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Frank Herbert takes the oath of office as the newly appointed Pateros city councilman just prior to casting his first vote at the special session held Monday, March 1. City clerk/treasurer Kerri Wilson administers the oath in front of a mural of the explorer David Thompson in the Pateros Museum.

Herbert casts first vote

Pateros launches study of recycled plastics industry

By MIKE MALTAIS
 STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – The city council met in special virtual session on March 1 to approve a contract to study Central Washington’s plastics industry. The city received \$30,000 in Rural Development Block Grant (RDBG) funds for a feasibility analysis to further research the opportunity to bring a plastics recycling facility here. Councilman Frank Herbert, appointed to replace Christine Perry, took his oath of office just minutes before the session and cast his first official vote on the measure. “We’ll be surveying industries inside and outside the Pacific Northwest to see what the needs are and to see if we can meet those needs and bring someone in,” said City Administrator Jord Wilson.

When China stopped importing global plastics in 2017 it shut off the spigot on about 700,000 tons annually from the U.S. alone and overnight our plastic recyclables along with newspapers, bottles, and cans had nowhere to go.

Wilson speculated that there could be a market to bring in recycled plastics, make pellets from them, and ship the pellets to manufacturers for use to make product.

“It’s maybe one of the easiest things we can see happening here,” said Wilson. “We’ve got a lot of apple trucks coming in empty; we’ve got rail lines,” he said of the potential for shippers looking to fill empty capacity.

Earlier the city issued a request for proposals to perform the study and received a response from CREA Affiliates, LLC, in Seattle. The city planning committee

conducted an interview with CREA and recommended council approval of the consulting group.

Pateros has 16 acres of industrial zoned property on Starr Road that could serve as a processing/storage location for a plastics conversion facility. The area is also where a 30-year-old abandoned dump site is buried and while that portion – about two acres – is off limits for building it can still be used for storage, Wilson said. “One of the things in our favor especially for this property is that it’s already a landfill,” Wilson said.

CREA was founded by Anindita Mitra described in the company’s website, crea-affiliates.com, as an “architect, planner, urban designer, author, activist, and educator.” The company specializes in “green building practices and sustainable approaches to community planning design...”

According to the five-page Plastics Study submitted by CREA the company will review components such as the city comprehensive plan, Starr Road property regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency’s Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, “and other details pertaining to permitting the redevelopment of Starr Road property.”

CREA will also identify plastic recycling facilities by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), evaluate producers and end users with special emphasis on the Pacific Northwest tree fruit industry, and identify companies that want to expand into the PNW. Toward that end CREA will register two employees for an international conference for plastics recycling and/or remanufacturing companies.

DOCFD 15 hones skills of firefighters for real thing



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Firefighters feed water hose through the front door of the training fire at 130 Independence Street last Saturday morning.

DOCFD 15 conducts structure burn training in Pateros

By MIKE MALTAIS
 STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Firefighters from Douglas-Okanogan County Fire District 15 (DOCFD) gathered at 130 Independence Street in Pateros last Saturday morning, March 6 to gain practice in battling a structure fire at a controlled training burn of a doublewide manufactured home.

The structure located, just north of the former Pateros Church of Christ where the Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization (PTEEO) is now located was donated to DOCFD 15 after efforts to move or otherwise salvage the structure proved unsuccessful. Crews from Pateros, Brewster, Methow, Rocky Butte, and Bridgeport

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DOCFD Chief Bill Valance issues last-minute instructions to firefighters before the structure at 130 Independence Street in Pateros is torched last Saturday morning to begin the day’s exercise.



Brewster Fire Chief Dylan Gamble (in hat) consults with some of his firefighters who will be participating in the controlled house burn drill.

Pateros recruits train on DOCFD equipment

By MIKE MALTAIS
 STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Volunteer fire recruits Abigail Harrild and Josh Smith are among about a dozen new volunteers who have signed up to serve with stations in Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 this year.

Harrild and Smith have been meeting daily with Pateros Fire Chief Kerry Heen to learn the ropes on some of the department’s vehicles. Last Friday, March 5, found them at the Pateros station where Harrild, 19 and old enough to legally drive the engines, practiced guiding Engine 12, one of the stations two Darley Spartan pumper trucks, through the streets of Pateros. The exercise acquaints Harrild with how to interact



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Abigail Harrild, left, navigates a Darley Spartan pumper truck through Pateros streets during a training session last Friday afternoon. Fellow volunteer Josh Smith, left, a PHS senior, observes from the jump seat.

with passenger vehicles on the street when navigating corners, intersections, and other everyday encounters. Harrild spends her spare time training at the station and hopes to find a career in the

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were scheduled to be on hand to take their turns sharpening their skills that will be needed

when they respond to control and suppress the real thing. PTEEO, owner of the property,

was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit in 2019 and was awarded a \$500,000-plus grant by the

state Department of Commerce Office for Children, Youth, and Families. The grant helped

PTEEO acquire the church property as a site for its childcare and early education facility.



A firefighter wearing an oxygen tank practices a window entry into a smoke-filled room of the burning house.



Just in case he is needed, a young firefighter is all decked out in his fire gear, as he watches the morning's drill from a safe distance.

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Josh Smith, left, adjusts and controls the truck mounted water nozzle as chief Kerry Heen observes and offers tips on working with the apparatus.

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EMS (Emergency Medical Services) ranks.

Heen set up a course of red traffic cones on the station grounds to simulate turning and backing situations to help Harrild become familiar with judging clearances with the rearview mirrors.

Smith, who is still too young

to qualify as an engine driver, got some hands-on experience adjusting the engines truck-mounted fire nozzle and working with hand-held hose. "I thought it would be fun," said Smith of his decision to join the department. "It gives me something else to do around town."

Smith said he would like to take a year off after high school graduation and then perhaps get into law enforce-

ment or a fire-related career.

Other recruits from local schools include Pateros High School senior Aleeka Miller-Smith and Brewster High School students AJ Garcia and Kaitlin Garcia. Pateros High School Superintendent Greg Goodnight also volunteers with DOCFD.

Ray Sandy, a 40-year fire veteran, has been helping Chief Heen train the new crop of volunteers.



Pateros Fire Chief Kerry Heen, center, gives some advice to recruits Josh Smith, left, and Abigail Harrild, following a training drive around the city and some live water work on the pumper.

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Ranked-choice voting is a better way to vote

By GEORGE ROHRICH



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When making decisions, more options are better. We find this everywhere in our day-to-day life, whether it's hefty decisions such as purchasing a home, or more mundane ones of which wine to choose.

When we have a variety of choices before us, we can make a choice that will best reflect our own desires and preferences. There is less need to go with a "lesser evil" that may compromise our own inclinations, and it actually motivates us to voice our decision. The logic is simple.

So, I often ask myself, why don't we apply this logic to how we choose our elected officials? Let's talk about one of those everyday decisions that exemplifies this type of reasoning clearly.

When we go to visit wineries in our beautiful valley for the first time such as Cairdeas, WineGirl Wine, Succession, or the dozens of others we're blessed to have, did you stick to a preferred habit of red/white? Did you order a flight to sample each one? If you're like me, you probably had a few different preferences. You may have even been able to rank them!

Now to be real, choosing who manages our towns, our school districts, and our county infrastructure isn't as simple as choosing which wine you'll sample at your local winery. We invest in these important choices that affect the whole of our com-

munities and their futures. If we approve of our leaders, we re-elect them. If not, we look for others to do a better job.

But the truth is, we don't have the variety of choices we would like to have when we are undertaking the important civil duty of voting that helps define who we are as Americans and Washingtonians. A winner-take-all system actually pushes us into a scarcity mindset. And this in turn will turn away qualified candidates with whom we may resonate more. We are more equipped to pick out a wine that suits us than an elected official who represents us.

But I think ranked-choice voting can help. Ranked-choice voting (RCV) is a voting process which invites more qualified candidates to run for office, offers a more equitable means of choosing a winner, and gives more power to voters.

Here's how it works. RCV

allows voters to rank multiple candidates by preference, with their first choice first, second choice second, etc. When the polls close, all of the first choice votes are added up. If a candidate has over half of the votes, they win!

However, if no candidate has over half of the votes, the lowest candidate, who is sure not to win, is eliminated, and the voters who voted for that candidate instead get to support the candidate they marked second on their ballot. This elimination round continues until a candidate has over half of the votes!

In this form of election, people who liked a candidate that didn't do well still get to support a finalist candidate! They can feel comfortable knowing that their vote had an impact on the outcome.

RCV holds the possibility of creating a more civil and friendly election. Negative campaigning happens when a candidate must be your one and only favorite candidate. But what happens when there is a wide field of candidates all vying for your first, second, and third choices?

All of a sudden, candidates can't just focus on tearing each other down, they have to focus on why they think they represent you and have the solutions that your town needs. This is why people who have used RCV report that campaigns in their area are much more about issues and problem solving under this system.

Currently in the state leg-

islature, there is a bill called SHB 1156, also known as the Ranked-Choice Voting Local Options bill. If enacted, this bill would allow local jurisdictions to be able to upgrade to RCV as their election system. County and local governments would have to choose to opt in to such a system, so there is no mandate. Fundamentally, this bill is about letting localities choose the election system that is right for them.

RCV has been growing in popularity over the country in the last few years. Large municipalities such as New York City and San Francisco will begin using it. But it has also struck a chord in more rural areas with Alaska using it at the state level in the next election cycle and suburban areas of Minnesota just adopting it last year. In fact, the City of Gold Bar, with a population of less than 2,000, has joined the throng of jurisdictions across Washington asking the legislature to pass SHB 1156.

Ranked-choice voting doesn't favor any party. Rather, it favors the voters. It's a call for reform that echoes one of the foundations of our society: freedom of choice. And just like your flight of Pinot Gris, Sauvignon, Merlot, and Rieslings, the more options you have, the better the choice.

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COVID -19 worse in minority communities

Immigrant and Latinx Solidarity Group statement

SUBMITTED BY ILSG

Over the last 12 months Covid-19 has highlighted the health disparities that exist in our community. Those disparities were magnified by the pandemic, highlighting how often a significant portion of our community is not meaningfully considered when making decisions. The Immigrant & Latinx Solidarity Group (ILSG) came together to coordinate how we as community members could best support our Latinx and Immigrant community members during the COVID pandemic and beyond. We are educators, community advocates, lawyers, business leaders, healthcare workers, college students, parents, and more, and have been meeting weekly for nearly a year.

The ILSG repeatedly advocated for culturally appropriate COVID-19 prevention and vaccine messaging to be shared in Spanish. In January, for the first time since the pandemic began, the Chelan-Douglas Health District had real time Spanish interpretation at a vaccine related press conference. While real time interpretation is a step in the right direction, we also expect the Chelan-Douglas Health District to consistently communicate health messages to everyone in our community, regardless of their language ability.

We have learned from this experience and see opportunities to improve the local administration of our public health system. Our elected officials are not public health experts, yet they have significant influence on public health related decisions in our community. Our health district's response to COVID-19 was significantly impacted by the local Board of Health, which

is comprised of locally elected officials who do not reflect the entire community. Think about it this way, if you need emergency surgery, a doctor shouldn't have to waste time educating an elected official about the merits of the surgery. When we entered into the pandemic, the Latinx community was disproportionately impacted due to their working and living conditions. Yet decisions were made by people who didn't have ties to the Latinx community, nor did they have the health background to lead us through this unprecedented challenge.

Changing the makeup of the health district board extends beyond Chelan and Douglas Counties. For this reason, ILSG supports House Bill 1152 (HB 1152), which is currently under consideration in Olympia. Under HB 1152, we would continue to have elected officials on the board of health. But it would also provide seats for community members and healthcare providers to use their expertise on the board. Implemented correctly, HB1152 would meaningfully include voices from all parts of our community and strengthen the health system that cares for all of us.

We appreciate the hard work the health department staff has been doing over the last year. We know this work has been exceptionally challenging. Our ask is that regardless of HB 1152, the Chelan-Douglas Board of Health puts equity at the forefront of their structure and decision making, truly advocating for the rich and diverse people and sectors of our community. Equity must be part of our practice.

Signed: ILSG members - Vanessa Gutierrez, Karina Vega-Villa, Carrie Kingsley, Krista Herling, Cecilia Anguiano, Xaxira Velasco, Ponce de León, Norma Gallegos, Irene Morrow, Jessica Kendall

The end of the world as we know it, Yetti I feel fine

The headline is a paraphrase from a song by the band R.E.M. (1987) and I'm using it here to illustrate how the insanity of 2020 may become permanently embedded in culture worldwide, not just because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but mainly because of the different ways Earth's 7.2 billion people reacted to it and how changing social dynamics influence politics, health, sports and "patriotism" so much so Americans begin denying America itself just as Peter denied Christ.

Let's digress for a moment and honor a man who might be the dumbest human ever or, I would hope, incredibly clever. "Aleksi A. Navalny, the Russian opposition politician, is going to serve his prison sentence in a penal colony notorious for disciplinary measures considered harsh even by Russian standards," according to one website.

Now listen up, this man was totally free and getting treatment in the West after being nearly killed by Vlad (the Poisoner) Putin when he was in Russia because he and the Big "P" didn't and don't see potato eye to potato eye.

Did he have enough sense to stay free? Oh no, he goes back to his homeland and Vlad throws his dumb butt back into prison. Exactly what did Navalny expect, the red carpet treatment? Does Yetti poop in the woods? Can a zebra change its stripes?

Ok, I'll try to be nice and argue the better, more optimistic point. Maybe Navalny is a genius only acting stupid (like Paris Hilton just revealed). Navalny might be thinking that his imprisonment in the Gulag Archipelago* might bring the world's attention to the not-so-nice Putin, but my dear comrades, the world has known Putin's penchant for cruelty for decades now. After all, he was a KGB agent in East Germany. Can you say walls and barbed wire? Cold War intrigue and an extension of Russia's own deliberate silencing of dissent.



APPLES TO APPLES Gary Bégin

I think Navalny is praying for the Russian people to rise up and have another revolution, but Putin's opinion ratings are high - or else. Get it Aleksi?

I don't think all your Facebook likes will be coming to your rescue anytime soon.

Now, back to the bright outlook for 2021 for the rest of us not named Navalny. Picture this, restaurants, bowling alleys, movie theaters and event centers - all open and operating at full steam.

Donald Trump, the former twice-impeached, but never egged, President of these United States, will make millions selling his appearance for huge fees all over the world.

He'll attract massive crowds and the entire year will be pepper (sprayed) with far left and far right hooliganism causing cities to burn and cops to shoot and lives to be lost.

Not to mention all the national guards from a dozen states coming to the "rescue."

For whatever reason I don't see Trump being renominated to run as a GOP nominee in 2024.

I see a possible third party being formed, which will split the Republican vote and allow Kamala Harris to win as "Lunch-pail Joe" won't run again. Harris will basically become the almost-incumbent candidate.

Here's what I think about "Lunch Pail Joe." He spent eight years with Barack Obama because he was Biden his time. Now that he's in office, he'll hand it over to the left wing and happily retire at the end of his term.

This is another reason midterm elections are so important. Control of both houses of Congress are vital to the survival of any semblance of

Conservative thought and action on a federal level.

It won't take too much to have all the ignorance in America become one giant glob of stupid ... "We the Sheeple" will be the norm if all the believers in socialist/communist ideology and actions get together and take over the once economically, militarily and righteous mighty American experiment in democracy.

The experiment, the end of the world as we know it, will expire. The reason I still feel fine? I know we will learn from our future mistakes and reason will prevail once the left wing proves its ineptness at running this country.

Ironically, the right wing has always been less tolerant of dissent than conservatives. That's why they protest at colleges when a conservative speaker is selected to actually speak.

Another irony, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, he of the beard, the long suffering and the life he ended in Vermont. This guy was made famous because he wrote about and warned the world about what We the Sheeple look like - the U.S.S.R. back in the 30s - 80s and Rus-

sia since then and currently. Here we have a former slave of communism telling the world to beware. It is up to us to hear that warning and act accordingly. Be sure to vote in 2022 for the Republican of your choice.

If you don't, expect an American gulag to be created - but instead of prison camps, it will be a gulag of conservative islands in a vast sea of liberal waste.

The United States will become so polarized that interstate travel, transportation links, computer communications, voting rights, food supplies, taxes and many other things we take for granted now, good or bad, will only exist in various pockets of states. Washington is currently in the left one.

(BTW - If Dr. Seuss is a racist, so is an Ore cookie).

*The Gulag Archipelago by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, a Russian novelist and political prisoner.

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TranGO Seeks Community Input

SUBMITTED BY OKANOGAN COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

OKANOGAN - On March 8, TranGO launched a survey open through April, to gather information from the public about transportation needs, in order to evaluate existing service and prioritize schedules and routes over the next five years.

Kelly Scalf, CEO, stated, "We conducted a survey in 2015, that informed the decisions as we built the initial service model and routes, connecting communities across Okanogan County in 2016. This survey is similar

and includes questions about normal transportation to work, training and higher education, health care and other needs. By analyzing the information, we are able to find common beginning and ending points, frequency of trips needed and design service that meets those requirements."

Scalf shared, "In 2017, our first full year of service, we provided 49,832 trips. Each year we have grown by about 10,000 trips. In 2019, prior to the pandemic, TranGO provided nearly 70,000 fixed route trips and another 10,000 vanpool trips

throughout the county, serving many people that through age, income or disability are unable to provide transportation for themselves. We are excited to continue to grow and improve service to the community."

Scalf stated, "As we look forward to resuming service post-pandemic, we are conducting an update to see what has changed in the past six years. The pandemic changed travel patterns significantly as people worked from home, and it would help to know if any of those changes are permanent."

Scalf reported, "We were

ready to launch a survey update last year when the pandemic hit Washington State and we recognized high levels of stress and uncertainty across the community, so we decided to wait."

The survey can be accessed on-line at; okanogantransit.com/survey. If you don't have access to the internet, you can call 509-429-5823, to provide your answers over the phone or to request a paper copy with return postage provided. If your call isn't immediately answered, please leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

A closer look at 12th District transportation priorities

BY SENATOR BRAD HAWKINS

OLYMPIA - Transportation infrastructure is critical to our area's economic growth and quality of life. Not only is having an efficient and effective transportation system important for getting our crops to market and shipment of other products, it is important for safety. Over recent years, local traffic congestion is also becoming an increasing challenge for our everyday commuters. These are all reasons why the issue of transportation continues to be one of my top priorities as a legislator.

The Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council is a local planning organization that meets throughout the year in Wenatchee. This group is comprised of local elected officials and other transportation leaders throughout Chelan and Douglas counties. The council recently adopted its 2021 transportation funding priorities, which include key priorities within the greater Wenatchee Valley.

Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council priorities

The council emphasized the importance of proper maintenance and preservation of our existing transportation system and focused on these five new projects of interest:

- McKittrick Street BNSF Railroad Underpass (\$33 million). This project would create a much-needed underpass at the railroad crossing near McKittrick Street in North Wenatchee. The proposed underpass is ranked No. 2 statewide among priority railroad grade separation projects. When constructed, the new underpass will replace the street-level railroad crossing one block to the north at Hawley Street. The right of way already has been acquired with local funds, allowing design and construction to begin once funding is secured.

- U.S. 2/97 Wenatchi Landing Interchange (\$28 million). Dedicated in name to the Wenatchi native Americans who originally lived in the area, this project would be located in Douglas County near the Odabashian Bridge. It would include construction of a half-diamond interchange with arterial street connections that would function as the east half of the interchange. The project would create highway access to the 300-plus-acre site within the East Wenatchee Urban Growth Area to facilitate development.

- Apple Capital Loop Trail South End Community Connections (\$10 million). On the Wenatchee side of the Columbia River, the project would construct a BNSF Railroad overpass to establish a pedestrian/bicycle connection to the Apple Capital Loop Trail for South Wenatchee neighborhoods. On the East Wenatchee side of the Columbia River, a pedestrian/bicycle overpass would be constructed over SR 28, replacing the crosswalks at the SR28/9th Street intersection. These two bridges help pro-

vide a much-needed connection between neighborhoods on both sides of the river, downtown East Wenatchee and our loop trail, providing safe access by avoiding the railroad crossings and heavy traffic on SR 28.

- Confluence Parkway (\$130 million). This project would help mitigate the growing traffic challenges in North Wenatchee near the Wenatchee River. A new roadway and new bridge would be constructed and connect to the U.S. 2/97 Interchange. The project also would shift the Apple Capital Loop Trail away from the railroad tracks and closer to Horan Natural Area, and build a railroad underpass near the SR 285 connection where Miller Street currently crosses at street level.

- SR 285/North Wenatchee Avenue Phase 2 Improvements (\$24 million). This project will reduce congestion and improve safety and LINK bus services on North Wenatchee Avenue in the vicinity of Maiden Lane and Horselake Road. The first phase of this project is already funded through the 2015 Connecting Washington transportation revenue package. Construction of Phase 1 improvements are scheduled to begin in 2023. This Phase 2 project completes the remaining improvements identified in the North Wenatchee Avenue Preliminary Engineering Summary Report.

1. Methow bridges need repair and replacement

In addition to the priorities in Chelan and Douglas counties discussed above, there are transportation needs within the 12th District boundaries of Okanogan County. Multiple bridges along the SR 153 corridor in the Methow Valley (between Pateros and Twisp) are in need of repair and replacement. In total, 11 bridges on SR 153, constructed between 1933 and 1950, have been deteriorating. Replacement of all 11 bridges is estimated to cost nearly \$100 million. Repair work to the sidewalks, rails, decks, and other portions of the bridges is less costly, but we know that this type of work, while more affordable initially, simply defers the inevitable and costly transportation challenge ahead in the Methow Valley, one of the most scenic and beautiful areas of our state.

2. Legislature approves three budgets, including a two-year transportation budget

As you may know, the state Legislature will be developing three budgets in the 2021 session. The operating budget is approximately \$55 billion and funds K-12 education, higher education, health and human services, corrections and other operations of state government. The capital budget is about \$5 billion and funds infrastructure and land-related items, such as construction assistance to K-12 schools, university buildings, mental health institutions, and correctional

facilities. The transportation budget is \$10 billion and funds transportation agencies and the construction of previously approved projects.

3. Revenue/gas tax proposals for new projects

It is important to understand the distinction between the transportation budget, which is approved every two years at the start of the new biennium, and the separate "revenue packages," which are proposed periodically, approximately every five to 10 years. The two-year transportation budget is funded primarily by fuel taxes and vehicle license fees. The budget provides funding for the day-to-day operations of our Department of Transportation, Washington State Patrol, and Department of Licensing.

The transportation budget also appropriates funds for a variety of maintenance and preservation projects and numerous construction projects throughout the state based on predetermined schedules. Occasionally, the two-year transportation budgets include opportunities to add smaller-scale items, such as the \$2 million contribution toward the West Cashmere Bridge in 2017 that is currently under construction. In transportation funding terms, this is on the high end of what is considered a smaller appropriation.

For larger-scale appropriations, revenue packages propose increases in gas taxes and vehicle fees along with a specific list and construction schedule for new projects. The final construction of new projects approved in a new revenue package can take many years to complete, so those projects are scheduled over multiple years and funded during their corresponding two-year transportation budget window. So the primary purpose of the regularly approved transportation budget is to appropriate funds in the upcoming two-year period for agency operations and projects previously passed in a revenue package.

4. Funding considerations in 2021 and beyond

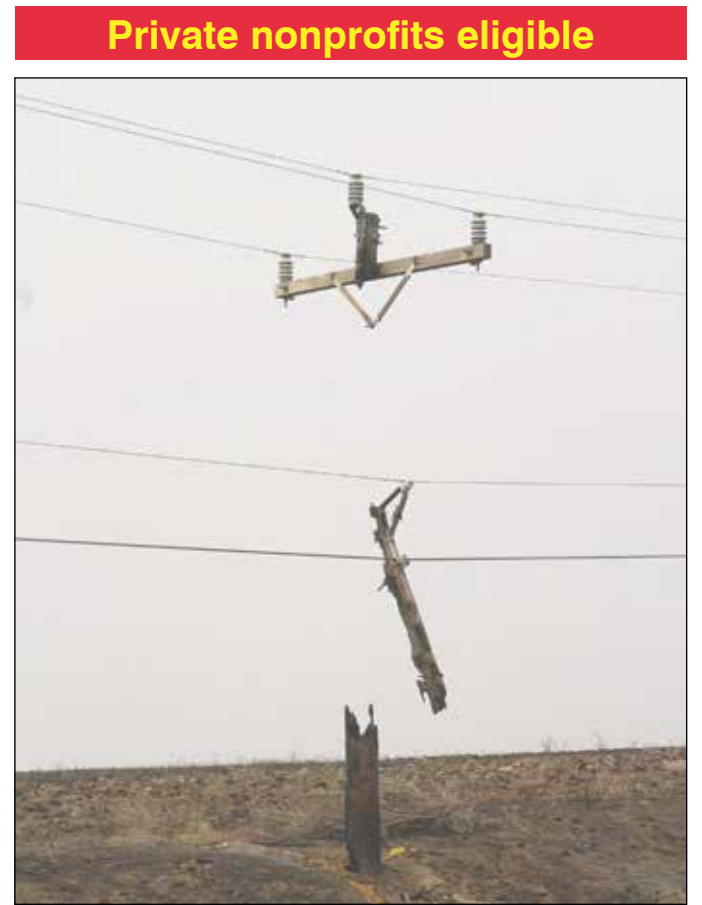
I realize this description of the two-year transportation budget and the interconnected relationship of the occasionally approved new revenue packages can be confusing. In short, new construction projects of major significance (like the ones included in the Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council priorities) do not get completed without corresponding new revenue and will not be included in the 2021-2023 transportation "budget" under development. The new revenues that fund new, major state transportation projects come in the form of additional fuel taxes and vehicle fees as longer-term supplemental plans to the biennial budgets. Another source of funding for major transportation projects could come in the form of federal grants, which are largely out-

side of our control and paid by us as federal taxpayers. Either way, we pay for new, major projects if we want them.

5. Maintenance and preservation is much needed

Funding for WSDOT maintenance and preservation has unfortunately not been increased to keep pace with the rate of inflation, nor with the addition of assets to the transportation system over time. WSDOT currently has less than half the funding needed to maintain and preserve transportation assets, so maintenance of our current system - not just new projects - should be an important state priority as well. Any future large-scale transportation package in our state must adequately fund efforts to maintain and preserve our current system, and legislators and local elected officials need to acknowledge this as a priority, even though it may not be as glamorous as discussing new projects. As the Legislature pursues various revenue packages for new projects, it is important that our region is prepared to discuss and advocate for our transportation priorities.

Sen. Brad Hawkins serves the 12th District, which covers much of North Central Washington.



Mike Maltais/QCH

A utility pole left hanging in pieces was among hundreds destroyed in Okanogan and Douglas counties by the Cole Springs wildfire last September.

Deadline approaches for SFA Disaster Loan applications

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO - The deadline for state private nonprofit organizations to apply for a Small Business Association (SBA) federal disaster loan for property damage caused by wildfire like last September's Cole Spring wildfire and straight-line winds that occurred Sept. 1-19, 2020, is approaching on April 5.

Tanya Garfield, Director of the SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West said private nonprofits of any size may apply for up to \$2 million to replace or repair damaged property and assets.

An SBA media release said the agency also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help eligible private nonprofits meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the private nonprofit suffered any property damage. Private nonprofits have until Nov. 4, 2021, to apply for an SBA Economic

Injury Disaster Loan.

These low-interest federal disaster loans are available in Douglas, Franklin, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Whitman, and Yakima counties in Washington; the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

The interest rate is 2.75 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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General Interest

Trump must have a second four years!!! He accomplished so much during his first term in office. The list is long, the best being the development and approval the covid 19 vaccine. This saved many lives, not only in the US, but also around the world. But in my mind, his good works are not the reason for a come-back; items he was not able to complete are. Here are some projects needing more work: first, completion of the southern border wall. Illegal immigration was well under control until he was ousted. out, President Biden has negated all the good work accomplished; a second Trump term is needed to complete the wall and work out other troubling immigration policies. Next, draining the swamp was started, but curtailed because of his loss. The corruption within the Department of Justice, including the FBI, is much deeper than anyone thought and, most likely, will get worse under Biden. The upper echelon of culprits have been identified and are being investigated, but have yet to be brought to justice. those remaining must be identified and fired. A second Trump term could go a long way to correct this. Third, Trump made great strides in changing attitudes of people not-so-fond of our country. He brought many Blacks and Latinos into the Republican party, mainly because of his successful economic policies. But, work is still needed to change the minds of socialist-minded Democrats and the main stream press. Finally, we need new leadership in our education system. The NEA is too powerful and is too bent on working on teacher problems while ignoring poor results with student education. For the next four years "Think Trump". Wallace Aunun

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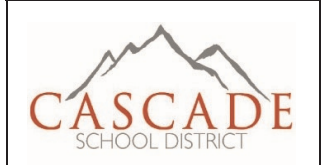
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- Application
- Resume
- Copy of Nursing Degree/ License
- Three current letters of recommendation

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Help Wanted



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