

Ribbon cutting held



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Among the many who helped make Brewster's waterline replacement and well house construction project a reality, a dozen gathered last week to witness and participate in the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Smyth (with scissors), council member John Housden, USDA Rural Development Community Program Director Koni Reynolds (with scissors), 12th Legislative District Representative Mike Steele (with scissors), council member Emmanuel Hurtado, city clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz, J-U-B Engineers representative Michelle Johnson, and Apollo Construction project manager Dan Sjule.

Brewster celebrates waterline replacement, well house construction projects

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – City officials, state legislators, funding partners, designers, and agency representatives gathered at the end of Reservoir Hill Road last Wednesday, July 28, for a special ribbon cutting ceremony.

stone in the multi-year march the city has been on as part of its Manganese Abatement Project that began in 2015 when the city launched its campaign to find funding.

2017: City received \$729,440 direct appropriation from the Washington State Legislature. Signed an agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for a combined

grant of \$6,300,000 and loan of \$2,631,000. Project design and engineering phase commenced.

- 2019: Bids for and drilling of test wells.
2020: Production well drilling. Waterline bids and construction. Well house bids and construction.
2021: Waterline construction completed. First well house completed. Bid request for second well house.

Incident highlights pursuit changes



Courtesy Chelan County Sheriff

Suspect Andrew Loudon is photographed at the wheel of a yellow school bus reportedly stolen in Leavenworth.

NCW Sheriffs issue statement regarding multiple reform bills

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The four sheriffs comprising the North Central Washington Law Enforcement Leadership Group have issued a public letter addressing the group's continued commitment to community safety under new state laws that, in the words of their statement, "will profoundly impact policing across Washington State."

Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris, Wenatchee Police Chief Steve Crown, Chelan County Sheriff Brian Burnett, and East Wenatchee Police Chief Rick Johnson cited some examples where service calls

may be affected including welfare checks, mental health, and civil matters.

Following is the NCWLELG letter in its entirety.

"During the 2020-21 Washington Legislative session, the legislature passed multiple police reform bills following several tragic incidents involving interactions between law enforcement and the public in cities around the nation. In May, Governor Inslee signed these reform bills into law. The majority of these new laws took effect on July 25, 2021 and will profoundly impact policing

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City to discuss TBD future

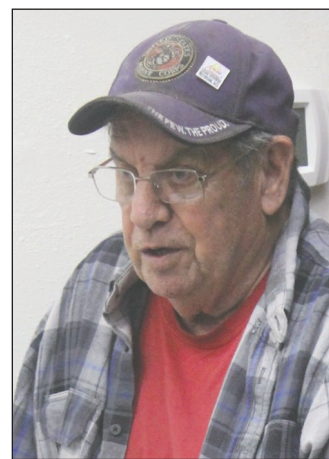
Court dismisses Bridgeport Council recall petition

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

WATERVILLE – A petition filed in Douglas County Superior Court last June by a Bridgeport resident seeking the recall of all five Bridgeport city council members has been dismissed by the judge who heard the case.

The recall action sought by Bridgeport plaintiff Michael Knox on June 10 claimed that council members were remiss in their duties to file annual reports for the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) created by the city in 2016. Knox became curious about the funds raised by vehicle license tab fees when he received a 2020 license tab renewal notice that included a \$20 fee for the Bridgeport TBD. That began an eight-month campaign by Knox to secure copies of the annual reports that must be filed with the state in accordance with mandates in both the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Bridgeport Municipal Code (BMC).

State RCW 36.73.160(2) states: A district shall issue an annual report, indicating the status of transportation improvement costs, transportation improvement



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Michael Knox addresses the Bridgeport City Council in 2019.

expenditures, revenues, and construction schedules, to the public and to newspapers of record in the district.

BMC under Title 2, Chapter 2.52 Section 020(D) states: The board shall issue an annual report, pursuant to the requirements of RCW 36.73.160(2). (Ord. 669 § 3 (part), 2016).

The recall targeted council members Matthew Schuh, Mike Bjornstad, Jacqueline Hentges, Esiquio (Zeke) Martinez, and Sergio Orozco. Two of those, Bjornstad and Martinez, were appointed to



Courtesy ifiberone.com

Judge Brian C. Huber

because they had never been done and simply didn't exist."

Knox said he finally extrapolated the figures from a Department of Licensing report and produced the following annual totals:

- 2017 - \$18,097.20
2018 - \$48,371.28
2019 - \$44,926.20
2020 - \$45,302.40

Adding a minimum estimate of \$20,000 for 2021, Knox calculated the five-year revenue total at about \$175,000. He said Bridgeport citizens "have no idea what is happening with the money."

In a 49-page declaration she filed with the court, city clerk/treasurer Judy Brown stated that TBD accounts were filed with the state auditor from 2017 through 2020. Brown noted that consistent with training received from other TBD clerks and consultation with the state auditors "the filing of an annual report...is only needed if there are Material Change Orders. To date there have been no material changes that qualify for application of the Material Change Order Policy and/or filing of an annual report reflecting such changes."

In his testimony on June 18 Knox said he repeatedly requested copies of the annual TBD reports from city officials without success.

"I finally came to the only possible conclusion," said Knox. "I wasn't getting any reports

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Wells Dam embankment evaluated

# Work halted on Okanogan-Brewster transmission line

SUBMITTED BY SHEILA CORSON,  
PUD PUBLIC RELATIONS  
COORDINATOR



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The Okanogan PUD has stockpiles steel poles and other supplies to replace and repair the Okanogan-Brewster transmission line as soon as weather conditions permit.

OKANOGAN - While a construction ban is in place on the Colville Tribal Reservation due to fire activity, the Okanogan County PUD's work on the Okanogan-Brewster transmission line has been halted. Steel poles have been delivered, staged and are ready when work resumes on the line destroyed in the 2020 Cold Springs wildfire alongside Highway 97. Construction crews will work on distribution projects while they wait.

General Manager Steve Taylor said he continues to communicate with Tribal officials on how or when the PUD can move forward again.

In other business, the board:

- Heard an update on Wells Dam from Douglas County PUD General Manager Gary Ivory. Since the dam was built in the 1960s, the east embankment (on the Douglas County side) has required extra attention, including a 1990 concrete diaphragm wall to prevent movement and erosion. Douglas PUD is concerned that a seismic event could weaken the east embankment, so they have en-

gaged engineering firms and a special board of consultants to help evaluate their options. They will be boring into the embankment next year and analyzing their findings to determine what, if any, mitigation measures need to be taken and the cost involved. Okanogan receives about 9.4 percent of the output from Wells, its least expensive resource. More information on the Wells project can be found at [www.douglaspu.org](http://www.douglaspu.org).

- Heard from Customer Service Supervisor Mindy Morris that of 15,627 residential accounts, 90 are more than 90 days past due, with about

\$80,000 in arrears since the beginning of the moratorium on disconnections due to non-payment. Some have made no payments for more than a year and have not connected with the PUD for payment assistance or arrangements despite the staff's efforts to help. So far this year, the PUD has received about \$285,000 in bill assistance programs for 552 accounts, about \$100,000 and 150 accounts more than this time last year. Resources are still available through Okanogan County Community Action Council and the Pateros-Brewster Resource Center, among other agencies.

- Approved the surplus of two older power transformers, which are being replaced this year. When they are removed, they will be immediately hauled off for scrapping.

- Set a workshop before the next regular board meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., August 9, to discuss future planning and the upcoming budget season.

- Heard from Director of Finance & Accounting and Auditor Janet Crossland that the PUD recently completed an audit from the Department of Retirement Services, in which the only error discovered totaled about \$45 back in 1991.

- Heard that district staff have been reviewing all the settings and switches for the headquarter building's automated lighting system. Several items were updated to maximize efficiency.

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across Washington State. These laws create substantial limitations that are more restrictive than federal law with regard to police use of force. This will drive changes to police response to and handling of calls for service and investigations. Additionally, many of these new laws are ambiguous and require detailed legal interpretation. Washington law enforcement agencies across the state have asked for clarification from the Legislature, and the Attorney General's Office. To date, there has been no clarifying response received. Absent responses to these official requests, your local law enforcement leaders believe it is important to inform our communities about how these laws will influence the way we deliver public safety services moving forward.

These new laws touch on many historically-effective methods of policing in our state. These laws impact search and seizure, use of force, vehicle pursuits, drug enforcement, mental health detentions, criminal investigations, tactics, and available tools for de-escalation. Some of these changes significantly limit law enforcement response to calls without criminal activity where we have historically had a role. We encourage you to learn about these new laws and contact us with your questions. The main reformative legislation includes House Bills 1054, 1140, 1223, and 1310, along with Senate Bills 5051, 5066, and 5476.

Sheriff Brian Burnett, Sheriff Kevin Morris, Chief Steve Crown, and Chief Rick Johnson have collectively discussed how the legislation will affect law enforcement responses in their jurisdictions. Law enforcement will assess each call for service to determine the appropriate legal response and other potential resources that may be utilized to provide services. In general, if no crime has been committed and no imminent threat of harm to others exists, Officers and Deputies may not respond or may leave the scene. Some examples of calls for service that may be affected include:

- **Welfare Checks - requests**

to check on a person in public, a private place, or who has not been heard from for an unusual period

- **Mental Health - calls for service of any type where there is information or potential that the involved subject suffers from a mental health condition**

- **Civil Calls - non-criminal calls for service**

Investigations may take longer and potential suspects may be allowed to leave the scene of an incident.

Prior to the passage of these laws, a reasonable amount of force could have been used to detain possible suspects to allow time for the initial investigation. In incidents where use of force may be needed to detain the subject, probable cause now must be established before force can be used. Furthermore, this may make the identification of suspects difficult as they could not be detained and identified at the scene of an incident if the suspect is uncooperative.

Local law enforcement agencies remain committed to the safety of our communities. We will make every effort to maintain public safety and maintain our high standards of service under these new laws." The letter was signed by Sheriff Brian Burnett, Sheriff Kevin Morris, Chief Steve Crown, and Chief Rick Johnson.

Chief Burnett summarized a vehicle theft incident from late last month that unfolded over two days and illustrates how one part of the new legislation is affecting law enforcement actions on the street.

According to Burnett's report, 39-year-old Andrew S. Loudon was released from a private mental health hospital in Western Washington on July 23 and transported by private vehicle to a local hotel adjacent to a bus station where he could board a bus that would return him to Eastern Washington. Mr. Loudon decided to disembark in Leavenworth.

On the afternoon of July 24, Mr. Loudon was observed wearing a yellow dress and walking eastbound on U.S. Highway 2 near milepost 102. Employees of Osprey Rafting witnessed Mr. Loudon allegedly drive away in the company's privately owned large yellow school bus and notified authorities. Burnett's

timeline documents the events that followed:

- July 24, 1948 hours (7:48 p.m.) - Located the bus eastbound on Hwy. 2. Driver fails to stop.

- 1955 hours - Chelan County deputies terminate pursuit after driver goes through a red light (near Monitor).

- Burnett notes that the new reform laws no longer allow law enforcement to pursue a fleeing vehicle unless there is probable cause that a serious felony has occurred.

- 2010 hours - Vehicle drives through Wenatchee.

- Burnett said Douglas County deputies followed the vehicle eastbound on State Route 28 after it traveled through the Wenatchee city limits and across the Senator George Sellar Bridge. They also discontinued the pursuit per the new reform laws.

- 2018 hours - Vehicle enters Douglas County.

- 2037 hours - Douglas County attempts traffic stop. Driver fails to stop.

- 2047 hours - Douglas County stops following the bus.

- Unknown time - Bus is left near Moses Lake. Suspect hitchhikes to Spokane and then Chewelah.

- July 25, 1853 hours - Suspect allegedly steals a front-end loader and drives it through his home in Chewelah, flipping a vehicle into the structure. Loudon is subsequently arrested and booked into jail.

- Burnett said Loudon's wife had fled the home when she learned her estranged husband may be nearby. The Chewelah Police Department contacted his office to advise they had the suspect in custody. The Chelan County deputies confirmed Loudon's identity who was wearing the same yellow dress.

Louden is being held on charges of Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Malicious Mischief First Degree/Domestic Violence, and Attempting to Elude Police Vehicle.

"The new law sets very strict guidelines for law enforcement that takes away our ability to pursue stolen vehicles," said Burnett. "It states four elements required for law enforcement to pursue a vehicle."

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The state auditor is quoted in Brown's declaration as concluding that "nothing came to our attention in the areas we reviewed that caused us to believe the (TBD) was not in substantial compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, or had significant weaknesses in controls over the safeguarding of public resources."

Brown also provided The Quad with an itemized list disclosing projects undertaken and equipment purchased with TBD funds, the purpose of each item, estimated and true cost, and completion date. Some examples include:

Sept. 2018: Purchase of a solar powered Radar Speed

Detection/Reporting System with trailer for \$9,442.61.

July 2019: Reconstruction and paving of Eighth Street costing \$9,477.60 (Central Paving Co.) and \$1,579.62 (Godbey - gravel).

2020: Snowplow equipment purchased for \$14,345.37.

2021: Grading and rock for a new Roadside Sculptures parking lot under development at 24th Street and Foster Creek Avenue that was a topic on last month's city council meeting.

In his closing arguments to the court Knox also addressed the council's violation of city code by having city attorney Julie Norton improperly represent elected council officials who do not qualify as paid city employees.

Judge Huber's seven-page decision noted that "to be

legally sufficient, the petition must state, with specificity, substantial conduct clearly amounting to misfeasance, malfeasance or violation of the oath of office. Officials cannot be recalled for exercising their discretion...A general statement that public funds are being wasted is insufficient evidence of an abuse of discretion."

Huber continued: "With all due respect to the Petitioner, who makes some interesting points and arguments, this Court must limit its rulings to these two relatively narrow questions. This Court will not delve into other matters, such as whether the TBD annual reports in question were or were not filed or whether the members of the City Council (or TBD board) or their attorney should be sanctioned



Mike Maltais/QCH

Public works personnel have graded and added rock to this space under development as a parking area at the corner of Foster Creek Avenue and 24th Street for visitors who want to get a closer look at the 23 roadside tree trunk sculptures - one shown at left - that line both sides of the avenue. TBD funds are helping fund the project.

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Burnett listed those guidelines as:

1. Probable cause for a violent offense, sex offense, or escape (from custody of de-

tention facility) or reasonable suspicion of DUI.

2. Pursuit is necessary to identify or apprehend the person and,

3. The driver possesses an imminent threat to the safety of others, and the risk of failing to apprehend or identify

the person is greater than the risks of vehicle pursuit and,

4. Supervisor has provided authorization.

"If these four prongs are not all met, we as law enforcement cannot pursue vehicles in Washington State any longer," Burnett said.

in some way, as suggested by the Petitioner."

Again, referring to the court's abbreviated opinion Huber added: "In short, it may well turn out that the Petitioner is correct that no such annual reports were generated by the TBD as required, but even if that is true his filing of a recall petition merely initiated a legal action in which the Court's inquiry is limited in scope and not designed or intended to grant the other types of relief he has requested."

With that the court found Knox's six allegations "legally and factually insufficient."

"I am disturbed by the ruling of Judge Huber, but I can't find fault in it as he strictly followed the guidelines to rule on the

sufficiency of the allegations to allow the recall to move forward," said Knox. "By his ruling, Judge Huber did not address any of the issues I identified. He also dismissed my motion. He strictly ruled on the recall and nothing else."

Knox said he also thought Judge Huber should have referred the other issues to agencies who could have addressed them.

"He did not make any referrals to any outside agencies," Knox said.

"We still need to recognize that some \$170,000 has been collected by the city," said Knox. "The citizens don't have a clue what has been done with these monies because the Bridgeport city council is thumbing its

nose at the citizens they are supposed to serve."

Knox said two questions remain unresolved.

"First, how do you punish the council for their failure to do what they are required to do?" asked Knox. "Second, how do you get a report produced to see where the money has gone?"

While the first round has been decided in favor of the city, Knox does not appear to be abandoning the match. In the meantime, the suggestion was raised at last month's regular council meeting that a public hearing be held at this month's meeting, August 18, to discuss an ordinance to absorb - not eliminate - the TBD into the city.

# Local Charitable Funds Make Good Things Happen

BY DENISE SOROM, DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NCW

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Denise Sorom

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Take the Waterville fund for example: In 1989, five community members in Waterville each donated \$5,000 to start the fund for an initial balance of \$25,000. Over the years, the fund has received several small donations as well as bequest gifts totaling roughly \$60,000, making total donations to the fund approximately \$85,000. However, because this fund is endowed,

the principal stays intact, and a spendable amount can be awarded as grants each year. This ensures the fund's longevity and its growth over time.

Because of the miracle of compounding interest, the Waterville fund has now awarded over \$130,000 in grants to local organizations and maintains over \$200,000 as its endowed balance. This is a fantastic example of how everyday community members can make a lasting difference in their hometowns.

In the Methow Valley, the idea of a local fund came from CFNCW's board of directors. They recognized that due to the density of nonprofits in the Methow, our general grant program would not cover the needs in that community. To address this, they carved out the Methow from our general grant program and seeded a specific community fund for the Methow that would be matched each

year by an anonymous donor with interest in that area. Like Waterville, grants are reviewed by a committee of local citizens who understand the needs of their community. Over the years, residents of the Methow have noticed the impact of this local fund and recently the Methow Valley Fund received a bequest that will double its grant-making budget in perpetuity.

While it can feel paralyzing to grapple with large and complicated issues such as climate change, income inequality and global health, it is possible to make changes at the local level through regional funds such as those in Waterville and the Methow Valley. If starting a fund like this is something that interests you for your local town, please reach out to us. If you have the vision, we have the infrastructure and capacity to make good things happen in your town year after year.

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**Doradeen May (Halterman Nelson) Eller**

Doradeen May (Halterman Nelson) Eller, passed away, on May 6, 2021 in Spokane, Washington. She was born in Mansfield, Washington, on August 23, 1933 to Oliver & Olive (Moulton) Halterman. She and her two brothers, Oliver (Junior) and Wayne Halterman were raised in the Douglas and Okanogan County area. She and her husband, Gene Nelson, raised four sons in the Mansfield and Bridgeport, Washington area. Gene passed away April, 1982. She met Russell Eller in the spring of 1992 in Mount Vernon, Washington, where she was living at the time. She and Russ spent the next 27 years together living in Concrete, Washington; they later moved to Spokane in 2005. Russ passed away January, 2019.



Doradeen is survived by her four sons, Gene, Clint, Barry and Don and their spouses all of Spokane, Spokane Valley and Liberty Lake, Washington; also one step-daughter, Karen Knowlton, of Butte, Montana. Doradeen had 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was a very loving mother, a fantastic cook (always cooked too much) and super grandmother. As she aged, she never lost the desire to provide food and love for others and to go grocery shopping; she always had a list and knew all the prices. We will miss her saying 'give me a kiss goodbye'. A memorial honoring her life is set for August 7, 2021 in Green Acres, Washington.

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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 5

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 5.

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**August 7 Thift store open again**

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.

**August 6 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 9 Okanogan County PUD meeting**

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will

be held Monday, August 9 at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

**August 9 Douglas County PUD meeting**

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is August 9 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

**August 9 Brewster Chamber to meet**

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, August 9, 6 p.m. at the American Legion. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. No more Zoom meetings. For more information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk at 509-449-0605

**August 9 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.

**August 13, 20 Brewster bus trips**

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is August 13. 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 August 20, 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.

**August 13-14 Pateros Community Market, Movie**

PATEROS - The Pateros Community Market (PCM), also known as the Pop-up Market, will open for its third weekend of business on Friday and Saturday, August 13-14 at the Riverview Pavilion on Lakeshore Drive. There will also be a market on Sept. 10-11. 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, processors, crafters, makers, musicians, non-profits, young entrepreneurs, and more. Those interested in being a vendor, volunteer, or sponsor can email PaterosCommunityMarket@gmail.com. Vendor applications are available online at forms.gle/hnzg4UH5LVHboHU8.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF**

**July 17** Sick person at 290 Rd 21 N.E. in Mansfield.

Theft at 801 Jefferson Ave. in Bridgeport.

Disturbance at 120 Pine St. in Bridgeport.

Theft at 811 Jefferson Ave. in Bridgeport.

Domestic disturbance at 817 Fairview Ave. In Bridgeport.

Suspicious incident at 811 Jefferson Ave. in Bridgeport.

**July 18** Civil incident at 929 Maple St., No. 183 in Bridgeport.

Non injury accident at McNeil Canyon Road, milepost 8 in Mansfield.

Agency assistance at 855 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

**July 19** Overdose/poison at 483 14th St. in Bridgeport.

Child protective services/adult protective services on Bridgeport Bar.

Drugs at 483 14th St. in Bridgeport.

Traffic offense at 929 Maple St. in Bridgeport.

Traffic offense at 11th Street and Fairview Avenue in Bridgeport.

Civil incident at 1341 Rd. B N.W. in Mansfield.

**July 20** Animal problem at 598 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.

Civil incident at 1814 Tacoma Ave. In Bridgeport.

Noise at 205 Sixth St. in Bridgeport.

Suspicious incident at 670 Edson St. on Bridgeport Bar.

**July 21** Sick person at 826 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

Noise at the 444 22nd St. area in Bridgeport.

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# Arizona Town Facing 'Nightmare' Illegal Immigrant Influx

ALLAN STEIN

In the normally peaceful desert town of Gila Bend, nestled 100 miles north of Arizona's border with Mexico, illegal aliens have been arriving daily since the town declared a state of emergency in March.

The illegal immigrants have all been on foot, and all appeared to be bound for parts unknown, carrying with them only their backpacks and the clothes they had on.

"What we are literally getting is a flood of migrants walking into town," said Gila Bend Mayor Chris Riggs, who requested that a state of emergency be declared when a busload of 30 migrants was dropped off without any warning by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Riggs said the arrival of the bus came as a shock—not just to the city's 1,900 residents—but to municipal resources already stretched thin by the economic impact of the CCP virus pandemic.

"We had no way of getting these people anywhere," Riggs told The Epoch Times.

When Riggs and the Gila Bend City Council unanimously declared a state of emergency, the buses stopped coming, at least "for the time being," Riggs said.

But the illegal immigrants continue to arrive nonstop, mostly on foot.

Each day, Riggs estimates that between 30 and 40 illegal aliens of various nationalities will walk into the city



A group of illegal immigrants wait for Border Patrol after crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico into Del Rio, Texas, on July 25, 2021.

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A group of illegal immigrants crosses the Rio Grande from Acuna, Mexico, to Del Rio, Texas, on July 25, 2021.

from the nearby southern town of Ajo.

Many were most likely processed at a federal detention facility located further south in the town of Why, Arizona, and then released.

Riggs said that a number of the immigrants appear to be families, while "most are adults of military age."

"A lot of them are catching rides along Maricopa Road [in Gila Bend]. We're seeing a lot more drug activity now than we did in the past," he said.

In recent months, property

crimes have tripled, and one reported armed robbery involved two immigrants who claimed to have a gun, he said.

When it comes to confronting illegal immigrants, law enforcement officials' hands are tied by the federal government. Lacking its own police department, Gila Bend has a contract with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement coverage.

"They've been told hands-off by court order," Riggs said.

Riggs and when he and the Gila Bend City Council unanimously declared a state of emergency, the buses stopped coming, at least "for the time being."

As a workaround, Gila Bend hired Paloma Security to confront illegal immigrants and deter crime, a situation that is proving "frustrating" to residents.

Riggs said that among the groups, a number appear to be unaccompanied minors, which raises the specter of child trafficking.

According to Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies for the Center for Immigration Studies, it's "definitely taxpayer money and federal dollars" fueling the latest surge in border crossings and the alien resettlement program.

"They're trying to just turn them over quickly and process them quickly," Vaughan said. "Most of them that show up have a destination but no idea how to get there. The buck stops at the state and local government. They have to pick up the pieces."

In February, the U.S. Border Patrol apprehended nearly 100,000 migrants at the U.S.-Mexico Border, though illegal crossings continue to surge.

## Pentagon Considering COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate for Military Personnel

KATABELLA ROBERTS

The Pentagon announced on July 29 that it will soon begin internal discussions about making the COVID-19 vaccine a mandatory requirement for military personnel.

It comes hours after President Joe Biden said that he will ask the Department of Defense (DOD) to look into "how and when" it will mandate service members get the vaccine amid the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus pandemic.

"The Department of Defense is moving quickly to meet President Biden's commitment to defeat COVID-19, and that includes being able to ensure every member of our civilian and military workforce is protected," Deputy Pentagon press secretary Jamal Brown said in a July 29 statement.

"In accordance with the guidance the President issued today, all military and civilian DoD personnel will be asked to attest to their vaccination status. Personnel unable or unwilling to do that will be required to wear a mask, physically distance, comply with a regular testing requirement and be subject to official travel restrictions.

"Secretary Austin will also begin consulting our medical professionals, as well as the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to determine how and when to make recommendations to the President with respect to adding the COVID-19 vaccines to the full list of

Anyone who does not attest to being fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask on the job no matter their geographic location.

White House

requirements for military personnel."

Brown noted that the rise of the Delta COVID-19 variant has prompted the need to take additional protective efforts within the military.

"COVID-19 remains a significant and evolving threat to our nation's security," and vaccines "remain the best and most effective way to prevent the spread of COVID, including the Delta variant."

Currently, the DOD requires servicemen and women to get 17 vaccines, including shots against measles, mumps, diphtheria, hepatitis, smallpox, and the flu.

But it so far hasn't mandated the COVID-19 vaccine while it remains under the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) emergency use authorization—a designation that allows for distribution and administration but also requires informed consent by patients.

Earlier this month, the Army Times reported that the Army has directed commands to prepare to administer mandatory COVID-19

vaccines as early as Sept. 1, pending full FDA licensure.

The directive came from an executive order sent to the force by the Department of the Army Headquarters, according to the publication.

Also on July 29, the Biden administration stated that federal workers and contractors will have to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or else wear masks, engage in social distancing, and submit to regular COVID-19 testing.

"Right now, too many people are dying or watching someone they love die and say 'I'd just got the vaccine,'" Biden said in the East Room of the White House. "This is an American tragedy. People are dying who don't have to die."

The White House said in a statement that the new rules were laid out because of the Delta variant.

"Anyone who does not attest to being fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask on the job no matter their geographic location, physically distance from all other employees and visitors, comply with a weekly or twice weekly screening testing requirement, and be subject to restrictions on official travel," the White House stated in a fact sheet.

About 60 percent of American adults have been fully vaccinated to date. Biden had set a July 4 goal to get at least one COVID-19 shot in 70 percent of adults. The latest figure is about 69 percent.

## GDP Grew at 6.5 Percent in 2nd Quarter, Well Below Expectations

Personal consumption expenditures price index increased by an annualized 6.4 percent in Q2; economists had forecasted a rise of 8.5 percent

TOM OZIMEK

New government figures show that the U.S. economy has expanded at a far slower pace in the second quarter than economists had predicted, though real gross domestic product (GDP) surpassed its pre-pandemic high, cementing the V-shaped recovery.

GDP rose at a 6.5 percent annualized rate last quarter, the Commerce Department said in a July 29 statement. The number is an "advance" estimate and will be revised in a future update. The Department revised its first-quarter GDP growth estimate down to 6.3 percent from 6.4 percent.

Robust consumer spending and business investment drove economic output higher in the second quarter, while a rise in imports and a sharp decrease in private inventory investment—led by a drop in retail trade inventories—were a drag on output, the Commerce Department stated.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecasted GDP rising at an 8.5 percent rate last quarter, while a Dow Jones estimate predicted economic growth of 8.4 percent, making the Commerce Department's figures an underachieving surprise.

Calling second-quarter growth "disappointing," ING

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Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Dec. 1, 2020.

Chief International Economist James Knightley said in a statement that the GDP number "means that the US economy has now recovered all of the lost pandemic output and marks another key milestone in the recovery."

"The next target, given all the stimulus sloshing around, is to end the year with an economy larger in size than would have been the case had the pandemic not struck."

While all three of the main Wall Street indexes climbed on the opening bell on July 29, the dollar index (DXY) responded with a downward slide.

While the second quarter likely marks the peak in growth this cycle, economists widely expect the economic expansion to remain solid for the remainder of the year. One of the risks to the economic outlook is a resurgence in COVID-19 infections, driven by the Delta variant, fueling

fears of renewed lockdowns. Higher inflation, if sustained, as well as ongoing supply chain disruptions, could also prove to be a drag on growth going forward.

The Commerce Department's GDP announcement included a note about inflation. The personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index shot up by an annualized 6.4 percent in the second quarter relative to the first quarter. The so-called core PCE price index, which excludes the volatile categories of food and energy, increased by an annualized rate of 6.1 percent quarter-over-quarter.

The PCE price gauge is the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation measure for calibrating monetary policy. The Fed's target is around 2 percent, more than three times lower than the figure released by the Commerce Department.

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# 228 Federal Lawmakers Urge Supreme Court to Reverse Roe v. Wade

MATTHEW VADUM

Americans United for Life filed a friend-of-the-court brief with the Supreme Court on behalf of 228 federal lawmakers urging the court to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion.

Abortion opponents are optimistic that the 6-3 conservative majority created on the court with the addition last year of Justice Amy Coney Barrett creates an opportunity to return the regulation of abortion to the states, as had been the case before Roe.

The high court is expected to reexamine Roe v. Wade in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, court file 19-1392, which will be heard at some point in the court's upcoming term, which begins in October. Thomas E. Dobbs is the state health officer of the Mississippi Department of Health.

"It is time for the national embarrassment of Roe v.

Wade to be reversed and for justice to prevail for the human right to life," Catherine Glenn Foster, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, which prepared the brief filed with the court July 29, said in a statement.

"Today, 228 Members of Congress—44 Senators and 184 Representatives—stand in solidarity with preborn Americans and their mothers. The leaders and people of Mississippi showed wisdom and compassion when they acted to protect preborn children at 15 weeks' gestational age. Mississippi's common-sense law is obviously constitutional. It is far past time for the U.S. Supreme Court to resolve the bitter culture war that it started, and has perpetuated, through its ill-conceived abortion rulings."

In the Dobbs case, in 2018, federal courts enjoined Mississippi's H.B. 1510, the Gestational Age Act, which, according to court documents, "protects the health



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of mothers, the dignity of unborn children, and the integrity of the medical profession and society by allowing abortions after 15 weeks' gestational age only in medical emergencies or for severe fetal abnormality."

Lynn Fitch, the state's attorney general, a Republican, filed a brief with the court on July 22 arguing that Roe v. Wade is "dangerously corrosive to our constitutional system." She urged that the 48-year-old precedent be reversed, saying a state may prohibit elective abortions before the unborn baby is viable for life outside the womb.

It may do so because "nothing in constitutional text,

**Pro-life activists demonstrate in front of the the Supreme Court during the 47th annual March for Life in Washington on Jan. 24, 2020.**

**It is time for the national embarrassment of Roe v. Wade to be reversed.**

Catherine Glenn Foster, president and CEO, Americans United for Life

structure, history, or tradition supports a right to abortion," she wrote. "A prohibition on elective abortions is therefore constitutional if it satisfies the rational basis review that applies to all laws."

Among the 44 senators to sign the brief are Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), John Kennedy (R-La.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), and Mitt Romney (R-Utah).

Among the 184 members of the House to sign are Christopher Smith (R-N.J.), Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), Rodney Davis (R-Ill.), Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas),

Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), Andy Harris (R-Md.), and Darrell Issa (R-Calif.).

The lawmakers, who represent 40 states, "have a special interest in the legislative branch's ability to enact and to see enforced laws that address abortion's risks and harms on behalf of the People of the States they represent," the brief states.

"Mississippi's case provides the Court a chance to release its vise grip on abortion politics, as Congress and the States have shown that they are ready and able to address the issue in ways that reflect Americans' varying viewpoints and are grounded in the science of fetal development and maternal health."

## GOP Lawmakers Barred From Checking Prison Conditions for Jan. 6 Inmates

KEN SILVA

Two days after being denied entrance into the Department of Justice and then being chased away by protesters, four Republican lawmakers probing the conditions of the inmates arrested in connection with the Jan. 6 breach of the U.S. Capitol have been barred from a facility where 50 of the prisoners are said to be held.

Reps Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), and Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) showed up at the D.C. Central Detention Facility on the morning of July 29. The lawmakers have been inquiring into reports that those involved in the incursion into the Capitol have been severely beaten, held in solitary confinement, and denied access to evidence about their own cases.

The members of Congress were allowed into the lobby but were quickly told by a corrections officer that they were trespassing.

"You're obstructing," the corrections officer could be heard saying on a live broadcast streamed by the Right Side Broadcasting Network (RSBN).

"My gosh, the government is upside down," Gohmert said in response.

The corrections officer indicated to the members of Congress that her supervisor would speak to them outside. But when the lawmakers went outside, they found that they were then locked out of the building in what Gaetz called



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a "bait and switch." Gaetz attempted to reenter the facility, but was denied—along with an attorney who was trying to enter to see a client.

"The supervisor came down, was standing right here, but she turned her back on me," Gohmert said. "The other one won't talk to me."

Gohmert said he and his colleagues gave the facility advance notice that they would be attending—he didn't say how far in advance—but they never received a response. He said there shouldn't be anything preventing members of Congress from examining the facilities over which they have oversight, as he has done numerous times in the past.

The Republican lawmakers expressed dismay at what they said were authoritarian tactics displayed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and D.C. Department of Corrections.

"We've turned a corner. We're in a totalitarian, Marxist territory here," Gohmert told RSBN correspondent Liz Willis.

Gohmert proposed the

"The federal employees here spent more time taking videos and photos of us than they spent trying to give us the opportunity to do what members of Congress do every month of the year: to review a federal detention facility," he said.

"If this is any indication of how they're treating the prisoners inside, I'm very concerned," Greene said.

The lawmakers left the facility to go vote on Capitol Hill. Around 1 p.m., they reconvened outside to talk to reporters and others about their experience that morning.

Greene said that any lingering doubts she had about the reports of abuse are now removed, and she's convinced that the Jan. 6 inmates and other prisoners there are being mistreated.

"I'm not just concerned for the Jan. 6 defendants. I'm concerned for all of the people in that prison," she said. "Because we showed up, walked in, and were told we were trespassing. ... We vote to fund these facilities!"

Gohmert proposed the

**Reps. Matt Gaetz (L) and Louie Gohmert speak to the press outside the D.C. Central Detention Facility in Washington on July 29, 2021.**

idea of defunding federal facilities that don't accept congressional oversight and allocating those funds to local jurisdictions to house federal inmates.

The lawmakers' failed attempt to enter the correction facility comes two days after they were prohibited from entering the DOJ. On the afternoon of July 27, they held a brief press conference to list a number of unanswered questions they have about the Jan. 6 inmates—before being run off by left-wing protesters.

Gohmert said they haven't heard back from the DOJ since then, bringing the number of their unanswered queries to the DOJ and corrections officials to at least seven.

"The AG [attorney general] and the head of the federal bureau of prisons cannot hide forever. Ultimately, if they won't answer the door when we go to them, then they're going to have to come to us," Gaetz said. "That's how Congress works."

"The longer they delay in answering these questions, the more suspicious it looks."

## Biden Announces Strict New COVID-19 Rules for Unvaccinated Federal Workers

JACK PHILLIPS

The Biden administration on July 29 stated that federal workers and contractors will have to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or else wear masks, engage in social distancing, and submit to regular COVID-19 testing.

"Right now, too many people are dying or watching someone they love die and say if 'I'd just got the vaccine,'" President Joe Biden said in the East Room of the White House. "This is an American tragedy. People are dying who don't have to die."

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Those rules, according to the White House, apply also to onsite contractors who work with the federal government. The Biden administration will also recommend the same model to employers across the United States.

Along with the new federal government requirements,



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Karine Jean-Pierre, spokeswoman, White House

the White House stated that Biden would direct the Defense Department to investigate "how and when" it will require military members to take the vaccine.

"As a large employer, the largest in this country, who cares about individuals who keep the government running, we have an obligation to be good stewards of the work force and ensure their health and their safety," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters on July 29.

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**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**Director of Quality Full-time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Director of Quality to manage our quality program, including risk and compliance. Registered Nurse with a BSN degree is preferred; however, a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Business or related field may be considered. Three to five years healthcare experience is preferred. Strong skills required: organizational, interpersonal, communication, analytical, risk assessment, computer, statistics & math, and problem-solving. Attention to detail and a high moral integrity is crucial.  
Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to:  
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**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**Patient Account Rep Full-time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Patient Account Rep. This position is responsible for handling outstanding accounts receivables and collections by promptly filing hospital inpatient and outpatient and clinic claims with payers, following up in a timely and efficient manner, to ensure maximum reimbursement is received for services provided. High School diploma or GED. Two years prior experience in a hospital business office preferred.  
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**Help Wanted**

**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**Revenue Cycle Director Full-time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Revenue Cycle Director to manage our revenue cycle team, includes Patient Access/Registration, Health Information, Patient Financial Services and Chargemaster.  
The Revenue Cycle Director will lead the revenue cycle in developing, planning, and managing work initiatives within the revenue cycle. Bachelor's degree in a relevant area of expertise such as business or finance or an equivalent combination of education and relevant experience is required.  
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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.  
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**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**OR Manager Full-Time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an OR Manager to oversee the OR nursing staff and the surgery department. Candidate must have current WA State RN license and ACLS & BLS. Must be proficient in orthopedic, general and OB/ GYN surgeries. Should have 2-3 years of progressively responsible experience in hospital nursing, including leadership assignments. Excellent communication and discretionary skills.  
Monday-Friday, 8-hour shifts. No call time.  
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**Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant Full-time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) to provide therapeutic services to enhance the goals and objectives with patient care directed by the OT. The COTA will be responsible for implementing programs developed by the OT in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations. Graduate of an accredited OT Assistant program. Certification as OT Assistant in the state of WA with valid license.  
Two years' work experience in a hospital setting and/ or swing bed program is preferred.  
Current BLS.  
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**Help Wanted**

**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**LAB TECHNICIAN/ TECHNOLOGIST Full-time**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Lab Tech to perform various technical, clerical and information systems related procedures in Chemistry, Hematology, Microbiology, Blood Bank. A.S Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology or related scientific field with a one-year internship or one year of clinical experience. Professional certification as a MLT (ASCP) or equivalent is highly recommended. Will include weekends and after-hours call-time. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000.  
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**THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL**  
**ER NURSE Full-time/ Nights**  
Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an ER Nurse to provide nursing assessment, treatment and evaluation of ER patients and outpatients.  
Current WA State RN license required. Current BLS / CPR, ACLS, TNCC and PALS certifications. Two years' Med/Surg experience or one-year ER experience preferred. Rotating days and includes some weekends. Sign-on Bonus: \$5,000.  
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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a full-time Occupational Therapist. This position practices in the hospital and/or clinic setting for inpatient and/or outpatient care. Includes oversight of the hospital swing bed program. A bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from an accredited/ AOTA approved OT program is required, and studies were accredited by the APTA. Current WA State OT license. Two years' work experience preferred. BLS required. Must have strong communication and interpersonal skills. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE



Informatics RN Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an Informatics RN to support the hospital and clinic in the application of the EMR. Experience teaching clinicians with EMR, strategic planning and development, and familiar with continuous quality improvement methods is preferred. Strong computer skills and experience working with healthcare informatics systems. Excellent interpersonal skills required. Current WA State RN license required; BSN preferred. Interested Candidates may apply in person or by mailing their resume to: Three Rivers Hospital Human Resources Dept. PO Box 577 Brewster, WA 98812 (509) 689-2517 www.threerivershospital.net opportunity@trhospital.net EOE

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# Is taking Tylenol dangerous?

Q: I take Tylenol® for fever or headaches because it doesn't upset my stomach like ibuprofen does, but my sister-in-law insists that Tylenol® is dangerous.

There is new evidence that Tylenol® is usually very safe to use but CAN cause severe liver damage if you are not careful.

Tylenol® was first used as a pain reliever in 1893. Due to concerns about liver damage, it was used cautiously until 1949, when it became a widely accepted alternative to aspirin. Today, acetaminophen is the most popular non-prescription painkiller sold in the United States. It is considered a safer choice than ibuprofen or naproxen.

Tylenol® (acetaminophen) is safe for most people, but certain situations can make it very dangerous. When your body eliminates acetaminophen, a small amount changes into a compound that attaches to a liver cell, killing it. To prevent that from happening, your liver makes a molecule called glutathione which changes the toxic compound from acetaminophen into something perfectly safe.

It's not safe to take Tylenol® if you don't have enough glutathione to protect your liver from its toxic byproduct. Fasting changes how your liver eliminates acetaminophen by creating more of its poisonous byproduct, requiring additional glutathione. Taking acetaminophen or drinking alcohol uses precious glutathione, and people with liver disease have lower glutathione levels.

The more acetaminophen you take, the more glutathione you'll need to stay safe.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends taking no more than 4000mg per day of acetaminophen for healthy adults. That's equivalent to twelve regular strength acetaminophen pills of 325mg each, eight extra-strength tablets of 500mg each, or six extended-release tablets of 650mg.

If you are over 60 years old or have liver problems, the FDA recommends a lower daily limit of 3100mg acetaminophen. This limit equals nine 325mg

Ask... Dr. Louise [Image of Dr. Louise]

tablets, six 500mg pills, or four extended-release 650mg pills.

Suppose you have severe liver problems or frequently drink more than 2 ounces of alcohol (one 12-ounce beer, one glass of wine, or a shot glass of distilled spirits) daily. In that case, new evidence suggests that acetaminophen may NOT be safe for you to take. That's because you have less glutathione available to detoxify acetaminophen.

Most people who develop liver failure from taking acetaminophen never realize they are in danger until it is too late and the damage is done. Part of the problem is the popularity of acetaminophen with drug manufacturers. Over 200 over-the-counter products contain acetaminophen. It's also found in widely prescribed prescription analgesics like Vicodin® and Norco®.

Unfortunately, over-the-counter remedies are not the only places in your medicine cabinet you can find acetaminophen. Common prescription pain medicines like Vicodin® or Percocet® contain both a potent narcotic pain reliever and acetaminophen. Unfortunately, acetaminophen

in a prescription is easy to overlook. Instead of squeezing the word acetaminophen onto prescription labels, the abbreviation APAP or ACET is used instead.

Here are 6 ways to keep your liver safe when taking Tylenol® (acetaminophen):

1. Know your maximum "safe" dose.

For healthy adults, taking 4000mg over 24 hours is the maximum recommended dose of Tylenol®. Healthy older adults should not take over 3100mg per day. If you have liver disease, ask your doctor if it is safe for you to take ANY acetaminophen.

2. Keep track of how much Tylenol® you take.

To keep within your safe dosing limit, check for the names acetaminophen and paracetamol in the active ingredients of all non-prescription products, food supplements, and herbal remedies. Paracetamol is another name for acetaminophen used in some other countries.

3. Take just one at a time.

Taking two or more medicines that contain acetaminophen puts you at high risk of getting too much. Try to avoid using pain medicine prescriptions from more than one medical provider such as a dentist, surgeon, ER doctor, or urgent care center. Look for the abbreviation APAP

or ACET on the label of your prescription bottles, or ask your pharmacist if any of your prescriptions contain acetaminophen.

4. Avoid heavy alcohol use.

Heavy drinking uses up precious glutathione. If you also have liver disease, you may need to avoid taking Tylenol® altogether. Ask your doctor about whether acetaminophen is safe for you to take for fever or pain and how much.

5. Avoid taking Tylenol® when fasting.

Fasting increases the amount of dangerous byproduct your body generates when taking Tylenol®. More toxic byproduct requires more glutathione to detoxify.

6. Avoid taking acetaminophen for hangovers.

Combining fasting with heavy alcohol intake will seriously deplete your glutathione. Ibuprofen or naproxen is safer to use for hangover symptoms.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog TheMedicationInsider.com. 2021 Louise Achey

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THEME: TV THEME SONGS - ACROSS

Crossword grid with numbered squares.

- 1. \_\_\_'s razor
6. Credit card-related acronym
9. Goes with rave
13. Garlic mayo
14. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
15. Echo sounder
16. Beauty shop
17. European Economic Community
18. Falstaffian in body
19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work \_\_\_"
21. "So no one told you life was gonna be \_\_\_"
23. Pocket watch chain
24. Uncouth one
25. Place to get a massage
28. Boozer
30. Pie nuts
35. Sharpen
37. Orange powder drink mix
39. Tennis-affected joint
40. Bright thought
41. Reputation-damaging gossip
43. Symphony member
44. Famous Beethoven symphony
46. Microsoft browser
47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
48. Dines at home
50. Telephoned
52. Up to present time
53. Neat
55. Diamond stat
57. "Gee, our old \_\_\_ ran great, those were the days"
61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's \_\_\_"
65. Loosen laces
66. Opposite of vend
68. Kind of artery
69. One Beetle
70. Recipe amt.
71. Opposite of atonal
72. "Where the kisses are hers and \_\_\_ and his, Three's company too"
73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

- 1. Brewer's kiln
2. "Ta-tal" in Italy
3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so \_\_\_"
4. Remote in manner
5. S.S. \_\_\_ of "Gilligan's Island"
6. Not many (2 words)
7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the \_\_\_"
8. Right-hand page
9. Schneider and Reiner
10. Afresh
11. Astronaut's insignia
12. Three pointer
15. Evening party
20. Sad newspaper notices
22. Goes with skip and a jump
24. Without a trace of moisture (2 words)
25. "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to \_\_\_"
26. Podium, pl.
27. Concerning, archaic
29. "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your \_\_\_"
31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
32. The Beatles' "\_\_\_ Road"
33. Not a soul (2 words)
34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is \_\_\_"
36. "Good \_\_\_" cooking show
38. Lady n'ee Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
42. Extend subscription
45. Infamous German leader
49. Naught
51. Barley kernels
54. Financial woes
56. Where there's trouble?
57. Verdant
58. Initial stake
59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
60. A snob puts them on
61. Use a keyboard
62. Marine eagle
63. Bibliographical abbr.
64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a \_\_\_"
67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning \_\_\_!"

## SUDOKU PUZZLE

GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR 12 days, departs May - Sep 2022

Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 7, 8, 7, 6, 4, 6, 3, 5, 1, 2, 9, 7, 8, 5, 8, 4, 4, 1, 9, 6, 8, 4, 2, 5, 3

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