

Gebbers Farms, Chelan Fresh, Apple House Warehouse & Storage contribute

PTEEO receives major donation from Three Local Businesses

SUBMITTED BY WATSON GREEN LLC

PATEROS - The Project to Bring Affordable Child Care to Rural Community is now a go.

At a check presentation ceremony April 15 at the Church of Christ building located at 128 Independence Street in Pateros, the Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization received a joint donation in the exact amount of \$110,000 from Gebbers Farms, Chelan Fresh, and Apple House Warehouse & Storage Inc.

When Kailee Tanneberg found out that her daughter's daycare - one of the only licensed home daycares within miles of her home - was going to close, she started to panic. Where would her three-year-old daughter go while she had to work? The parents of the other 11 children attending the same daycare were asking the same question.

Kailee is now president of the Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization (Pateros Treehouse), a non-profit organization founded by Anders and Dowers to provide an affordable, high-quality, licensed childcare facility in Pateros. The organization has spent

more than two years raising money to fund an early childcare learning center that could care for up to 50 children - more than four times the number of children as the ABC Daycare.

By March, Pateros Treehouse had secured government and in-kind funding for the bulk of the expenses to properly renovate a building purchased at a steep discount from a local church. However, it was still far behind what it needed. The non-profit had just days left to raise the \$110,000 in matching funds required to receive a \$540,000 Early Learning Facilities (ELF) grant from the Washington Department of Commerce.

Desperate, Kailee wrote a letter to prospective donors, and then on April 6, she got word - Gebbers Farms, Chelan Fresh, and Apple House Warehouse & Storage together would donate all the \$110,000 necessary to meet the grant requirement by the April 15 deadline.

"I couldn't believe it," reflected Ms. Tanneberg. "I was hoping for any donation, no matter how small. Not in my wildest dreams did I think it would equal the entire amount needed by April 15."

Since the donation, Pateros Treehouse has received more than \$20,000 in additional donations from other local companies, family and friends.

At the ceremony, Ms. Tanneberg said, "The board is

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July 4th parade permit approved

City considers residential variance in commercial zone

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Anna Marie Dalbey, managing broker with KW Keller-Williams Realty, and former Brewster Chamber of Commerce president, addressed the city council at its regular monthly meeting held by GoToMeeting April 14, regarding a variance request to allow temporary residential rental in a commercial property.

The owner of the former Curl Factory at 110 North Fourth Street wants to rent a small space containing a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and dining room as a residential unit to derive some income from the vacant space during the COVID shutdown.

City planner Kurt Danison advised that the council would have to go through a hearing process to change the existing code before allowing a residential rental in a commercial building.

"Unless this was used as a residential structure in the last 12 months it is absolutely against our code," said Danison. "If you allow this you have to allow others. You can't pick and choose."

A few years ago, the city did revisit its code when property owners along Lakeview Drive discovered that zoning in their neighborhood had been changed from residential to commercial and so discouraged residential buyers from purchasing there.

Dalbey explained that the property owner is restricted from operating the site as a



Anna Marie Dalbey, KW Keller-Williams Realty



Mike Maltais/QCH

This commercial building at 110 North Fourth Street also contains a small space that could be used for residential occupancy.

business due to COVID but cannot sell the property as a house.

City attorney Chuck Zimmerman also cautioned the council about allowing residential use in the core business district.

While no decision was rendered some options remained open for further consideration. Mayor Art Smyth recommended that the owner apply for the variance on her own behalf so officials could conduct a staff review. Public works director Lee Webster also encouraged Dalbey to discuss the issue further with him for more details on the city's variance process.

In other business the council set May 12 as the hearing date for a variance request at 302 South First Street whose owner is requesting the city to allow a street setback distance if 10 feet rather than the minimum required 15 feet.

The council approved a

resolution designating May 2021 as Mental Health Month.

The city approved a Brewster Chamber of Commerce public event application for a dry Fourth of July celebration and parade. Chamber president Mike Mauk explained a different parade route this year that will begin at the city park near Fifth Street and end at the east end of Main Street at the American Legion.

Public Works Director Lee Webster suggested that the city could help with street closures and allow the parade to begin at the west end of Main rather than the park to shorten the walking distance. Mauk liked that idea since the parade would avoid interfering with fishermen traffic in the boat launch/RV park area.

City engineer, J-U-B reported that all the city's main water line installation is complete with the tie-in at SR 97

and Seventh Street this week that will require temporary traffic rerouting.

Paving at Hospital Way is scheduled to begin in mid-May followed by needed repair work on Bridge Street.

Mayor Smyth asked for more elaboration about the Bridge Street paving and sidewalk repairs. The J-U-B spokesman said weather has been the main obstacle. The paving window runs from late April-early May through October. The contractor is scheduled to return and remove gravel laid down over the winter and begin paving repairs as soon as the temperature window allows. Projections call for the work to be completed by the end of May.

Work on the well house will include pump installation this week and the site should be operational by summer's end.

WAMS built, Yoder delivered

Storage sheds bring wildfire victims closer to recovery

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - More than two dozen Cole Spring wildfire survivors are the fortunate recipients of custom-made storage sheds built by a crew of skilled volunteer carpenters last January and delivered to their burned-over properties last week.

Titus Yoder, owner of Yoder's Hauling & Delivery Services in Drummond, Montana, and JR Troyer of Pocatello, Idaho, set to work with a pair of hydraulic tilt trailers and heavy-duty pickups to ferry the finished sheds to property owners from Palmer Mountain in Okanogan County to Pearl Hill in Douglas County. An earlier attempt to deliver the units shortly after they were



Mike Maltais/QCH

Titus Yoder of Yoder's Hauling & Delivery Services in Drummond, Montana adjusts his tilt trailer before loading three storage sheds for delivery last week.



The first of three sheds is positioned far enough forward to allow two additional units to fit behind in what will be a 36-foot load.

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COVID-19 vaccine now available to those 16 years and older

Vaccine clinics held weekly

SUBMITTED BY OKANOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

OKANONGAN COUNTY - For those who wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, everyone 16 years and older is now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as of April 15. If you'd like to receive the vaccine, please register with Okanogan County Vaccine Distribution here: okanogancounty. org/covid-19-vaccine/ or in Spanish go to spanish.okanogancounty. org/covid19. org/la-vacuna-covid-19/ Vaccine providers are hosting events throughout the county each week. When registering, you may choose a preferred location and vaccine, you will then be notified

when an appointment becomes available. The Moderna vaccine is available to those 18 and older. Pfizer is the only vaccine that is approved for those 16 years and older. Moderna and Pfizer are a two dose vaccine. Any person under the age of 18 must have parental consent and be accompanied by an adult to receive the vaccine. When registering multiple household members, please be sure to use a separate email and/or phone number for each individual. You may also register over the phone by calling: 1-866-458-0169 anytime. Operators are available to speak with you in English or Spanish. Questions about the vaccine? Please email: ocp@co.okanogan.wa.us

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

SUBMITTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Aaron J. Viebrock, Molly Simpson and Ronald E. Skagen executed the following actions during the April 12, Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office: • Approved revisions to the Customer Service Policies Schedule 4, Power Delivery Service. The revised schedule allows the District to serve new large customers with non-Wells Dam power, becomes effective May 1st of 2021 and has a gradual rate adjustment of 2.3%. "When combined with wholesale market power, this all in rate is lower than the average Washington State Industrial rates," said General Manager Gary Ivory. "It puts Douglas County in an effective position to attract new business for a long time to come." • Heard the bid opening results for bid document 21-10-D, supply and deliver tubular steel poles for the Lincoln Rock Switchyard. All bids will be evaluated prior to a recommendation for contract award. • Affirmed the execution of easement with the Department of the Army for requested structure relocation as part of the ongoing repairs from the Pearl Hill Fire. • Approved amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement for a community alert siren with Douglas County Fire District No. 5. This will extend the agreement to June

31, 2031 and revise the annual cost to \$50. • Authorized an Interlocal Agreement with Chelan County PUD for purchase of property and easements. The 5.6 acres of property is near the Douglas Switchyard and will be for future operations. • Rejected bids under bid document 21-02-D, supply and deliver substation transformers to East Wenatchee. The bids have expired and the District will go back out for bid. • Awarded contract 21-12-D, supply and deliver compact 1100 KCMIL EPR Primary underground cable to WESCO Distribution, Inc. the lowest responsive bidder. • Approved a call for bids under bid document 21-25-D, supply and deliver substation transformers to Urban Industrial Substation. • Authorized a call for bids under bid document 21-27-D, H2 gas cascading panels necessary for dispensing hydrogen in to trailers at controlled rates. • Approved professional service agreement 21-18-W-PS, mechanical engineering for life safety projects at the Wells Hydroelectric Project with KGS Group. The agreement will not exceed \$100,000 and expire December 31, 2021. • Authorized professional service agreement 21-23-W-PS, mechanical engineering for Class 1 Vertical Leaf Wheelled Spillway Gates at the Wells Hydroelectric

Project with Black and Veatch. The agreement will not exceed \$250,000 and expire December 31, 2023. • Affirmed ninth amendment to the Power Sales Service Agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. The District will sell the Tribe's power allocation on a forward basis covering all of the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. • Authorized confirmation agreement with Puget Sound Energy, Inc for the Colville Tribe's power allocation for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024. • Declared office equipment surplus and authorized disposal through recycling services. The printers are no longer used and would be of no value at a surplus sale. • Heard a report on the Douglas County Community Network. The network currently has 6,455 end users. • The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 26th at the District's East Wenatchee Office. The District Office is closed to the public in response to the COVID-19 guidance from Governor Inslee. To comply with the Open Public Meetings act, a conference phone line number will be provided at the top of the Draft Agenda posted on our website under Latest News the Friday before the meeting.

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Even with dry road conditions some of the more remote deliveries like this one west of Cameron lake Loop Road tested the skill and experience of Yoder's abilities to maneuver his fully loaded trailer in some tight spots.



Yoder loads a trio of 8-x-12-foot sheds on his hydraulic tilt trailer before heading out to make deliveries from Palmer Mountain in Okanogan County to Pearl Hill in Douglas County.

STORAGE

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built proved to be more than road conditions and restrictions would allow so Yoder postponed his part of the process until this month. His equipment combination provided the speed, efficiency, and maneuverability to get

all 30 units delivered in less than five days despite some access challenges on steep, narrow, and winding roads. The fully enclosed sheds were built by a volunteer crew from Western Anabaptist Mission Services (WAMS) from St. Ignatius, Montana, who used donated supplies and covered space to construct 30 of the 10-x-12-foot units over a

10-day period. The Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) formed to help victims of the 2014-15 Carlton Complex and Okanogan Complex wildfires sourced funds, materials, and space for the shed-building project. Marson & Marson Lumber/ Lake Chelan Building Supply in Chelan provided the build-

ing materials while the Okanogan County Fairgrounds supplied covered space for the WAMS crew to work and a staging area for the completed sheds. The Cole Spring and Pearl Hill fires started last Sept. 6,

destroyed some 100 homes, burned nearly 190,000 acres, and took two lives before being contained. Seven months later the recovery process is slow particularly for victims who lost everything to the flames. The

WAMS crew moved on to Malden in Whitman County to help rebuild homes for fire victims there but the sheds built by them and delivered by Yoder's Hauling remain as evidence of their good works.

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Should Douglas County PUD be deciding our economic future?

RANDY AGNEW,
MAYOR OF ROCK ISLAND



Randy Agnew,
Mayor of Rock Island

Aaron Viebrock assured everyone at the public meetings on April 6th that the commissioners had not “made up their minds” regarding the proposed new rates for high load users. But listening to the discussion of the commissioners after the public comment period was closed, it sure didn’t sound that way. Apparently the request by virtually every public official in Douglas County asking the PUD to set rates that would be competitive with the surrounding PUD districts where potential high load users could choose to locate had no effect whatsoever. Some people might call that tone deaf.

At the meeting a representative of Sabey stated that they were paying about 3.5 cents per kW in Grant County for power. Douglas County PUD commissioners adopted a rate of 4.5 cents per kW on April 12.

Let’s take a look at the difference that (4.5 – 3.5 =) 1.0¢ per kW makes to a high load user. For server farms, electricity accounts for up to 70% of their total operating costs. For the purpose of my comparisons, I’ll use 60% instead of 70%. So let’s compare two server farms

that both use an average of 10 MW of electricity and where server farm A is paying 3.5¢/kW and server farm B is paying 4.5¢/kW. We’ll also assume that all other costs of the two farms are the same. For what it’s worth, I’ve been a computer programmer for nearly 40 years writing complete accounting systems for larger businesses. But please, double check my math.

30 day Monthly Electric Bill:
10,000kW x 24hrs x 30days x rate
Annual Electric Costs (365 days)
Total Annual Business Costs

	Farm A	Farm B	Difference (B – A)	Difference as %
30 day Monthly Electric Bill:	\$ 252,000	\$ 324,000	\$ 72,000	28.57%
Annual Electric Costs (365 days)	\$3,066,000	\$3,942,000	\$ 876,000	28.57%
Total Annual Business Costs	\$5,110,000	\$5,986,000	\$ 876,000	28.57%

Just for fun let’s consider the additional cost that 1.0¢ per kW would make to Microsoft if they were actually using the 180 MW we were told they want at full build out.

180,000kW x 24hrs x 30days x .01 = \$1,296,000 per month additional cost.

180,000kW x 24hrs x 365days x .01 = \$15,768,000 per year additional cost.

That’s nearly 16 million dollars a year difference! Does anyone think a \$16,000,000\ year and 28% savings doesn’t matter to Microsoft? Or to any other business for that matter?

Unlike the PUD, businesses don’t have a monopoly where they can just arbitrarily charge their customers whatever they feel like. They have other businesses that they have to compete with. According to a report on globenewswire.com there were about 2,600 data centers in the US as of December 2020. The four largest providers in the US are Amazon, Microsoft, Google and IBM. That’s serious competition.

I heard multiple comments that Microsoft “can afford to pay those rates”. Unfortunately the commenter’s apparently don’t understand how private business works. It doesn’t matter how much Microsoft “can afford to pay”, like any other private business those costs are actually paid by the Microsoft’s customers and, in the real world, customers generally don’t chose to pay 28% more for the same product. While there may be minor differences, for all

practical purposes the major data centers are all providing essentially the same product. We can use gasoline or electricity as good analogies. It doesn’t really matter what service station\ PUD you buy gas\electricity from, you’re getting the same product.

So Farm B’s cost of doing business is 28.57% higher than Farm A. That means Farm B has to charge its customers 28% more to make the same profit margin as Farm A. Of course, according to the commenter’s, Microsoft could just take a 28% reduction in their profit margin “cuz they can afford it”. Most businesses don’t make a 28% net profit. In other words a 28% reduction in net profit for most businesses would bankrupt them. But even if a business could take a 28% reduction in net profit without going bankrupt, they certainly won’t be able to compete very long with a competitor making 28% higher profit margins selling the same product at the same price.

Let’s consider our gas analogy again and substitute Service Stations for Server Farms. Let’s also assume Sta-

tion A’s gas is \$3.00\gallon. Using the same 28.57% price difference, Station B’s gas would be \$3.86\gallon. As an individual, where are you going to fill up your car? Where is a farmer going to buy gas for his farm equipment? I can guarantee that most people aren’t going to pay \$3.86\gal for gas if they can buy it for \$3.00\gal. For a 20 gallon fill up that’s a difference of \$17.20. Or

putting it another way, nearly 6 FREE gallons of gas at Station A. Now let’s consider a business like UPS which is using hundreds, thousands or millions of gallons of gas a day. Where do you think they’re going to buy gas?

If Microsoft could save nearly \$16 million per year at full build out (180 MW) between Douglas County and somewhere else nearby, why would they build here? If any high load business can save 28% on costs by locating somewhere other than Douglas County, why would any of them locate here?

In Grant County the assessment rates for property taxes have dropped significantly since the server farms began locating there. I realize that due to the rapid rise in property values we’ve seen everywhere over the last few years, not everyone in Grant County may have seen a decrease in their property taxes. BUT, if weren’t for the server farms, they all would have seen a much larger increase in their property taxes.

Using an investment of just \$1 Billion by Microsoft over the next few years (which is

a little more than ¼ of what they’ve already invested in Grant County), the Regional Port District and Douglas County estimated that the average home owner would see a reduction of \$300.00 to \$700.00 per year in their property taxes. While that’s a pretty nice benefit to everyone in Douglas County, it’s only one of the many benefits we would receive.

Microsoft has committed several million dollars worth of expansions and upgrades to local infrastructure if they go ahead with their building plans in Douglas County. For example, they’ve committed to a \$16 to \$18 million upgrade of the East Wenatchee Water District’s system that would benefit not just Microsoft but a lot of residential water users as well. And again, that’s just one of the improvements\ upgrades they’ve committed to... if they build here.

I appreciate and agree with the PUD’s conservative approach to fiscal matters, especially when considering debt. I am a big supporter of the new Hydrogen production facility the PUD is building. I also appreciate the PUD’s objective of keeping rates low for residential users. But I completely disagree with the idea that having the lowest residential rates should be the primary goal of the PUD.

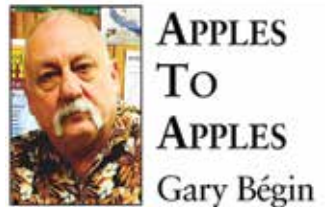
The PUD was given a monopoly for the purpose of providing electricity to everyone in the county that needs it. They were never intended to use that monopoly to eliminate economic choices that don’t happen to suit their personal interests and preferences. Just like every other elected official, PUD commissioners are elected

to represent the people that elected them, not the agency to which they were elected... to do what is in the best interest of the people, not simply what is in the best interest of the agency.

As the Wenatchee valley transitions away from the predominantly agricultural based economy it has historically had, the people need businesses that will provide high paying skilled jobs. Not just the minimum wage jobs that the service and tourism industries provide. We also don’t need to become the retirement community for wealthy Seattlites and retired PUD workers. High tech businesses like Microsoft and others present the opportunity for our young people to learn technical skills that result in good paying jobs and create an economic environment where everyone benefits.

I find it more than a little odd that the PUD doesn’t seem to care at all what benefits datacenters may provide to the residents, businesses and local agencies of Douglas County. Nor do they seem to care at all what the rest of the local agencies all agree on. Perhaps the PUD knows something that they aren’t willing to share regarding the location choices of high load businesses in the region. I sincerely hope that’s the case and Microsoft does go ahead and build here. But if the PUD deprives the people of Douglas County and the greater Wenatchee area of the benefits that high load businesses can provide... I think they should be held to account. I don’t believe the PUD should be determining the economic future of Douglas County.

Baton down the hatches, a storm this way comes



APPLES TO APPLES
Gary Bégin

Society has lost integrity from many different points of view and, yes, I am concerned.

There are numerous examples of disrespect of our own history, our beliefs, our ancestors, our own patriotic notions. Is this what we really want for our lives and that of our kids and their kids?

The deniers of history are no better than those who defame our institutions for their own gain. Why lie? Because we allow these lies to exist and gather credit along the way as repetition sticks in the collective brain.

I am not one of those who believes in massive conspiracy theories such as the moon landing or the Holocaust being a fabrication. Movies that



speak to these theories are fascinating to watch, but so are Foghorn Leghorn cartoons.

However, I never grew up thinking that one day a monster chicken would beast me to death with a baseball bat ala Al Capone (or that scene from The Apostle where actor Robert Duvall kills his wife’s boyfriend in front of a crowd of Little Leaguers and their

parents with a vicious swing to his cheatin’ brain-housing-group).

I often surf the web looking for interesting news and other points of view on a variety of topics.

Yesterday I saw some alleged advertising about “Lake-front living on Lake Chelan.”

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We all need to be reminded to say “Thank you” to all those in the front lines working to keep us safe and healthy, in everyday health and now especially during this time of the COVID-19 Virus.

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Baseball cancelled

New hires join familiar faces

Bridgeport spring sports teams take the field

Bridgeport Track Team



Courtesy Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District

The 2021 Bridgeport varsity track team members include, front row, from left, Rosa Hernandez, Christina Lopez, Linda Meza, Keyshia Nova Gonzalez, and Lizbeth Rivera. Second row: Jennifer Farias, Josie Rios, Cecilia Avila, Angelica Hernandez, Jollette Prestegui, Lesly Valdovinos, and Myrka Trejo (manager). Third row: Miriam Jimenez, Joanna Prestegui, Karla Torres, Monica Trejo, and Verania Velazquez. Fourth row: Israel Lopez, Edgar Lopez-Casillas, Drake Morris, Brandon Garcia V., Brandon I. Garcia, Luis Silva, Christopher Newman, and Martiza Bravo. Fifth row: Alexander Parbol, Alex Perea, Jesus Torres, Luis Velasco, Nicholas Covarrubias-Flores, and Christopher Hernandez.

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT -- The Mustangs and Fillies varsity spring sports teams are competing in several groups for this unconventional COVID-adjusted season. They include boys' soccer, track and field, and softball.

Athletic director Scott Darwood issued an advisory on April 15 that the remainder of the Mustangs' varsity baseball season has been cancelled due to a lack of players.

Bridgeport Boys' Soccer Team



The 2021 Bridgeport boys' soccer team includes, front row, from left: Ismael Rivera, Yair Diaz, Tony Flores, Brandon Valdovinos, and Sergio Tello. Second row: Jesus Valdovinos, Adolfo Orozco, Bryan Gildo-Aguilar, Cristian Lopez, Rodimero Espino, and Marco Rodriguez. Third row: Moises Torres, Danial Ibarra, Paul Torrez Martinez, and Jose Plascencia.

Bridgeport Softball Team



The 2021 Bridgeport softball team features, front row, from left: Evelyn Lopez, Angie Valdovinos, Myrka G. Ibarra, Bianca Torres-Lopez, and Jaqueline Lombera. Back row: Luz Herrera, Carmen Quesada, and Emma Oswald.

year's roster of Bridgeport sports teams were announced last week by athletic director Scott Darwood. See story on this sports page for more details.

Sports coaches for this

Bridgeport school announces sports coaches lineup

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT -- Last week, athletic director Scott Darwood announced the sports teams coaching lineup for the Mustangs and Fillies this year and the list includes some new hires to complement the school's existing high school and middle school coaching staff.

Once again Samantha Torres and Caitlin Huber will lead the charge for the high school Fillies softball team, Darwood said, while longtime coaches Gabe Gonzalez, Carlos Lopez and Chris Gonzalez will continue leading the high school boys' soccer team.

"Eric Schmidt will lead the high school track and field team along with his assistant staff of Mike Selle Jr., Royce Turner, and volunteer coaches Mark Ward, and Mike Selle Sr., and Keirsten Stansbury," Darwood said.

Miguel Garza has been hired as a one-year interim coach to lead the middle school track and field team. Garza will be assisted by Bambi Martinez.

"Middle school boys' and girls' basketball will also be played this spring due to COVID issues," said Darwood.

Craig Burke will coach the

middle school boys' squad on a one-year interim basis. Long-time head coach Scott Sattler will lead the middle school girls' program with help from assistant Jeff Jackson.

Kate Luttrell has been promoted to head coach of high school girls' basketball. Her assistant this season will be Caitlin Huber.

"Father and son high school head boys' basketball coaches Dan and Cameron Cavadini requested and were granted a one-year leave of absence," Darwood said.

COVID has caused the basketball season to play out from May 17 to June 19, which will not allow the Cavadini's to run their ranch.

"Mike Garza has stepped up to fill in as head basketball coach on a one-year interim contract," Darwood.

Garza will be assisted by head football coach John McDougal for a one-year stint as well.

"We are glad to announce these new hires and are pleased with the response of people willing to step up and coach in our high school and middle school programs," said Darwood, "even if it is only on a one-year basis to help out our student athletes in this very trying year under very unusual circumstances."

Bridgeport School District to hold Kindergarten screening May 11-12 for 2021-2022 school year

SUBMITTED BY BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRIDGEPORT - If you have a child in the school district or know someone who has a child who will be 5 years of age on or before August 31, please call the Elementary School for information on how to register, 509-686-2201.

Kindergarten screenings will be May 11 and 12 from 3:15-6:30 p.m., by appointment. BRIDGEPORT - El Distrito

Escolar de Bridgeport está buscando estudiantes de kinder para el año escolar 2021-2022

Si tiene un niño/a en nuestro distrito escolar o conoce a alguien que tenga un niño/a que tendrá 5 años para agosto 31, 2021, por favor llame a la Escuela Primaria para información en cómo puede registrarlo, 509-686-2201.

Inscripciones al kinder serán el 11 y 12 de mayo de 3:15 - 6:30 p.m., con cita.

Prescribed fire, controlled burning: What you need to know now

BY BARBARA CARRILLO, CHUMSTICK WILDFIRE STEWARDSHIP COALITION COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT

NCW - As summer approaches, we not only begin to think about backyard barbecue's and outdoor family vacations, but also about the fire season ahead. This is the time of year we begin to examine the areas around our house and property after the long winter and look for ways to protect our home and its perimeter from wildfire. As spring turns into summer, we are also reminded that smoke can again fill our valleys and communities in the coming months due to unexpected wildfires as well as due to prescribed fire or controlled burns.

What are the basic components of prescribed fire or controlled burning? We know that it causes smoke in our region which can be inconvenient but what are the benefits for controlled burning and how does it work?

Prescribed burning is a planned or controlled fire used to meet forest health management objectives in a specific area usually designated by federal, state and local officials as an area needing management due to years of fire exclusion. A forest needs periodic fire to become healthy again, to clear dead trees (standing and down), limbs, leaves, needles and shrubs and other competing vegetation on the forest floor so new seedlings, shrubs and trees can grow. A forest becomes unhealthy when trees become overcrowded and fuels build up and become dangerous. When fire burns too intensely and reaches tree tops it can crown and damage well-established trees or jump from tree to tree increasing the risk of larger fires. Successful prescribed burning remains on the ground and does not burn into tree tops and improves overall forest health and means fewer extreme wildfires.

What is the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)? The



Courtesy photo

Prescribed burning is a planned or controlled fire used to meet forest health management objectives in a specific area usually designated by officials as an area needing management due to years of fire exclusion.

Wildland Urban Interface or WUI is the zone of transition between wildland and human development. When a community is in the WUI, they are at an increased risk of catastrophic wildfire.

When fires develop in the WUI, they can damage homes, communities and basic infrastructure creating havoc and grinding these communities to a halt. Prescribed and controlled burning treatments help to prevent fires from spreading to the WUI areas by managing environmental conditions in forest lands nearby. Prescribed burning has been used for thousands of years and by many groups as a forest management tool. Indigenous people in North America used it to manage wildlands for a variety of resources including plants and game species prior to European settlement.

Fire Adapted Communities, and their networks throughout the US, are also an important part of the equation. These communities have organized citizen groups who take actions to collaboratively protect infrastructure, buildings, landscapes and surrounding ecosystems in their communities to safely accept fire as part of the surroundings. Anyone can become a part of a community or network

and it is a proactive approach to learning, engaging in and managing for wildfire on your community landscape. Since wildfire is a natural occurrence, we will never eliminate fire from our landscapes so we need to learn to live with fire. Fire adaptive communities plan how to live with fire before during and after wildfire occurrences.

Prescribed burning has a positive impact on our local and regional forests and com-

munities and ensures a safer and healthier environment for everyone in the Northwest.

Learn more about prescribed fire, WUI's and Fire Adapted Communities and other resources at the *Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition* website at chumstick-coalition.org/before-the-fire-2

Additional information on Fire Adapted Communities can also be found at fire-adaptednetwork.org/about/frequently-asked-questions/

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BATON

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There was only one problem, this site was displaying a photo of a Chinese-styled home on a lake complete with the unique "hip and gable" roofing.

If you own this home on Lake Chelan, please respond. I am cynical one exists.

Then there was another "Lake Chelan" advertisement that said there were 660 different places to stay around the lake. Obviously another lie. One time, about three or four years ago, an author sent me a "media copy" of his book. It was another lie. In this acknowledged work of fiction, he still went a bit too far.

His book describes a large shopping mall in downtown Chelan. It was at that point I gagged and informed him I could never plug his book because it was the antithesis of what the Lake Chelan and Manson residents thought

about their community.

He suggested I go along with his story anyway because it was, after all, a work of fiction. A work of fiction is the best if it also contains a kernel of truth that can be embellished. The Nazis did that. All aggressive societies had their scapegoats. Point to the "other" and dehumanize them so all the losers in your community will have someone else to blame for the failures of self and state.

Gather this wicked brew and pick the weakest among you to pillory while you celebrate the essence of being human. It is pointing the finger at the other tribe. At Mother Nature, at the nexus and matrix and serendipity of just living a life.

Crush the spirits of those who disagree by patronizing their stupidity while stabbing them in the back. Being shanked in prison is one thing, but being shanked out on the

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Announcements
Lost & Found

LOST AND FOUND can be placed in our local newspaper and online for ONE week for FREE. Limit 30 words

Leavenworth/Cashmere 509-548-5286 or email classifieds@leavenworthecho.com or Lake Chelan Mirror 509-682-2213 or Quad City Herald 509-689-2507 or email mirrorads@lakechelanmirror.com

Deadline: by Noon on Friday



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The Lake Chelan or Quad City Herald or email mirrorads@lakechelanmirror.com For **The Leavenworth Echo or Cashmere Valley Record** Call 509-548-5286 or email classifieds@leavenworthecho.com

Employment

Help Wanted

THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL

Three Rivers Hospital is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Med-Surg RN – Full-time Nights (Sign-on Bonus \$5,000)

OR Circulator Nurse (Sign-on Bonus \$5,000)

Medical Lab Tech - Full-time (Sign-on Bonus \$1,500)

Interested candidates may apply online 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

This job is located in Chelan, WA. It pays \$25-\$30 per hour Busser/ Dishwasher Job

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Call Kevin Brown 206-465-1047 Or email info@sirensongwines.com

Help Wanted

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

TranGO is looking for four (4) transit drivers; one full-time (36 – 40 hours per week) and one part-time (10+ hours per week) position based in Okanogan, and two full-time in Twisp, WA. These positions are hourly non-exempt. Compensation is \$19.06-\$20.62 per hour. Benefits include health, dental, vision and life insurance, retirement, sick leave, vacation for full-time. Must have a minimum Class B CDL with Passenger Endorsement Please visit www.okanogantransit.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@okanogantransit.com

Application Deadline: Application review will begin March 19, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Icicle River Middle School Library Tech

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

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

- Cascade High School Career & College Counselor

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



Help Wanted



Retail Sales Assistant Manager position available.

Application period will be open until 4/30/21 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.

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- Good Computer skills and previous experience with retail

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Help Wanted



Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant Full-time

Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) to provide therapeutic services to enhance the goals and objectives with patient care directed by the OT. The COTA will be responsible for implementing programs developed by the OT in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations. Graduate of an accredited OT Assistant program. Certification as OT Assistant in the state of WA with valid license. Two years' work experience in a hospital setting and/ or swing bed program is preferred. Current BLS.

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Help Wanted

Boat operator needed on Columbia River near Chelan / Pateros. Must have a current boater card issued by Washington state. Individual needs experience operating a personal boat. Fishermen who have previously ran boats are well suited. Temporary position. Job lasts from approximately April 10 to June 20. Selected individuals will be able to work 20-40 hours per week at 8 hours per day, with a flexible schedules. Pay starts at \$14.00 per hour. More info and contact at 509 679-0384.

City of Chelan Parks & Recreation Seasonal Employment Opportunities

The city of Chelan Parks and Recreation Department is seeking qualified candidates to fill limited positions for the 2021 season. Positions include staffing for Office Lead, Lakeshore RV Park registration booth, putting course clerks, marina attendant, restroom maintenance, downtown landscaping and watering, evening security, parking enforcement, and golf course greens keepers. Applicants must mail their completed application packets to City of Chelan Parks & Recreation, PO Box 1669, Chelan, WA 98816. Positions range from 3 to 9 months and wages range from \$14 to \$17 per hour depending on position and experience. More information and employment applications can be downloaded from the City's web site at www.cityofchelan.us/employment.

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