

## Graham resigns as shared CEO of North Valley Hospital

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
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TONASKET - Two years after becoming the shared Chief Executive Officer of Three Rivers Hospital and North Valley Hospital, Scott Graham has resigned from his position at North Valley, a Three Rivers Hospital media release disclosed on August 28.

Graham announced his resignation Aug. 27 at the North Valley Hospital Board of Commissioners' regular monthly meeting.

"I've had a great experience being part of the North Valley team," Graham said. "I have such high regard for the board, administrative team, and front-line employees. I'm proud of

the work we've done over the last two years. This hospital is led by very competent folks who will take the helm and continue carrying out the strategic plan."

"It has been one of my great

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## Bridgeport council refers RV ordinance for more study

Mutual aid agreement approved

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BRIDGEPORT - In city council business last August members approved one measure and sent a second back for more clarification.

The city approved an Agreement for Joint Cooperative Action with the Douglas Okanogan County Fire Protection District 15 to enable each party to help the other with major fire or emergency events when mutual aid will help both parties improve services in their areas of jurisdiction.

Both District 15 and Bridgeport have their defined response areas. As defined in the agreement, Bridgeport's response area includes the city limits with District aid extending east along State Route 17 in Okanogan County to mile marker 140, all of Jack Wells Road and Half Sun

Way to the Bridgeport State Park. District aid response also extends north on State Route 173 to mile marker five on Bridgeport Bar, Dezellem Hill/Dyer Hill to the west, and south on State Route 17 to Bridgeport Hill Road, according to the agreement. Fire District 15 approval of the mutual agreement is still pending as of this writing.

RVs being used as full-time dwelling units was a topic brought to the attention of council members 18 months ago when city contract planner Kurt Danison raised the issue as part of the annual review of the city's comprehensive plan and zoning code. Danison said that the shortage of housing was finding more and more residents resorting to RVs as living units with nothing in the Bridgeport Municipal Code (BMC) to address the practice.

Last June council members discussed an amendment to Chapter 17 of the BMC submitted by Danison to clarify

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## Examining the Covid numbers

BY BILL FORHAN

I began my career as a Certified Public Accountant not a journalist. I say that only because I have been troubled by the reporting and decisions being made by our politicians concerning the Covid virus.

This virus is a serious disease. We should all be concerned about those who have contracted the virus and sad for the families that have lost loved ones.

The problem is the continual chant from the media and politicians is based on a faulty interpretation of the statistics. This article takes a critical look at the numbers available from multiple sources including, Google, Wikipedia, and John Hopkins.

This article results from what appears to be inadequate research by the major media resulting in often confusing if not outright distortion of the facts.

As a 40-year veteran of the news industry, I am aware that most journalists cannot properly decipher statistics. Numbers in general are a blind spot they are incapable of understanding. To make matters worse the electronic media in general must sensationalize every story. Without the latest crisis to exploit they live in continual fear of falling ratings. This often makes the real story worse than it really is and drives bad decisions by politicians who need to have some disaster they can promise to fix.

One of the comments I hear regularly on the evening news is the United States has the most deaths of any country in the world. While that is numerically an accurate read of the available statistics, it is irrelevant.

The accompanying chart provides a summary of the numbers regarding the Covid virus and how it is impacting all of us. My chart

| Country                    | Population           | Confirmed Cases   | % of population | Deaths         | % of population | Deaths as % of confirmed cases |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| China                      | 1,394,015,977        | 89,814            | 0.0064%         | 4,715          | 0.0003%         | 5.2497%                        |
| India                      | 1,326,093,247        | 3,387,500         | 0.2554%         | 161,529        | 0.0122%         | 4.7684%                        |
| United States              | 329,877,505          | 5,870,185         | 1.7795%         | 180,862        | 0.0548%         | 3.0810%                        |
| Indonesia                  | 267,026,366          | 162,884           | 0.0610%         | 7,064          | 0.0026%         | 4.3368%                        |
| Pakistan                   | 233,500,636          | 294,638           | 0.1262%         | 6,274          | 0.0027%         | 2.1294%                        |
| Nigeria                    | 214,028,302          | 53,317            | 0.0249%         | 1,011          | 0.0005%         | 1.8962%                        |
| Brazil                     | 211,715,973          | 3,761,391         | 1.7766%         | 118,649        | 0.0560%         | 3.1544%                        |
| Bangladesh                 | 162,650,853          | 304,583           | 0.1873%         | 4,127          | 0.0025%         | 1.3550%                        |
| Russia                     | 141,722,205          | 972,972           | 0.6865%         | 16,758         | 0.0118%         | 1.7224%                        |
| Mexico                     | 128,649,565          | 579,914           | 0.4508%         | 62,594         | 0.0487%         | 10.7937%                       |
| <b>Total - top ten</b>     | <b>4,409,280,629</b> | <b>15,477,198</b> | <b>0.3510%</b>  | <b>563,583</b> | <b>0.0128%</b>  | <b>3.6414%</b>                 |
| <b>All other countries</b> | <b>3,236,945,157</b> | <b>9,018,034</b>  | <b>0.2786%</b>  | <b>268,901</b> | <b>0.0083%</b>  | <b>2.9818%</b>                 |
| <b>World population</b>    | <b>7,646,225,786</b> | <b>24,495,232</b> | <b>0.3204%</b>  | <b>832,484</b> | <b>0.0109%</b>  | <b>3.3986%</b>                 |
| <b>Sweden</b>              | <b>10,099,265</b>    | <b>83,898</b>     | <b>0.8307%</b>  | <b>5,820</b>   | <b>0.0576%</b>  | <b>6.9370%</b>                 |
| <b>Washington State</b>    | <b>7,615,000</b>     | <b>75,753</b>     | <b>0.9948%</b>  | <b>1,978</b>   | <b>0.0260%</b>  | <b>2.6111%</b>                 |
| <b>Chelan County</b>       | <b>77,200</b>        | <b>1,715</b>      | <b>2.2215%</b>  | <b>13</b>      | <b>0.0168%</b>  | <b>0.7580%</b>                 |
| <b>Douglas County</b>      | <b>43,429</b>        | <b>1,147</b>      | <b>2.6411%</b>  | <b>8</b>       | <b>0.0184%</b>  | <b>0.6975%</b>                 |
| <b>Okanogan County</b>     | <b>42,132</b>        | <b>981</b>        | <b>2.3284%</b>  | <b>9</b>       | <b>0.0214%</b>  | <b>0.9174%</b>                 |

presents the data sorted by population. The U.S. is the third largest country in the world. China and India both have four times the population of the U.S.

The virus is said to have originated in China. Yet, China is reporting they only have 89,814 confirmed cases of the virus. That is only 1.5% of the number cases in the U.S. More importantly, it is only six one thousandth of their population. It stresses the sense of credulity.

The problem with comparing death rates to the number of confirmed cases is we do not know how thorough and accurate the testing was done or reported. We do know a large percentage of people that have tested positive have been asymptomatic. In other words, their symptoms were so mild that they didn't even know they had the disease.

We also do not know if the number of reported deaths from Covid is being accurately reported. For example, there are news reports that claim Mexico's death rate is much higher than is being officially re-

ported.

All of these numbers are difficult to compare since we do not know how widespread the testing has been or the accuracy of the actual death counts. There does appear to be at least one statistic that appears to be consistent across the globe. That is deaths as a percentage of the population. Ignoring the two extremely low, and questionable numbers for China and Nigeria, it appears only .01 to .06 percent of the population is dying from this pandemic. That means, 99.8 to 99.9 percent of all the people on this planet have either never contracted the disease, didn't know they had the disease or have survived it.

In the United States, 99.9452% of the population has survived the disease.

In Washington state, 99.974% of the population has survived.

I have included the numbers from Sweden because many people have claimed Sweden, which has not mandated wearing of masks, as an example of a country that has done a better of manag-

ing the pandemic. These numbers do not support that theory.

Washington's Governor, Jay Inslee, has set a goal of 25 cases per 100,000 population over the previous 2 weeks in order to allow counties in Washington state to begin to reopen their schools and their economy. This is an arbitrary and highly prejudicial test that severely hampers the economic recovery of the small communities across the state. The governor's goal means the state must have fewer than 1,905 new cases in the lookback period or .0003 percent of the state's population to move to Phase 2. In the case of Chelan County the goal would be 20 cases or .0336 percent. In other words, it is 112 times more difficult for Chelan County to achieve the Governor's goal. In Okanogan and Douglas County it is 195 times more difficult for the county to meet the governor's goal.

It is time we begin to ask the question. Does it make

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## COVID-19 testing



Mike Maltais/QCH

An Incident Management Team set up tents in Bridgeport's Fireman Park for three days last week to offer free COVID-19 tests to Bridgeport residents who wanted to take advantage of the free service.



Gebbers Farms set up a private testing site at its Brewster headquarters to screen employees and season workers for the coronavirus.

## Quad Cities schools open from Aug. 31-Sept. 8

From a distance...

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
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QUAD CITIES - Beginning with Bridgeport on August 31 through Pateros on Sept. 8, schools in the Quad Cities area opened or will open their doors - but at a distance - with online and remote learning agendas to meet the dual requirements of providing an educational format for students under restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Bridgeport - August 31**  
Bridgeport scheduled August 31 as its first day of school on the distance learning model. The district pledged to help families lacking access to internet services.

Attendance is scheduled to taken daily and remote attendance is expected.

Athletics will remain on hold and the food program will be on a grab-and-go format.

**Brewster - Sept. 2**  
Brewster was originally scheduled to be first out of the blocks August 26, but the school board set the date back to Wednesday, Sept. 2 to allow more time for everyone to prepare. Student-teacher conferences will occupy the first two days, Sept. 2-3 and again Sept. 8, when every student will be acquainted with the remote learning process.

"The district has tried many different avenues to allow students into the building for in-person school," wrote Superintendent Eric Driessen in an online letter. "At this time,

the county health department has denied all of our requests, requiring us to begin school remotely. The ability to return to school will depend on the number of positive COVID cases in our community."

Remote learning will include the following:  
 • Required attendance taken each period.  
 • Required grading  
 • Six hours of daily student learning  
 • State testing

Brewster will offer Bear Academy as an alternate K-12 continuous learning program.

**Mansfield - Sept. 2**  
Mansfield will offer a hybrid opening with small group of students able to attend classes on two shortened days of the week for elementary and high-risk secondary

students. Most secondary students will start remote, with those needing to come into class notified individually.

**Pateros - Sept. 8**  
While classes start Sept. 8, conferencing for students and parents will run from Sept. 1-4. Textbooks, learning materials and a Chromebook will be handed out at that time and each student will undergo a short assessment of reading and math skills.

"We need to get all of our students up and going strong with remote learning," an online letter said on the pateros.org website. "Our teachers and administrators are dedicated to making this remote teaching and learning a rewarding and challenging alternative to what we are used to."

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# Curbside pickup returns to Okanogan NCW branches

NCW - NCW Libraries is excited to announce the return of several services throughout the five-county library district.

Starting Sept. 14, residents across Okanogan, Ferry, Grant, Chelan and Douglas counties will be able to checkout any item from our physical library collections and receive those items either through curbside pickup or by mail,

NCW Libraries Communications Director Michelle McNeil said in a media release last week.

In addition, the Chelan and Douglas County library branches will begin accepting returns at their book drops on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Libraries in Grant, Okanogan and Ferry counties - all in Phase 2 or 3 of the state's reopening plan - started offering curbside pickup last

month. The state Department of Health recently approved curbside library service in Chelan and Douglas counties, which are still in Phase 1.5.

Curbside pickup services will begin at libraries in Bridgeport, Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Cashmere, Peshastin, Leavenworth, Entiat, Chelan, Manson, and Waterville on Sept. 14.

NCW's Mail Order Library will also resume services on Sept. 14. This service allows library card holders the ability to reserve any item in the NCW collection and receive the item via USPS at their home address, at no cost to the patron.

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## COVID

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any sense to destroy people's livelihoods, close our schools, shutdown church attendance, or eliminate sporting events when the survivability of this disease is more than 99.8 percent?

Covid is clearly a serious disease. When it was first identified, we had limited knowledge of how to treat it. That has changed. Like too many issues in today's world it has become politicized.

In the interest of full disclosure. I am 73 years young. I have diabetes. I have been at work everyday since this pandemic began. I do not want to get it but according to the medical experts I am highly susceptible. My business remains open because it is considered essential, however, I would not be able to continue to publish your newspaper without the financial assistance I received from the CARES Act.



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est pleasures as President of North Valley Board of Commissioners to work with Scott," said Jean Pfeifer. "He brought an energy of professionalism unseen at this hospital in a long time. I describe him as a class act, and I certainly enjoyed working with him."

Moving forward, continuing as Three Rivers Hospital's full-time CEO, Graham plans to focus solely on helping Three Rivers navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and preserve its viability. Three Rivers has served as a prominent and vocal advocate for rural hospitals throughout the pandemic, letting its story of financial struggle be part of the effort to secure crucial state and federal funding. Revenues went into a sharp decline for most hospitals when they were asked by the state to halt certain services, such as nonemergent surgeries.

"We don't know how long the pandemic will be with us, and right now I feel that my time and energy need to be on this, 100 percent," Graham said.

Graham was hired by North Valley Hospital in August 2018 as part of a larger plan to integrate the two health care organizations. A steering committee comprised of officials from both hospitals had been steadily working toward that endeavor, but the pandemic disrupted those plans as each

facility was forced to focus on its own separate concerns.

Despite being waylaid by COVID-19, Graham considers the venture an overall success.

"It got us to work closer together," he said. In the last few years both organizations have benefited from sharing employees, providers, and experience.

The two hospitals will continue collaborating, sharing services, providers, and staff where possible and practical.

The board of North Valley Hospital expresses sincere gratitude for his work at NVH,

and they hope to continue collaborative efforts.

"I am especially grateful for Scott's work in further our strategic vision, board education, and his advocacy at a local and national level for rural hospitals," Pfeifer said.

John McReynolds has been appointed the new CEO at North Valley Hospital. He has served as Chief Operating Officer since 2017. "John is an extraordinary leader at North Valley Hospital and knows our community well. He's the perfect choice to lead our hospital into the future," Pfeifer said.

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# Why not allow a state to have its own Electoral College?

The Electoral College system is a compromise between the president being elected by Congress or by popular vote. It was established in Article II of the Constitution and amended by the 12th Amendment in 1804.

Most folks know that a congressional district is based on population, but why aren't Governors and other statewide offices elected by a states' own version of the Electoral College?

The current system in all but two states is that the popular votes rules the day no matter what. No



**APPLES TO APPLES**  
Gary Bégin

"safeguards" are made for urban domination. Washington's 10 most populous cities are, in order: Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, Bellevue, Everett, Kent, Yakima, Renton and Spokane Valley. Four of these urban areas are in King County (Seattle, Bellevue, Kent, Renton).

While two lay within Spokane County (Spokane,

Spokane Valley). Tacoma, Vancouver, Everett are in Pierce, Clark and Snohomish counties respectively. Thus nine of the top 10 are either on the so-called West Coast or the extreme east side of the state with only Yakima anywhere near north central Washington.

Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Chelan, Leavenworth, Cashmere, Brewster, Manson, Pateros and every other town in the Chelan-Douglas-Okanogan counties area don't even show as a blip on the radar population-wise and will therefore never be a factor

in electing anyone even if they all voted for the exact same person(s) without the support of a major urban area, or several, as listed above.

The liberal West (Left Coast) will be in charge of all statewide offices for the foreseeable future, probably until most of us are taking dirt naps.

Instituting an Electoral College for Washington would help alleviate this urban dominance that is disenfranchising the rural voter. I am not mathematically smart enough to know how to divvy up the population-to-ratio of

electoral votes, but I am able to point to almost every state and see that the major urban area is where the politicians pander to, knowing that's the crowd they need to please.

Elmer the cow peddler, Boris the wheat farmer and Janice the chamber president don't count for a hill of beans if population is the only criteria. Apple Andy and Annie better pray the socialist PC crowd doesn't find fault with the eating of this Biblical fruit.

The same goes with peaches, cherries and pears. Only the vineyard owners will be allowed to

operate as the left love getting drunk on their own visions of power and warped views of utopia.

It is far past time to change this ugly reality. Give all the people a fair chance at representative democracy. Indeed, make every vote count, not just the urban elite.

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## Okanogan County Fair hosts online livestock auction

Bidding starts Sept. 7

By MIKE MALTAIS  
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**BREWSTER** – When the online bidding opens for the Okanogan County Fair virtual online livestock auction on Sept. 7, some two dozen of the more than 140 entrants with either pigs, sheep, or steers to sell will be Brewster FFA or 4H students.

Brewster High School Ag teacher and FFA advisor Todd Dezelle listed at least a dozen student with pigs, another nine with lambs, and at least one steer in the livestock lineup.

Pigs will be put on the block by Gio Nila, Jose Nila, Noelia Nila, Perla Perez, Javier Rosario, Jason Rosario, Cole Aparicio, Halle Aparicio, Milan Sanchez, Katia Sanchez, Grace Becker, and Bronson Becker.

Showing sheep are Clayton Isensee, Nick Isensee, Kaydence Carrington, Rilynn Carrington, Hyleah Aparicio, Havana Aparicio, Celeste Garcia, Miguel

Aparicio, and Naomi Aparicio.

Anah Wulf will have a steer on the docket.

Young Koye Carrington will show a rabbit.

Absent from the auction will be FFA students from both Bridgeport and Pateros. Ag instructors and FFA advisors Adam Corum and Lyle Blackburn from Bridgeport and Pateros respectively both advised their students against grooming any livestock for this year's Okanogan County Fair when early indicators from the growing coronavirus pandemic raised doubts in their minds that the Fair would be held as scheduled.

Corum said his students have been reaching out to him for guidance for the upcoming school year regarding project options that might be available. He said his present plants include the annual spring plant sale that his FFA class holds every April as the group's major fundraiser.

"I hope conditions will have improved enough by then that a public sale will be possible," Corum said.

Okanogan County Fair manager Naomi Peasley said Fair participants were advised early to make their commitments.

"We reached out to all the kids," said Peasley. "They had to pre-register by June 12. We currently have 144 who have registered and paid."

The Okanogan County Fair along with Best Bid Auctions and Virginia Feeders will conduct the online auction from Sept. 7-10, and bidders must pre-register at [bestbidonlineauctions.com](http://bestbidonlineauctions.com). The livestock order of sale will be determined by earlier judging results from exhibitors' show videos starting

with the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and on down the finish results. Animals will be sold by the head rather than by the pound.

"We are not previewing prior to Sept. 7," said Peasley.

Using an eBay style format bidders will follow a six-step process to register and bid:

Step 1: Go to [www.bestbidonlineauctions.com](http://www.bestbidonlineauctions.com) online.

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The following day, Sept. 11, will feature the fur and feather auction.

Bidders without access

to a computer are welcome to stop by the Fair office at 175 Rodeo Trail Road from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. M-F to use computers there or contact the Fair staff at 509-422-1621 with bid instructions.

### STUDY

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RV use within city limits. The amendment stipulated that RV's whether licensed or unlicensed may not park in a front yard for more than 60 hours. Front yard was described as that area between the front of a structure and the property line.

During their latest meeting

council members voted to refer the RV's amendment back to the Planning Commission to "narrow it down" in the words of mayor Janet Conklin.

Conklin said the city continues to move forward with meetings devoted to development of the Community Revitalization Plan along the State Route 173 downtown business corridor that was the focus of a citizen survey earlier this year.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Opinion piece well written, very true

Dear Editor,

Your opinion was very well written and very true. We suffer that in the Washington State elections because of the very issue you were describing. King County alone chooses our Governor and we on the East Side other smaller counties really have no say.

Laura Adams, Leavenworth

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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 Senior meals

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.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Beef Stew, Spinach Salad, Mixed Fruit, Biscuit, Rice Krispy Treats

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Wild Rice, Buttered Corn, Greek Salad, Mixed Melons, WW Roll, Dessert

Thursday, Sept. 10

Chef's Salad, Fresh Fruit Tray, WW Roll, Dessert

Sept. 4

Brewster Grange Farmers Market

BREWSTER - The Brewster Grange Farmers Market is open every Friday, from 2-5 p.m., at the Brewster Grange, located on Highway 97. Vendors are able to accept WIC Checks and Senior Nutritional

Vouchers. For more information call Marge at (509) 733-1963.

Sept. 11, 18

Brewster bus trips are back on schedule

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Sept. 11. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc.

On the third Friday of each month Sept. 18, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s).

Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

Help available for Douglas County veterans

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

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'Back to Basics' campaign helps students in need



Denise Sorom, Director of Philanthropy Community Foundation of North Central Washington

By DENISE SOROM, DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON

When the pandemic hit our communities and schools closed in March, we knew that the impact on our children would not only be academic. Schools provide children with steady routines, nutritious meals, and the watchful eyes of adults who identify signs of stress, abuse, hunger, or other hardship. For many children, schools are their only safe spaces.

In Wenatchee, when students struggled to engage in online learning, the school district sent out their counselors, family advocates, and sometimes even principals to make home visits to check on these "missing" students. The stories that resulted from these visits broke our hearts: teenagers were caring for their infant siblings while both parents went to work; there was not enough food or other basic needs in households to allow children to even



consider remote learning; parents feared eviction as jobs were lost; and those most at risk of falling behind were pushed even further to the margins.

We know that this hardship does not only exist in Wenatchee, but is spread throughout Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties - touching all of our school districts. To help meet the needs of kids in our schools, the Community Foundation of NCW is partnering with the School Districts of every community in NCW to host a "Back to Basics" fundraising campaign for struggling students and their families.

The foundation has a long history of supporting teach-

ers, classrooms, and school buildings across the region each year. But this year isn't typical, so instead of our usual school grants, we are seeding the Back to Basics campaign with \$55,000 which will be distributed to each school district in NCW based on the number of low-income students they serve. This will provide much needed funding that the schools can use to help a kid in need - whatever that need may be.

We need your help. You can add to your community's school district award by making a donation in any amount at www.cfncw.org/backtobasics. You can choose to sup-

port one or more school districts or make one donation that will benefit all the districts in NCW. Your gift is tax-deductible and there are no fees, so 100% of your donation will directly help a student and their family.

Funds raised through "Back to Basics" will be used by school counselors, family advocates, teachers and principals to provide direct support to students in need, whether it's a pair of new shoes, a grocery gift card, a winter jacket, or formula for the baby sibling at home. A little bit of help goes a long way to keep our kids learning and thriving in NCW.

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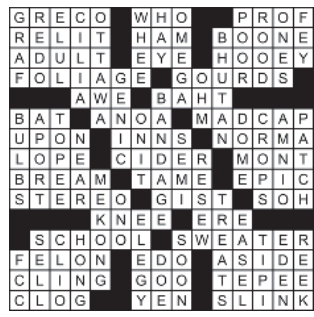
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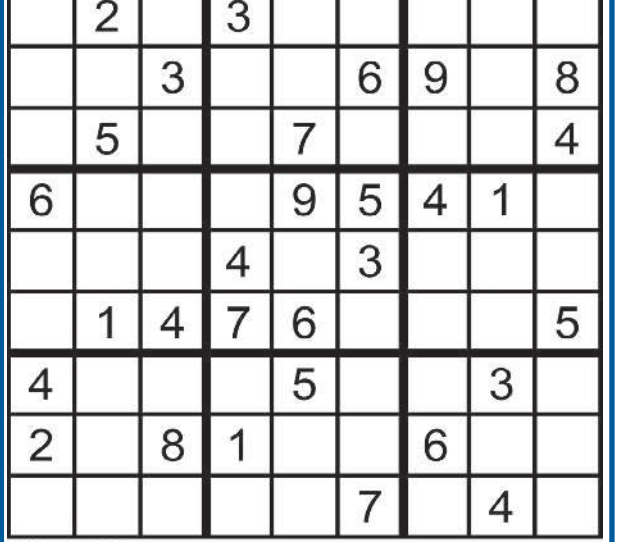
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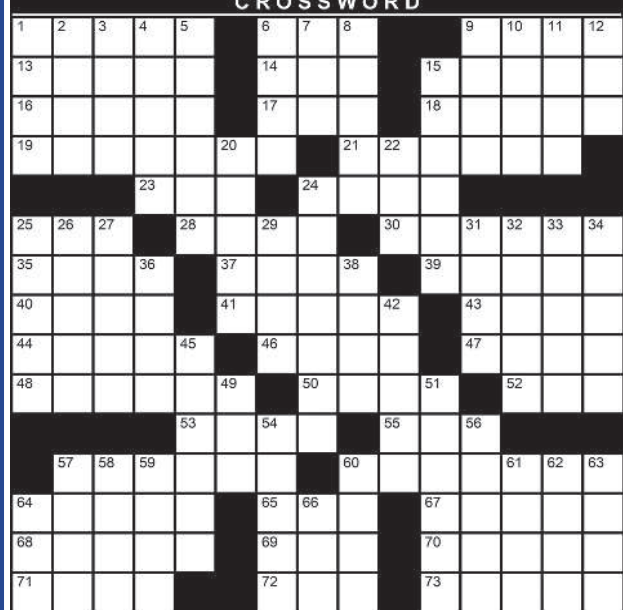
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- Like a broken horse
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- Last letter, to Homer
- Standard's partner
- Crucifix
- Change for a five
- Funny Poeher's funny friend
- Himalayan kingdom
- Relating to genes
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Boo-boo wrap
- \*Next spring's flowers
- To the left, on a boat
- Safari hat
- Fonzie: "Sit \_\_\_\_\_"
- Top of the Capital
- \*Fall bounty
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- \*Pumpkin garden
- Not far
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- Stitch again
- Vietnam river
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**Legals**

**Public Notices**

**BEFORE THE OKANOGAN COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**TAKE NOTICE:** That on 8/6/2020, William B. Greene and Sharon M. Greene of Pateros, WA filed application with the Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board (OCWCB) to change/transfer the place of use and change the source location under Certificate No. S3-21752C. The application was assigned OCWCB number OKAN-20-03.

That said Certificate S3-21752C, under priority 9/17/1973, authorizes a diversion site from the Columbia River (Wells Pool) located within Gov't Lot 4 of Sec. 30, T30N, 'legal description of property water [is] to be used on' describes an area of land that is located within portions of Gov't Lot 4 and Gov't Lot 5 of said Sec. 30. Complete legal description available upon request to OCWCB. That the certificate issued for irrigation of 3 acres (0.08 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 12.8 acre-feet/yr (af/yr) from 4/1 to 10/15 each year, and single domestic supply continuously (0.01 cfs and 2 af/yr) for a maximum total diversion and use of 0.09 cfs and 14.8 af/yr.

That the applicant requests to change the place of use, for its water right ownership, to be within parcel Nos. 3024300062 and 8843700102, which are located generally within Gov't Lot 4 of Sec. 30, T30N, R24EWM. Complete legal description available upon request to OCWCB. That the applicant requests to change the source location to the following: a well w/in the SW1/4SW1/4 of said Sec. 30.

Any protests or objections to the approval of this application must be filed with the Department of Ecology and must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) recording fee for each application protested and filed with: Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611 within (30) days from September 9, 2020.

Any interested party may submit comments, objections, and other information to the board regarding the application(s). The comments and information may be submitted in writing or verbally at any public meeting of the board held to discuss or decide on the application(s). The application(s) will be on the board agenda during its regular meetings, contact the OCWCB for time and location of meetings, and/or instructions for attending remotely. Meetings are generally held on the first Wed. of each month, at 2:00 pm, location: 123 Fifth Ave N, Rm 150, Okanogan, WA; however due to COVID-19 related state restrictions under governor proclamations, meetings are currently being held remotely. Additionally, the OCWCB will consider written comments or information, said written comments or information may be provided by mail to: Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board, Attn: Lisa de Vera, 1205 Ormiston St, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Published in the Quad City Herald September 2 and 9, 2020 #774

**Public Notices**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of Brewster School District, at 520 W. Main Street, for the construction of the Brewster 7-12 Modernizations. Sealed Base Bids must be received by 3:00 pm local time on September 23, 2020 and must be marked "Sealed Base Bid, Brewster 7-12 Modernizations". Sealed Alternate Bid and Supplemental Bid Forms A-Part-1, B, C, & D, must be received by 4:00 pm local time on September 23, 2020 and must be marked "Sealed Alternate Bid Forms, Brewster 7-12 Modernizations". Bids received after this time will not be considered. Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read at 4:00 pm on September 23, 2020. Sealed Supplemental Bid Form A-Part-2 must be received forty-eight hours after Base Bid is due, 3:00 pm on September 25, 2020.

Project documents are available for at [www.architectswestplans.com](http://www.architectswestplans.com). Bidders may download digital files at no cost; Hardcopy sets are available with a refundable deposit of \$300 per set plus a non-refundable fee of \$30 per set for handling to be submitted by separate checks. General Contractor may obtain two sets of documents; Mech/Elec/First Tier subcontractors may obtain one set of documents via checks payable to Architects West and mailed to Abadan Reprographics, 603 E. 2nd Ave Spokane, WA 99202. Deposits will be returned on receipt of documents for a period of ten days after bid opening, provided they are complete and in clean, usable condition. Additional or partial sets may be purchased. Bidders are required to register as a plan holder at [www.architectswestplans.com](http://www.architectswestplans.com), and select "Add me as a Plan Holder". Questions regarding the plan room contact Auron (509) 747-2964 or [repro@abadanspokane.com](mailto:repro@abadanspokane.com). A complete set of contract documents will also be filed with the Plan Centers listed at [www.architectswestplans.com](http://www.architectswestplans.com).

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on both September 8, 2020, at 1:00 pm and repeated on September 9, 2020, at 1:00 pm, at the site: 503 S. 7th St., Brewster, WA. Bidders are encouraged to attend either day. Please wear face coverings and maintain 6' social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19.

No bidder may withdraw his bid after hour set for opening thereof, unless award is delayed for a period exceeding 45 days. The Brewster School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in any bid.

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**THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT**

**Saving deer on our roadways and more hunting season prospects**



Courtesy John Kruse

**The running rump of a deer is a sign of danger to other big game animals and may hold the key to reducing vehicle collisions.**

By JOHN KRUSE, THE WASHINGTON OUTDOOR REPORT

**REDUCING VEHICLE COLLISIONS WITH DEER AND ELK** – Many of our readers are familiar with the lonely, barren stretches of highway and roads running along the Hanford Nuclear Reservation towards the Tri-Cities. Much of this area encompasses not only the Hanford Nuclear Reservation but also the Hanford National Monument, where mule deer and elk herds live. Unfortunately, a significant number of both species are killed as a result of vehicle collisions in this area, especially along Route 4 South, a two-lane roadway running from Richland into the Hanford Nuclear Site.

Officials at Hanford are trying something new to reduce the amount of deer and elk killed by vehicles. Writing for the Tri-City Herald, Annette Carey reports white canvas sacks are being placed over roadside posts every 50 feet along Route 4 South where many of these collisions have occurred. The idea behind this low-cost strategy is when vehicle headlights shine on these bags, the deer seeing them will think the white bags are the rump of a fleeing deer or elk, a sure sign of danger to animals and a warning to stay away.

This technique has been used in Wyoming where a state Department of Transportation study showed a 65 percent reduction in car versus deer accidents. The study also showed deer and elk learned to wait until the bags were not illuminated by headlights to cross the road. If this technique works in South Central Washington to reduce collisions with mule deer and elk as it did in Wyoming to reduce collisions with white-tailed deer, you may see more of these white canvas sacks covering roadside posts in our state and less road-kill on our highways.

**COLUMBIA BASIN HUNTING PROSPECTS** – Last week we shared prospects for the upcoming hunting season from Central and Northeast Washington. This week, WDFW Wildlife Biologist Sean Dougherty has insights about how things

are looking in the Columbia Basin.

**DOVE:** According to Dougherty, "Mourning dove numbers are pretty good this year". Hunters heading out for the dove opener on September 1st should try to get permission to hunt on wheat fields if they can. However, the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area around Potholes Reservoir and to a lesser extent, the Gloyd Seeps Unit between Moses Lake and Stratford, will offer public land opportunities. Although the season remains open through October 30th, the vast majority of doves will leave for warmer climes when the first cold front comes through our region.

**MULE DEER:** Dougherty says the prospects for mule deer are about the same as last year and counts are well within management objectives. Seasonal conditions were favorable this year for deer as well which bodes well for the future. Asked about where to go, Dougherty recommended archery hunters consider Game Management Unit 284 in Adams County, where you can harvest both does and bucks (three points or better on the antlers).

**WATERFOWL:** Sean Dougherty paints an optimistic picture about ducks in the Basin this year saying, "Local (duckling) production was good and early season counts are up from last year." This should make for a good opening day and early part of the season until the northern ducks and geese arrive from Canada in November.

**UPLAND BIRDS:** Quail numbers are at least as good as last year and probably up, marking a continued growth of this upland game bird species in the Columbia Basin. Dougherty says pheasant numbers may be up as well but with no surveys completed this year due to Covid-19 issues, this is just a guess.

In short, good seasonal conditions this year should make for a good hunting season for both deer and bird hunters in the Columbia Basin.

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

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