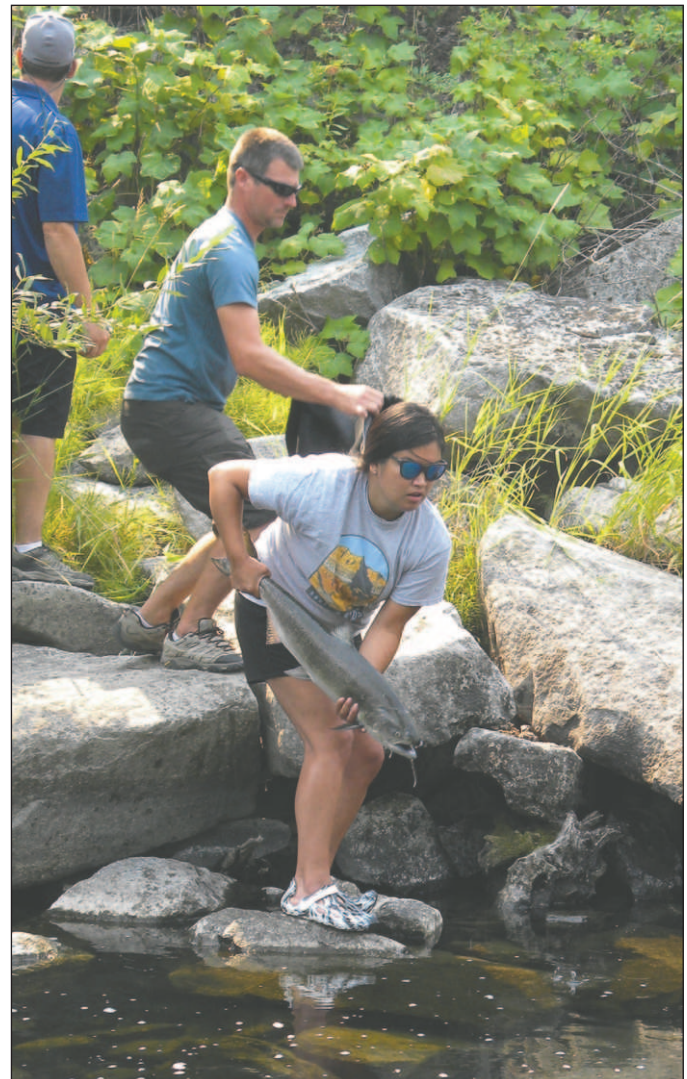
CCT releases chinook salmon in historic habitat

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE CAMPOBASSO, CTFW PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST

NESPELEM -- Recently, hundreds of adult summer chinook were released upstream of Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph dams. The releases are part of a huge undertaking by the Colville

Confederated Tribes (CCT) to reconnect salmon to their historic habitat.

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



Fish biologist Kirsten Brudevold



Courtesy CTFW

Natural resources technician Matt Jane

PUD's Wells Hatchery.

Casey Baldwin, research scientist for Colville Tribes' Fish and Wildlife (CTFW), said that all of the fish were PIT tagged.

"In the Sanpoil, the PIT tags will tell us if they move out of the river or up the West Fork. In Lake Rufus Woods, the PIT tags will tell us if they move into the Nespelem River, or if they fall back through Chief Joseph Dam and go to a hatchery or a tributary."

Since 2019, the CCT have held several cultural and educational releases to reintroduce salmon into blocked areas of the Columbia River. "The CCT have been wait-

ing patiently for salmon to return to the upper Columbia (above Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dam) for over 80 years," said Joe Peone, director for

CTFW. "But now we are taking steps to make it happen. We have transported hundreds of adult salmon around the dams in the last few years."

Peone said the tribes will continue to release salmon into waters above the blocked area in years to come and that there are plans in the works to trap and haul sockeye in

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"We are waiting until cherry harvest is completed, and they install an approved backflow preventer," said Wilson. "The new meters are more accurate and are picking up small leaks in the system."

Wilson added that the final funding to close out the project with USDA Rural Development has been processed.

"It will be all grant, no loan," said Wilson. "I believe we will be able to purchase a \$30,000 water truck and the grant can

pay for half. The truck would be primarily for flushing water lines."

The city pumping stations have been adjusted so both pumps come on at the same time rather than in alternating order.

"Pump station #4 runs at about 40 percent of the total so as to reduce the amount of manganese in the system," said Wilson. "We are comfortable with the manganese testing and will be reducing testing to quarterly instead of monthly."

The next regular meeting of the city council is 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 20.

## Coaches named for high school fall sports

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – School resumes August 30 in the Bridgeport School District and with that date less than a week away the fall sports coaches are preparing for a full season of 1B and 2B competition. "I think we are all looking forward to getting back to school with our sports programs and back into competition after last year's very trying year under the difficulties that the COVID-19 pandemic posed to us all," said Bridgeport athletic director Scott Darwood. "We all still know of our need to be vigilant in regards to the virus but hope that the return to school and athletics will help to bring some sort of normalcy back into all our lives. Like all AD's and coaches, I feel athletics and competition helps us with that."

Darwood introduced Bridgeport's fall sports coaching roster:

High School B 8-man (1B) Football: Head coach John

McDougal and assistant coach Luke Luttrell requested and were granted a one-year leave of absence from coaching duties. Moving up to take on the head coaching duties on a one-year interim basis will be assistant coach Brandon Janicek. Stepping in to be his assistant on a one-year interim basis is former Bridgeport head football coach Eric Schmidt.

High School Volleyball (1B): Both third year head coach Suni Gill and her assistant Zoe Baxley are returning this fall.

High School Girls Soccer (2B): Long time head coach Gabe Gonzalez, assistant coach Carlos Lopez, and third year Assistant Chris Gonzalez will once again take the reins.

Middle School Girls Basketball (1B): Veteran girls basketball coach Scott Sattler and assistant coach Jeff Jackson are back for another year.

Middle School Boys Basketball (1B): Craig Burke who served as longtime assistant to Scott Sattler returns for his

second year as head coach.

Middle School Cross Country (2B): Elementary Counselor and High School/Middle School part-time Migrant Counselor Ryan Allstot will step in for his first year as XC head coach. Allstot has previous XC coaching experience in Arizona and Manson.

"Coach Allstot may be asked to help with some of the coaching duties for HS XC depending on whether any athletes turn out for High School XC," said Darwood. "Last year Bridgeport was in a co-op with Brewster due to a lack of numbers at Bridgeport as only two student athletes participated in XC. The co-op agreement will remain for this fall as well, but coaching responsibilities are yet to be determined until the start of the season to see where the participation numbers fall."

Darwood said he is impressed with the dedication of Bridgeport's coaching staffs at both the HS and MS levels and their desire to work with

our student athletes, and step into open positions where and when needed.

## BREWSTER

Athletic Director Greg Austin there will be familiar faces on the Bears' fall sports coaching staff this year.

Former assistant Travis Todd will assume the football head coach position.

Former volleyball head coach Marcy Boesel is back to take on that post once again.

Kelly Brown is returning as the XC head coach.

Alex Sanchez is back as the head coach for girls' soccer.

## PATEROS

Athletic Director Marcus Stennes introduces new hires for the Billygoats and Nannies this fall.

Erik Romero will be the new head football coach with Brevin Evenson as assistant.

Melanie Williams takes over volleyball with assistant Teagan Straub.

Olivia Cronin is the new soccer coach with an assistant yet to be determined.



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## BPA will reduce power rates

SUBMITTED BY SHEILA CORSON, PUD PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

OKANOGAN -- Although Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will implement historic power rate decreases, the Okanogan PUD will also receive less power, which they will have to replace at a higher price on the open power market.

BPA announced earlier this summer that it would reduce power rates for the first time in decades by an average of 2.5 percent and reduce its transmission rate increase to an average of 6.1 percent (originally predicted to be 12%). That applies differently across the various utilities who purchase power from BPA. New rates are effective Oct. 1.

For Okanogan County PUD, which purchases about two-thirds of its power from BPA, the 2.5 percent reduction in

prices will mean some savings, but the PUD will also lose about 16,408 megawatt-hours of power for the year. The only way to recover that power is through sales on the open market, which on average are twice what the PUD would pay to BPA. Staff expect it to take at least \$1 million to replace those megawatts, more than what the savings would be in the reduced rates. Most of the megawatts to be replaced occur during times of high demand, when the power on the market is even more expensive.

The reduction in megawatts comes due to fish passage mitigation measures, which allows for less power production across the BPA system.

The BPA's 6.1 percent transmission rate increase will also cost the PUD about \$160,000 more for the year.

In other business during an Aug. 9

meeting, the PUD board:

Surplussed a 1996 backhoe and 1986 gas-powered air compressor to auction, as well as a variety of unneeded items from the warehouse.

Heard from Director of Power Resources and Broadband Services Ron Gadeberg that wholesale power sales in July were again far under budget, similar to June. Excessive heat meant the PUD had to buy more power than anticipated, so that wholesale power revenue is now about \$600,000 under budget for the year. Retail sales, however, as of June are about \$127,000 over budget after high usage especially in the June heatwave.

Also heard from Gadeberg that broadband continues to grow, with 3,816 total end users, and fiber connections up to 73 so far in 2021, more than in any other full year as demand increases.

## SALMON

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the future.

"It is critical that the CCT

take a leadership role in restoring salmon to their historic natal waters," Peone said.

This fall, fisheries staff will go to the release sites and monitor the fish along the Sanpoil River and in the upper watershed to observe the fish spawning.

"In 2020, we observed a lot of spawning near the release sites and this year, we put some fish in the same locations, but we also put some fish lower down river, so it will be interesting to see how they do compared to the upper release sites," said Baldwin. "Next spring, our juvenile trout monitoring program will be able to document out-migrating salmon smolts. We will be able to put tags in them and document their journey to the ocean, and if we are lucky, perhaps even see a few adults return to the Columbia."

The CCT, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Upper Columbia

United Tribes (UCUT) and other stakeholders have been working on salmon reintroduction for years.

"As a Colville Tribal citizen, to participate and witness the cultural and educational releases of salmon continues to inspire me and we have also heard the same reaction from so many throughout the region about the incredible potential of returning salmon to its historic habitat," said Executive Director for UCUT, Dr. Michel. "The recently completed Phase 2 Implementation Plan cites the cultural and educational releases as key activities to provide data that will inform how future fish passage facilities will be designed and placed in the blocked area of the Columbia River. The Phase 2 Implementation Plan is being shared with resource managers throughout the region, it will be a living document that will continue to be developed and improved as information and data are gathered."

Goals of the cultural and educational releases include:

- Meet cultural and ceremonial needs of the tribes by reconnecting salmon with their historic habitat and reconnecting people with the salmon.
- Contribute to knowledge about movement, survival, and behavior of fish in the streams, reservoirs and dams that will answer key uncertainties or better inform the development of experimental designs for studies in later phases of reintroduction.
- Provide opportunity for salmon to spawn in the natural environment to generate offspring for downstream fisheries and future stock for additional reintroductions.
- Ecosystem benefits such as reintroduction of marine derived nutrients for stream, riparian, forest, and wildlife.

*Editor's note: The Quad was on hand to cover the CCT's first release of chinook salmon into ancestral waters of the Columbia River above Chief Joseph Dam on August 9, 2019. See "Chinook salmon reintroduced above Chief Joseph Dam" issue 33, page 1, August 15, 2019.*

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When things go wrong

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

It's something I've done a hundred times before. Have the dog jump into the cab of the truck, go find a remote place to camp, and escape into the woods for 24 hours. With bad news raining down about Afghanistan, coronavirus restrictions returning and more I told my family I was getting away. When asked where, I said I would be staying at a remote U.S. Forest Service campground or trailhead along on near Lake Wenatchee.

Finding an uncrowded place to camp was challenging and much to my surprise, despite campfire bans, a number of campers (especially in Lake Wenatchee State Park) had campfires burning merrily away in fire pits. Eventually I found the quiet place to camp I was looking for, a dispersed camping site near the Chiwaukum Creek trailhead. There was only one camper in the area, some 200 yards away. With no cell service I was assured of a quiet evening without any phone calls or the distraction of the internet.

Things went well at first. My springer spaniel, Georgia and I enjoyed a nice walk at dusk and then I quietly played music from the stereo in my truck while I enjoyed the emerging stars and the sway of the pine trees in the slight breeze around me.

Then I got a low battery warning in my truck. This seemed strange, I hadn't had troubles with the battery before and was surprised just the stereo playing for an hour would cause this. Then I remembered it had been a very, very long time since I had changed out that car battery. My efforts to start the engine were in vain and I was well and



Courtesy John Kruse

The aftermath of my latest overnight camping trip.

truly stuck. Being late, I got my jumper cables out, opened the hood of the truck, and resolved to contact the unknown camper early in the morning in hopes of getting a jumpstart.

With Georgia and I sleeping under the canopy covering the pick-up truck bed, I clipped a leash onto her so she could take care of business one more time before we called it a night. I had only walked a few steps down the dirt road with her while gazing up in the stars when she suddenly bolted on the leash. I have no idea whether she scented or saw a deer or other animal but I was completely unprepared for her lunging the way she did and I fell both awkwardly and hard onto the road.

As soon as I hit the ground, I felt a very sharp pain around my left ankle. I got to my feet and knew the situation was not good. I suspected at the very least a sprained ankle and possibly torn ligaments. I did manage to get Georgia and I into the back of the truck and slept fitfully until daylight. With no cell reception and no way to walk far for help, my options seemed limited to this.



Bill Forhan/NCW Media

Emergency battery charger.

The pre-sunrise, 200-yard walk to the other camper's site as a painful, shuffling affair. I knocked on the back of the truck canopy, having no idea what reception I would get. A young woman opened the canopy and I told her I had injured my ankle, had a dead car battery, and needed a jump. She said she needed to get dressed and pack up her site but promised to meet me back at my truck.

The walk back to my truck was equally painful but when I arrived the young woman, who said her name was Rod, was there to meet me. It took a few minutes but we were able to jumpstart my truck battery. We struck up a conversation during this time and I found out that not only was she a seasonal backcountry ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, but

that I had met her on a hike up the Icicle Creek Trail a year earlier. The Forest Service did a good job hiring Rod, she was definitely a life saver for me!

Back on the road I checked in at home with my family and off-loaded Georgia before heading to the walk-in clinic. There I found I hadn't sprained my ankle but instead had broken my leg, my fibula to be exact, just above my ankle. Now I have a cast on my foot and a likely operation to look forward to repair the damage. As for Georgia, the photo taken while I'm writing this article says it all. She is looking, and acting, very guilty. She doesn't need to worry though, all is forgiven, though she will be missing her daily walks with her dad for a while.

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

Editor's Comment:

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Forest-wide fire restrictions expanded to include recreational shooting; lawful hunting not restricted

Submitted by USFS

WENATCHEE - Due to prolonged, extreme fire conditions the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is expanding current fire restrictions to include recreational shooting effective immediately.

The expanded fire restrictions prohibit discharging a firearm on all lands, roads and trails within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The restrictions do not apply to individuals with a valid hunting license who are engaged in legal pursuit of game. "The forest is currently managing multiple fires, as we have seen firsthand

how quickly they are spreading this year when certain conditions are present," said Forest Supervisor Kristin Bail. "The current conditions and fire activity compel us to take additional measures to reduce the risk of new fires that increase risks to public and firefighter safety, communities, and resources. We appreciate your cooperation to prevent human caused fires."

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### Rosemary 'Cookie' Harder

Rosemary 'Cookie' Harder, 76, of Omak, Washington, passed away on August 15, 2021.

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Submitted by Bridgeport School District

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Highly Capable Program Coordinator: Hanna Coffman ([hcoffman@bsd75.org](mailto:hcoffman@bsd75.org))

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery

BREWSTER - Brewster Senior Center on Bridge Street is serving hot meals only on Thursday at this time. Take out only. Please reserve your meal by calling 509-689-2815. Pick-up time is between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

The home-delivered meal program is on its regular schedule.

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

### Thursday, August 26

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals on Thursdays. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$8.50. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10.

Senior Menu not available for August 26.

### August 26, 31, Sept. 2

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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/douglascountyvso](https://facebook.com/douglascountyvso)

### August 27

#### 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.

### August 28

#### Thrift store open

BREWSTER - The thrift store in the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. New items added weekly.

### Sept. 8

#### Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will

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### Sept. 10-11

#### Pateros Community Market, Movie, Vendors

PATEROS - The Pateros Community Market (PCM), also known as the Pop-up Market, 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 market-goers. 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, processors, crafters, makers, musicians, non-profits, young entrepreneurs, and more. Those interested in being a vendor, volunteer, or sponsor can email [PaterosCommunityMarket@gmail.com](mailto:PaterosCommunityMarket@gmail.com). Vendor applications are available online at [forms.gle/hnzg4UH5LVHboHUs8](https://forms.gle/hnzg4UH5LVHboHUs8).

### 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.

Sept. 13

#### 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.

Sept. 13

#### Okanogan County PUD meeting

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. For more information [okanoganpud.org](http://okanoganpud.org)

Sept. 13

#### Douglas County PUD meeting

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Sept. 13, 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

## OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

### Douglas County Sheriff

#### August 9

Non-injury accident at Bridgeport Hill Road, milepost 9, Bridgeport.

Agency assistance at 503 S. Seventh St., Brewster.

Parking/abandoned vehicle at 326 12th St., Bridgeport.

Sex offense at 1908 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport.

Child protective services/adult protective services at

46 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport. Miscellaneous incident at 1125 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport.

#### August 11

Agency assistance at Quik-E-Mart, 2606 Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport.

#### August 13

Public assistance at 335 E. Railroad Ave., Mansfield.

Agency assistance at the 0 block of Highland Drive, Bridgeport.

Drugs at Berryman Park, 2100 Fisk Ave., Bridgeport.

#### August 4

Animal problem at 9 Washburn Ave., Bridgeport.

Noise at 86 Gun Club Rd., Bridgeport.

Public assistance at 405 State Route 173, Bridgeport Bar.

Noise at 1122 Columbia Ave., Bridgeport.

### Brewster Police Department

#### August 13

No Report.

#### August 14

Noise Complaint, S. 6th & Indian Ave., Brewster. Noise Complaint, Marthas Rd., Brewster.

#### August 15

Non-Injury Accident, Hwy 97, Brewster.

Juvenile Problem, S. 4th St., Brewster.

#### August 17

Assault, Garfield St., Omak.

#### August 18

Suspicious Activity, Hwy 97. Violate Order Hwy 97.

#### August 19

No Report.

### Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff

#### August 13

VIN Inspection, Stennes Point Dr., Pateros.

#### August 14

Missing Person, Long Dr., Pateros.

Illegal Burn, Pioneer Rd., Brewster.

Stray Animal, Pateros. Homicide, Antoine Creek USFS 8140 Rd., Chelan.

Pornography, Evie Ln, La Presa Camp, Bridgeport.

#### August 15

Automobile Theft, Hwy 97, Gebbers Camp, Bridgeport.

#### August 16

Theft, Hwy 17, Bridgeport.

#### August 17

Suspicious, Highway 97. Injury Accident, Lagrange Rd., Bridgeport.

#### August 18

Fireworks, Starr Rd. Area, Pateros.

#### August 19

No Report.

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# Red Cross Pamphlet Facilitates Illegal Immigration, Says Expert

A Spanish-language flyer by the Red Cross provides detailed routes to the US southern border, shelter locations, and instructions on how to jump off a moving train safely

CHARLOTTE CUTHBERTSON

UVALDE, Texas—Rancher John Sewell recently picked up a pamphlet that had fallen from the backpack of an illegal immigrant who was trespassing on his property near Uvalde, Texas—about 50 miles from the U.S.–Mexico border.

On one side is a map that details transport routes from Panama to the United States. It pinpoints in great detail where migrants can find shelter or get medical help along the way. The other side is full of useful information, in Spanish, including how to more safely travel through forests and jungles, find shelter, get medical help, and deal with immigration authorities.

It was published by the Red Cross and is titled “Messages of Self-Help for Migrants.”

The pamphlet crosses a line beyond providing life-saving information to facilitating illegal immigration, according to Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies.

“It’s practically a road map or a TripTech for an illegal migrant,” she told The Epoch Times. “It’s one thing to give out water to migrants. It’s quite another thing to help them migrate illegally—and breach the sovereignty of a border.”

The pamphlet includes advice such as that “it’s always safer to travel in a group, especially for women,” and to stay in contact with relatives and friends, “especially before crossing the border.”

It warns against getting on or off a train when it’s moving or wet, but then advises: “If you do get off a train when it’s moving, keep running so that others don’t fall on top of you,” and “Try not to get on a train if you haven’t eaten or rested. You may fall off if you are sleepy.”

It goes on to say: “Don’t hide in vehicles or in small places where you might suffocate, drown, or get sick. Be sure you have enough space to breathe.”

In Uvalde, where Sewell obtained the pamphlet, Border Patrol has seen a 911 percent increase this year in stowaway illegal aliens on freight trains traveling from the border to San Antonio.

On Aug. 13, on one train inspected by Border Patrol, agents found 20 illegal aliens hiding in the beds of new pickup trucks being hauled in two different train cars. Several of the aliens had been apprehended the previous day by the same agent at the same location. All were single males from Mexico and Honduras.

The map also highlights Red Cross shelters in Mexico and other places that are run by religious organizations, such as the Good Samaritan House in Oaxaca, Mexico, and Catholic Charities in Tucson, Arizona.

Vaughan said that, rather than being a “benign underground railroad-type of exercise,” the pamphlet is “enticing criminal behavior that is also very, very dangerous and illegal.”

She said the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations should be telling migrants not to come. She said most illegal immigrants entering the United States don’t meet the cri-



Border Patrol agents apprehend 21 illegal aliens from Mexico who had hidden in a grain hopper on a freight train heading to San Antonio on June 21, 2021.

teria for asylum and won’t be granted asylum status by an immigration judge. Many Central Americans, the largest population of illegal immigrants, don’t end up claiming asylum once they’re in the United States, and of those who do, less than 15 percent are granted relief.

A spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said the organization doesn’t prevent or encourage migration.

“As an impartial, neutral and independent organization, our actions are focused on addressing the humanitarian needs of migrants to ensure they are treated with dignity, both in their countries of origin, transit and destination, and regardless of their immigration status,” the spokesperson told The Epoch Times via email.

The ICRC didn’t respond to a question asking where it makes the pamphlets available, but the Red Cross logos from seven countries are printed on the flyer, including the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Panama.

The spokesperson said the organization provides humanitarian assistance at key points along the route.

“We also inform them of risks they’re undertaking while using the migration route,” the spokesperson said.

“It is essential to prevent the loss of lives and to promote a humanitarian approach. Addressing the needs of this vulnerable population is a shared responsibility, of the authorities in the countries of origin,

transit and destination, and of the international community.”

The Geneva-based ICRC operated in 100 countries in 2019 and spent more than \$2 billion, according to its latest annual report. It is funded mainly by voluntary donations from governments, and national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, according to its website.

Vaughan said the United States should investigate how the flyer came to be published and with whose funding.

“They should be helping people in the countries where the migrants live, not aid and abet this illegal migration that is so dangerous and has created so many problems for all of the countries where it occurs,” she said.

## Judge Blocks Biden Administration From Limiting Arrests of Illegal Immigrants

ZACHARY STIEBER

President Joe Biden’s administration cannot, for now, curtail arrests of illegal immigrants, a federal judge ruled on Aug. 19, delivering another setback to the White House’s immigration agenda.

U.S. District Judge Drew Tipton, a Trump nominee, granted a preliminary injunction sought by the states of Texas and Louisiana against two memorandums issued by Biden administration officials earlier this year that sought to “prioritize” certain categories of illegal immigrants.

The case involves an immigration law provision that stipulates that illegal immigrants who had committed crimes shall be taken into federal custody after they’re released, but the Biden administration’s memos attempted to direct Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) resources to detain illegal aliens based on the nature of the crime. Texas and Louisiana argued that Biden’s memo would prevent ICE agents from arresting and deporting other illegal aliens who had criminal histories.

Not included in the two memos were categories for illegal aliens convicted of serious drug offenses or crimes of moral turpitude.

The two states have seen rising costs related to detention facilities and an increase in crimes traceable to the memos, Tipton wrote in the 160-page order.

“The Court concludes the potential harms to the States arising out of the Memoranda outweigh any potential harms to the Government. The Court also concludes the public interest is served, rather than undermined, by an injunction,” he wrote.

U.S. lawyers argued that the memos did prioritize certain categories of illegal immigrants but didn’t preclude

action against ones that fell outside those categories.

They also asserted that the Department of Homeland Security has “longstanding discretion over the enforcement of immigration laws” and the agency’s efforts shouldn’t be interfered with.

But Tipton concluded that the government appeared to have failed to consider some of the effects of the new guidelines, including whether they would drive up crimes since some criminal illegal aliens were excluded from the priorities outlined in the memos.

“In sum, the Government’s failure to rationally explain and connect the basis for the new guidance, along with the Government’s failure to consider certain relevant factors and alternative policies, establish that there is a substantial likelihood that the re-prioritization is an arbitrary and capricious policy,” he wrote.

Additionally, the judge said the agency appeared to be neglecting federal law that outlines immigration enforcement.

The preliminary injunction is in effect pending a final resolution of the case or until a further order from the court or an appeals court.

With Tipton’s order, ICE officers now have broader powers and can go after a broader range of illegal immigrants. His ruling also requires the federal government to report back by Sept. 3 on changes to enforcing immigration law.

After the White House-directed memos were issued, ICE arrested far fewer illegal immigrants each month than during the same months in 2020.

Harris County, Texas, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, the president’s nominee to lead ICE, told senators last month during a nominating hearing that he viewed the drop in arrests as “con-

cerning.”

“In my experience I would like to see more data to see what other factors may have played into that to better understand the numbers,” he said. “It is concerning, so I would make sure, again, that we’re being strategic and we’re prioritizing properly that we could go after those individuals that pose the greatest threat to our communities.”

Gonzalez said he believed illegal immigrants ordered removed from the United States should be deported.

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) said he was “heartened” by the responses. “I think they do put you in significant tension with this administration’s policies—I’m personally fine with that, I hope you go and enforce the law vigorously, I don’t know what the White House will think of your answers but I’m heartened by what I’ve heard so far.”

Tipton’s ruling is the latest blow to the White House’s immigration agenda amid dozens of executive orders issued by Biden during his nascent presidency—many of which rescinded Trump-era policies including “Remain in Mexico” and construction of the border wall along the U.S.–Mexico border.

Earlier in the year, the judge blocked Biden’s proposed 100-day moratorium on most ICE deportations, saying the directive violated immigration law. Another federal judge last week ordered the Biden administration to reinstate President Donald Trump’s “Remain in Mexico” policy that requires asylum-seekers to stay in Mexico for the remainder of their immigration court proceedings.

The Department of Homeland Security didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment.

Jack Phillips contributed to this report.

## Weekly Jobless Claims Fall to Pandemic-Era Low

TOM OZIMEK

The number of U.S. workers filing for unemployment fell to a pandemic-era low last week, adding to evidence of continued labor market recovery.

First-time filings for unemployment insurance, a proxy for layoffs, came in at 348,000 for the week ending Aug. 14, a drop of 29,000 from the previous week’s revised level of 377,000, the Labor Department said in a statement.

After surging to a series high of 6.2 million weekly claims in April 2020, initial filings have fallen steadily, aside from several minor upticks, though they remain well above the pre-pandemic weekly average of around 220,000.

“Some much needed good news is found in jobless claims with fresh pandemic lows notched both for new and continuing claims,” Bankrate senior economic analyst Mark Hamrick told The Epoch Times in an emailed statement.

Continuing claims, which represent the number of people collecting unemployment benefits after earlier making an initial filing, fell by 79,000 last week to 2.8 million. That’s the lowest level since March 14, 2020, when it stood at 1.77 million.

While the unemployment numbers are encouraging, they indicate that the labor market has further to go before making a full recovery to pre-pandemic levels.

“Pointing to continuing challenges, some 11.7 million Americans were receiving some form of unemployment assistance as of the latest snapshot,” Hamrick said. “This is a reminder of further healing that’s still needed.”

Another encouraging sign for

the jobs market was the Labor Department’s Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS), released on Aug. 9, which shows that job openings in the United States surged to a record high of 10.1 million in June. However, hiring lagged behind that figure by more than 3 million, painting a picture of an economic recovery being held back by hiring difficulties, especially among small businesses.

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) July jobs report found that 49 percent of small business owners reported job openings that couldn’t be filled—a 48-year record high.

“Small business owners struggled to find qualified workers for their open positions, which has impaired business activity in the busy summer months,” NFIB chief economist Bill Dunkelberg said in a statement. “Owners are raising compensation to the highest levels in 48 years to attract needed employees.”

Hiring difficulties have hit smaller business bottom lines especially hard. While large corporations such as Target have recently posted forecast-beating earnings and reported little difficulty attracting talent, a recent survey by Salesforce shows that 53.3 percent of small and medium-sized businesses said staffing issues have been a drag on revenues. For those businesses that said hiring woes were pressuring profits, 56.6 percent reported a hit to revenues of at least 11 percent.

While economic output has fully bounced back to its pre-pandemic levels, the employment recovery is trailing. After shedding 22.4 million jobs in the first two months of the pandemic, the U.S. economy has recovered about 15.6 million jobs since May 2020.

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# Privacy Group Challenges USPS Surveillance Operation

A U.S. Postal Service mail delivery truck in Washington on Aug. 13, 2021.

KEN SILVA

A prominent internet privacy group is suing the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), alleging that its social media surveillance program violates federal law.

According to a lawsuit filed last week in Washington by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), the USPS has been operating its Internet Covert Operations Program (iCOP) without conducting a privacy impact assessment—a review of what information is collected, why it's being collected, how the information is used, and how the data is stored.

EPIC seeks to have a federal judge suspend iCOP until the USPS at least conducts and publishes such a review, as required by the E-Government Act.

[Barksdale] denied iCOP was a program, but said it had an 'executive' overseeing it.

Rep. Nancy Mace

The existence of iCOP was first reported in April by Yahoo News, which had obtained an internal USPS memo about monitoring right-wing anti-lockdown protestors.

"Parlor users have commented about their intent to use the rallies to engage in violence. Image 3 on the right is a screenshot from Parlor indicating two users discussing the event as an opportunity to engage in a 'fight' and to 'do serious damage,'" the March 16 USPS memo reads, circulated ahead of the "World Wide Rally—For Freedom, Peace, & Human Rights" event scheduled for March 20.

"No intelligence is available to suggest the legitimacy of these threats."

The Yahoo News report prompted questions from some lawmakers about why the postal service is conducting intelligence operations. A group of 32 Republican lawmakers wrote Postmaster General Louis DeJoy on April 22, seeking a briefing on iCOP.

"It is unclear why the USPS, of all government agencies and the only one devoted to the delivery of Americans' mail, is taking on the role of



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

intelligence collection," the letter reads. "The type of general review of social media alleged in the reporting does not indicate that the posts reviewed by iCOP are related to the protection and security of USPS, its postal routes, its employees, or the mail generally."

Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale reportedly briefed lawmakers later in a closed-door session in April, following which Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) published an op-ed denouncing the surveillance operations. Mace said Barksdale was "unprepared to answer our questions to the point of incompetence."

"Barksdale couldn't tell us when the program started, how much taxpayers were paying to run it, or even what legal authority the post office had to spy on the public's social media activities," Mace said. "He denied iCOP was a program, but said it had an 'executive' overseeing it. He said the post office coordinated with other agencies, but couldn't list a single one."

"What's worse, he denied iCOP was used to monitor social media activities, but in the very same breath, said his analysts use iCOP to do exactly this."

Following its initial April report, Yahoo News revealed more details about iCOP in May. According to Yahoo, the USPS also used internet surveillance tools to monitor social media to track potential violence at protests following the death of George Floyd.

"After the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol by Trump supporters, the analysts turned their attention to right-wing accounts," Yahoo News reported in May.

Around that time, EPIC also filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in May, seeking records about iCOP, including its privacy impact assessment.

In EPIC's lawsuit, the group said that the postal service "failed to locate" its privacy impact assessment in response to the FOIA request—suggesting that one doesn't exist.

"Defendants have unlawfully initiated [iCOP] ... and used facial recognition and social media monitoring tools to initiate or significantly modify collections of personal information under the iCOP without first conducting and publishing the full and complete Privacy Impact Assessment(s) required by ... the E-Government Act," EPIC stated in its Aug. 12 filing.

In a separate statement about the lawsuit, EPIC expressed skepticism at the notion that the USPS should be conducting broad intelligence operations such as iCOP.

"The iCOP's surveillance of protests and tracking of 'inflammatory' content goes far beyond the program's mandate to investigate fraud and other crimes perpetuated through the mail or USPS's website," EPIC said in the statement.

Representatives for the USPS didn't respond to a request for comment by press time. The postal service has previously defended iCOP as a legal open-source intelligence

operation designed to protect its employees.

"This review of publicly available open-source information, including news reports and social media, is one piece of a comprehensive security and threat analysis, and the information obtained is the same information anyone can access as a private citizen," a U.S. Postal Inspection Service spokesperson told Yahoo News in May.

"News report and social media listening activity helps protect the 644,000 men and women who work for the postal service by ensuring they are able to avoid potentially volatile situations while working to process and deliver the nation's mail every day."

The nonprofit Judicial Watch is pursuing similar litigation against the USPS for not responding to the group's FOIA request about iCOP. In that case, the USPS has until Sept. 1 to respond to the group's lawsuit. No dates have been scheduled in the EPIC case.

## US Black Hawk Helicopters Captured by Taliban as 'Horrified' Senators Demand DOD Audit

JACK PHILLIPS

Likely billions of dollars of American weapons and vehicles are now in the hands of the Taliban extremist group after the collapse of the Afghan government and army, with numerous videos and photos surfacing online showing Taliban members seizing the equipment.

Photos have circulated of Taliban members holding American M-4 carbines and M-16 rifles rather than AK-47s or AKMs. Other images and videos showed the Taliban surrounding U.S. Black Hawk helicopters and A-29 Super Tucano attack aircraft.

On Aug. 18, several Republican senators demanded the Department of Defense (DOD) provide full accounting over the weapons and equipment that were captured by the Taliban, considered by several agencies as a terrorist organization.

"As we watched the images coming out of Afghanistan as the Taliban retook the country, we were horrified to see U.S. equipment—including UH-60 Black Hawks—in the hands of the Taliban," Sens. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and two dozen

It is unconscionable that high-tech military equipment paid for by U.S. taxpayers has fallen into the hands of the Taliban.

Two dozen Republican senators

other senators wrote to Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin this week.

"It is unconscionable that high-tech military equipment paid for by U.S. taxpayers has fallen into the hands of the Taliban and their terrorist allies," the Republicans added. "Securing U.S. assets should have been among the top priorities for the U.S. Department of Defense prior to announcing the withdrawal from Afghanistan."

Some experts said that the Taliban capture of U.S. hardware has more of a psychological impact, rather than a practical impact.

"When an armed group gets their hands on American-made weapon-

ry, it's sort of a status symbol. It's a psychological win," said Elias Yousif, deputy director of the Center for International Policy's Security Assistance Monitor, according to The Hill.

Yousif said the development is problematic for a number of reasons. "Clearly, this is an indictment of the U.S. security cooperation enterprise broadly," he added. "It really should raise a lot of concerns about what is the wider enterprise that is going on every single day, whether that's in the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia."

The Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, established by Congress in 2008, has said that about \$83 billion was spent on developing and sustaining the Afghan police and army over two decades. Between 2003 and 2016, the United States transferred nearly 600,000 weapons, 76,000 vehicles, 163,000 communication devices, 208 aircraft, and surveillance and reconnaissance equipment to the Afghan forces, according to a 2017 Government Accountability Office report.

Between 2017 and 2019, the United States provided Afghan army

forces with 4,702 Humvees, 2,520 bombs, 1,394 grenade launchers, 20,040 hand grenades, and 7,035 machine guns, stated the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

Yousif told The Hill that it's likely the Taliban would be able to use advanced aircraft or weaponry but stressed they won't be able to keep the aircraft in the air for long.

"They may be able to manage a flight or two or to operate them in some really limited capacity in the short term, but without long-term sustainment, maintenance, servicing, that sort of thing, it wouldn't turn into a robust or useful military capability," he said. "It took the Afghans and the United States a long time to develop an indigenous air capability, and even then, they were reliant on the United States to keep those planes in the sky."

Small arms such as M-16s, he said, are of more concern.

"They are easy to maintain, easy to learn how to use, easy to transport," Yousif told the outlet. "The concern for all small arms is that they are durable goods and they can be trans-

ferred, sold. We've seen this before where a conflict ends and the arms that stay there make their way to all parts of the world."

When pressed for comment, White House officials said it isn't clear how many weapons or vehicles were seized.

"We don't have a complete picture, obviously, of where every article of defense materials has gone, but certainly a fair amount of it has fallen into the hands of the Taliban," White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters on Aug. 17. "And obviously, we don't have a sense that they are going to readily hand it over to us at the airport."

And Sullivan made reference to the Black Hawk helicopters that were taken, blaming the Afghan army for not defending themselves.

"Those Black Hawks were not given to the Taliban," he said. "They were given to the Afghan National Security Forces to be able to defend themselves at the specific request of [Afghan] President [Ashraf] Ghani, who came to the Oval Office and asked for additional air capability, among other things."

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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 Published in the Lake Chelan Mirror, Quad City Herald, Cashmere Valley Record and The Leavenworth Echo August 25 and Sept. 1, 2021. #2535

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

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. Published in the Quad City Herald August 25 and Sept. 1, 2021. #2574

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**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'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

**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 Published in the Quad City Herald August 25 and Sept. 1, 2021. #2536

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  - White condiment
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  - Invitation request
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  - South American indigenous people
  - Lung pouch (2 words)
  - Giannis Antetokounmpo's target
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  - Take exception to
  - Highland tongue
  - Bar, legally
  - Tropical tuber
  - Time on the job
  - Grey tea
  - Make a picture
  - Satellite Navigation System, for short
  - Mr. Eugene Krabs, e.g.
  - X
  - \*Compilation of nominees, e.g.
  - Uh-huh
  - "Swingers" actor turned "The Mandalorian" director
  - \*Ewan McGregor's role
  - Soviet entity
  - Flightless bird
  - Princess of #34 Down
  - Type of weasel
  - Lady or Tramp, e.g.
  - Improvise
  - Young herring
  - Printing unit, pl.
  - '90s TV sitcom "Boy \_\_\_ World" DOWN
  - Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
  - Jack, Janet and Chrissy from "Three's Company," e.g.
  - Long time
  - Rekindled
  - Faucet
  - Loads (2 words)
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  - Golden parachute recipients
  - U, on the road
  - One from Great Britain
  - Culture-growing turf
  - Bank on
  - Like an ignoramus
  - \*Hugh Laurie's medical drama, nominated 25 times, that ended in 2012
  - Egg cells
  - Great Britain's anti-mob law (2 words)
  - "The Queen's Gambit" game
  - Blood carrier
  - Suggest
  - \*Drag ball culture drama
  - Retired, shortened
  - "Get \_\_\_," Outstanding Comedy Series winner in 1968 and 69
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  - Philadelphia's Ivy
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