

## District 3 Director Barth resigns

### Pateros School Board adopts resolutions, approves staff changes, anticipates graduation

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(COMPILED FROM MEETING NOTES  
BY LINDA EHLENBACH)

PATEROS – School board members approved resolutions dealing with the WIAA, graduation credits, and student well being at their regular meeting on May 24. Also addressed were some staff changes involving sports coaches and teaching positions and renewal of the school's membership in the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).

District 3 Director Parker Barth who has served on the board since February 2017 announced his resignation.

Teaching staff changes included the resignation of April Ashworth and hiring of first grade teacher Talicia Miller-Poole. Coaching changes included the resignation of long-time head football coach Marcus Stennes and approval of a one-year leave of absence for Stennes from his role as

head junior high track coach.

Shane Kelly will not be returning at the head varsity wrestling coach and the board approved the transfer of Cindy Cavazos as interim head varsity wrestling coach. Eric Romero was approved as temporary head junior high track coach. Tom Asmusen resigned as head junior high girls' basketball coach.

Resolution approvals included the annual renewal of school membership in the WIAA, Academic and Student Well-Being Plan - required by the state legislature and Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for receipt of Covid Stimulus III funds – and waiver of high school graduation credit.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on the school football field at 7 p.m., June 4 and feature a senior slideshow. Those activities will follow a 5:45 p.m. vehicle parade through downtown.

Reporting at his final

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## Rep. Newhouse discusses fire recovery with Pateros mayor



Courtesy Amanda Fitzmorris, press secretary

**Congressman Dan Newhouse and Pateros Mayor Carlene Anders inspect the new Pateros Museum Interpretative Boards completed and installed earlier this year. Rep. Newhouse was in Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant counties county last Thursday and Friday, May 27-28, to tour Pearl Hill fire damage in Bridgeport, visit the North Cascade Smokejumper Base in Winthrop, and meet with community leaders including Anders to discuss work being done by the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group among other topics.**

## Bass Tournament makes second annual appearance

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The second annual Lure Safe Bass Tournament presented by the Okanogan Valley Bass Club is coming to Brewster on June 26, sponsored this year by Lure Safe.

Sponsor Mike Mauk said open entry forms have been mailed out, but entry forms are also available from okanoganvalleybassclub@gmail.com or by calling 509-322-2951.

“If we can break our last year's entry of 25 boats Craig Randall, Okanogan Valley Bass Club president, will add another \$250 to the winning bag,” Mauk said.

Boats will blast off from the Brewster boat launch and sportfishermen will be able to fish the Columbia River from Wells Dam to Chief Joseph Dam and the Okanogan River upstream as far as Malott.

The Club will also be hosting a barbecue during weigh-in. Sign-ups are due by Thursday, June 24.



Courtesy Lure Safe

**Jessie Coyne, left, a past Banks Lake Bass Tournament winner, Okanogan Valley Bass Club president Chris Randall, and Mike Mauk, sponsor of this year's Lure Safe Open Bass Tournament, staff the weigh-in table.**

## Hooked on Kids Fishing Derby to be held June 12

By MIKE MALTAIS  
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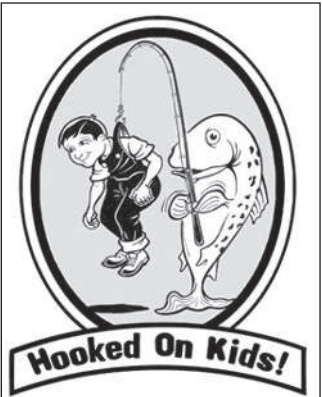
BRIDGEPORT – The annual Hooked on Kids Fishing Derby will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 12, this year. The event is open to kids from ages 5 through 14 years old. Participants can pre-register at city hall until June 7.

There is a \$3 entry fee per child and a 10-fish catch limit with no catch-and-release requirements. Anglers must provide their own fishing gear and children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The WDFW will once again provide 400 trout with 25 of those tagged as special prize fish. The narrow entrance of Marina Park Lagoon at the east end of the RV park is temporarily blocked to keep the planted trout from escaping.

Prizes for tagged trout caught will be awarded at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon and winners must be present.

Hooked on Kids coincides with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Free Fishing Weekend so any an-



Courtesy City of Bridgeport  
**Hooked on Kids Fishing Derby**

glers inclined to take advantage of that opportunity can wet their lines for leftover trout after the derby concludes.

Hooked on Kids was originally the inspiration of former Bridgeport resident and council member, Neil Jacobson. Jacobson held a competition for Bridgeport school students to come up with a design for the derby logo.

The winning design, showing a large trout holding a bent fishing rod that is hooked onto the collar of a dangling youngster, remains the official logo.

## Mansfield Play Day to be held June 12

MANSFIELD – The Town of Mansfield will observe its annual Play Day celebration on Saturday, June 12. The parade will start at 11 a.m., but at this writing no schedule of other events is

posted online.

Readers can check the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce Facebook site at facebook.com/MansfieldWChamber for additional details as they are posted.

## Fire safe planting tips

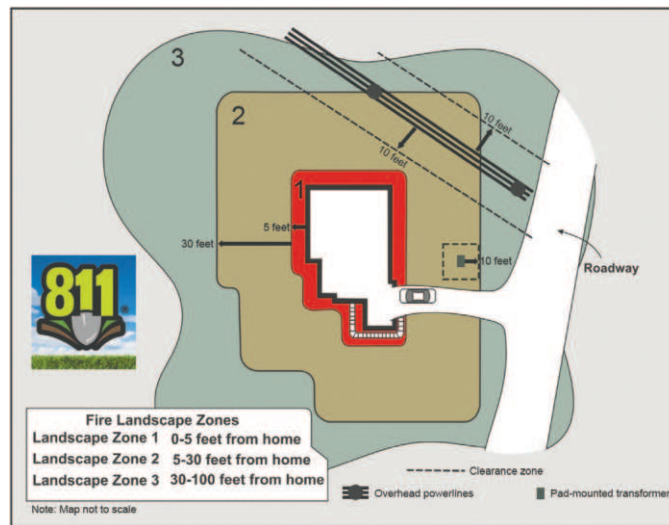
### PUD WISE Part 2 provides landscaping plans to combat wildfire

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN – On May 12, the PUD introduced a four-part series called WISE (water, infrastructure, safety, efficiency) Landscaping around your home. Part 1 ran in The Quad's May 19 edition and included a Zone Map that appears with this second installment since the recommendations that follow refer the reader to that map.

Part 2 of WISE, produced by Kim Johnson of Energy Services and Sheila Corson, Public Relations Coordinator, addresses landscaping that can not only reduce energy bills but also keep you warm and comfortable in both winter and summer.

Remember the home ignition zone map and wildfire-ready landscaping? Based



Home ignition zone map

on the three zones, there are ways to reduce the risk of wildfire destroying your home: Place only non-combustible items in Zone 1, use proper height and spacing in Zones 2 and 3 to keep fire from

spreading, and maintenance is critical in all zones. Some think that you cannot be both energy efficient and wildfire ready, but with some creativity, you can have a bit of both. Protecting your home from

the heat takes the pressure off your home cooling system and provides energy efficiency. It is like climate control inside your home, but it is your own “micro-climate” outside.

One common practice that we do not recommend is planting arborvitae or other trees or shrubs against a home to shade it from the sun's heat. But arborvitae, for example, are referred to as “plant torches” or “gas cans” in the firefighting world, and are a major fire hazard, along with some other evergreen and coniferous plants.

Instead, in Zone 1 use groundcovers, vines, and low-growing herbaceous plants; in Zone 2 plant small to medium-sized broadleaf evergreen and deciduous shrubs and deciduous trees, spacing them apart

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Courtesy Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District

**Bridgeport's Jennifer Farias, right, fights for control of the ball with a Cascade Christian Academy opponent. The Fillies won the game.**

## Fillies fall to Tonasket, Pateros, now 2-2

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – Since their first day of practice on May 17, the Fillies varsity girls' basketball team has split games 2-2 with four opponents including Soap Lake (May 22), Cascade Christian

Academy (May 24), Tonasket (May 26), and Pateros (May 27).

Bridgeport defeated the Eagles, 64-28, and CCA before taking losses from Tonasket and Pateros. Head coach Kate Luttrell reported that the Fillies fell to the Tigers 77-42, and the Nannies 61-50.

# Basketball Wrap-up for Bridgeport, Pateros, girls, boys

### Pateros 62, Bridgeport 60

The Billygoats got their first win of the season, May 27, but it was not easy, holding off a fourth quarter Bridgeport rally to win by two points.

"It was a good team effort by my guys," said Pateros head coach Marcus Stennes. "They were able to handle Bridgeport's defensive pressure and capitalize in transition for some baskets."

Stennes said the Billygoats did struggle at the foul line and in finding open shooters.

"Overall, it's good to see out guys' growth from game to game and them continuing to get better. It was rough only having five practices before jumping into this season.

Mustangs head coach John McDougal said Bridgeport was led in scoring by senior, Jesus Torres with 21 points, 3 assists, and 8 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 block. Junior Drake Morris had 10 points, 3 assists, 9 rebounds, and 3 blocks. Junior Yair Diaz had 9 points, 2 assists, 3 rebounds, and 4 steals.

Pateros 18 34 49 62  
Bridgeport 15 27 41 60  
Pateros scoring:

Dylan Bosch 14 points 15 rebounds

Chris Poore 15 pts, 6 reb  
Eric Espino 6 reb.  
Pidi Pamatz 7 pts, 2 assists  
Lucas Miller 2 pts, 7 reb  
Aiden Hall 17 pts, 18 reb  
Calvin Blackburn 7 pts, 5 reb

### Pateros 58, Manson 67

"We came out firing in the first quarter and were able to go into the second up 10 points," said Pateros varsity boys' head coach Marcus Stennes of the Billygoats' May 24 loss "We struggled in the second quarter getting outscored 26-7."

Stennes said ball control was a factor in the second quarter.

"We had trouble taking care of the ball," said Stennes. "We were able to close it to four points in the fourth but just couldn't hold on. It was a good game for us going up against an aggressive Manson team, we just need to cut down our turnovers and do a better job defensively."

Pateros 18 25 40 58  
Manson 8 34 50 67  
Pateros scoring:  
Dylan Bosch 4 pts, 2 reb

Chris Poore 2 pts, 4 reb  
Eric Espino 4 pts, 3 steals  
Pidi Pamatz 3 pts 1 reb  
Lucas Miller 4 pts, 6 reb  
Aiden Hall 31 pts, 12 reb  
Calvin Blackburn 10 pts, 9 reb  
Anthony Medel DNP

### Pateros Girls go 2-1

"So far this season we are 2-1 with wins over Manson, 60-52, and Bridgeport, 61-50, and a loss to Liberty Bell 38-53," Pateros girls' head coach Jared Henton.

It was a busy three-game week for the Nannies. On Tuesday, May 25, Pateros had a tough loss against Liberty Bell, 38-53.

"We could not get into any kind of flow," Henson said. Tea Asmussen and Aleeka Miller-Smith led the scoring with 9 points each. Lani Gallegos chipped in with 8.

"On Thursday, May 27, we played Bridgeport at their place and got the win, 61-50," said Henton. "It was a tough back and forth game."

Tea Asmussen led Pateros with 15 points, hitting three 3-pointers. Vanessa Ceniceros also hit three 3-pointers and had 13 points. Jillian Piechalski had 10 points and 18 rebounds.

"We hosted Soap Lake on Friday, May 28, and got the win 61-18," said Henton. "Lani Gallegos led us with a huge double-double chipping in 19 points and 16 rebounds. Jen Flores had a big night chipping in 9 points and 6 rebounds! Jillian Piechalski had her third double-double of the year with 11 points and 11 rebounds."

### Bridgeport vs Tonasket

The Mustangs lost to Tonasket, 45-54 on May 26.

Bridgeport scoring:  
Yair Diaz - 11 points  
Drake Morris - 8 points  
Tito Aleántara - 3 points  
Jesus Torres - 5 points  
Tyrel Tonsenth - 4 points  
Elye Ratchwitz - 9 points  
Elmer Alvarez - 3 points  
Cristian López - 4 Points  
Alonzo Garza - 0 points  
Yair Espino - 0 points  
Bryan Gildo - 0 points

### Bridgeport Fillies vs Pateros, Tonasket

The Bridgeport Fillies played Pateros on Thursday, May 27, and the score was: 61 (Pateros) - 50 (Fillies), head coach Kate Luttrell said. Bridgeport played Tonasket a day earlier and lost that game 77-42.

Includes movie and music

## Pateros Community Market opens for business June 11-12

By MIKE MALTAIS  
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PATEROS – The Pateros Community Market (PCM), also known as the Pop-up Market, is scheduled to open for its first weekend of business on Friday and Saturday, June 11-12 at the Riverview Pavilion on Lakeshore Drive. For the following four months the Market will then open every second Friday and Saturday through September. That is four weekends, June 11, July 10, August 14, and Sept. 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/hnzg4UH5LVHhboHUS8.

Follow PCM on Facebook at FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: facebook.com/PaterosCommunityMarket.

## Pateros volunteer firefighters erect memorial flags



Courtesy Pateros Fire Department

Douglas-Okanogan Fire District 15 volunteers with the Pateros Fire Department once again lined the Pateros Cemetery Road with 47 large American flags last Wednesday, May 26, in preparation for Memorial Day ceremonies that will be observed on site by the Honor Guard from American Legion Columbia Post 97 from Brewster. Pateros Fire Chief Kerry Heen said each flag has the name of a military veteran inscribed by the family on the flag border.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Kristin D. Ayling**

Kristin "Kris" D. Ayling, age 50 of Chelan, Washington, passed away May 28, 2021, in her home after a long battle with cancer.

Kris Ayling was born November 5, 1970 in Brewster, Washington to Don Coleman and Lynn (Mumma) Coleman. She earned a BA in Business Administration from the University of Washington, and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

She married her husband, KC Ayling, May 2000 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

After growing up in Chelan, Kris spent a number of years away as a software consultant, but was drawn back to the people and community who raised her, to raise her own family and buy into the family business, Tunnel Hill Granite. Kris later added to her professional accolades with Property Sisters NCW Real Estate. Kris loved her community and was actively involved volunteering throughout the community. As a volunteer with Chelan Baseball, she worked to improve the field, coordinate annual tournaments, and was a founding member of the Youth Baseball Club, Three Rivers.

Among her friends, and even those who'd only just met her, Kris is known for her warm and loving nature, lifting people up with her words and actions, and her contagious laughter. Kris' friends attest to her courageous outlook on life, "In her mind, I don't think there is any issue the sun and lake couldn't resolve or at least make tolerable". Kris had an amazing, unwavering strength, and was a beautiful example of grace. She loved traveling, having visited England, France, Japan, Bahamas, all over Mexico and the United States. Top in her heart, Kris' loved all things having to do with her



children, Jaxon (20) and Riley (13). She was a devoted mother involved in school groups, supporting their goals, and preparing them for life.

Kris Ayling is survived by her husband, KC Ayling of Chelan, son Jaxon Ayling, daughter Riley Ayling, father Don Coleman (Dianne) of Chelan, sister Angie Coleman (Shawn) of Wenatchee, sister-in-law Kelli Niel (Clint) of Eltopia, mother-in-law LuAnn Ayling of Grand Coulee, nieces and nephews Jalen Sherman, Colt Corrigan, Cash Corrigan, Bailey Evans, Connor Niel, Corrigan Niel, Chloe Niel and Jazmine Reed. She was preceded in death by her mother Lynn Coleman and grandparents Ray and Irma Mumma, Ben Coleman and Evalin Coleman.

A funeral for Kris Ayling will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Northshore Bible Church in Manson.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made In Loving Memory of Kris Ayling to The Community Center at Lake Chelan, c/o Seven Acres Foundation, PO Box 1732 Chelan, WA 98816 (www.ccatlakechelan.org).

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**Help available for Douglas County veterans**

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

**Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery**

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

The home-delivered meal program is on its regular schedule. For more information about senior meal programs: Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition at 509-826-7979 or Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington at 800-572-4459

**Thursday, May 27**

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals on Thursday. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$8.50. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. Senior Menu not available for June 3

**June 3**

**Brewster Chamber of Commerce to meet**

BREWSTER - The Brewster Chamber of Commerce will hold their next general meeting on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion. It will also be held via Zoom for those not comfortable meeting in public. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 895 8397 7411

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**June 3, 8, 10**

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**June 11, 18**

**Brewster bus trips**

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is June 11. 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 June 18, 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.

**June 14**

Okanogan County PUD meeting OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will held Monday, June 14 at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpud.org

**June 14**

**Douglas County PUD meeting**

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is June 14 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office. To comply with the Open Public Meetings act due to COVID-19, a conference phone line number will be provided at the top of the Draft Agenda posted on their website under Latest News the Friday before the meeting.

**June 14**

**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.

**July 17-18**

**Apple Cup Open Golf Tournament**

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Men's Golf Club will be hosting the 2021 Apple Cup Open Golf Tournament on July 17 and 18 at the Lake Chelan Golf Course. Golfers will compete in 2-player teams and the format is Best Ball competition on Saturday, July 17 and Combined Score on Sunday, July 18. This tournament includes Side Games, "Closest to the Pin" contests, a Horse Race, and Gross and Net payouts. There will be up to 3 Net Divisions based on handicaps. The cost for a 2-player team is \$250 which includes Green Fees for both days. Golfers must have an active GHIN and a USGA Handicap to participate. Space is limited to the first 72 Teams (144 Golfers). To register and pay the entry fee for the Apple Cup Open Golf Tournament visit www.chelanguolfclub.com or contact John Hancock at johnhancock161@gmail.com.



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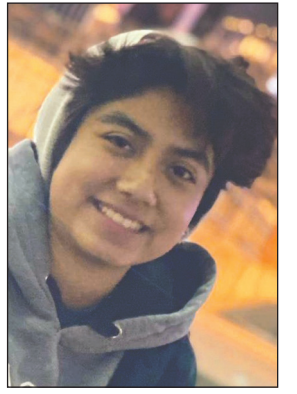
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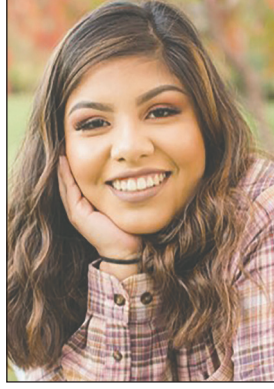
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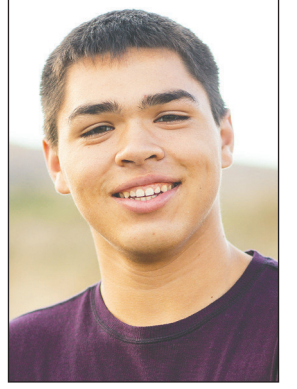
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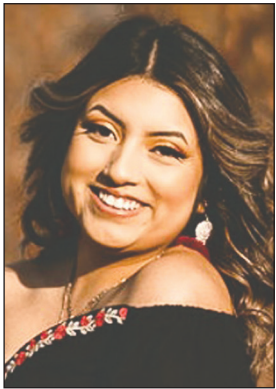
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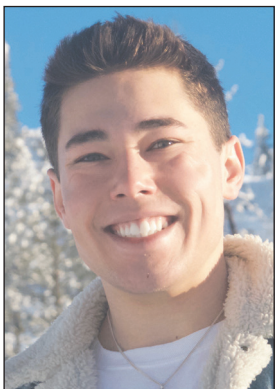
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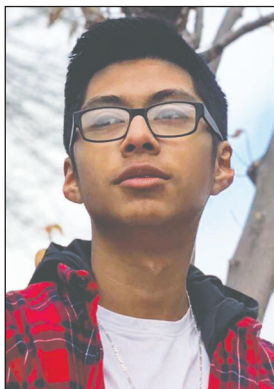
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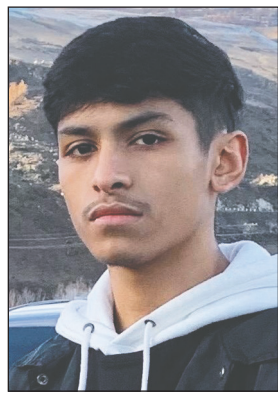
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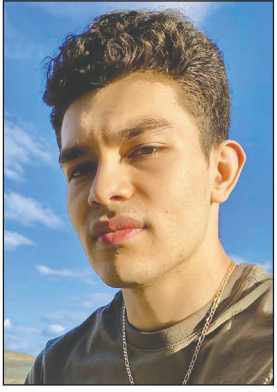
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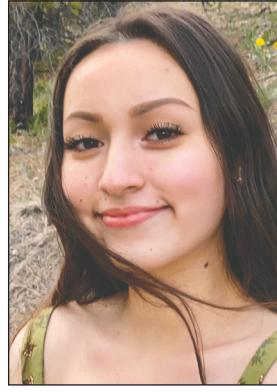
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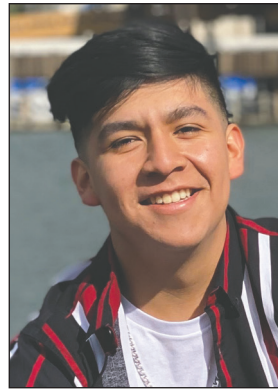
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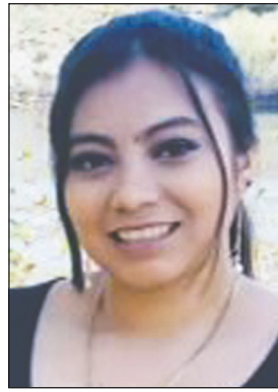
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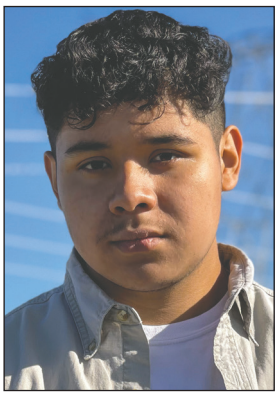
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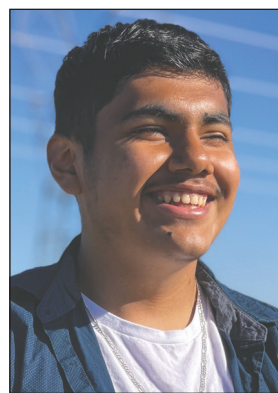
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# Main Inflation Pressure Hasn't Come Yet, Experts Say

**PETR SVAB**

## News Analysis

The recent uptick in inflation is no cause for panic, although there could be more to come, particularly if the government or the Federal Reserve overreacts, several experts told The Epoch Times.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI), a proxy for inflation, rose 4.2 percent year-over-year in April—the highest figure reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics since the Great Recession of 2008. Fed officials expressed surprise at the uptick, but also announced that higher inflation will be tolerated for some time.

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Ryan Young, senior fellow, Competitive Enterprise Institute

The increase actually isn't as dramatic as it seems, the experts said. They indicated that the spike reflects the recovery from the economic downturn and government restrictions triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Indeed, if one compares the April CPI with the pre-pandemic figure from February 2020 and adjusts for seasonal changes, the increase adds up to about 3.1 percent.

That, however, still represents an acceleration from the previous trend of less than 2 percent growth.

Part of that increase stems from the money the Fed printed to fund multiple economic stimulus packages and various measures to shore up financial markets, according to Norbert Michel, an expert on financial markets and monetary policy and director of the Center for Data Analysis at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Usually, when the government borrows money, it's backed by Treasury securities bought with existing dollars by individuals, companies, and governments.

This time, however, a major share of the \$5.6 trillion in COVID-related government spending was funded through securities bought by the Fed with brand new dollars. The Fed now holds more than \$5 trillion in U.S. debt, up from some \$2.5 trillion in February 2020.

The result is that Americans and their businesses still have some money to spend and cover their bills, despite the economy severely contracting and still lagging behind its February high. If demand outpaces what the economy can currently supply, the buying pressure will bid up prices.

Some of that has likely happened already, Michel said, but "it's clear there's a lot left."

"You see a very big increase in personal disposable income, even on a per capita basis. So far, a lot of that money has been saved because you have this drop-off in demand, so there is a concern as to what happens as the recovery takes off," he said.

That hasn't happened yet, and it would be an overreaction on the Fed's part to try to tighten the money supply, he stated.

"It's possible that this is a beginning of an upward trend, but we're not going to know that for a little while yet, for at least another six months," he added.

The problem may lie in the opposite extreme, according to Ryan Young, senior fellow at the pro-free market Competitive Enterprise Institute.

"I'm almost worried more about the government trying to hyperstimulate the economy because they want growth to get back to the previous trendline and the way politicians work is that would mean more spending, more stimulus, more infrastructure, more debt, more deficit," he said.

"These are not sustainable strategies and supposing they do induce a boom, the trade-off for that is there's going to be a bust later, leaving us no better off than before."

The Biden administration's \$2 trillion infrastructure plan seems to push in that direction. It would certainly give banks something profitable to sink their excess reserves in, as the risk of such projects would be essentially



People fill-up at a gas station in Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 3, 2021.

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Jerome Powell, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, departs a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on Sept. 23, 2020.

carried by taxpayers, even if through an eventual bailout, as some other experts have previously said.

But such projects normally take years to take off and run the risk of merely displacing other private projects, since the skilled labor pool is limited, yet another expert has noted.

In the meantime, the Fed's solution to the liquidity glut has been to essentially print more dollars to pay banks to hold money they would otherwise lend. That just kicks the can down the road, Michel said.

"You're talking about the Fed having to pay literally hundreds of billions of dollars

... easily \$200 billion a year to large financial institutions to hold on to their reserves," he said. "That's not politically sustainable in an environment where inflation is taking off."

The ideal situation would be for banks to return to financing projects organically emerging in the economy, Michel and Young agreed.

Rather than expanding or tightening, the economy needs relaxing, they said. Obstacles, such as burdensome regulations, need to be removed so that people can more easily come up with productive ideas and pitch them for financing.

"You know what you're good at and I know what I'm good at a lot better than Congress does," Young said. "And I think, writ large, that would be the best approach to get the economy completely back on track."

Furthermore, the Fed should let go of its dual mandate of "full employment" and 2 percent inflation and simply focus on keeping the money supply roughly in line with the economic growth with inflation around zero or perhaps gently fluctuating both above and below zero, Michel and Young said.

The argument that people need to feel the constant whip of inflation on their backs to do something productive with their money is misplaced, Michel stated.

"People are going to always look for productive things to do, try to buy the things they need, invest in the things they need," he said.

## Wisconsin Nov. 3 Election Will Be Investigated by Retired Officers: Assembly Speaker

**JACK PHILLIPS**

Wisconsin state Assembly Speaker Robin Vos says he's hiring retired police officers to probe aspects of the 2020 presidential election, joining efforts in Republican-led states to look into the contest.

Vos, a Republican, told local news outlets that he will hire three retired officers to work with an Assembly committee that has investigatory powers to review the election. Vos said there were thousands of complaints made after the Nov. 3 contest in Wisconsin—which was narrowly won by President Joe Biden—that need to be investigated.

"We need to have a fact basis to continue to show the public in Wisconsin that, number one, we continue to take these ir-

A sizable chunk of people believe the election was illegitimate.

Robin Vos, Wisconsin Assembly speaker

regularities seriously, and that at the end of the day, the laws that we proposed are based on facts in addition to anecdotes," Vos told the Wisconsin State Journal, adding that he believes Biden won the election but pointed to "irregularities" in how it was carried out.

In the interview, Vos singled out how the Center for Tech and Civic Life, which is mostly funded by Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, got involved in several cities. Wisconsin's five

largest cities received some \$6.3 million from the group, which also provided funding to about 200 municipalities across the state, the Journal Sentinel reported.

The retired officers and committee will spend three months reviewing all the tips that were received and will focus more time on the most credible ones, Vos told the newspaper.

"Is there a whole lot of smoke or is there actual fire? We just don't know yet," he said. "A sizable chunk of people believe the election was illegitimate. And democracy cannot flourish if both sides don't believe in the end both sides had a fair shot."

The move comes as auditors who were approved by the Arizona GOP-led Senate are re-

viewing more than 2 million ballots in Maricopa County, and amid other similar efforts across the United States. Last week, a judge in Georgia ruled to unseal absentee ballots that were cast in Fulton County during the 2020 election for a review.

Vos noted the controversy surrounding the Maricopa audit and said he wanted to prevent a similar situation from unfolding in Wisconsin. That's why, he said, he hired former law enforcement officials.

"My hope is that they come back and they build the case to show Gov. [Tony] Evers and the Democrats who are in the 'Casablanca' mode—'Nothing to see here,' 'everything's fine,' 'they just want to suppress the vote.' No. These are professional investiga-



Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos addresses the Assembly during a legislative session in Madison, Wis., on Dec. 4, 2018.

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tors," Vos told the Sentinel. Since the election is over, Vos said there's no way to overturn the results in favor of former President Donald Trump.

"The election's already over," he said. "My job is to be frustrated with the result, which I am, especially with what's going on in Washington, D.C. ... My job is to say where are the laws being followed, where are they not? If they're not being followed, how can I fix it?"

Ann Jacobs, a Democrat who heads the Wisconsin Elections

Commission, told the paper she's concerned about Vos's investigation.

"I think it's unfortunate that the Legislature is using its resources to investigate what has already been thoroughly investigated, and it is my hope that instead they could work toward expanding opportunities and ease of voting for Wisconsin voters," she said.

The Elections Commission didn't immediately respond to a request by The Epoch Times for comment.

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# Republicans Call for Fauci to Be Fired Over Wuhan Lab Controversy

TOM OZIMEK

Republican lawmakers have intensified their calls for Dr. Anthony Fauci to be fired after he defended the flow of \$600,000 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China, the lab at the heart of the controversy over the still-unexplained origins of the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) virus.

Fauci, director of the NIH, said in testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services on May 25 that it would've been "almost a dereliction of our duty" for the NIH not to collaborate with Chinese scientists to study how the virus might jump from animals to humans.

He insisted that the NIH didn't fund so-called gain-of-function research, which he defined as "taking a virus that could infect humans and making it either more transmissible and/or pathogenic to humans," at the Wuhan lab, claiming that the purpose of the \$600,000 grant "was to study the animal-human interface, to do surveillance, and to determine if these bat viruses were even capable of transmitting infection to humans."

Fauci was further pressed about the matter during a Senate hearing on May 26, with Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) questioning Fauci's faith in the Wuhan lab's scientists, whom Fauci had called "very respectable" just one day prior.

"How do you know they didn't lie to you and use the money for gain-of-function research anyway?" Kennedy asked Fauci.

Fauci acknowledged he couldn't be certain whether the money was used against its intended purpose.

"You never know," he said. Following Fauci's remarks, Rep. Warren Davidson (R-Ohio) called for his removal. In an appearance on "Fox and Friends" on May 27, Davidson accused Fauci of providing "cover for China" amid Beijing's resistance to a transparent probe into the origins of the outbreak.

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The P4 laboratory at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in Wuhan, China, on April 17, 2020.

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Rep. Warren Davidson

And very shockingly, many of our fellow countrymen have provided cover for China. They'd rather blame Republicans or Donald Trump. And that's why political science should not be able to trump science. And Dr. Fauci has led that charge. He needs to be fired," he said.

Davidson had earlier introduced the Fauci Incompetence Requires Early Dismissal (FIRED) Act, which sets a 12-year term limit for appointees serving in the capacity of the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a post Fauci has held since 1984.

Another Republican lawmaker who has called for Fauci's dismissal, Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.), told "Fox and Friends" on May 27 that

he believes Fauci "is either grossly incompetent or he's been lying to the American people," and that he "should be fired or resign."

Reschenthaler argued that Fauci misled the public in the early stages of the pandemic with regard to mask guidance.

"Right now in the United States, people should not be walking around with masks," Fauci said in March 2020.

He later clarified that he meant that masks should be prioritized for health workers, but Reschenthaler insisted that Fauci had lied.

"He blatantly lied to Congress about masks and the American people, saying they don't help, and then he said, 'Oh no, I was lying so we could hoard [personal protective equipment]," Reschenthaler said.

The Pennsylvania Republican also objected to Fauci initially dismissing the theory that the CCP virus had originated in and escaped from the Wuhan lab.

In May 2020, Fauci largely dismissed the lab leak theory, telling National Geographic, "If you look at the evolution of the virus in bats and what's

out there now, [the scientific evidence] is very, very strongly leaning toward this could not have been artificially or deliberately manipulated."

Recently, Fauci said he's no longer certain that COVID-19 developed naturally, and called for an open investigation into the origins of the virus.

"I am not convinced about that. I think we should continue to investigate what went on in China until we continue to find out to the best of our ability what happened," Fauci said at a fact-checking symposium on May 11.

"Certainly, the people who investigated it say it likely was the emergence from an animal reservoir that then infected individuals, but it could have been something else, and we need to find that out. That's the reason why I said I'm perfectly in favor of any investigation that looks into the origin of the virus."

The Wuhan facility, home of China's only P4 lab—a class of laboratory with the highest level of biosecurity where research on the world's most dangerous diseases are conducted—has been in the spotlight amid concerns that the

CCP virus may have originated there, rather than by making a natural jump from bats to humans.

Republican members of the House Intelligence Committee argued in a May 19 report that it's more likely the virus escaped from the lab.

The CCP has denied any link between the virus's origin and the Wuhan lab and has pushed a "natural zoonotic" hypothesis—that the virus was transmitted to humans from an animal host. However, Beijing has so far failed to identify the original animal species that allegedly passed the virus on to humans.

A report from the World Health Organization (WHO) published in March stated that the CCP virus likely spread to people through an unknown animal, but WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the mission to study the origin of the virus didn't adequately analyze other theories.

"As far as WHO is concerned, all hypotheses remain on the table ... We have not yet found the source of the virus," Ghebreyesus said.

On May 25, the United States urged the WHO to

launch a fresh probe into the source of the CCP virus, highlighting the need for transparency.

"Phase 2 of the COVID origins study must be launched with terms of reference that are transparent, science-based, and give international experts the independence to fully assess the source of the virus and the early days of the outbreak," said Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra in remarks to the 74th World Health Assembly.

More than a dozen nations, including the United States and the European Union, have raised concerns about the phase one WHO study into the origin of the virus, pointing to the report's significant delay and China's refusal to share crucial raw data.

President Joe Biden announced on May 26 that he has ordered a closer intelligence review of what he characterized as two equally plausible scenarios of the origins of the CCP virus—one natural, the other a lab leak.

Lily Zhou contributed to this report.

## Georgia Judge Postpones Ballot Examination After County Files Motion to Dismiss

ZACHARY STIEBER

A judge in Georgia told parties in an election integrity case on May 27 that a previously scheduled meeting at a ballot storage warehouse was canceled after officials filed a flurry of motions in the case.

Henry County Superior Court Judge Brian Amero said a May 28 meeting was no longer taking place because of motions filed by Fulton County, the county's Board of Registration and Elections, and the county's clerk of Superior and Magistrate Courts, a spokesperson for the court confirmed to The Epoch Times.

Amero said the motions must

be heard before the plaintiffs can gain access to the absentee ballots. He proposed a June 21 hearing, but the order scheduling the hearing hasn't yet been filed.

"It seems like a desperation move. The silver lining is that we now have more time to perfect the changes we had to make in our inspection plan," Garland Favorito, the lead petitioner, told The Epoch Times via email.

County officials argued that the complaint filed by voters should be dismissed because the petitioners failed to serve, or even attempt to serve, the county. They also said Fulton County doesn't have final

control over elections, that petitioners aren't entitled to declaratory judgment, and that petitioners haven't complied with election contest requirements.

Amero heard in a hearing last week that petitioners weren't able to properly examine ballot images they've received because of their low resolution—200 dots per inch (DPI). Amero granted the petitioners' request to unseal the mailed ballots and said they could go to where they were stored in order to observe county workers create higher resolution images of the ballots.

Amero mentioned during the hearing that no parties

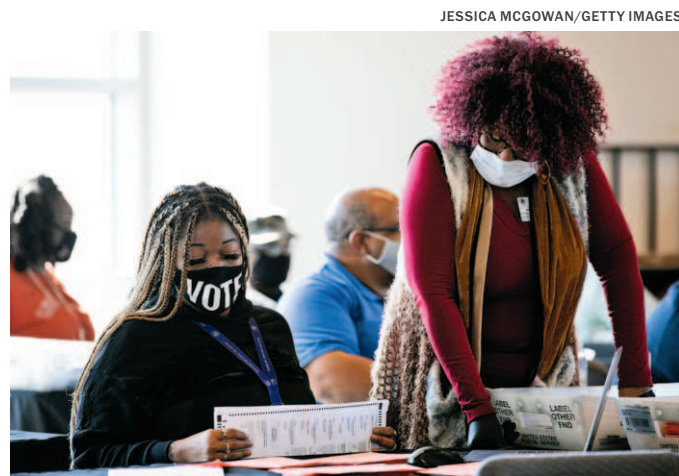
had filed a motion to dismiss, allowing petitioners to obtain some discovery.

During the hearing, lawyers for the county urged the judge not to grant access to the ballots.

Before the latest update in the case, some officials had supported the ballot examination.

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, a Republican, opposed letting petitioners get access to the ballots, but said he supported Amero's ruling.

"From day one, I have encouraged Georgians with concerns about the election in their counties to pursue



Fulton County workers count absentee ballots in Atlanta on Nov. 6, 2020.

those claims through legal avenues. Fulton County has a long standing history of election mismanagement that has understandably weakened voters' faith in its system. Allowing this audit provides another layer of transparency and citizen engagement," he told The Epoch Times in an email.

However, Democrat Fulton County Commission Chairman Robb Pitts criticized the attempt to examine the ballots.

"It is outrageous that Fulton County continues to be a target of those who cannot accept the results from last year's election," he told news outlets in a statement.

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**OR Manager full-time**  
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**K-8 Special Education Teacher**  
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High School Social Studies Teacher  
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Applications may be obtained on the district website, [www.brewsterbears.org](http://www.brewsterbears.org) or by contacting the district office at 509-689-3418. These positions are open until filled.

**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](mailto:opportunity@trhospital.net) EOE

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**City of Cashmere Lifeguards and Cashiers**  
The Cashmere City Pool has full and part-time seasonal openings for lifeguards and cashiers, June through August. Lifeguard duties include patron safety, cleaning, maintenance, paperwork and chemical testing. Qualifications include Red Cross Certified Lifeguard with First Aid and CPR training. Cashier duties include cash register, answering phone, cleaning, maintenance, and paperwork. Cashiers must have cash handling experience. Application and job description are available at: <https://www.cityofcashmere.org/government/human-resources>  
For inquires contact Kay Jones at [kay@cityofcashmere.org](mailto:kay@cityofcashmere.org) or 509-782-3513.

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Help Wanted



**This is a great opportunity to serve the agricultural community Zurich / RCIS are currently hiring for a CLAIMS CROP FIELD ADJUSTER**

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**Central Washington & North Central - Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Kittitas. Please call 866-380-3942 and give**

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Help Wanted



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Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a temporary Utility Worker to perform work in any area of needs within the ancillary service departments such as Housekeeping, Floor Care, Laundry, Grounds keeping, and Maintenance. Will assist in Central Supply which is responsible for filling all departmental supply lists and monitoring supplies in the designated areas. Monday-Friday, up to 6 months.

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**Finance/HR Director – Full Time**

Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO) TranGO is looking for a full-time Finance/HR Director. This position is hourly non-exempt. Compensation is \$28.08-\$39.97 per hour. Benefits include health, dental, vision and life insurance, retirement, sick leave, vacation. Responsible for overall operations in the areas of accounting (including payroll), finance, budget, and procurement. Develops and oversees the Agency's Human Resources Programs including recruitment, selection, labor relations, compensation and benefit administration, staff development, drug testing program and records management in accordance with state, federal and local laws.

Please visit [www.okanogantansit.com](http://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 [admin@okanogantansit.com](mailto:admin@okanogantansit.com) or mail to TranGO, PO Box 507, Okanogan WA 98840

Application Deadline: Open until filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**OCTN**

is accepting applications for part time cook and kitchen aide in Brewster. Positions are 6 hours, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Prepare a tasty, nutritionally balanced meal for take-out and home delivered clients from dietitian approved menus. Must possess the ability to complete tasks within the allotted time frame, follow direction and have great communication skills. Must be reliable, trustworthy, and skilled at detailed tasks. Must be able to pass a pre-employment background check and obtain food handlers permit.

Applications can be picked up at 303 2nd Ave. S., Okanogan, (509) 826-7979 or online at [www.octn.org](http://www.octn.org) OCTN is an EOE

Help Wanted



**Retail Sales Assistant Manager position available.**

Application period will be open until 6/30/21 Lake Chelan Sports is seeking a year around assistant manager and retail sales associate. We are open seven days a week and applicants must be available to work weekends.

Applicants must have retail apparel experience. Salary will be discussed during interview.

- Skills include:
- Understanding of sales principles and customer service
  - Solid communication and interpersonal skills
  - Ability to effectively communicate with customers, peers and management
  - Team leader, take initiative and be a problem solver
  - Ability to multi task, while being attentive to customers
  - Good Computer skills and previous experience with retail
- Point of Sale Programs include: constant moving, lifting up to 50 pounds, talking, hearing and reaching
- Merchandising

• E-mail resume to [info@lakechelansports.com](mailto:info@lakechelansports.com) or mail to P.O. Box 998 Chelan, WA 98816



**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. Friday – Sunday, will include after-hours call-time. Sign-on Bonus: \$1,500.

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**OR Circulator Nurse full-time**

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking an OR Circulator Nurse. Current WA State RN license. Two years' experience as a full-time circulator. BLS and ACLS certifications. Basic computer skills. Monday-Friday, 8-hour shifts. No call time. Sign-on bonus: \$5,000.

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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. 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](mailto:www.threerivershospital.net) [opportunity@trhospital.net](mailto:opportunity@trhospital.net) EOE

**Real Estate Homes for Sale**

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Real Estate

Homes for Sale



House for sale: 1206 Douglas Ave., Bridgeport, WA. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car garage, 5 lots; only \$189,000 509-679-8308

Legals

Public Notices

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

If you are interested/have experience in mental health, alcohol/drug addiction, or developmental disabilities services, your input and ideas are needed. For information, call (509) 826-8580 or email [cbranch@okbhc.org](mailto:cbranch@okbhc.org). Published in the Quad City Herald June 2, 2021. #2173

Public Notices

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHELAN In the Matter of the Estate of MARY L. CAREY, Deceased. No. 21-4-00182-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)**

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 2, 2021

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jennifer L. Evans ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR: Thomas D. Overcast ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE: Overcast Law Offices Attn: Thomas D. Overcast 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND CAUSE NUMBER: Chelan County Superior Court, Cause No. 21-4-00182-04 Overcast Law Offices /s/ Thomas D. Overcast, WSBA No 14486 Attorney for Personal Representative Published in the Quad City Herald June 2, 9 and 16, 2021. #2162

Public Notices

"Greater Bar Water District surplus equipment sale. Items include, submersible pumps and motors, VFD's, pressure tank, air compressor, pump controls, etc. Item details & information of the sealed bid sale, viewing, and instructions are located on the GBWD website at [gbwd.org](http://gbwd.org) " Published in the Quad City Herald and the Lake Chelan Mirror June 2 and 9, 2021. #2128

Public Notices

Brewster School District has declared the following portables as surplus. The portables are FREE, first come first serve and must be moved no later than Thursday, July 1st, 2021. Contact the Brewster School District Office 689-3418. \* Portable #1 40' x 24' Two Restrooms Early 1980's model \* Portable #3 36' x 24' No Restrooms Constructed – 1985 \* Portable #4 36' x 24' No Restroom Constructed - 1985 Published in the Quad City Herald June 2 and 9, 2021. #2139

Public Notices

**SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS HORIZON CREDIT UNION,**

Plaintiff, v. ANGELA KING individually and the marital community of ANGELA KING and JOHN DOE KING, wife and husband, Defendants. NO. 21-2-00079-09 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION The State of Washington to the said Angela King and John Doe King: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 19th day of May, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Horizon Credit Union, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys' for plaintiff Horizon Credit Union, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is an action to recover on a Complaint for Monies Due and for defendants failure to pay. Dated this 11th day of May, 2021. PHILLABAUM, LEDLIN, MATTHEWS & SHELDON, PLLC By: /s/ Benjamin D. Phillabaum BENJAMIN D. PHILLABAUM, WSBA# 48089. Published in the Quad City Herald May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2021. #2055

Public Notices

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY Estate of GEORGE J. CHAPMAN, Deceased. NO. 21-4-00044-09 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

The above Court has appointed Valerie A. Burgett as Personal Representative of Decedent George J. Chapman's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) in the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) By filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to the undersigned at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after the undersigned served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication of this Notice: May 26, 2021 SIGNED Date: May 18, 2021 Place: Pateros, WA ZORETIC LAW, PLLC Signature: Michael T. Zoretic, WSBA #21221 PO Box 427 Pateros, WA 98846 Michael T. Zoretic, WSBA #21221 Counsel to Personal Representative Valerie A. Burgett. Published in the Quad City Herald May 26, June 2 and 9, 2021. #2091



# Sugar substitutes - there are two types

Last week, one of my subscribers asked me, "What is the best sugar substitute to use since I am a diabetic?"

Unfortunately, the answer to that is not very clear.

There are two types of sweeteners: caloric sweeteners (CS) and non-caloric sweeteners (NCS). The five most common caloric sweeteners listed on food labels are corn syrup, sorghum, cane sugar, high fructose corn syrup, and fruit juice concentrate. One study done during 2005 and 2009 and found that 53% of baby food formulas, 75% of salad dressings and dips, and 78% of vegetable juices contained at least one added caloric sweetener.

Back in 2005, 1% of foods and beverages contained non-caloric sweeteners. Between 2005 and 2009, Americans chose more foods and drinks containing NCS instead of caloric sweeteners every year. That trend has continued ever since.

Non-caloric sweeteners (NCS) have been used for decades as food additives and are considered safe.

Although they don't contain calories like common sweeteners, non-caloric sweeteners have NOT been shown to encourage weight loss or improve blood sugar control in people with diabetes.

Shouldn't a sweetener without any calories help you lose weight? Why doesn't it help lower your blood sugar level if you add a sweetener without any calories to your beverages instead of some form of sugar?

Research published in the October 2014 issue of Nature magazine may explain this observation. Samples of 4 different sweeteners were given to mice: sugar or one of three commonly used



non-caloric sweeteners: aspartame, saccharin, and sucralose. The mice given the NCS showed changes in the makeup of their intestinal bacteria, while sugar had no effect.

Then, the mice whose intestinal bacteria had shown changes handled the food they ate differently. They had higher blood sugars after eating, and their blood sugars took much longer to drop back to normal levels. This pattern closely matches glucose intolerance, which is associated with an increased risk of becoming diabetic.

When researchers introduced samples of the changed mice's gut bacteria into normal mice, the normal mice's gut bacteria changed. And when it did, the same pattern of higher blood sugars that mimicked glucose intolerance occurred.

Repeating the same experiment on a small group of humans, only a few people showed changes in their gut bacteria after using a sugar substitute. However, the people whose gut bacteria changed showed the same pattern of glucose intolerance as the affected mice.

The effect of non-caloric sweeteners on gut bacteria doesn't happen consistently in humans. However, it could explain why switching from using sugar to an artificial sweetener doesn't always help diabetics lose weight or control their blood sugar levels.

Two other sugar substitutes are also available, both derived from

natural sources. Stevia is a calorie-free sweetener from a plant native to South America in the chrysanthemum family and related to the ragweed plant. Stevia was approved for use as a food additive in 2008 and is marketed as the sweetener Truvia®.

Xylitol is a low-calorie sweetener extracted from natural sources such as corn. Because of its protective effect on tooth enamel, xylitol is added to sugarless gum and mints. It is marketed as a sugar substitute for baking. Xylitol may be a dentist's friend, but it's a dog owner's nightmare.

Xylitol is safe for humans but deadly to dogs. Xylitol triggers a dog's pancreas to pump out lots of insulin, dropping their blood sugar to dangerous levels. This triggers seizures and causes liver damage, even liver failure. Unfortunately, even small amounts of xylitol can kill a dog.

According to Jason Fung, MD, author of the books *The Obesity Code* and *The Diabetes Code*, the real obstacle to weight loss isn't too many calories. Instead, it's from insulin resistance caused by too much insulin released into the bloodstream.

We know caloric sweeteners like sucrose, fructose, agave, and honey will raise blood sugar. The increase in your blood sugar level triggers a burst of insulin from your pancreas, designed to lower your blood sugar back to normal.

Even though non-caloric or very low caloric sweeteners like Stevia don't raise your blood sugar, they still trigger insulin release. In addition, some can trigger your pancreas to release MORE insulin than caloric sweeteners like sugar or honey. Instead of losing weight, the increased insulin release can interfere with your weight loss

efforts.

There isn't any sweetener that is clearly better than any other. Unfortunately, using a non-caloric or low-caloric sweetener doesn't guarantee you'll lose weight or control your blood sugar. You can try them out, but the less you use, the better.

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. You can try them out, but the less you use, the better.*

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12. Hair-dwelling parasites

13. Quinceañera or bat mitzvah, e.g.

14. Puts money in the bank

15. Pearl Harbor locale

16. Flair

17. Inuit boat

18. \*Record-holding musical for most awards received by a single production, with The

20. \*Broadway hit "Jagged Little \_\_\_"

21. \*Comment to the audience

22. Web address

23. \_\_\_er \_\_\_\_, at the pump

26. Private chapel

30. Keats' poem

34. Medley

35. \_\_\_ or do nothing

37. Right-angle building extension

38. Razor nick

39. Like lemon

40. Make a choice

42. 1960s teen idol, Bobby \_\_\_

43. Give authority

45. Bias crime perpetrators

47. \*Theater, e.g.

48. Cordial disposition

50. Surrender

52. \*Non-musical with record number of Tony nominations

56. Shredded cabbage dishes

57. \*Melpomene, e.g.

58. Just a little

59. Gold unit

60. Lodge fellows

61. "Game of Thrones" bastard

62. Without purpose

63. Past tense of "is"

64. Short-term employee

DOWN

1. Hoof sound

2. Yarn spinner

3. Canyon sound

4. Like medieval European society

5. Was sick

6. Fixed look

7. Montblanc and such

8. \*Musical with record number of Tony nominations

9. Like most fairytale stepmothers

10. Madrid's Club de F'bol

11. Pose a question

13. Chef's prescription

14. Toyota sports car model

19. Shylock's practice

22. Coffee pot

23. \*Bob \_\_\_\_, choreographer with most Tony awards

24. "'Break a leg' or 'have two left feet.'" e.g.

25. Reduce pressure (2 words)

26. Eye up and down

27. Mediterranean appetizer

28. Type of potato masher

29. Ox connectors

32. \*Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.

33. Feverish

36. \*NYC district

38. Washington, e.g.

40. Sun's descent

41. Onion-like herb

44. Seize by force

46. Obsolete office position

48. Spurious wing

49. \*Comedy and tragedy, on a Tony medallion

50. Attired

51. \*James \_\_\_ Jones, multiple Tony winner


52. Old World duck

53. Like Silver's owner

54. H or O in H<sub>2</sub>O, e.g.

55. Make a raucous noise

56. Mogul equipment



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## THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

### Great Fishing Out of Neah Bay!

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

Our annual trip to Neah Bay near the northwest tip of the Olympic Peninsula was a longtime coming, but well worth the wait. My fishing buddy Rusty Johnston and I made the trek to Neah Bay in May of 2018 and 2019 to spend time with Tom and Dora Burlingame, the owners of the Inn at Neah Bay and Excel Fishing Charters. Both times we enjoyed great fishing for rockfish and ling cod both times in a wondrous natural setting. However, the Coronavirus pandemic put a crashing halt to our spring trip last year, so this year's return was full of anticipation.

The Inn at Neah Bay is a clean, well-kept basecamp for adventures that features four spacious suites with comfortable beds and private bathrooms. Ours, the Marshland Suite, looks out over the beach and Strait of Juan de Fuca, both located just across the road from the Inn. Walking upstairs to the common area you'll notice murals leading from the bottom of the sea on the ground floor to the surface



Courtesy John Kruse

Tom Burlingame and Rick Hoffert with a quality black rockfish.

as you emerge upstairs. Other murals featuring fish, wildlife and marine mammals cover the interior walls at the Inn. There are comfortable sofas to lounge on, fresh coffee, hot water for tea, and grab and go breakfast items here too.

The inn is located a short drive from Neah Bay. Unfortunately, due to the Covid pandemic, this port town that sits on the Makah Reservation remains closed until at least October 1st. That meant after a good night's sleep we

drove 20 minutes east instead to the marina at Sekiu. That's where we found Captain Tom Burlingame waiting for us on his boat, the 28-foot long "Cabazon". That's also where we met the two other people joining us on this charter, Dixie and Rick Hoffart, residents of Sequim who have been fishing with Tom as clients for years.

After a safety brief we were off to the fishing grounds. The two powerful engines of the Cabazon helped us cut through the waters at good

speed and along the way we saw sea otters, harbor porpoises, numerous sea lions, seals and plenty of bald eagles.

After a two-hour run over calm waters, we dropped lines not far from Cape Alava and immediately were rewarded with bites on the jigs we were fishing below shrimp flies. Unfortunately, the first fish were blue rockfish and relatively small. After safely releasing them, we made a very short move, dropped lines again to a depth of about 100-feet, and the fishing was on! Within 30 minutes we had 35 black rockfish on the boat. These were solid fish, similar in appearance to largemouth bass and often referred to as sea bass. Many of the fish we caught were in the three-pound range and several fish were pushing five pounds in size.

After rapidly catching our limit of rockfish it was time to look for ling cod. They were located in this same area of the Pacific Ocean off of a series of surf-battered rocks and wind-swept islands with a backdrop of unspoiled rainforest on the nearby mainland. It often takes considerable time to catch a limit of lingcod but we had our ten fish in no time in all. This included one large one that weighed some 15 pounds which gave my friend Rusty quite a fight before he was able to wrestle it into the boat. It took us just over an hour to catch our limit of ling cod and "Just like that", to quote Forrest Gump, we were done. We had left the dock at



Courtesy John Kruse

Sea otters at play near Neah Bay.



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One of the murals inside the Inn at Neah Bay.

6 AM and by 9:45 AM we had 35 rockfish and ten lingcod on the boat for the five of us. Fishing trips don't get much better than that.

With time on our side, we motored close to Cape Flattery, the northwestern tip of the Continental United States, where we viewed holes in the walls of the rocks formed by winds and waves over thousands of years. We also took in the sights of the newly renovated lighthouse on Tatoosh Island. The lighthouse, no longer in operation, is a National Historical Site. After checking out some of the marine life in this area the powerful engines of the Cabazon took us back to the marina at Sekiu where Tom quickly filleted our catch and sent us on our way with satisfied smiles on our faces and some great fishing stories to tell.

Tom Burlingame is well es-

tablished, affable and popular charter captain. In fact, he's so popular he only has limited openings for the bottom fishing trips and summer salmon trips he offers out of Sekiu this year. However, there are always cancellations and if you are flexible, you may be able to book a trip with him in the weeks ahead.

As for The Inn at Neah Bay, this destination is open not just to clients booking trips with Excel Fishing Charters. Other anglers, boaters or individuals coming to the area to explore this part of the Olympic Peninsula or take in some world-class bird watching opportunities are welcome too. The website to book a fishing trip or a stay at the Inn is the same, [excelfishingcharters.com](http://excelfishingcharters.com).

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## We love our PIGS

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



Denise Sorom

Yes, pork is delicious, but we don't mean those pigs, we mean our Partners In Giving - a group of donors who make annual gifts to support the work of the Community Foundation. Our PIGs, as we affectionately call them, took shape in 2013 due to an unlikely event: being turned down for a major grant.

We had applied for a competitive grant from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust to help us expand our staff. Our evaluator, who came and visited with us in person, was impressed by everything we did—our grantmaking, our capacity building workshops for nonprofits, and our scholarship program—except for one thing: He felt that we did not have enough people in the community that made annual, unrestricted gifts to support our work. (Our main source of operating income came from the management of the multitude of charitable funds that we steward.) He asked us how we would ever build up enough unrestricted funds to help us weather unforeseen challenges such as natural disasters, fluctuations in the stock market or a surge of unemployment. After 2020 and the devastating wildfires of the past few years, we wonder: perhaps this man had a crystal ball?

While it was a let-down to be denied the grant, we took

his criticism to heart and decided to launch the Partners In Giving program. We started by asking board members and former board members to donate as little as \$50/year to become a "PIG." We found a mascot, an adorable stuffed plush pig named "Pardner," and started to promote the opportunity in our marketing materials and over social media. The campaign took off. People far and wide sent us gifts to become PIGs and our favorite day was when 9-year-old Carly Everson dropped by with money she had saved up in her piggy bank.

Almost 200 individuals and businesses have signed on to become PIGs since 2013, generating over \$300,000 in unrestricted funding for the Community Foundation! Our PIGs have paid for dozens of critically important projects since this time:

•Every year our PIGs "round up" our scholarship awards giving students an

extra boost in their financial support and last year, we surprised our most financially needy scholarship recipients with new iPads to help them get a leg up on their college career.

•PIGs have supplemented our budget for grant making, allowing us to award more grants when nonprofits really needed our help.

•About every 2 to 3 years, our PIGs help us pay for special training opportunities for our nonprofit leaders such as peer to peer coaching for leadership development or workshops with nationally known fundraising experts such as Susan Howlett.

•PIGs have helped us transform our space, improving our conference rooms with new technology that we offer free of charge to nonprofits in our region.

•Perhaps most impressively, PIG funds helped us launch GiveNCW in 2015 - a crowd-funding campaign that now raises several hundred thousand dollars a year for dozens of nonprofits each year.

In 2021, our PIGs will be providing an opportunity for nonprofits to receive customized strategic consulting, ensuring that our most valued charitable organizations survive the challenge of the COVID era and continue to serve this community for years to come. Our work without our PIGs would be like a BLT without the bacon. They make everything that much better. To learn more, visit [www.cfncw.org/PIG](http://www.cfncw.org/PIG).

## SCHOOL

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board meeting before his retirement, principal Mike Hull said the school's secondary staff continues to focus on making students comfortable and safe during

the transition to full-time school. Among the activities scheduled are:

- Welcome back lunch barbecue.
- Spirit Week class competitions.
- Spring Fling dance with 60 kids attending.
- Teen Night with 70-plus

kids attending. In addition, elementary students have a Play Day coming up and the junior high will view local history during a walking field trip tour of the town.

The next regular meeting of the Pateros school board is at 6 p.m., Monday, June 28.

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