

Voters' pamphlets, ballots hitting mailboxes for August 3 primary

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Voter pamphlets for the August 3 primary election began arriving in mailboxes last week and ballots were in the mail by July 16 according to an advisory from the Okanogan County Auditor's Office.

There are two local measures on the August 3 ballot, the Three Rivers Hospital levy renewal, and the City of Pateros Transportation Benefit District (TBD).

Three Rivers Hospital Levy

The hospital is asking voters to renew a one-year predecessor that received more than 70 percent voter approval in 2020. The rate will be the same 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value and will generate an estimated \$840,000 for the hospital in 2022.

Pateros Transportation Benefit District

The city council approved the creation of a TBD at its regular April meeting and sent the measure to the August primary for voter consideration. The measure allows the city to collect a sales and use tax of .02 percent on all taxable retail sales and uses within the city limits to help fund the costs of specified transportation improvement projects.

Pateros council

Also of local interest is the

race for Pateros city council Position 1. Earlier this year the council appointed Frank Herbert to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Christine Perry last March 1. Herbert is standing for election against two nonpartisan opponents, Adam Fritz and Chantele Poole.

Fritz is a former Pateros council member who held Position 2 from December 2011 until January 2018. Poole, a first-time candidate, is a Pateros High School graduate and holds a B.A. in Accounting and Management Information Systems from Western Washington University.

School districts

A trio of school district seats are up for grabs in Bridgeport, Chelan, and Nespelem.

In Nespelem Nancy Armstrong-Morales is seeking reelection to her District 5 At-Large position that she has held since 2013. Her opponents are Val Vargas-Thomas who briefly served on the board, and Patrick Morin, Jr.

In Bridgeport, four contenders are vying for the District 2 At-Large seat. They include Kathy Corbin, Secretary and Vice President of the Bridgeport School Board, Walter Gomez, Lorena Vazquez, and Juan R. Morales.

Three candidates are in the hunt for the Lake Chelan School District Director 1 seat. They are Stephanie Fuller, Cole Soreano, and Brook Isaak.

Ballots must be received in drop boxes by 8 p.m., August 3, of postmarked by that date. Consult the official Voters' Pamphlet for drop box locations and other details or call 509-422-7240.

Revelers, races gather for Apple Pie Jamboree



Jet ski racers round course buoys in one of the afternoon races.

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Jet ski racers gather at the launch site

A Snow Cone hut and American flag are symbolic of summer festivals. See more photos at qcherald.com



Many duties modified

Brewster grapples with new state law enforcement mandates

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The regular monthly meetings of the city council include updates from various departments like finance, fire, public works, and police. However, last Thursday, July 15, law enforcement was front and center as the city prepares to adapt to a dozen new bills signed into law last May by Governor Jay Inslee that will change the way police statewide discharge their duties.

"There are going to be a lot of changes coming up in law enforcement," said city clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz. "People will not be getting the same type of service they have gotten."

Part of the problem the city faces is how to provide response to those citizen calls that the police will no longer handle, Ruiz said. It cannot afford to hire social service personnel to deal with the many non-crime issues.

Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz said the deadline to conform with the bevy of new laws is July 25 and affects every law enforcement in the



Courtesy Brewster Police Department

Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz

state. Ruiz said he wants to address Brewster citizens about the changes that are coming because residents are going to discover that many of the services that are used to calling the department to handle will no longer be available.

"It's not that police officers do not want to respond," said Ruiz, "It's just that they cannot."

Ruiz said the newly passed House bills essentially detract from the quality of life for all

state citizens.

"We're going to have citizens dialing 911 for say, a person in underwear acting crazy in front of their house, but he's on the public street and now with these laws we cannot respond because no crime has occurred."

A routine dispatch for local law enforcement is called a welfare or well check where the responding officer confirms an individual's safety.

Ruiz said his department has been advised by the city's insurance carrier and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) not to perform a welfare check because it is not a crime.

The law enforcement bills relate to police field tactics, rights of defendants, use of deadly force and its investigation, police interrogation procedures, officer decertification, and more. They include:

- House Bill 1054 relating to tactics and equipment bans chokeholds and neck restraints and restricts the use of tear gas among other provisions.
HB 1267 establishes an Office of Independent Investi-

gations to look into deadly force incidents.

HB 1310 concerning uses of force mandates de-escalation tactics and minimizing use of force.

Senate Bill 5066 addresses officer intervention in the event of excessive force used by a fellow officer and reporting requirements for wrongdoing.

SB 5051 focuses on accountability and oversight for officer training, background checks, and decertification.

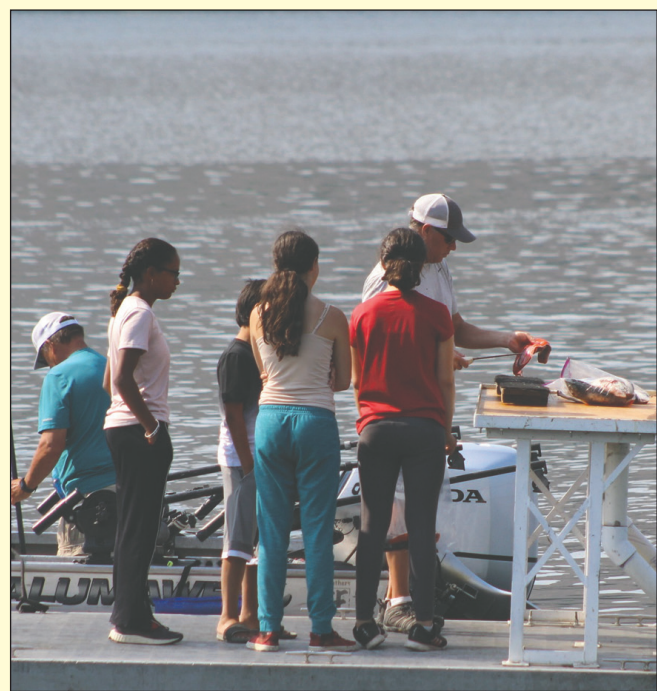
"These bills are all going to work in coordination with one another to create a system of accountability and integrity stronger than anywhere else in the nation," Inslee said.

The new laws are also going to require some adjustments to public expectations.

"It's going to be a total culture shock for any resident in Washington state when they dial 911 and they're told 'I'm sorry, but we can't respond,'" Ruiz said.

Ruiz added another response to the new rules coming down: "I know there's been officers throughout the state retiring because of this," Ruiz said.

Fishermen turn out for summer chinook at Brewster



Mike Maltais/QCH

Fishermen like this group with Adventure Guide Service from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, were on the Columbia River Sunday, July 4, for the summer chinook opener from the Highway 173 bridge in Brewster to Foster Creek just below Chief Joseph Dam in Bridgeport. Vehicles towing boat trailers filled much of the available parking around the Brewster boat launch. One angler reported good success on sockeye salmon but said the chinook bite was slow.

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Same as last year

Three Rivers Hospital seeks continuation of levy

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BEST, TRH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

BREWSTER – Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a renewal of the one-year levy approved by voters last year.

The current levy, which passed with a combined 71 percent in Okanogan and Douglas counties, has been used to help offset the cost of maintaining emergency services 24 hours a day, all year round. The approved cost was 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The hospital is not requesting an increase, according to CEO Scott Graham.

“We are requesting that it be extended for another year at the same rate,” he said. “This revenue has been tremendously helpful to our hospital during the pandemic. It has helped us continue providing this critical service to our district during a time that has been economically uncertain for a lot of rural hospitals like ours.”

If approved, the estimated annual tax for a home valued at \$200,000 would be \$66 per year. Among other operational costs, the revenue is used to pay for round-the-clock staffing with board-certified physicians through a contract with ERx Group, LLC.

“This has been a successful



Scott Graham, CEO Three Rivers Hospital



Leslie McNamara, Three Rivers Hospital Board Secretary

arrangement for about seven years, and we have expanded

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West Chewuch burns

Nespelem wildfires destroy homes, prompt evacuations

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

NESPELEM – A lightning-caused wildfire that started Monday, July 12, consumed nearly 40,000 acres, more than a dozen structures and triggered evacuation alerts continues to burn with partial containment at this writing.

The Colville Tribe declared a state of emergency Tuesday, July 13, as two fires combined to form the Chuweah Creek/ Joe Moses Road complex fire. By Wednesday morning, July 14, an earlier Level 3 evacuation alert had been downgraded to a Level 1 and 2 as additional help arrived to help battle the blaze that is about 20 percent contained as of this writing. Level 1 is now in place for the towns of Nespelem and Keller.

Okanogan County Emergency Management (OCEM) issued a Level 3 alert at 9:22 p.m. Tuesday, July 13. An emergency shelter was set up



Courtesy Okanogan County Fire District Facebook
This is what a portion of the West Chewuch north of Winthrop looked like Saturday morning, July 17, after fire burned through the area the previous evening.

at Lake Roosevelt High School in Coulee Dam and Jess Ford in Grand Coulee served as a center for disaster supplies. Seven homes and some domestic stock are reported to be among the fire losses.

Twin Lakes alert

OCEM also issued a Level 3 evacuation at 6:22 p.m. July 13, for the Twin Lakes Development between Twisp and Winthrop, but cancelled it about three hours later. Around 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, OCEM issued a Level

2, (be ready to evacuate) warning to residents living south of the Methow River and west of the Lost River Road, that leads to Mazama.

Cub Creek/West Chewuch

OCEM issued a Level 3 (immediate evacuation) for the Cub Creek area north of Winthrop last Friday afternoon, July 16, where a wildfire started earlier that afternoon reported to be about 100 acres.

A report on the Okanogan County Fire District 6 Facebook site Saturday morning, July 17, said the blaze “took off up the West Chewuch and kept going” the previous evening. There was no detail as to how much acreage was destroyed.

North Cascades Highway closed

State Route 20 North Cascades Highway is closed approximately 20 miles west of Winthrop between Silver Star and Early winters as crews battle a pair of wildfires near Mazama.

Fiber project submitted for grant

Okanogan PUD sets new summer peak power record

SUBMITTED BY SHEILA CORSON,
PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County PUD broke its previous record for summer peak power usage three days in a row during the June heatwave, June 28-30.

The previous summer record of 110 megawatts was set on Aug. 13, 2015. The record was broken first on June 28, 2021, with 111 MW, then on June 29 with 118 MW and finally on June 30 with 116 MW.

The summer peak record is still far below the PUD's winter peak record, which is 178 MW.

Lightning causes outage

Summer thunderstorms on July 7 caused a widespread outage and power conservation requests due to Bonnevill Power Administration

(BPA) maintenance and restoration policies during potential wildfire conditions.

Okanogan County PUD is served via four major transmission lines into the county – one from Douglas County PUD (Well Dam) and three from BPA. BPA was performing normal maintenance on one of their three transmission lines, when it is assumed lightning struck a second BPA line. All customers north of Okanogan went dark at 12:48 p.m. as a result.

The PUD was able to switch customers to the third BPA line, so that nearly all power was restored within 15 minutes of the initial outage. However, the third BPA line has a much lower capacity than the other two, so BPA and the PUD requested power conservation measures. The PUD

worked with larger irrigators to reduce some of their load, and thanks all customers who answered the call to conserve.

BPA's fire mitigation plan requires them to inspect an entire line for damage before re-energizing. They completed their inspection of the transmission line and re-energized at 6:17 p.m., restoring normal operations at that point.

Fiber project seeks grant

The PUD has submitted the Pine Creek Fiber project for grant funding through the state Department of Commerce and National Telecommunications Administration (NTIA) with a total project cost of \$5.5 million for fiber to 300 homes.

Manager of Broadband Services John MacDonald presented the project at the July 12 meeting of the PUD

commissioners, who approved the submission unanimously. The Pine Creek area was one of many identified by local broadband action teams and is noted by the Federal Communications Commission as “unserved,” as well as having challenges with cellular or traditional phone lines. Nearly 500 poles are already needing replacement in that area, so the PUD would match up to 10 percent of the funding with in-kind make-ready work (upgrading infrastructure to get ready for fiber deployment) and by providing a project manager.

If the state accepts the project, it will be part of a number of projects the state will then submit to NTIA for funding. Without grant funding, the

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School Board elections sign of voter discontent

BY BILL FORHAN, PUBLISHER

Throughout our North Central Washington Region school board elections are nearly all contested races. This is not unique, but it is unique for our region.

Across the country there appears to be growing dissatisfaction with our educational system.

In Loudoun County Virginia over 300 people showed up to a school board meeting; 259 of those signed up to speak, but after 51 criticized the Board. The School Superintendent ended the public comment period and declared the meeting an unlawful assembly. Sheriff's Deputies were called in and people were arrested. The school board then moved into executive session.

It is not the only place in the country where citizens are becoming concerned about their local schools. Across the country previously quiet, sleepy school board meetings are being overwhelmed by parents concerned about programs on sex education, race, and gender identity.

Citizens are launching recall initiatives against School Board members who are not responsive to their concerns.

Perhaps, Morgan Ortugas of Outnumbered said it best, "School Boards and Teachers need to understand they do not raise children. Parents raise Children."

Chief among the issues fir-

ing up debate is a program called, "Critical Race Theory." A program that teaches young students that white people are oppressors and people of color are victims. In other words, your skin color, not the content of your character, establishes your position on the scale of racial tolerance.



Bill Forhan

Another program that is drawing the ire of parents across the country is Sex Education Programs that teach children as young as six about sexuality including self-pleasure and gender identity issues.

The problem is that many of these programs are being driven by national politics that are not necessarily consistent with local community standards.

The other problem with education policy is the influence of teacher's unions. In California families are increasingly upset with the efforts of the teacher's unions to keep the schools closed down while demanding higher pay and benefits and political policies that have little to do with their representation of teachers.

- Examples include,
- Helping students deal with the trauma they've faced from the pandemic by hiring 1,800 new psychologists, counselors, psychiatric social workers and others;
 - Hiring more teachers to reduce class sizes;
 - Free health care for teach-

ers Washington state is also increasing regulation of school curriculum. All of this would be fine if our students were excelling, but our students rank 30th in the world for math skills and 19th in science.

So, parents are losing faith in the ability of our public schools to provide our children with a relevant education.

An increasing number of parents are beginning to question how we can get true competition for public schools. The answer is simple - vouchers. Give parents the power to decide where the money the government collects for educating our children goes. In other words, if schools are paying \$6,000 per student for education, the parents get a voucher for \$6,000 to give to the school of their choice. This includes private or parochial schools. It is not a new idea but one that is opposed by teachers' unions, public school administrators and elected representatives.

They argue that it is a violation of the separation of church and state guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. That is a false argument. First, the separation clause is meant to protect churches not the government. More importantly, giving the voucher to parents gives them the economic power to influence curriculum.

It is time to reduce the power of teachers' unions and school administrators and put the power back into the hands of parents.

Wheat farmers concerned

Ecology issues drought emergency

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OLYMPIA – The Department of Ecology (DOE) issued a statewide drought emergency last Wednesday, July 14, after record-breaking triple digit temperatures compounded by a historically dry spring and summer triggered concerns over water supplies across the state.

The emergency declaration comes on the heels of a DOE drought advisory issued in late May for all but 10 of the state's 39 counties after recording the fourth driest March through April on record. In the latest emergency most of those 10 in the Puget Sound area are included.

A DOE media release said a drought emergency means water supply is projected to be below 75 percent of average with a risk of undue hardship to water users and uses. The formal declaration authorizes Ecology to take certain measures for the purpose of providing emergency drought relief:

- Expedite processing for emergency drought permits.
- Process temporary transfers of water rights.
- Provide funding assistance



Courtesy Department of Ecology
This Department of Ecology drought map shows the area in yellow included in the statewide emergency declaration.

for public entities.
• Hold public education workshops.

A DOE media release said that Ecology, along with the departments of Fish and Wildlife, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, are reporting wildfires, signs of stressed fish, and farmers and ranchers are being forced to cut back on irrigation.

"Farmers' crops are failing and ranchers are losing livestock because of these dry conditions, extreme heat, and lack of water," Gov. Inslee said.

Locally wheat farmers are among agriculturalists feeling the effects of the unusually

hot, dry conditions as they begin harvest earlier than anticipated this year.

Paul Katovich, CEO of High-line Grain Growers, said that the past couple of months have been the driest on record for rainfall since that data was tracked for the past 129 years.

"I watch a lot of weather," said Katovich. "This is the worst we've ever seen in the history of tracking...and when to take the spring into consideration as a whole we rank 128th."

There has been one drier spring in the past century and

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NCW Libraries, Write on the River host NCW Writers Group

WENATCHEE -- NCW Libraries is partnering with Write on the River to host a new virtual NCW Writers Group — an online community created by local writers for local writers.

Writers across North Central Washington are invited to connect with other artists, discuss the craft, ask for advice, and share resources in this inclusive writers' club for all ages, skill levels, genres and interests.

The free meetings will be held virtually on Zoom at 5 p.m. every third Wednesday of the month starting July 21. An optional social hour will follow each meeting.

The sessions will be hosted by Wenatchee Public Library's Nikolas Penny and Write on the River board member Holly

Thorpe. Find the Zoom link at ncwlibraries.org/writers-group.



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Jodee was raised in Pateros and graduated from Pateros High School in 1961. She was a talented singer who gave countless hours of service to many as her charm and beautiful voice graced the world but her greatest talent was giving her pure and complete love to those around her. She was a woman without guile whose love touched so many and whose triumph over life's challenges was an inspiration. She will be deeply missed. Predeceased include her parents, Elwyn and Donna Mikel and her son Ben Arthur Kuhn. Surviving include son and daughter-in-law Mikel and Linda Kuhn, granddaughter Kathleen Kuhn, and grandchildren Jon Brown, Jayden and Elisha Kuhn and three sisters, Sandra Scott Smith, Broomfield, Colorado, Geraldine Mikel, East Wenatchee, Washington, and Dianne Pratt, Woodruff, Utah.

DEATH NOTICE

Casey D. Goyne

Casey D. Goyne, 40, of Omak, Washington, passed away on July 11, 2021. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Michael P. Ternan

Michael P. Ternan, 67, of Bridgeport, Washington, passed away on July 13, 2021. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are under the direction of Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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Thursday, July 22
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 July 22.

July 22, 27, 29
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July 26
Okanogan County PUD meeting
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July 26
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August 9
Brewster Chamber to meet
BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held

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BREWSTER - The Brewster Chamber of Commerce general meeting will be held Monday, August 9, 6 p.m. at the American Legion. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information brewsterchamber@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.

Douglas County Sheriff warns of scam

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris said his office has received two separate reports regarding local and out-of-area victims receiving phone calls from subjects posing as employees of his office. The victims on both incidents reported being told they failed to appear for assigned court appearances and they needed to report to the courts to verify their identities and provide signatures," said Morris. "In both incidents, the victims reported the phone calls they received were from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office business phone line." Morris reminds citizens that the DCSO will not contact anyone by phone making these types of notifications and/or requests. "Be aware of all the various types of telephone scams which are currently in circulation and do not disclose your personal information to anyone you do not know," said Morris. "Please continue to report all scam related incidents to the appropriate law enforcement agencies."

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high expense of the project per customer (on average \$17,000 per customer) would make it infeasible, MacDonald said.

MacDonald said customers in the Pine Creek area have approached the PUD many times for service, but because of the cost, have been unable to move forward. If this project could come to fruition, then it would be a great opportunity for busi-

ECOLOGY

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a quarter. "In our area we didn't have a good year last year either," said Katovich. "We have had four successively worse moisture profiles in a row and now we're looking into the fall with the record driest in recorded history; it's that dry." The unusual conditions have compelled wheat farmers to begin harvest earlier this year. Katovich said that in normal years the difference between an early or late har-

vest season is usually a week. "Seventy-six percent of the time you're going to be within seven days of your average start date," said Katovich. "We're two weeks early; we're clearly three standard deviations from the mean, it's that dramatic." Down the road, fall seeding is another concern facing wheat growers this year. Katovich said the ideal date to start seeding in much of Highline's footprint is August 25, when the combination of ground moisture and warm weather helps get the new crop off to a good start. The lack of mois-

ture will play a major role in planting decisions this year. The Office of the State Climatologist shows little hope for relief before fall. The three-month outlook for July through September shows increased chances of above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation for the entire state. The DOE release said individual actions can make a big difference during a drought. "Washington residents should check with their local water

LEVY

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their contract recently to include inpatient coverage, as well," Graham said. "This provides a more stable consistency of care for our patients, from the time they're seen in the ER to their stay in Acute Care." The levy proposition is on the August 3 primary ballot. Ballots should be in mailboxes by this Friday, which is when the voting period begins. "Our district's support during these extremely trying and unprecedented times has been overwhelming. Thank you," said Board Secretary Leslie McNamara. "I love our community and the opportunities we have to offer valuable and reliable health care." Questions regarding the Three Rivers Hospital levy proposition can be directed to media@trhospital.net, or by calling 509-645-3347.

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Maricopa County Auditors Seek Ballot Envelope Images, Splunk Logs After Discovering Discrepancies

ZACHARY STIEBER

Teams conducting a forensic audit in Arizona's largest county said on July 15 that they want more items to complete their review, which has turned up several major discrepancies.

The auditors, led by Florida-based Cyber Ninjas, want ballot envelope images, router images, splunk logs, hard drives that contain information about the 2020 election in Maricopa County, and details on the county's policies and procedures as they try to complete a review that started nearly three months ago.

That information could help clear up issues that have been identified.

Doug Logan, CEO of Cyber Ninjas, told senators at the Arizona state Capitol during a hearing that auditors could find no record of the county sending more than 74,000 mail-in ballots. He also said auditors found approximately 18,000 people voted but were removed from voter rolls "soon after the election, 11,326 people who were not on the voter rolls on Nov. 7, 2020, but appeared on the rolls on Dec. 4, 2020, and 3,981 people who voted after registering after Oct. 15, 2020."

Ben Cotton, CEO of CyFIR, a subcontractor working on the audit, said the analysis of the election management system and network uncovered "severe cybersecurity problems," including that antivirus programs weren't



A Maricopa County Elections Department staff member counts ballots in Phoenix on Oct. 31, 2020.

up to date.

The hearing came after Arizona Senate President Karen Fann, whose Republican caucus authorized the audit late last year, said the auditors' ballot count produced a different number from the county's count.

Logan said the discrepancies with mail-in ballot records should trigger a canvassing proposal that was put on hold under pressure from the Department of Justice.

"Based on the data we're seeing, I highly recommend canvassing, because it is the one way to know for sure whether some of the data

we're seeing, if it's real problems or whether it's clerical errors of some sort," he said.

The July 15 testimony, given in front of Fann and Sen. Warren Peterson, chairman of the state Senate's Judiciary Committee, immediately triggered a push to conduct a new election in the state, where President Joe Biden beat former President Donald Trump by about 10,500 votes.

"I call for the Biden electors to be recalled to Arizona & a new election must be conducted. Arizona's electors must not be awarded fraudulently & we need to

get this right," Arizona Sen. Wendy Rogers, a Republican who has been keeping close tabs on the audit, said on Twitter.

Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Sellers, a Republican, said in a statement after the hearing that the auditors were incompetent.

"At today's briefing, the Senate's uncertified contractors asked a lot of open-ended questions, portraying as suspicious what is actually normal and well known to people who work in elections. In some cases, they dropped bombshell numbers

that are simply not accurate. What we heard today represents an alternate reality that has veered out of control since the November General Election. Senate leadership should be ashamed they broadcast the half-baked theories of the 'Deep Rig' crowd to the world today," he said. "To senate leaders I say, stop accusing us of not cooperating when we have given you everything qualified auditors would need to do this job. Finish your audit, release the report, and be prepared to defend it in court."

A county spokesperson told The Epoch Times via email it was unclear which data sets the auditors were referring to for some of their allegations. The approximately 74,000 ballots probably refers to voters who went in person to vote centers before Election Day, he said.

"Even though they are voting in person, their ballots are treated the same as those mailed in - sealed in an envelope and signed by the voter," the spokesman said.

Fann told reporters after the hearing that she would be talking to attorneys later Thursday or on Friday to figure out the best way to obtain the items auditors want.

"Do we go back to court or do they specifically comply with the original subpoena? Maybe some of this can be done before the request and we can get some of that information," she said. "It would be great if Maricopa County would help us with this request and we can move forward."

But the county spokesman indicated more subpoenas would be required to get the items, even the routers. "We will have a response

about other demands if and when Senate leadership produces more subpoenas," he said.

Routers or router images were included in subpoenas the Arizona Senate sent last year that were confirmed legally valid by a judge after the county took the matter to court. The county is still refusing to provide the auditors access to the subpoenaed materials.

The county agreed to comply with the subpoenas after the late February ruling,

but called for the audit to end less than a month after it had begun. County officials have noted that a hand recount and a risk-limiting audit performed at their best uncovered no discrepancies. They voted this week to replace the machines the auditors examined, agreeing with Democrat Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs that they can't ensure that the machines will perform properly in future elections.

Fann noted that she wanted the audit done at county facilities, but was forced to have the audit teams conduct it offsite when the county declined her request. She also said senators have never implied or inferred that the discrepancies were caused by "intentional misdoings."

"It is unfortunate that the county has been recalcitrant," Peterson said at the hearing. "That doesn't breed trust, it slows things down, it makes things difficult."

He noted that if auditors don't receive the requested items, they'll produce "an incomplete report."

Allan Stein contributed to this report.



Cyber Ninjas owner Doug Logan at a news conference in Phoenix on April 22, 2021.

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59 of 96 Phones Assigned to Robert Mueller Probe Missing: GOP Senators

JACK PHILLIPS

Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) have sent a letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting more information about missing cell-phones that were used by then-special counsel Robert Mueller during his investigation into former President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign.

In a statement, the senators said they were compelled to send the letter after the DOJ failed to review more than 20 phones for record preservation after Grassley in September 2020 asked about a possible violation of federal record-keeping laws, following a Freedom of Information Act revelation showing records on devices used by Mueller's team had been deleted.

The DOJ's Office of the Inspector General in September 2020, the senators wrote, told them that several phones belonging to "multiple people on then-Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigative team were 'wiped'

for various reasons during [the Russia investigation]." Meanwhile, on May 11, the inspector general said 59 of 96 phones assigned to Mueller's team couldn't be located, according to the senators.



Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa).

Relating to the phones, the two senators are seeking the names of the special counsel's office team members whose cellphones weren't reviewed by officials, if there are any actions being taken to recover the missing phones, and whether the DOJ reviewed the devices to see if "they were used to leak sensitive or classified information," among other requests.

The Mueller probe in 2018 ultimately concluded that Trump's campaign didn't colude with the Russian government, although Democrats in Congress have continued to accuse Trump of having a cozy relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin. For the past several years, Grassley and Johnson have sent a number of requests to the DOJ about the investigation, as well as asking the

agency about records relating to President Joe Biden's son Hunter Biden.

Around the same time that House Democrats were leading an impeachment inquiry into Trump's efforts in Ukraine in late 2019, the DOJ's inspector general released a report finding that the FBI abused the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court processes in obtaining—and renewing—warrants to surveil former Trump campaign aide Carter Page. In all, the inspector general found at least 17 "significant errors or omissions" in the FISA surveillance of Page.

"That so many basic and fundamental errors were made by three separate, hand-picked teams on one of the most sensitive FBI investigations that were briefed to the highest levels within the FBI, and that FBI officials expected would eventually be subjected to close scrutiny," the report stated, "raised significant questions regarding the FBI chain of command's management and supervision of the FISA process."

DOJ officials didn't immediately respond to a request by The Epoch Times for comment.

White House: Biden's \$4.5 Trillion Infrastructure Bills Won't Push Inflation Higher

ZACHARY STIEBER

President Joe Biden's \$4.5 trillion infrastructure proposals will not lead to higher inflation if they are passed by Congress, White House press secretary Jen Psaki claimed on July 15.

"Our experts believe—and the data shows and the Federal Reserve chair, who operates independently, conveyed, yesterday—that most of the price increases we are seeing are expected to be temporary due to the consequences of restarting an economy shut down during the pandemic. And we're seeing that in certain industries more than others as prices go back to where they were pre-pandemic," she said.

The Biden administration understands the threat that inflation poses and will be vigilant in responding to the threat, Psaki continued.

"As it relates to legislation: We're continuing to advocate for the way to keep prices in our economy down is to increase the supply of goods that consumers want to buy and keep the costs of producing and getting them to market lower. That's exactly what the president's bipartisan infrastructure framework and



President Joe Biden speaks to reporters at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, on July 14, 2021.

Inflation has been rising quickly in recent months. It was up 5.4 percent over 12 months as of June.

the 'Build Back Better' plans will do," she said.

The infrastructure package will increase the availability of child care, help more people resume or start working, increase output, and help keep prices down, Psaki asserted. Senate Democrats this week

unveiled a \$3.5 trillion package on "human infrastructure" that contains many of the provisions in Biden's proposal. Senate Democrats plan to try to ram the package through the body on party lines using a budgetary tool even as they negotiate with Senate Republicans on a \$1 trillion bill.

Inflation has been rising quickly in recent months. It was up 5.4 percent over 12 months as of June. Consumer prices are increasing at the fastest pace in decades, and critics pin the blame on the Biden administration's high spending.

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24-Year-Old Chicago Police Officer Dies in Apparent Suicide

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CARA DING

CHICAGO—A Chicago police officer was found dead due to an apparent suicide on the morning of July 14, according to the Chicago Police Department (CPD).

The officer, 24-year-old Christian Furczon, was found dead at around 7 a.m. near Nathan Hale Elementary School in the Clearing neighborhood on the Southwest Side of Chicago.

According to city records, Furczon had been a police officer with the CPD since October 2018.

Autopsy results released on July 15 confirmed the cause of death as suicide. Furczon was the third CPD officer to take his own life this year.

“The department experienced the heartbreaking loss of one of our police officers to an apparent suicide. ... Being a police officer is not an easy job and our officers carry the weight of the world on their shoulders,” Chicago Police Superintendent David Brown said in a statement sent to The Epoch Times.

Dr. Carrie Steiner, a police psychologist and certified trauma professional, knows well the weight on officers’ shoulders. Her Chicago suburban office is visited by around 300 police officers every month, one out of five being CPD officers who seek her help to cope with mental health concerns.

A lot of that weight has to do with the critical incidents they see at work daily, Steiner said. Critical incidents are those situations that most people wouldn’t encounter in their daily lives, such as seeing a tortured baby or murder victim, or being shot at by violent people at work. The weight of these experiences can easily lead to mental health problems such as



depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and alcohol addiction.

An average person sees one to five critical incidents in their lifetime, Steiner said. An average police officer at a small to medium police agency sees around 188 critical incidents during their 20 years at work. But for a large metro police department such as CPD, the numbers are a lot higher.

“In my first year at the Chicago Police Department, I think I had 200 critical incidents,” Steiner told The Epoch Times. She served as a police officer at CPD for 13 years before becoming a police psychologist.

Some traumas will be harder to overcome than others. Steiner had developed trauma while on duty after seeing a dead Hispanic 5-year-old in a car crash.

“He was the same age as my nephew. Anytime there was an accident, I always thought back to him. Anytime I saw

Chicago police officers pay tribute to fellow officer Christian Furczon on July 14, 2021.

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David Brown, Chicago police superintendent

a Hispanic family, I thought back to him.” Steiner said.

It took her nearly 2 1/2 years of therapy to overcome the trauma.

Another burden on officers’ shoulders is the backbreaking working hours; for almost a year now, they have been constantly asked to work 12-hour shifts with no days off, Steiner said.

“If you are just working a regular job, you can go home and probably fall asleep pretty quickly. But if you just got off a shift [where] you saw a dead baby, it’s going to be hard to fall asleep,” she said.

Many officers suffer from severe sleep deprivation, making it much harder for them to decompress and recuperate, she said. Most officers she speaks with only sleep four to five hours each night.

According to lawyer Gershon Kulek, who helps many Chicago police officers with their divorce proceedings, an-



Dr. Carrie Steiner at work.

When all this mental stress builds up within officers, if they don’t have a way to find release on their own, they may wind up releasing it on loved ones at home, Kulek said. When that happens, it often leads to marital problems or even divorce—another source of mental stress.

Two other Chicago police officers committed suicide earlier this year.

On March 1, Officer James Daly, 47, fatally shot himself in a locker room inside his district police station on the North Side of the city.

On March 5, Officer Jeffery Troglia, 38, fatally shot himself at his home in the Mount Greenwood neighborhood on the Southwest Side of the city.

Following the officers’ deaths, CPD hired a senior adviser on wellness, National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago CEO Alexa James, to create a comprehensive officer wellness plan.

other source of police stress is the fear of being punished for doing their jobs under the current political and societal environment.

“When an offender fights with police, the police have to use more force to put that person into control. When something goes wrong in that process, the officers could be charged with a crime,” Kulek told The Epoch Times.

“So there is this extra stress on all officers at work, ‘What if something happens? Am I going to get charged with a crime?’ Many are afraid to do their jobs.”

Arizona Rally Demands Release of Jan. 6 ‘Political Prisoners’

ALLAN STEIN

Hoisting flags and political signs, more than 250 Arizona conservatives rallied in Scottsdale on July 14 to demand the release of pro-Trump protesters being held in federal prisons since Jan. 6.

“This nation will not be [made] safe by cowards,” said keynote speaker Matt Braynard of Look Ahead America, co-sponsor of the rally with local branch Look Ahead Arizona, at Sue Wood’s Scottsdale Studios.

Both groups have called upon conservatives to organize at the community level to free more than 500 pro-Trump protesters in federal custody.

Braynard, a former Trump data analyst, is leading the charge with Look Ahead America to release what he called “political prisoners.”

He said the July 14 rally was a run-up to a large political protest to be held on July 17 at a federal prison in Washington.

While the FBI has arrested 535 protesters, Braynard said, “in almost all cases, these were non-violent” people.

“They’re losing their jobs because their employers don’t want to employ them,” Braynard said, noting that 100 to 200 people have been held without bail since they were arrested. “They’re not forgotten.”

He also spoke of the shooting

death of Ashley Babbitt by a still unidentified White House security member inside the Capitol building on Jan. 6.

[The prisoners] need to be treated fairly and with due process. So we have come here to demand equal justice under the law.

Rep. Paul Gosar

“I can’t help but wonder how a 90-pound woman who clearly was not armed—why the response was a bullet,” Braynard said. “You’re in the cross-hairs, too. The insurrection narrative is the root of a very poisonous tree—the ‘Big Lie’ of insurrection.”

The rally was framed around Arizona’s coyote-skin clad “Q-Anon Shaman,” Jacob Chansley, who turned himself in to authorities three days after the Washington protest.

Jeff Blase of Phoenix, wielding a “Free Jake!” sign, said he attended the rally to support Chansley and other political detainees.

“If you know anything about Jake, he’s a non-violent person,” said Blase, who participated in

other protests with Chansley. “Jake is a very smart individual as well.”

To prove his point, Blase said Chansley was videotaped inside the Senate Chambers leading the protesters in prayer.

“The reason I’m here is because of people like Jake who are nonviolent and who are being held in the [federal] gulag,” Blase said.

Chansley’s St. Louis-based defense attorney, Albert Watkins, described the conditions his client is facing in jail as “gulag-like treatment.”

“Mr. Chansley has been in solitary confinement since he voluntarily and peacefully surrendered himself to federal authorities on Jan. 9,” Watkins told The Epoch Times in an email. “His mental health and emotional well-being are significantly challenged. His ability to focus on his own defense has been encumbered.”

“He was not violent or disorderly or destructive in any manner. He was not armed. He did not threaten. There is no end in sight. His only reliable unmonitored contact with the outside world is his attorney—me. He is alone.”

Martha Chansley, Jake’s mother, told those attending the July 14 gathering that her son called her just minutes before the rally.

“He is very touched and he



Matt Braynard, the executive director of Look Ahead America, during an interview with The Epoch Times’ Joshua Philipp.

really appreciates you and your love and your support and your prayers, because it’s really tough. It’s a tough time,” she said.

“It takes a lot of courage to do what you know is right. Let’s continue to keep this faith because ultimately, in the end, God wins.”

Congressman Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) told those attending the rally that he was protesting for the fair treatment of those arrested in connection with the Capitol breach.

“There are reports that some of the prisoners have been tortured or held in solitary confinement 24 hours a day,” he said.

“What are they trying to hide? Americans deserve the truth. [The prisoners] need to be treated fairly and with due process. So we have come here to demand equal justice under the law.”



Protesters enter the U.S. Capitol’s Rotunda in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.



Protesters walk around in the Rotunda after entering the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021.

Arizona state Rep. Mark Finchem, a Republican, asked the crowd rhetorically, “Have you seen my country lately?”

“This is what Bolsheviks do. They destroy people. They steal from people. They lie and they

cheat, and then they kill you. [Jan. 6] was a setup. That’s what Bolsheviks do. One day, I pray to God that the individuals who have foisted this upon us will be held accountable for the treason they have committed.”

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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. 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



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

Cascade High School Head Wrestling Coach
Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at: www.cascadesed.org EOE

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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: 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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Swing Shift Custodian Cooks (2 positions)

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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. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000. 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



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. 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

Help Wanted



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. 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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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

The Leavenworth Echo Cashmere Valley Record

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Here come the ticks



One person holds her steady while the other one carefully grasps the tick with tweezers, pulling slowly to avoid leaving any body parts behind.

This year, I have chosen a different approach: a specialized tick removal tool. There are several tick removers available. Most of them work like the claw part of a hammer removes a nail. You hook them under the head of the tick, then slowly pull it out.

I chose the Tick Tornado. Instead of pulling straight up, once you hook the tick with it, you TWIST to detach the tick's head first before lifting it up to remove it. The Tick Tornado has two sizes in each kit to fit either small or larger ticks. Each bright green stick has a hole for attaching to a carabiner, rope, or ring. I like how it doesn't require the animal to stay still.

Here are 5 Tips to Reduce Your Risk of Tick-Borne Illness:

1. Avoid places where ticks congregate.

Don't walk through brushy, woody areas or tall grass. Walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with branches or leaves where ticks get brushed off by deer.

2. Check frequently.

We do "tick checks" on each dog after every long walk and a complete nose-to-tail check EVERY NIGHT, looking for "freckles" and feeling for bumps.

Showering within 2 hours of returning from hiking in tick habitat gives the best chance of rinsing off ticks or finding them before they dig in.

3. Consider using repellent.

It's wise to treat your clothing and your dog(s) with tick repellent. Make sure to keep checking daily for ticks.

4. Dress to discourage ticks.

Light-colored clothing helps you see ticks more easily. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and tucking your pants into your boots limits a tick's access to your skin.

5. Remove ticks promptly.

A tick must ingest blood before it can infect you or your pet. Ticks will feed about 36 hours after attaching themselves.

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

Last week I removed ANOTHER tick from Bonnie, our 6-month-old Scottie. Bonnie LOVES to run through the grass and burrow into bushes, where ticks like to lurk. In the Pacific Northwest, 3 species of ticks can transmit disease. A bite from a Brown Dog Tick or Rocky Mountain Wood Tick can transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The Western Blacklegged Tick carries Lyme disease.

According to Rebecca Eisen, a research biologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC), "Tick-borne diseases are on the rise." Powassan disease is an example of a severe, potentially fatal nerve infection caused by a virus carried in tick saliva.

Living in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains for the past 30 years, I have considered using nearly every method of tick removal. I can tell you from experience, don't EVER apply Vaseline® to a tick! It makes those guys so slippery you can't hold on to them; fingers and tweezers just slide off.

And FORGET the advice to dab the tick with nail polish. The tick's too slick to grip with tweezers or fingers, and then you'll need nail polish remover to remove the residue.

Several years ago, my friend Denise and I read on the internet about using liquid dish detergent to remove a tick. "Well, it sounds like it MIGHT be useful someday, like knowing 48 ways to reuse fabric softener dryer sheets... maybe."

Then one day, we found a tick on Jamie, my 6-year-old Scottie. Jamie was nicknamed "Spook" because he hated loud noises and lurked under kitchen chairs. Denise first tried brushing off the dreaded tick. No luck; it was firmly attached to Jamie.

Trying to grab the tick with tweezers to pull it out was a disaster; Jamie refused to stand still long enough for her to grasp that tiny tick. Desperate, we turned to the Dawn® dish soap method.

When she put a small dab of liquid Dawn® on Jamie's neck at the place the tick was attached, it immediately began a frantic backstroke and, within moments, was entirely out. All we had to do was wipe off the tick. AMAZING. I still keep a small bottle of liquid Dawn® next to my tweezers for tick removal.

Unfortunately, liquid dish soap only works if the tick is alive. The last few times I needed to remove a tick, they wouldn't move at all. If a tick doesn't back out after applying liquid dish soap, I wipe it off and use tweezers. Unfortunately, little Bonnie wiggles so much that it takes two people to remove a tick.

Help Wanted

Bus Driver/ Operator Full-time
Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO)
 TranGO is looking for two (2) transit drivers; one full-time (36- 40 hours per week) position based in Tonasket and one part-time (10+ hours per week) position based in Okanogan.
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 Must have a minimum Class B CDL with Passenger Endorsement. Please visit www.okanogantansit.com for required qualifications, application, and job description.
 A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for the position.
 E-mail your completed application to clerk@okanogantansit.com
 Application Deadline: Application review will begin July 23, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled.
 Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted

Full and Part-Time Breakfast Staff

The Enzian Inn is searching for energetic service-oriented individuals to join our breakfast team. Position provides opportunities to learn and perform a variety of duties. Prepare, present and serve the daily breakfast buffet. Full and part-time positions requiring some weekends.
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PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT/WORKSHOP SPECIAL MEETING FOR GOAL SETTING & STRATEGIC PLANNING

As directed by the Board Chair of the Pateros School District 122-70J; a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pateros School District 122-70J has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm in classroom 205 of the Pateros School. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a board retreat for goal setting and strategic planning. No actions will be taken. Visit www.pateros.org board of directors for electronic meeting address.
 The Pateros School District is a barrier free facility accessible to persons with disabilities. Additional information is available in the superintendent's office 509-923-2751 ext. 4.
 Greg Goodnight Secretary of the Board Pateros School District
 PROPOSED AGENDA
 1. Call to Order
 2. Goal Setting & Strategic Planning
 3. Adjournment
 Published in the Quad City Herald July 21, 2021. #2401

Public Notices

Brewster School District 2021-22 Budget Hearing

NOTICE OF MEETING TO ADOPT 2021-22 BUDGET AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 289A.505.050 and RCW 28A.505.060, that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Brewster School District No. 111/203J, Douglas & Okanogan Counties, Washington (the "District") will hold a regular meeting on July 29, 2021 commencing at 7 PM in the High School Library, located at 503 S. 7th Street, Brewster, Washington. The meeting is called for the purpose of fixing and adopting the budget of the District for ensuing 2021-22 fiscal year. Prior to adoption of the 2021-22 budget, the Board will hold a hearing starting at 6:30 PM for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the 2021-22 budget. Any person may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of the 2021-22 budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240.
 Published in the Quad City Herald July 14 and 21, 2021. #2345

Public Notices

Notice of 2021-2022 Budget Hearing and Adoption

Notice is hereby given that the Mansfield School Dist. #207 will adopt the 2021-22 budget at the Budget Hearing and Adoption Meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 starting at 7:30 PM in the library of the Mansfield school building, Mansfield, Washington. The regular board meeting will follow the budget hearing and adoption. The public is invited to be heard for or against all or part of the 2021-22 budget, the four-year budget plan summary, and the four-year enrollment projection.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 28A.505.050 and RCW 28A.505.060, that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Bridgeport School District No. 075, Douglas County, Washington (the "District") will hold a regular meeting on July 26, 2021, commencing 6:00 PM in the Bridgeport Middle School Cafeteria of the Bridgeport School District, located at 1300 Douglas Avenue, Bridgeport, Washington. The meeting is called for the purpose of fixing and adopting the budget of the District for the ensuing 2021-22 fiscal year. Prior to adoption of the 2021-22 budget, the Board will hold a hearing on July 26, 2021 commencing 5:30 PM for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the 2021-22 budget. Any person may appear at the hearing and be heard for or against any part of the 2021-22 budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240 educational programs and operation levy. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall fix and determine the appropriation from each fund contained in the 2021-22 budget and shall, by resolution, adopt the 2021-22 budget, the four-year budget plan summary, and the four-year enrollment projection. 2021-22 budget information is available in the District office or may be obtained by contacting Eddie Morales, Business Manager (509) 686-5656. BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 075 DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON Scott Sattler Superintendent Published in the Quad City Herald July 14 and 21, 2021. #2405

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 8. Armenia's neighbor
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 14. "NFL's "The Great One"
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 28. Himalayan country
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