

Cite ill-conceived COVID regulations

Ag groups take legal action against state

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER



Governor Jay Inslee

LACEY - In mid-January state agricultural groups including the Washington Farm Bureau (WFB) and the Washington Farm Labor Association (WAFLA) issued a media release outlining their concerns about the state's Jan. 8 renewal of COVID emergency rules. They appealed to Governor Jay Inslee, the Washington state Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) that the third renewal absent modifications based on advances in science and vaccines is creating a hardship on farm owners and the guest workers on whom they depend.

The ag groups urged the state to stop rolling over the same regulations without considering the opportunity of widespread farm worker testing and immunization.

"Farmers have struggled during the COVID pandemic and endured crippling business restrictions," said WFB chief executive officer John Stuhlmiller. "But labor rules being made now mean many won't make it another growing season unless the state prioritizes farm worker vaccinations."

Farm labor shortage

A shortage of farm labor requires state farmers to rely on some 25,000 guest workers through the H2-A to fill

the vacuum during critical seasonal harvests. The H2-A program authorized under the Immigrant Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, allows farmers to import non-immigrant workers to perform ag labor for a maximum of 10 months.

The latest renewal of COVID regulations makes no provision for vaccinations and still imposes a limit on worker housing to 50 percent occupancy.

"Now that vaccines are here, we need the state's leadership to put our farmers on a path to recovery instead of tripling down on the same pre-vaccine approach," said WAFLA executive director Don Fazio. "A regulation that does not permit full housing

occupancy once occupants have been vaccinated doesn't make sense and is economically ruinous for farmers."

Changes requested

The farm groups summarized the changes they wanted the Gov. Inslee to consider:

• Testing

Farmers have committed to test and quarantine workers on arrival and are working with DOH and test administrators on a program where housing facilities operators test all occupants on arrival. Protocols are being established to isolate workers who show symptoms or test positive. Once tested, workers at congregate housing facilities should be quarantined as much as possible and visitors prohibited until workers receive a vaccination.

• Vaccination Prioritization

The first link in our food supply chain is the farmworker. It is especially crucial that farmworkers living in farm-provided congregate housing facilities be provided a free priority on vaccination led by the state. Once a worker has arrived at a housing facility and been tested, they should immediately be scheduled for vaccination.

• Recovery

The new rules treat every farmer the same and do not provide an offramp for farmers to move to economic recovery. They need to be updated to ensure farmers can go from pandemic restrictions to

normal operations by ending the emergency rule when 100 percent of workers in a farm congregate housing facility are vaccinated.

• Use Best Science and Practices

The science and understanding of COVID transmission have improved greatly since the emergency rules were first enacted in May 2020, yet the latest regulation does not incorporate these advances by restricting congregate housing. Research shows case numbers are higher in the community than when workers can isolate on farms. Limiting housing on farms has pushed thousands of farm workers to seek shelter in unregulated housing, increasing their exposure to the virus. The state should reconsider these restrictions in light of this new science.

Farm groups sue

In the absence of the Governor's willingness to adjust the renewed COVID rules WFB and WAFLA announced legal action against the state on Feb. 2. A WFB/WAFLA media release issued that day cited "ill-conceived" regulations that "increase health risks to essential farm workers and are pushing farmers out of business."

"After nearly a year of asking the state to work with the farm community to make needed adjustments to the COVID-19 emergency regulations, they were renewed once

again largely wholesale," said Stuhlmiller. "We're disappointed we had to take this step, but our farms are on the line and we had no other choice."

The farm leaders claim that while the state has made adjustments for other sectors, including schools and construction, that incorporate improved understanding of COVID-19 transmission and best practices, the state's emergency regulations for farmers remain unworkable.

"Farmers cannot stay in business if they can only employ and house half their workforce even after they are vaccinated," said Fazio. "We've watched as the state has worked with other industries to make reasonable adjustments and it's unfortunate that farmers have to ask a judge to be treated the same."

One key point of contention in the suit is the state requirement for farmers to provide twice-daily medical visits to isolated farm workers with COVID-19 symptoms, the WFB/WAFLA media release said. Health care professionals in rural and isolated communities, who are currently being called upon to administer vaccinations, are not able to provide this level of care. Moreover, the state does not provide this standard of care for its own congregate housing facilities, and no other industry has this requirement.

"We want farm workers to get the medical care they need. But doctors - not the state - should direct the appropriate level of care. This is what we told the state," said Stuhlmiller.

Other disputed regulations cited in the suit include:

- Requiring 20-minute access to emergency services and one-hour access to an emergency room with a ventilator is largely impossible in many rural and geographically isolated areas.
• Restricting occupancy of farmworker housing even after workers have been vaccinated is not based on any scientific foundation and economically ruinous for farmers by limiting their workforce to 50 percent.
• Allowing undefined non-essential "community workers" access to farms risks spreading COVID-19 in areas that are largely isolated and counter to established medical guidance. Last year elected officials, labor organizers and others visited farms, risking farm worker safety.
• Continually rolling over the same emergency regulations for the past year has essentially created permanent rules without following due process for farmers outlined in state statutes. Farmers face steep financial penalties for not meeting these regulations, the WFB/WAFLA release said.

NCW Libraries seeks Teen Council applicants

WENATCHEE - NCW Libraries is seeking applicants for a new Teen Library Council that will help develop programs and resources for teens across North Central Washington. Youth in grades 8-12 who live in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Grant and Ferry counties are eligible to apply for the volunteer advisory board. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 28.

The council will meet once a month via Zoom during the school year.

Members will be expected to participate in meetings, brainstorm and share ideas on how the library can better serve teens, help promote the library and create content for the library's website and social media, help judge an annual teen writing contest, and be an ambassador for the

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Birders take to the fields for the Bridgeport Christmas Bird Count

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - A hardy group of bird observers took to the fields around Bridgeport last Dec. 16 to participate in the area's 25 annual Christmas Bird Count in association with the National Audubon Society. Compilers Meredith Spencer and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Michael Schroeder added up the results and included their findings with a letter of appreciation to all the volunteers.

"Even though some of us had to deal with fog, in addition to the pandemic, the Bridgeport area might be one of the best birding spots in eastern Washington," Schroeder wrote.

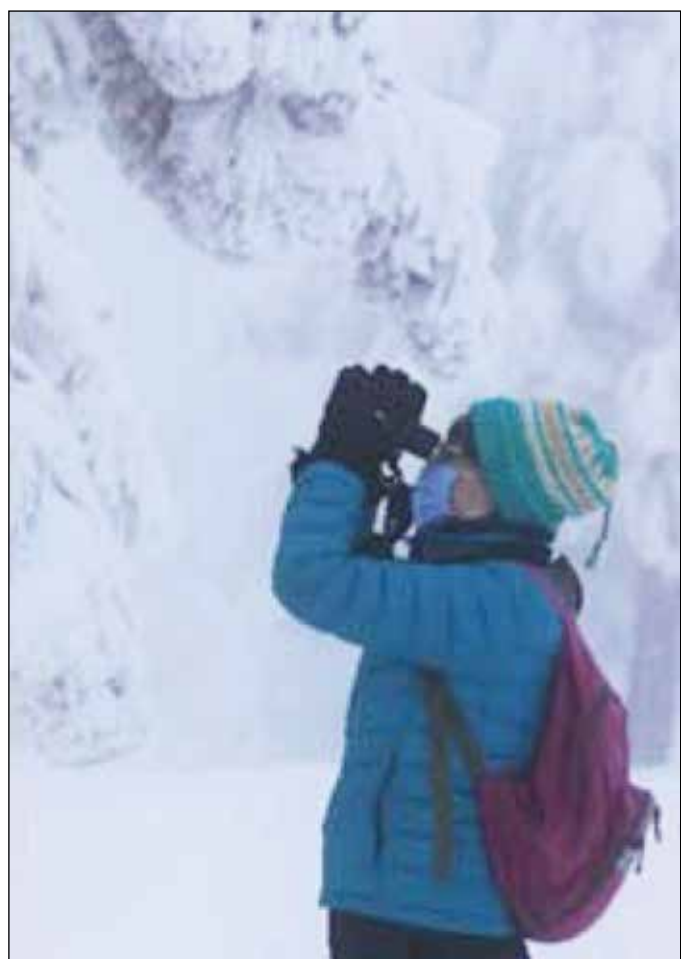
This year's count recorded 101 species among the estimated 321,540 birds counted, a number nearly 9,000 above the long-term average. As the accompanying chart shows the figures also include minimum, maximum, and average numbers for the past 25 years combined.

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Courtesy Michael Schroeder, WDFW

Rick Hendrick was a consistent regular in the 24 previous Bridgeport CBC events and was voted Volunteer of the Year by the WDFW. In this photo he is installing one of many nest boxes he constructed and monitored.



Courtesy Michael Schroeder, WDFW

Volunteer Leslie Robb takes foul weather and the pandemic in stride as she searches for bird species during the 2020 Bridgeport Christmas Bird Count.

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## Show support for our healthcare workers, join the Blue Ribbon Campaign



Courtesy Jill Fitzsimmons

It's been a long year for our healthcare community and area residents are asked to join in the Blue Ribbon Campaign – a community-wide appreciation effort for our healthcare workers. It's as easy as tying a blue ribbon around a tree at your home, or putting a blue ribbon card in your home or office window. A group of area county public information officers as well as local chambers of commerce are starting the campaign. They encourage youth groups, nonprofit organizations, businesses and citizens to join them. Why blue? Because it's the color of scrubs. Let's say thanks to those who have been there for us since the start of the COVID pandemic. Download the blue ribbon card at: [https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/files/public-works/documents/Thank%20you!%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/files/public-works/documents/Thank%20you!%20(1).pdf)

## DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

### Jan. 30

Parking/abandoned vehicle at Grange Road and State Route 173 in Bridgeport.

Alarm at Bridgeport Middle School, 1300 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.

Public assistance at 1618 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

Miscellaneous at State Route 173, milepost 136 in Bridgeport.

### Jan. 31

Welfare check at 1618 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

Domestic disturbance at 505 16th St. in Bridgeport.

Prowler at 106 Sage St. on Bridgeport Bar.

### Feb. 1

Non-injury accident at 861 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.

Public assistance at 1337 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.

Welfare check at 2415 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport

### Feb. 2

Suspicious incident at 2420 Monroe Ave. in Bridgeport.

### Feb. 4

Traffic offense at 15th St. and Foster Ave. in Bridgeport.

Animal problem 641 19th St. in Bridgeport.

### Feb. 5

Traffic offense at State Route 17, milepost 35 in Bridgeport.

Sick person at 1011 Columbia in Bridgeport.

Traffic offense at 10th Street and Douglas Avenue in Bridgeport.

Parking/abandoned vehicle at 400 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

Weapons violation at the 2600 block of Highland Drive in Bridgeport.

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library in their communities.

The council will give its members an opportunity to develop leadership skills, enhance college and job appli-

cations, and earn community service hours.

Find the application at [newlibraries.org/tlc](http://newlibraries.org/tlc).

For more information, contact Jessica Lynch, NCW Libraries' Teen Services Manager, at [jlynch@newlibraries.org](mailto:jlynch@newlibraries.org).

# Brewster Chamber moves ahead with 2021 event plans

By MIKE MALTAIS  
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BREWSTER – The regular Zoom meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce focused on plans for events that are still scheduled for later this year including the Fourth of July and Brewster King Salmon Derby in August.

President Mike Mauk said plans are going forward “with the knowledge that they may not happen or may need to be adjusted to comply with the restrictions set forth by the federal, state and city governments and the county health officials.”

Vice-president Manny

Hurtado reported that city businesses have been meeting and are all joining the Chamber to work together to bring the town together and help our businesses during these uncertain times.

“We know that as a group we have a better chance of having our voices heard,” said Mauk. “Businesses know the Chamber is key to having that happen.”

One of their principal concerns of city businesses and a reason for joining the Chamber is their effort to keep outside vendors from competing against them during the events the Chamber holds.

“They are here year-round and even in the slow times

they provide their services to the community,” said Mauk of city businesses. “They do not like that others come to town for the one- or two-day events. With that being the goal, they are going to do all they can to make that happen by bringing their booths and opening their businesses and catering during these events.”

Mauk said business owners have been meeting and want to bring a combined Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day event to Brewster.

“The businesses will provide the vendors and entertainment and the Chamber has agreed to host the event with advertisements and

help get sponsorship,” said Mauk.

“They plan to do the same for Mexican Independence Day most likely on Sept 20.”

Mauk said the Salmon Derby is moving forward and looks to be the largest event in Brewster this year.

Mauk said the city is with the North Central Washington Economic Development District and Economic Alliance on a \$30,000 grant that will be used to bring consultants to Brewster to offer strategies to make local businesses more acceptable to retail and visitors.

The next regular Chamber Zoom meeting is at 1 p.m., March 4.

## SBA takes steps to improve first draw Paycheck Protection Program Loan Review

SUBMITTED BY SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Small Business Administration is taking steps to improve the First Draw Paycheck Protection Program loan review so that small businesses have as much time as possible to access much needed PPP funds. The Biden-Harris Administration is focused on ensuring small businesses receive the support they need to keep their doors open and continue to employ millions of Americans across the country. The Administration is working with the Agency to identify immediate solutions to address eligibility, compliance, integrity, and promote transparency.

While reviewing the initial draw of PPP loans, anomalies – mostly data mismatches and eligibility concerns –

were identified in approximately 4.7% of the lender-submitted data. These concerns will require follow-up between the lender and the borrower so that borrowers can access a second round of loans.

The SBA is committed to working with lenders and eligible borrowers to provide the necessary information for follow-up and help get small businesses back on track so that they're able to receive another round of PPP loans swiftly. The SBA encourages borrowers and lenders to work together as quickly as possible to resolve the issues. The SBA will automatically move favorable decisions to approval. During the new-past round of PPP, the SBA has already approved over 400,000 loans for approximately \$35 billion.

“Prior to this newest PPP

round, the SBA supported 5.2 million PPP loan borrowers, providing more than \$525 billion in economic relief to small businesses and other eligible entities. The Agency is committed to making sure compliance checks are executed on the front-end. The SBA is also committed to addressing issues more efficiently moving forward, to ensure fair and equitable access to small businesses in every community,” said SBA Acting Administrator Tami Perriello.

The SBA is immediately addressing the PPP loan review to allow for Second Draw PPP loan applications to be processed in an efficient manner by:

(1) Hosting a national call to brief lenders on the Platform's additional detailed information that will assist in the resolution of First Draw PPP loan review and poten-

tial holds that impact Second Draw PPP loan application approvals

(2) Equipping the Agency's field team of lender relations specialists with information so they can provide support to lenders and borrowers in understanding the issues and facilitating the appropriate responses to resolve

(3) Providing additional guidance to PPP lenders on the review and resolution process

Through SBA's 68 district offices, the Agency will work in close partnership with the Administration to further leverage its resource partner network and expand on multilingual access and outreach about the PPP. Updated PPP information, including forms, guidance, and resources is at [www.sba.gov/ppp](http://www.sba.gov/ppp) and [www.treasury.gov/cares](http://www.treasury.gov/cares).

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“Forty-four species have

been observed every year and 159 species have been observed at least once on count day (not counting nine species only observed during the count week),” wrote Schroeder. “We added three new species this year.”

Notable increases were reported among common loon, horned grebe, greater scaup, hooded merganser, scaup

(both species combined), ruddy duck, Barrow's goldeneye, hooded merganser, long-eared owl, belted kingfisher, American crow, white-breasted nuthatch, song sparrow, and pine siskin.

A few of the birds that declined included ring-necked duck, California quail, horned lark, American robin, waxwings (both species com-

bined), and red crossbill,” wrote Schroeder. “One of our favorites, sharp-tailed grouse, was observed in multiple locations, despite this year's wildfire.”

In a note of condolence and recognition, Schroeder mentioned that long-time participant Rick Hendrick passed away 10 days prior to this season's count.

“Rick participated in the first 24 counts and was always at home when chasing an elusive species, building and monitoring nest boxes, restoring habitat, and feeding birds,” wrote Schroeder. “Rick was a Vietnam vet (Bronze Star and Purple Heart), a Volunteer of the Year for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and a beekeeper.”

Schroeder added that despite Hendrick's passing, participants were able to enjoy some of the fruits of his labor thanks to the honey he produced.

“We will think of Rick when we peruse the books from his bird library,” wrote Schroeder. “He is going to be greatly missed by all of us.”

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# Republican state senators start 'Freedom Caucus,' 12th District's Brad Hawkins prefers 'general' focus

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12th District State Senator Brad Hawkins, in an exclusive interview with NCW Media, stated the following in a response to a group of four Republican senators announcing the formation of a "Freedom Caucus" within the GOP Caucus:

"I fully support my Senate colleagues in their effort to advocate for lower taxes, greater freedoms, and individual rights. As a member of the Washington State Senate, I have worked alongside Senators Padden, McCune, Fortunato, and Erickson on many issues. They are very articulate, intelligent, and strategic legislators who will do an excellent job in communicating key messages about life, liberty, and prosperity."

Hawkins continued, "My understanding is that these four senators have formed this group as a subgroup of the Senate Republican Caucus, not a splinter group. They support the full Republican caucus but want to make sure certain issues are a specialty focus. I respect that because they are smart people, long-serving members and care deeply about our state," said Hawkins.

"As a senator of the 12th District, I proudly represent one of the largest geographical areas in Washington state. It includes all North Central Washington, including areas of Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties. The two main caucuses in my chamber are the Senate Republican and Senate Democratic caucuses, but there are actually many



Courtesy photo

## Sen. Brad Hawkins

other "caucuses" senators can associate with on priority issues," said Hawkins.

"We have the wildfire caucus, rail caucus, ferry caucus, open government caucus, and others. The 12th District is so diverse it seems that just about everything is important to us (agriculture, clean energy, outdoor recreation, education, state parks, transportation, etc.)," Hawkins said.

"Given this diversity, the approach that I believe works best for our district is to be a generalist rather than a specialist. I care about all issues important to people in our district, and this includes all of those I mentioned as well as lower taxes and liberty issues. I believe my approach of trying to be a knowledgeable advocate in many areas on many things has served the 12th District well, so I'm going to continue that approach. I will

say, it's definitely a challenge to represent all the needs in our huge district, but I am very honored to do so and thank the people of our district for that opportunity," Hawkins concluded. (Brad.Hawkins@leg.wa.gov).

The late January news release by the newly minted "Freedom Caucus" is keen-eyed focused on taxes, spending, individual liberties and restricted government, as its basic platform, according to the dispatch.

A spokesperson for the group stated "Senator Hawkins is not a member" but also acknowledged the group's membership may be increased in the future.

"Freedom is the watchword for the new Senate Freedom Caucus," stated the four lawmakers, who are advocating "for lower taxes, responsible state spending, individual liberties and a government that gets out of the people's way."

"The Freedom Caucus will advocate for core conservative principles. Sen. Doug Erickson, R-Ferndale, said the new caucus will tackle big-picture issues that often cannot be encompassed by broader political caucuses that must represent a wide variety of views."

"We need to take a stand for lower taxes, less government regulation and respect for people's constitutional rights," Erickson said. "Some of us wish to speak more strongly about these issues than others. The people need a voice for freedom in Olympia, and that voice will be the Freedom Caucus."

Founding members of the Freedom Caucus are Erickson, Sen. Phil Fortunato, R-Auburn, Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley, and Sen. Jim McCune, R-Graham.

"Never has the need for a Freedom Caucus been so great," Fortunato said. "Legislative Democrats this year are pushing one of the most radical agendas in Washington history. While the public is forced to stay home, a narrow band of urban activists are pushing an income tax, measures to increase gas prices, and legislation to erode the people's rights under the Constitution. Rather than working to make these bad ideas somewhat better, we need to draw the line and make ourselves heard. We don't want to throw a drowning person a life preserver. We want to pull people out of the water," he concluded.

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# Senators Murray, Cantwell applaud Biden administration granting Wildfire Aid for Washington State Communities

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U.S. SENATOR PATTY MURRAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) on February 24 applauded President Biden approving Governor Jay Inslee's request for a statewide federal emergency disaster declaration in response to last year's devastating wildfires. In doing so, the Biden Administration approved Public Assistance for Douglas, Franklin, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Whitman, and Yakima Counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and made all areas in the State of Washington eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Individual Assistance to people and households in Malden who were affected by the wildfires remains under review. The move by the Biden Administration, just two weeks into President Biden's term, comes after the Trump Administration refused to grant this aid to Washington state communities for months over political disagreements, leaving people and communities to wonder about their futures.

"I'm so glad that President Biden listened to the pleas of the communities and Tribes who have been devastated by wildfires, and moved quickly to grant a disaster declaration and relief after the previous administration's delays," Senator Murray said. "I appreciate everyone in Malden and other affected communities who have shared their stories with me to take to the White House and advocate for aid—your words and efforts have been critical to getting this done. Ensuring you get all the resources you need, including individual assistance, remains

a top priority for me, and I will continue working with the Biden-Harris Administration to see this through till you've recovered."

"No one should play politics with disaster relief," Senator Cantwell said. "Now it is time to help Malden rebuild with this disaster declaration, which makes FEMA resources available to help rebuild things like roads, bridges, and power lines."

Senators Murray and Cantwell wrote to President Biden on January 22 urging him to quickly approve Governor Inslee's request for a disaster declaration, and since President Biden assumed office two weeks ago Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, and their staffs have worked closely with the Biden Administration to get relief to Washington state communities in need. These efforts followed months of political delays by the Trump Administration on aid, despite multiple bipartisan overtures from Senators Murray and Cantwell and Washington state's entire congressional delegation. On December 8, Senator Murray led Washington state's full congressional delegation in a letter to President Trump and FEMA Administrator Gaynor urging approval of Governor Inslee's September request for a federal emergency disaster declaration to address wildfire destruction in Whitman County that destroyed the community of Malden and other areas in Eastern Washington. This followed letters, led by Senator Murray, from the entire Washington state congressional delegation first on September 17 and then again on October 13 in support of Governor Inslee's multiple requests for a Major Disaster Declaration for the state of Washington and supplemental federal assistance.

# Republican senators announce formation of 'Freedom Caucus'

To speak for individual liberties, restrained, responsible government



- Will advocate lower taxes, greater freedom, rights guaranteed by Constitution
- Issue-oriented caucus will be voice for life, liberty and prosperity
- Will ensure conservative voice is heard

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Erickson said. "Some of us wish to speak more strongly about these issues than others. The people need a voice for freedom in Olympia, and that voice will be the Freedom Caucus."

The Freedom Caucus, announced at a news conference Thursday, will put its emphasis on the direction and role of government. Key issues include the rights of the individual guaranteed by the Constitution, with a particular emphasis on the economic freedoms that underpin the free-market economy. Top concerns include the sweeping agenda being pushed by Gov. Jay Inslee and majority Democrats this year as the public is excluded from Olympia by COVID precautions. Also of concern are arbitrary edicts from the governor's office regarding the shutdown of the Washington economy, and the lack of public input into decision-making.

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"Never has the need for a Freedom Caucus been so great," Fortunato said. "Legislative Democrats this year are pushing one of the most radical agendas in Washington history. While the public is forced to stay home, a narrow band of urban activists are pushing an income tax, measures to increase gas prices, and legislation to erode the people's rights under the Constitution. Rather than working to make these bad ideas somewhat better, we need to draw the line and make ourselves heard. We don't want to throw a drowning person a life preserver. We want to pull people out of the water."

Padden said, "During these unprecedented times, it is more important than ever that we stand up for the people of this state. They want their right to petition their government,

to speak their mind, protect their families and communities, and make a living to be defended. They want their rights to initiative and referendum kept intact. They need relief from crushing taxes and stifling duplicative regulations. More than anything else, they want their elected officials to hear them and reflect their will.

"It is my hope that, through the Freedom Caucus, we will be able to focus like a laser on these issues and move the ball further down the field towards liberty and justice."

## CLARIFICATION

Kerry Harvey, a first grade teacher in the Pateros School District, is retiring after 37 years with the Pateros School District. She taught junior high and high school students for 19 years, and has taught in the grade school the last 18 years.

# WAEF taking applications for \$1 million in scholarships

Text Apple to 56512 for scholarship information

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER WITHERBEE, WASHINGTON APPLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WENATCHEE - It's the final month for students to apply for Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF) scholarships. Annually, the tree fruit industry awards \$1 million in scholarships through WAEF to students raised in families with ties to Washington's tree fruit industry. The deadline for qualified students to submit completed applications is Monday, March 1 at 11:59 p.m.

Scholarship promotion has been challenging this year with many students not at-

tending school in person. To make finding the application easier, the WAEF has a quick link for students, text the word Apple to 56512. A message will be sent in response with the link to access the foundation's application and scholarship information.

Additionally, a new scholarship training website was created by WAEF to serve students participating in distance education. It is accessed at www.scholarshipresources.org. The site contains four courses each focusing on a different area of the application process. Students and parents will also find a resources page with various templates, information on paying for college, and webinar recordings with tips on applying for scholarships.

"We are concerned for students this year and do not want to see qualified appli-

cants miss out on scholarship funding for the 2021-22 school year," shared WAEF executive director Jennifer Witherbee. "In years past we've visited each of the high schools in our region to share information about scholarships personally with students," she added.

The foundation has provided virtual scholarship training to students in some schools arranged by high school counselors and teachers this year.

General requirements for WAEF scholarships and scholarship application links are available at www.waef.org/scholarships. Foundation staff welcomes phone calls and emails from students, parents and others about applying for scholarships. WAEF staff can be reached at (509) 663-7713 or at scholarships@waef.org.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Randy (Randal) Lee Williams**

Randy (Randal) Lee Williams passed away on January 26, 2021, due to an infection while battling cancer. He was born in Modesto, California, on February 19, 1947, to Bill and Mildred Williams of Wenatchee, Washington.



Randy spent a majority of his childhood growing up in the San Joaquin Valley and then later migrated the coast following harvests with his family until they permanently settled in Pateros. Randy graduated from Pateros High School, in 1965. Randy enjoyed athletics: playing football, baseball, and basketball, and was active in several clubs. While in school, he met his wife to be, Lynda Williams and they were married for 53 years.

and sports events. Randy was a lifelong learner and teacher of all the knowledge he could absorb, he loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed working in his garden, painting/drawing, fishing, motorcycles, sports, coaching, and camping.

Upon graduating Randy was drafted into the Army and spent the next two years in Texas and Korea. Upon returning stateside, Randy and Lynda began their family and purchased both a home and orchard on the Bridgeport Bar. The next 20 years he dedicated to farming and family.

Randy was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

He stayed very active between volunteer coaching, school board, and following family sporting events all over the state. Once his children were grown he veered from his hands-on farming and took a plant management position at Nickell Warehouse. He then spent the next 20 years managing production lines for several local warehouses.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Medina of Bridgeport, Washington; son, Mark Williams of East Wenatchee, Washington; four grandchildren: Danielle Medina, Alex Solorzano (Alexa Burch), Hunter Williams, and Deyd Williams; and two great-grandchildren, Elora Solorzano and Oliver Solorzano. He is also survived by his and brother: Gordon, and sisters: Linda and Kathy; and numerous nieces and nephews. He loved his family very much and will be missed tremendously by all.

Randy retired from the industry in 2010 and took great enjoyment using this freedom to now follow his grandkids school

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at [www.barneschapel.com](http://www.barneschapel.com). Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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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. Take out only. Please reserve your meal by calling 509-689-2815. Pick-up time is between 11 a.m. and 12 noon.

The home-delivered meal program is not interrupted and is on its regular schedule.

For more information about senior meal programs: Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition at 509-826-7979 or Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington at 800-572-4459

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**BREWSTER** - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$8.50.

**Senior meals, Feb. 10-11, 16-18**

**Wednesday, Feb. 10**

Chicken Salad Croissant, Vegetable Soup, Grapes, Dessert

**Thursday, Feb. 11**

Honey Dijon Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Chuck Wagon Corn, Mixed Greens Salad, Citrus Salad, WW Roll Dessert

**Monday, Feb. 16**

Lemon Baked Fish, Rosemary Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, 7 Layer Salad, Focaccia Bread, Fruit Crisp

**Tuesday, Feb. 17**

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**Wednesday, Feb. 18**

White Bean Chicken Chili, Corn Chips, Spinach Salad, Peaches, WW Roll, Dessert

**Feb. 11, 16, 18**

**'What's Up Vet!'**

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Go to: [us02web.zoom.us/j/86358564972](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358564972)

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

Sponsored by CCVSO, Wenas Valley College and the Washington State Veteran Corps Navigation project.

**Feb. 12, 19**

**Brewster bus trips**

**BREWSTER** - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Feb. 12. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc.

On the third Friday of each month Feb. 19, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

**Red Cross Blood Drive: Feb. 17**

Chelan - An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Feb. 17, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, corner of Johnson Avenue and Emerson Street. To make an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill

on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

**Feb. 22**

**Okanogan County PUD meeting**

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners will held Monday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. For more information [okanoganpud.org](http://okanoganpud.org)

**Feb. 22**

**Douglas County PUD meeting**

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m. at the District's East Wenatchee office. To comply with the Open Public Meetings act due to COVID-19, a conference phone line number will be provided at the top of the Draft Agenda posted on their website under Latest News the Friday before

the meeting.

**March 4**

**Brewster Chamber of Commerce**

**BREWSTER** - The Brewster Chamber of Commerce will hold their next general meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 895 8397 7411

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**Help available for Douglas County veterans**

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

**April 30 deadline**

**P.E.O. Scholarship Opportunity**

NCW - Applications are now being accepted for the Upper Valley Scholarship supported by P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist women in need of financial help return to higher education in an accredited university, college or technical school in the State of Washington. This needs-based scholarship must be used for school expenses and will be paid directly to the school. Applications must be received for consideration by April 30, 2021. Scholarship funds will be available by

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Memorials are another way to let the community know about the life and memories of the person who has passed. A Memorial is different from an Obituary. An Obituary is usually current, while a Memorial can be written later.

Obituaries and Memorials need to be typed and emailed as a Word Document. They can be placed in one or more papers - all publish weekly on Wednesday.

Obituaries are priced by the number of words and include one color photo and go online at no extra charge. Memorials are priced per column inch. Please call for cost. \*Payment is due at the time of placement. \*Exception: Chapels, funeral homes who have an account, can be billed. There is no charge for a Death Notice - information is limited.

Deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday - some exceptions may apply.

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**Due to the COVID19 Virus, churches have suspended Saturday and Sunday Services, Sunday School and meetings.**

Please call or email your church listed below if you need more information. May you take time to pray, rest, meditate and reflect during this time. Stay well, stay strong and stay informed.



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# Employment Security must restore accountability, transparency, and trust

To say 2020 was a tough year would be an underestimate. If you had to rely on the Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD) it may have been exceptionally difficult.

Last spring it is estimated that ESD lost up to \$576 million in unemployment funds to a Nigerian fraud ring.

In October, the State Auditor's Office was trying to investigate the fraud and other issues within the ESD by conducting a series of audits. Unfortunately, State Auditor Pat McCarthy indicated in an Oct. 20 letter that ESD was being difficult and interfering with the audits.

Now, we have recently learned a security breach has compromised the personal information of more than 1.5 million people who filed unemployment claims in Washington state.

While we are working through an unprecedented pandemic, at some point there needs to be accountability within our state government.

Many across the state have endured financial hardship through no fault of their own. It has been 11 months since the COVID pandemic hit Washington state. The ESD has hired hundreds of new staff, but emails and phone calls are still going unanswered. Some people have had to wait months for their payments. Others have received incor-



Rep. Keith Goehner

rect overpayment notices of up to \$26,000.

In desperation citizens are reaching out to legislators for help. Our office alone has filed more than 110 requests for escalation on constituent claims. Unfortunately, cases are taking more than a month to be resolved, if resolved at all.

A couple months ago, the online news outlet Crosscut ran a story stating that as of Dec. 5, there were still 27,000 people still waiting for ESD to resolve their claims from March. The article also mentioned the agency is taking an average of 10 weeks to resolve complicated claims. The case stories are frustrating, disappointing, and sad.

At the beginning of October, my office was contacted by a mother of two, who was struggling through a recent divorce. The department had errone-

ous information about her claim that needed to be fixed. She couldn't reach anyone at ESD and found herself in a desperate financial situation. She contacted our office and we filed an escalation claim on Oct. 28. Thanksgiving came and went. We contacted ESD again to inquire about the delay.

Her claim had been denied due to "incomplete employer information" but they provided no option on how to resolve the situation and complete her claim.

Hoping for a Christmas miracle, we contacted ESD again, to no avail. Finally, on Dec. 28, we heard from the constituent she had received her funding. If the department had placed a simple phone call to the constituent, the issue could have been resolved.

This is just one story. Legislators from across the state have similar stories. Folks living in their cars, losing their homes, nowhere to turn.

I know the employees at ESD are working hard and are overwhelmed with caseloads. However, where is the communication? Do they need more funding? More employees? What can we do as representatives or a Legislature?

For the last ten months we practically begged the governor to call a special session – to help those in need. That includes making sure our state government is providing

the services and assistance required during a pandemic. Employment Security had 10 months to figure it out.

Our state government needs to be better. Legislators want to help. However, the governor must let us be part of the process and at the same time hold his agencies accountable.

Maybe the most disappointing part of all this, is that Suzi Levine, the former Director of the Employment Security Department who failed so many people over the last 11 months, has been rewarded. She is going to handle employment security claims at the federal level for the Biden Administration.

The agency has not shown accountability, the audit situation showed a lack of transparency, and with the latest security breach I am sure the public's trust has been violated.

Accountability, transparency, and trust are not too much to ask from our state government agencies. We must do better for the citizens of Washington, especially at a time when they need it most.

*Rep. Keith Goehner, R-Dryden, represents the 12th Legislative District in the Washington State Legislature. He is the lead Republican on the House Local Government Committee and also serves on the House Environment and Energy and Transportation committees.*

## Newhouse named Assistant Whip for House Republican Conference

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF REP. DAN NEWHOUSE



Rep. Dan Newhouse

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) announced February 1 that he has been named Assistant Whip by Republican Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA). Scalise was re-elected as the Republican Whip for the 117th Congress earlier this month. As Assistant Whip, Rep. Newhouse will mobilize Republican votes in support of conservative priorities in the House of Representatives.

"The priorities of Central Washington – and the West at large – are distinct to the unique challenges facing rural America. As part of the Whip Team, I will be an active voice on behalf of our nation's rural and agricultural communities, working to ensure our Republican Conference understands the negative impacts of the Democrats' partisan policies," said Rep. Newhouse. "I'm honored to have been selected for this role by Whip Scalise and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside him to advance the cause of Central Washingtonians and conservatives across the country."

"I'm very excited to welcome Dan to the Whip Team for the 117th Congress. With a historically close margin between the parties in the House, it's more important

than ever that we stand together against Democrats' radical plans to remake our country," said Whip Scalise. "Dan will be a central player in this effort. Dan brings a solid background in farming, state legislating, and appropriations experience, which will make an immediate impact in our whip operation. As the head of the Western Caucus, Dan also brings a strong understanding of the needs, aims, and motivations of our Western Members and their constituents. He is a great addition to our team and I look forward to working together over this Congress."

Rep. Newhouse has represented Washington's 4th District in Congress since 2015. In addition to his position as Assistant Whip, he serves as Chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus.

## Sen. Murray announces more than \$84 Million in Federal Awards to combat housing insecurity during COVID-19

*The Shove House receives \$72,280*

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR PATTY MURRAY

WASHINGTON D.C. – U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), the incoming Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, announced Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2020 awards totaling more than \$84.4 million for communities across Washington state. The federal investments come from the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, which provides funding to nonprofit providers, as well as state and local governments, to quickly provide housing options for families and people facing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence. Of these awards, over \$7 million will be used across the

state to combat youth homelessness through the CoC Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). As COVID-19 continues to take a heavy toll on people across Washington state, and families struggle to make rent, children and families facing housing insecurity are at an increased risk of exposure and transmission, and often lack a safe place to self-isolate should the need arise.

"This pandemic has hit individuals and families navigating housing insecurity and homelessness especially hard, and it's important now more than ever that those people have access to safe housing options to self-isolate or practice social distancing," Senator Murray said. "These federal awards are critical to that fight and ensuring that the many children and families struggling to keep a roof over their heads have the

help they need. Congress must do more, and I won't stop fighting to get our most vulnerable families the housing assistance they need to stay safe and live during this difficult time."

Last year, Senator Murray helped secure over \$100 million in Emergency Solutions Grants for Washington state through the CARES Act, which provided a critical lifeline for people and families experiencing or facing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. And as a senior member of the Senate subcommittee responsible for housing appropriations, Senator Murray has consistently fought to strengthen funding for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants programs to combat the housing crisis in Washington state and across the country. In 2016, Senator Murray helped create the YHDP program as

part of the FY 2016 appropriations bill to expand funding for rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and transitional housing to youth experiencing homelessness, and has previously secured millions of dollars in YHDP awards for Washington state since the program's creation.

In total, \$84,416,184 in FY 2020 grant renewals were awarded to communities across Washington state through the CoC Program.

A Federal award went to Okanogan Behavioral Health-Care / The Shove House, Omak, CoCR Program, Renewal for: \$72,280

## Newhouse, Thompson introduce Bipartisan PHONE Act to support natural disaster survivors

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On February 1, Reps. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA) introduced the Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2021 (PHONE Act) to support natural disaster survivors who have lost their homes by allowing them to keep their phone numbers while they rebuild at no cost to them.

"The people of Central Washington and communities across the West understand the challenges of

rebuilding after a natural disaster like a catastrophic wildfire," said Rep. Newhouse. "I'm proud to introduce this legislation to ensure that families, homeowners, businesses, and farmers can remain connected to the people and resources they need to get back on their feet after a natural disaster."

"Disaster survivors who lost their homes face a daunting process with miles of red tape and they deserve

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## Hawkins asks Inslee to make COVID-19 vaccine available now to all in-person school employees wanting it

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF SENATOR BRAD HAWKINS

OLYMPIA - Sen. Brad Hawkins, the ranking Republican on the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee, is asking Gov. Jay Inslee to make it possible for all in-person school employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccination now if they want it.

In a letter sent to the governor on Feb. 3, Hawkins wrote:

"I appreciate the step that you took to modify your vaccine plan to allow all school employees regardless of age to gain access in Phase 1B2, however, you significantly slowed down the process to move to that phase. As I have communicated previously, our school employees are on the front lines – many currently providing in-person instruction – and helping our state fulfill its paramount duty regarding education. They de-

serve to be protected."

Later in his letter to Inslee, Hawkins wrote:

"In a recent news conference, you compared a 25-year old teacher to an 80-year old Washingtonian. To me, this greatly oversimplifies the policy argument about access to vaccines. You did not mention that under your current plan, for example, a 64-year old teacher is unable to be vaccinated yet a 65-year old retiree who can still self-isolate is eligible. I support prioritizing our older Washingtonians and vulnerable adults, but our school employees (administrators, teachers, and support staff) deserve to be prioritized alongside these older Washingtonians, especially those who are providing direct student support today. Our state will not get back to normal until our schools are successfully functioning.

"Please consider advancing our state to Phase 1B2, allow school employees providing in-person instruction today to be assigned to Phase 1B1, or authorize local health providers to utilize their discretion when administering vaccines. Additionally, please clarify publicly your support for all school employees to gain access to the vaccine – regardless of age – in the same phase per your decision on January 18, as your response at a recent news conference appears to contradict your revised guidance."

Hawkins, a former member of the Eastmont School Board in East Wenatchee, said Inslee's current COVID-19 vaccination phases timeline is vague and different from the governor's original vaccination phases timeline.

Hawkins represents the 12th District, which covers much of North Central Washington.

charity of the tree fruit industry. Its mission is to impact lives through access to educational opportunities. The foundation is funded through voluntary contributions made

by growers, packers, suppliers and others involved in the tree fruit industry. More information about the foundation can be found at [www.waef.org](http://www.waef.org).

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The Washington Apple Education Foundation is the

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**The Contract**  
A novel by local writer William E. Forhan.

Most mothers can tell you the moment their child was born. It's not the same for fathers. But I can tell you precisely the moment I met my daughters. It was 2:46 on a Sunday afternoon in October. I had rushed back from church and just sat down to watch the game of the week. My Denver Broncos were playing their most despised of opponents – the Oakland Raiders. My game was interrupted by a knock on my front door. My wife had taken our two sons to help her with grocery shopping. So I had to get up from my game to respond to that irritating knock. I opened the door to two attractive young women. They seemed surprised. "You're a priest?" one queried.

In my rush to watch the game I had not removed my clerical collar. "Well, yes I am," I responded. Fully expecting they were a couple of young evangelists looking to tell me about the gospel. There was a sudden and distinctly deafening pause. "Can I help you?" I finally said. They looked at each other. Then almost in unison burst out, "We think you're our father!" In an instant twenty-three years of guilt and remorse overcame me. I could not help it. Tears poured out like a river. My heart began to pound and I could not hear a sound. We looked at each other for what seemed like an eternity. None of us knowing what to say next, but I knew in my heart they were correct.

*Bill's Book is now available online through Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Apple iBook The paperback is \$16.99 and the ebook is \$8.99. Or you can order the book directly from Bill at The Leavenworth Echo (509-548-5286), the Lake Chelan Mirror (509-682-2213), or by emailing your contact information to [Bill.Forhan@gmail.com](mailto:Bill.Forhan@gmail.com). Orders placed directly with the author have the added advantage of being signed including a short message if you like. Sales tax applies and if you request mail delivery add \$3.00 for postage. There is no charge if your order is picked up at the Echo or Mirror office.*

## THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

### February is for the birds

By JOHN KRUSE,  
THE WASHINGTON  
OUTDOOR REPORT

Bird hunting season is over for the most part but bird watching season is in full swing with several opportunities and events taking place this month around Washington State.

No matter where you live you can participate in the annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Taking place between February 12 and February 15, it's easy to be part of this citizen science project. Simply spend 15 minutes or more on any one of these four days watching birds and report what you see at [www.backyardbirdcount.org](http://www.backyardbirdcount.org). As the name of the event implies, many of these observations take place in the backyard, watching birds come and go from bird feeders. However, you are not limited to your yard. You can participate in any place you choose to go to.

If you are looking for some ideas about where to go consider some of the National Wildlife Refuges located in Eastern Washington. The Little Pend Oreille (near Colville), Turnbull (near Cheney), Columbia (near Othello) and Toppenish Na-



Courtesy John Kruse

A killdeer at the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge.

tional Wildlife Refuges all offer outstanding bird habitat allowing you to see everything from waterfowl to shorebirds to song birds, upland birds and raptors.

With hunting season over, our state wildlife areas also afford excellent bird (and wildlife) watching opportunities this week. One of the best to visit is the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area. At 160,000 plus acres this state land covers a good portion of rural Grant and Adams Counties and offers everything from desert habitat to wetlands to creeks, rivers and lakes offering a wide variety of

habitat for birds throughout the year. Numerous other state wildlife areas also offer uncrowded access to wildlife watchers this month. You can find where they are by going to [www.wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas). Do keep in mind a Discovery Pass or Fish and Wildlife Access Pass is required to park in any of these areas or access sites.

Finally, if you enjoy seeing bald eagles head towards the Columbia River Gorge. The Friends of the Columbia River Gorge, a non-profit organization, and several partners are doing their 11th annual Eagle Watch a little



Courtesy John Kruse

Sparrows at the backyard bird feeder.

different this year. Normally, there would be guided hikes and viewing opportunities to see the numerous bald eagles that spend the winter along the Columbia River but thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's event will be virtual.

The highlight will be a live webinar on Tuesday, February 16 at 6 p.m. If you want to learn about eagle behavior, migration patterns, biology and why so many bald

eagles come to the Columbia River Gorge every winter, this promises to be an educational experience. Speakers include Morgan Olson, the Raptor Educator at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles. Matthew Stuber, a wildlife biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service will also be speaking as well Amber Tilton, a park ranger for the US Army Corps of Engineers, working at The Dalles Lock and Dam. There is not

cost to attend this online webinar but you are asked to register in advance. You can do so through the events page at [www.gorgefriends.org](http://www.gorgefriends.org). After you take in the webinar, consider heading to the Columbia River Gorge with a camera and a pair of binoculars and check out our national bird in person!

John Kruse – [www.northwesternoutdoors.com](http://www.northwesternoutdoors.com) and [www.americaoutdoorsradio.com](http://www.americaoutdoorsradio.com)

# Beating vaccine related aches and pains

My COVID vaccine experience was similar to my Hepatitis B vaccine series that I received 30 years ago. A series of 3 shots, spaced out over 6 months, my first Hepatitis B shot didn't cause any discomfort. The second one that I received one month later was a different story. My left arm felt like someone had punched me HARD, even though I didn't see any bruising.

My third and final Hepatitis B shot was even worse. Given six months after my first Hepatitis B vaccine, I could barely move my arm for the next week! Thank goodness that was the last one, because if there had been a fourth dose of vaccine needed, I doubt that I would've gone through with it.

My first COVID-19 vaccination felt much like my second Hepatitis B shot, giving me a sore arm for about a week. Then came my second and final dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, which will



provide me with 94% immunity from COVID-19 within 2 weeks.

This time around, not only did my left arm ache but so did my shoulders and back. I woke up the morning after my vaccination with a headache, severe fatigue, and muscle aches at an 8 out of 10 on a pain scale.

First, I tried ibuprofen, two tablets of 200mg, but that only took my discomfort down to a 6 out of 10. Then, I remembered some recent studies showing how taking BOTH Tylenol® and Ibuprofen AT THE SAME TIME could relieve pain better than taking either one separately. In fact, the Pfizer company just introduced Advil Dual Action®, a combination tablet containing 125mg ibuprofen and 250mg acetaminophen.

Taking 2 tablets of 200mg

ibuprofen PLUS 2 tablets of 500mg extra-strength acetaminophen every 6 hours eased my muscle aches and headache. My discomfort level decreased from an 8 out of 10 to 3 out of 10. Not only that, but I didn't experience stomach distress like higher doses of ibuprofen give me.

The most common pain relievers for mild to moderate headache and muscle aches are non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIDs) like ibuprofen (Motrin-IB®) or naproxen (Aleve®). Other choices include acetaminophen (Tylenol®) and topical agents like IcyHot® or Voltaren® gel for smaller areas.

NSAIDs like ibuprofen, naproxen, or Voltaren® are often more effective than acetaminophen to relieve discomfort from muscle soreness or a sprained or strained muscle. Unlike acetaminophen, NSAIDs can irritate your stomach. Taking NSAID medicines with a full

glass of water or some food can reduce stomach burning and discomfort.

If you take prescription medications for pain or inflammation, be extra careful when considering taking over the counter (OTC) acetaminophen or NSAIDs. Prescription-strength pain medicines have different brand names and abbreviations for acetaminophen and NSAIDs, setting you up for an accidental overdose.

Check with your doctor before taking OTC ibuprofen or naproxen if you have kidney problems, stomach problems, or heart failure.

I recommend drinking a full glass of water whenever taking an NSAID. It dilutes the medicine as it dissolves in your stomach, helping prevent stomach irritation. Extra fluid also helps prevent dehydration while taking an NSAID, protecting your kidneys.

5 Ways to Relieve Discomfort from Vaccinations

1. Plan for possible "down-

time" after your COVID-19 or Shingrix® shingles vaccine.

These use a "booster" or adjuvant compound to alert your immune system that they need to pay attention to them, like waving a flag at a bull. The resulting muscle aches and fatigue are temporary. However, your symptoms may be similar to someone with COVID or severe enough to keep you home or in bed.

2. Choose your non-dominant arm.

Vaccines like shingles and the Pfizer and Moderna COVID vaccines contain a "booster" compound. The booster helps your immune system recognize and react to the vaccine, triggering more soreness.

3. Try an NSAID first for muscle aches, sprains, or strains.

Discomfort from muscle pain usually responds better to an NSAID than acetaminophen (Tylenol®). Ibuprofen works for about 6

hours, while naproxen works for nearly 12 hours.

4. Take acetaminophen AT THE SAME TIME as an NSAID to get more relief.

Taking acetaminophen and an NSAID at the SAME TIME seems to work better than alternating them. They do not interfere with each other, and together they last longer than either of them alone.

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Taking Tylenol Arthritis® or Tylenol 8-Hour® 650mg tablets plus naproxen (Aleve®) can give you 10-12 hours of pain relief.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of *Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely*. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog *TheMedicationInsider.com*. ©2021 Louise Achey



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## SUPPORT

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as much assistance from the Federal government as possible. After I heard that local disaster survivors in our district were having trouble keeping their phone numbers while they rebuilt their homes, I knew Congress needed to do something," said Thompson. "That's why I reintroduced the bipartisan

PHONE Act with Representative Newhouse to allow disaster survivors to keep their phone numbers and give them that important peace of mind during the recovery process. I will continue working to get this bill signed into law and bring back every Federal dollar and resource to help fire survivors."

The PHONE Act would place an automatic 1-year freeze on residential wireline phone number reassignment

following a major disaster declaration and create an option to extend that freeze for an additional year at customer request. The bill requires that states must determine this safeguard is necessary and in the public interest, coordinate with FEMA, and consult with wireline service providers to reasonably limit the designation to areas that have sustained covered damage under the respective disaster declaration.

## BULLETIN

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the Fall of 2021, and be sent directly to the school financial department upon confirmation of enrollment. Women applicants must be seeking further higher education at either the undergraduate or graduate level in one of the following ways:

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- Applicant must be currently enrolled in, or returning to, a higher education program

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Women interested in applying for the scholarship may receive more detailed information concerning the application process, as well as request the application form by contacting: Mimi Keller

Chair, Scholarship Committee at [mimikeller5@icloud.com](mailto:mimikeller5@icloud.com)

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Can you believe we got rid of one of our best Presidents ever? His accomplishments are many: a great economy, boosting incomes for everyday Americans, lowest unemployment roles for many years, historic tax cuts, rebuilt the military, protected unborn babies, expanded educational freedom, enhanced relations with Israel, negotiated better relationship between Israel and mid-east countries, effectively protected our southern boarder. There's more, but I hope you get the point. Why is he gone? Because of the hate generated for him by The Dems and the press. November 3, 2020 will be remembered not as a proud day in America, but as day when lies won over truth and hate beat love. God help us!!!



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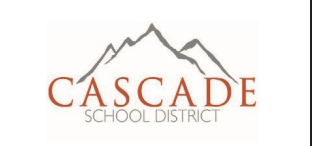
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Mansfield School District is hiring for the following positions: Para-Educator, Bus Driver, Maintenance/Grounds and District Secretary. To view job descriptions and download an application, access our website at [www.mansfield.wednet.edu](http://www.mansfield.wednet.edu) We are an equal opportunity employer.



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

Icicle River Middle School Principal

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**Help Wanted**

**The Brewster School District**

is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant/Human Resources position. This position is full time (260 days) per year with vacation days and benefits. The successful candidate is responsible for providing secretarial and administrative support to the Superintendent and other administrators. The salary is based on experience and the successful candidate will be placed on the district's exempt salary schedule. This position is open until filled. A complete job description may be obtained from the district's website [www.brewsterbears.org](http://www.brewsterbears.org)

**Brewster School District is accepting applications for the following:**

- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Middle School Paraprofessional
- High School Paraprofessional

Each position is 7 hours per day and must meet the Title 1 requirements as listed:

- AA Degree, or
- 2 years of college course work documented with transcripts, or
- Pass the ETS paraprofessional test (given at the school with prearrangements) in the areas of math, reading, and writing

A complete job description for each position may be found on the districts website at [www.brewsterbears.org](http://www.brewsterbears.org)

The successful candidates will be placed on the district salary schedule for classified employees according to years of experience.

Special Education paraprofessional start date is Feb. 8, 2021. Middle School and High School paraprofessional positions are open until filled.

Brewster School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**Help Wanted**



The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions.

- Substitute: Teachers
- Emergency Teachers
- Para Educators
- Custodians
- Bus Drivers
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**Year of the Ox Chinese New Year Celebration**

The Chinese New Year celebration begins with New Year's Day and lasts for 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival. The Chinese Calendar has a 12-year cycle with an animal representing each year. This year it is the ox. Each day of this festival has its own traditional customs and events, and more modern ones too, depending upon where people live. Join in the fun - make decorations or a dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:**

- This year, is the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The ox is the second animal in the Chinese \_\_\_\_\_.
- In one story, the ox didn't follow the \_\_\_\_\_ Emperor's instructions. He was punished by being forced to help farmers on the Earth. But, the people loved the hard-working ox.
- People born in the Year of the Ox are said to be \_\_\_\_\_, hardworking, and active.
- Their careful planning and strength help to make them great \_\_\_\_\_ or carpenters.
- The ox has a hard time talking to people and can be \_\_\_\_\_ and set in their ways.
- An ox can be friends with a \_\_\_\_\_ or a "rooster," but won't get along with a "dragon" or a "tiger".
- The ox's \_\_\_\_\_ numbers are 1, 4 and 9. But, watch out for 5 and 6 - they're unlucky!
- An ox should wear - and decorate with - white, yellow, green or red \_\_\_\_\_. They can bring good luck.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular food in China. More beef is being eaten than ever before, but still not as much as pork. Beef is very expensive.
- Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ has a character called Gozu, an ox-headed creature, similar to the famous minotaur from Greek mythology.
- The ancient art of paper \_\_\_\_\_ - shaping red paper into an ox or other Zodiac animals - is a popular activity during the New Year.
- People wear red \_\_\_\_\_ necklaces and bracelets for good luck; in the year of the Ox, a small metal ox will be dangling from jewelry.
- Temple \_\_\_\_\_ are events where people pray, eat, dance and buy crafts. This is all to honor the Zodiac, the gods and the New Year.

**Lucky Colors for an "Ox"**

- White
- Yellow
- Green
- Red
- Black

A. river of flowing water (news will flow or move fast)  
B. spring, trees, being creative, jade jewelry is good  
C. may bring fame, power, royalty, prosperity  
D. powerful color for luck, success and good fortune  
E. metal, purity, innocence, death

**Festivals, Food and Fun**

The Chinese New Year is the longest holiday in China. Family, friends, fireworks and lots of fun - like stiltwalkers above the crowds - are all part of the festivities of the holiday. Can you find and circle all these things that are important to families during this holiday?

Stiltwalker roaming above the crowds.

visiting fish stiltwalkers prayers cleaning dinners fireworks crowds lion dancers good wishes

red dragon gifts ancestors dumplings family friends

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  - Like unskilled work
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  - Will Ferrell's Christmas classic
  - On the radio
  - Nobel Peace Prize capital
  - Beat around the bush
  - Toddler
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  - Brees or Barrymore
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  - Old Brazilian coins
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  - Nevada city near Lake Tahoe
  - Warrant for officer promotion with no pay
  - As opposed to stay in
  - Chagall and Anthony
  - 3-pointer in basketball
  - \*"Toast of the Town" host
  - Willy of "Free Willy"
  - Track event
  - Always, to a poet
  - Reference to the writer
  - Between larvae and adults
  - Allergic reaction to bee sting
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Aviv
  - \*"Ranger" call to Silver
  - Sunbaked, archaically speaking
  - Wall or pedestal support
  - Kon-Tiki, e.g.
  - One of the Muses
  - Offspring
  - Getting warm
  - Not in good health
  - Tiny leftovers
  - \*Abbott's comedic partner
  - Online purchase
  - \*"Marjorie Reynolds in "The Life of Riley"
  - Scolding
  - Schoolmarm's whip
  - Defrosted
  - Popular winter boot brand
  - Put it to the metal
  - Audition tape
  - SWAT attack
  - France/Switzerland border mountain range
  - Carpenter's groove
  - Ben Affleck's 2013 Oscar winner
  - Original matter
  - \*Buttons or Skelton

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- Yellow
- Green
- Red
- Blue (black)

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