

Gov. Inslee announces statewide move to Phase 3 of recovery plan

Return to spectator events, Phase 1B, Tier 2 vaccine eligibility



Gary Bégin/QCH Gov. Jay Inslee

OLYMPIA - Gov. Jay Inslee on March 11 announced that Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery will be transitioning from a regional approach to a county-by-county evaluation process.

Effective March 22, the entire state will enter Phase 3.

“Because of the progress we’ve made by decreasing our case rates and hospitalizations, as well as our tremendous efforts to get more people vaccinated, our reopening plan is once again based on counties, not regions,” Inslee said during a press conference Thursday.

“We are excited to take this step and we will keep evaluating our progress, and the impacts of these changes, to determine how and when we reopen further.”

Additionally, the governor announced that starting Wednesday, March 17, everyone in Phase 1B, Tier 2 will be eligible for their COVID vaccine. This includes workers in agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, public transit, firefighters and law enforcement, among others.

Metrics

Under the updated plan, counties will be individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations will occur on Mondays with any possible changes taking effect Friday, with the first evaluation scheduled for April 12.

In addition to being individually evaluated, large and small counties will have different sets of criteria. If any county fails one or more of the metrics below, that county will move down one Phase in the Healthy Washington plan.

For large counties to remain

in Phase 3, defined as counties with more than 50,000 residents, they must keep a 14-day average of new COVID cases at or below 200 per 100,000 residents, and a seven-day average of new hospitalizations per 100,000 at five or fewer.

Smaller counties, those with populations of 50,000 or less, must maintain a 14-day average of new cases at 30 or fewer, and a new seven-day hospitalization average at three or fewer.

If at any point the statewide ICU capacity reaches greater than 90%, all counties will move down one Phase. The Department of Health always maintains the ability to move a county forward or backward at their discretion.

“We know there is enthusiasm around opening of schools and businesses and that advancing to Phase 3 is welcome news to many Washingtonians,” said Lacy Fehrenbach, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Health’s COVID-19 response. “We want to keep going forward together out of the pandemic, and our success hinges upon wearing masks, washing our hands, watching our distance, keeping social circles small — and of course, getting vaccinated when it’s our turn. These are the things that will help us suppress COVID-19, which is the key to our continued forward progress towards recovery.”

Phase 3

Sports guidance will change in Phase 3 to allow in-person

SEE PHASE 3 ON PAGE A3

Bridge Street asphalt unacceptable

Excess sand compromises water quality of Brewster city well

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The city’s expectations that a second water well dug on State Street would provide the backup it wants and the additional water it needs has turned to disappointment from excess sand that is sloughing into the otherwise clean water.

That is one of the issues the city council took under advise-

ment at its regular monthly meeting held virtually last Wednesday, March 10. The other is the unacceptable quality of the asphalt layer applied to Bridge Street following the major water line replacement completed last fall.

Drilling deposits from the test well sunk at State Street showed the large gravel layer that is one of the indicators of

SEE WATER ON PAGE B2

New online reservation system

Pateros parks get repairs and improvements in 2020

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - City Administrator Jord Wilson delivered the city’s annual parks report at the regular monthly meeting of the city council last February and it included a long list of improvements and additions. Wilson is a Certified Arborist and holds Masters in Liberal Arts (MLA) and Masters in Business Administration (MBA) degrees.

Memorial Park

- Planted seven memorial trees.
Installed a security camera.
Trail light electrical repairs.

Pateros Mall Plaza

- New tables and chairs for outdoor dining.
Nine new trash receptacles.
Electrical repairs.

Peninsula Park

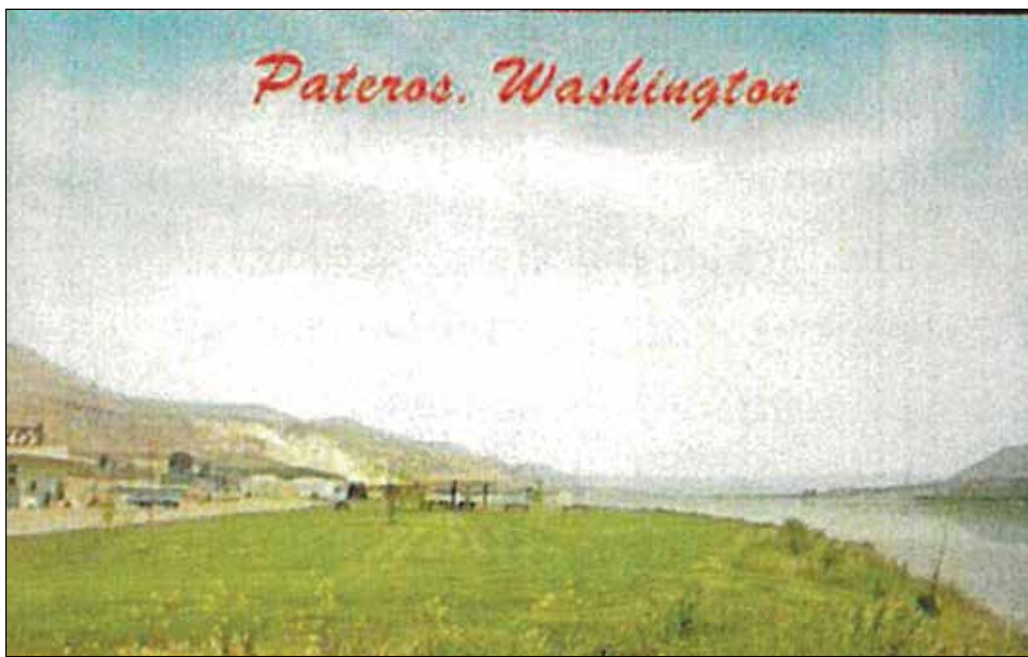
- Removed beaver-damaged ash tree and added protective barriers to other trees.
Installed security camera.
Installed restroom light shield.
Pruned trees.
Repaired sump pump.
Repaired irrigation controller.

Ives Landing

- Planted Ginko tree for Arbor Day.
replaced two frost-free hydrants.
Installed security camera.
Removed weed species trees.
Shower fixture replacements.
Reviewed trail extension.

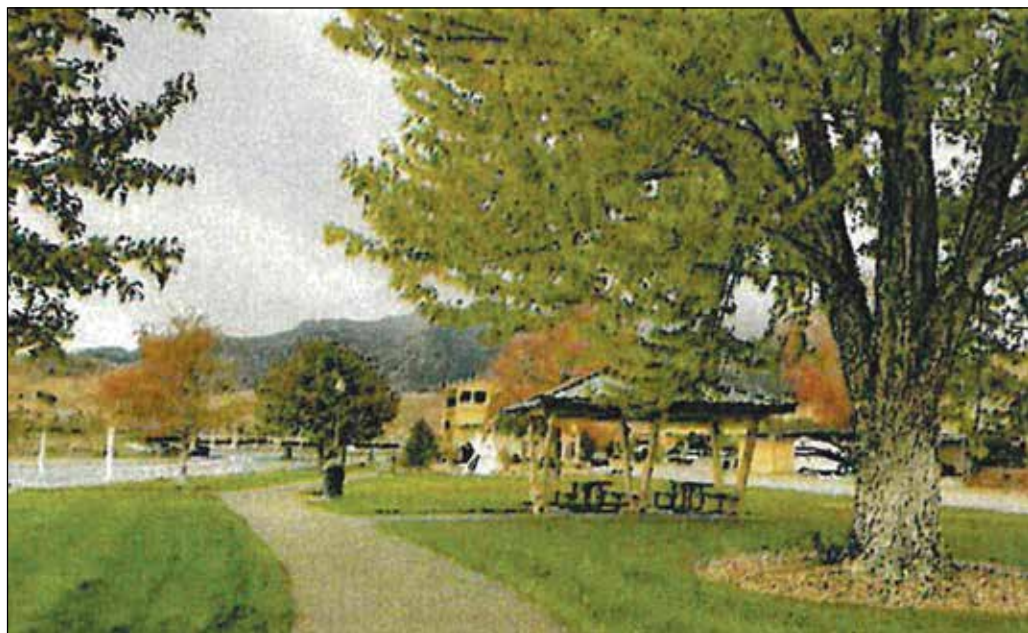
Tennis courts (Riverside Drive recreation access site)

- Repaired court cracks.
Installed security camera and light.
Repaired and replaced



Courtesy City of Pateros

Memorial Park looks much different than it did 50 years ago thanks to the stewardship of the city’s public works team.



- court lights.
Methow Boat Launch
Repaired restroom and trail vandalism.
Replaced vandalized bollard trail light.
Security improvements: lights, camera, tree removal.
Riverview Pavilion
(downtown pump station #4)
Addition to holiday light

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Frank Herbert appointed to Pateros City Council

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - Frank Herbert, the man appointed to fill the city council position left by the resignation of Christine Perry earlier this month, hit the ground running by casting his first official vote minutes after taking the oath of office during a special early morning council meeting on March 1.

As a former U.S. Marine who spent 21 years in the Corps, Herbert has had plenty of experience taking on responsibility quickly with a minimum of confusion and getting the job done with a minimum of complaint.

Herbert joined the Marines straight out of high school in south Texas and retired from the Corps in 2006. After teaching in Louisville, Kentucky, for eight years Herbert and his wife moved to Pateros following their daughter’s high school graduation at Louisville. The Herbert’s had earlier purchased a home that was



Mike Maltais/QCH

New Pateros city council member Frank Herbert looks over a resolution minutes before taking the oath of office and casting his first official vote supporting the measure.

among the fortunate ones to survive the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire that

consumed some two dozen Pateros residences.

In the wake of the fire’s devastation Herbert got in touch with a Marine acquaintance who was part of a new group of military vets volunteering for a rapid disaster response group called Team Rubicon. The organization was founded in 2010 with two goals: to provide fast and adequate disaster response and serve as a vehicle to integrate military veterans back into civilian life.

Herbert put Team Rubicon in touch with his father-in-law, George Brady, who was then Pateros mayor and the team was one of the first groups to bring much needed help and relief to the city.

Since moving back to Pateros in 2018 Herbert has brought both his mother and sister to Pateros to be closer and to help care for them. While he considers options for his next career move Herbert said he wanted to do his part to serve the community his family now calls home.

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OCSRA scholarship announcement

OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County School Retirees' Association announces a \$1,500 Scholarship available to an Okanogan County graduate who is at least a college junior working toward an initial certificate in an education field to work in public schools.

applications is May 1. The application is available at the OCSRA website https://okanogancsra.com. Please let eligible friends and relatives know about this opportunity.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

March 5 Harassment/threat at 335 E. Railroad Ave., N. 9 in Mansfield. 911 at Bridgeport Middle School, 1300 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.

Second Ave. om Mansfield. March 9 Malicious mischief at 1701 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

March 6 Trespass at 16 Sheldon St. in Mansfield. Noise at 1808 Raymond Ave. in Bridgeport.

March 10 Parking/abandoned vehicle at Rd. A N.E. and Rd. 14 N.E. in Mansfield.

March 8 Parking/abandoned vehicle at 908 Grange Rd. on Bridgeport Bar. Suspicious incident at 335 W.

March 12 Court order violation at 120 Fir Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.

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Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery

BREWSTER - Brewster Senior Center on Bridge Street is still serving hot meals Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Senior meals, March 17-18, 23-25

Wednesday, March 17 Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Red Potatoes, Carrots, Tropical Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert

Thursday, March 18 Hawaiian Chicken, Wild Rice, Herbed Cauliflower, Garden Salad, Pineapple, WW Roll, Dessert

Tuesday, March 23 Stuffed Pepper Casserole, Green Beans, Orange Quarters, WW, Roll, Dessert

Wednesday, March 24 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, 4 Way Veggie Blend, Three Bean Salad, Peaches, WW Roll, Dessert

Thursday, March 25 Chili with Cheese, Corn Chips, Fiesta Corn, Green Salad, Chilled Pears, Cornbread, Dessert

March 18, 23, 25 'What's Up Vet!'

NCW - All Chelan and Douglas County veterans are invited to attend the new "What's Up Vet!" informational meetings via Zoom!

Open to vets, spouses, dependents and anyone with questions regarding veteran benefits and resources.

Go to: us02web.zoom.us with Zoom platform meeting id: 863 5856 4972.

Call 509-664-6801 (Chelan County Veteran Service Office) or 509-683-3605 (DCVSO) for more information.

March 19, April 9 Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is April 9.

On the third Friday of each month March 19, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s).

Combat Veterans International meeting WENATCHEE -- The Central Washington chapter of the

Combat Veterans International will be meeting in Wenatchee at 1202 North Wenatchee Ave., March 20 at 10 a.m. in the new Veterans Hall adjacent to the Eagles Club and across the parking lot from the Buzz Inn.

March 22 Okanogan County PUD meeting

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will be held Monday, March 22 at 3 p.m.

March 22 Douglas County PUD meeting

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is March 22, 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office.

April 1 Brewster Chamber of Commerce - change in time, location

BREWSTER - The Brewster Chamber of Commerce will hold their next general meeting on Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Brewster Bear Basket.

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 895 8397 7411 Passcode: 676193 . One tap mobile +12532158782,89583977411# US (Tacoma)

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.

May 14 Lake Chelan Lions Club golf tourney

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Lions Club hold their 2021 golf tourney at Lake Chelan Municipal Golf Course on Friday, May 14. Cost is \$125 per person for the four person team scramble format.

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The Brewster Bears varsity football team.

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Bears varsity football team mauls Manson Trojans

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The Brewster Bears varsity football team opened its season with a 22-6 win on the road at Manson, March 5.

Behind a strong defensive effort the Bears forced turnovers that worked in their favor to hold down the home team's scoring potential.

"The defense played great all night," said head coach Jake Johanson. "We did a good job forcing nine fumbles and tackled great all night long."

Arnie Arevalo led the Bears with 17 tackles, forced a fumble and had a fumble recovery. Adaih Najera had six tackles to go along with two QB sacks, a fumble re-

covery, and a pass interception.

Quarterback Kelson Gebbers connected on nine passes in 22 attempts for 113 yards and one touchdown.

Gebbers' receivers included Tyson Schertenleib, four catches and 69 yards, Logan McGuire for 16 yards, two receptions, and the touchdown, Reese Vassar, two

receptions for 15 yards, and Gio Nila, one reception for 13 yards.

On the ground Nila and Najera led the offense with eight carries for 109 yards and 13 carries for 69 yards respectively. Both scored TDs. Gebbers ran on seven keeper plays for 23 yards, and Schertenleib had four carries.

Win on road, loss at home



Courtesy Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District

Bridgeport's Kayla Torres, left, plays close defense against a Manson opponent during a Fillies' home stand last March 6. After shutting out Manson 2-0 on the road on March 2 the Bridgeport girls had to settle for a 1-1 split when the Lady Trojans broke a 2-2 tie to squeeze out a 3-2 win four days later.

Fillies varsity soccer team splits back-to-back Manson games

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The Fillies varsity soccer team opened its season with a 1-1 split against the Manson Lady Trojans on the road and at home during the first week of March.

Head coach Gabe Gonzalez reports that the Fillies scored twice before halftime in the first game played March 2 at Manson. Bridgeport's Jenny Farias found the Trojan's goal in the 13th minute of play to put the Fillies up 1-0.

Later in the first half Karla Torres set up teammate Patty Santana who scored Bridgeport's second goal in the 34th minute to give the Fillies a 2-0 lead.

Manson had no answers during a scoreless second half giving the Fillies the shutout.

Goalkeeper Becky Hernandez was credited with one save against Manson while the Fillies took 25 shots on goal against their opponent.

"It was a good first game even though we played the game with 10 players," said Gonzalez. "The girls gave their all in this game to get the win."

Manson wins 3-2

The Lady Trojans served up their revenge for the shutout with a 3-2 win over Bridgeport when the two teams met for a second time on the Fillies' home pitch.

"Manson scored a goal in the third minute of the match, followed by another goal in the 33rd minute," Gonzalez said.

The Fillies finally got on the scoreboard early in the second half when Santana again found her range and scored in the 42nd minute of play. Just two minutes later Jacqueline Lombera found the goal as well.

It was a tie game until Manson caught a break late in the game to score in the 75th minute for the 3-2 win.

Hernandez had two saves in the game to complement the 17 shots on goal by the Fillies.

"Despite the Fillies only playing with nine players for the whole game and falling behind by 2 goals at the half, they were able to come back and tie the game, creating many opportunities to score," said Gonzalez. "They played with everything they had even when they were getting tired."

Waterville-Mansfield zeroes out Mustangs in Friday night football



Courtesy Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District
hundred points in their 52-0 win over the Mustangs at Bridgeport on March 5. This quarterback-to-receiver pass was one of many for the Shockers on the night.

Bridgeport High School earns AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

BRIDGEPORT – Bridgeport High School has earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses.

Out of the 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, 1,119 achieved either 50 percent or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population during the 2019-2020 school year. That is nearly 37 percent more than the 818 schools recognized last year. In 2020, Bridgeport High School was one of 831 recognized in the category of AP Computer Science Principles.

"During an unprecedented year, Bridgeport High School female students have demonstrated perseverance and dedication in their study of AP Computer Science," said Principal Tamara Jackson. "We could not be more proud of Bridgeport High School female students for staking their claim as the next genera-

tion of STEM and computer science professionals. We can't wait to see their passion for next generation technology lead to lifelong success."

"Bridgeport High School's students need the power to shape technology, not just cope with it," said Stephanie Sanford, College Bard chief of global policy and external relations. "Young women deserve an equal opportunity to become the next generation of entrepreneurs, engineers and tech leaders. Closing the gap in computer science education empowers young women to build the future they want."

The first year of AP Computer Science Principles in 2016-17 attracted more students than any other AP course debut and participation is on the rise. In 2020 more than 116,000 students took the AP CSP Exam – more than double the number of exam takers in the course's first year, and a 21 percent increase over the previous year. In 2020, 39,570 women took the AP CSP exam, nearly three times the number who tested in 2017.

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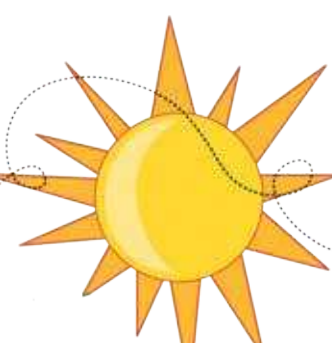


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