



Economic Alliance, TwispWorks collaborate on new grant

For Okanogan County small business

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

OMAK – A collaborative effort by the Okanogan County Economic Alliance and TwispWorks working with the recently launched Working Washington State Emergency Grant Program (WWSBEG) has resulted in the unveiling this week of a new funding opportunity for small business owners in Okanogan County.

WWSBEG was created by Gov. Jay Inslee on April 7 and allotted \$79,295 to Okanogan County as its share of the program funding.

“Starting the week of May 21, the Economic Alliance will award 10 grants of \$1,500 under the framework of ‘Relief versus Recovery,’” an EA media release said. “The award can be used for either immediate relief (paying rent, utilities, and other fixed busi-



Courtesy economic-alliance.com
Roni Holder-Diefenbach

ness expenses), preparing for reopening (purchase of PPE for employees) or for recovery purposes (projects to help make these more resilient and viable for the future).

“The goal is to raise \$75,000 to give 50 business a \$1,500 grant,” Economic Alliance Executive Director Roni Holder-Diefenbach told The Quad last week. “We are in an unprecedented time; nothing like this has ever impacted our state

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Brewster school receives Small Districts grant

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

BREWSTER – The Brewster School District is among seven rural districts in Washington state that will share \$241,000 from College Spark Washington to support remote learning during school closures from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will provide laptops and internet hotspots for students deprived of access.

“During this time of public health concern and school closures, directing funding towards equitable technology access is a critical way to meet student needs,” said Warren Brown, Executive Director of College Spark.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed a digital divide in many communities and for rural students particularly remote learning poses

a tough challenge.

“Students are struggling in areas without internet and computer access,” said Rachel Clements, manager of Small Districts Fund at College Spark. “Students may have access to the internet through a cell phone, which is very different from a computer or they may have spotty internet coverage – both make learning very difficult.”

In a letter to Brewster High School principal Linda Dezellem, Thai Craig, College Spark Communications Officer, expressed his confidence that the \$50,000 Brewster received as its share of the grant will be put to good use for the students and teachers who need it most.

Other school districts to receive College Spark grants include Lake Chelan, Manson, Lind-Ritzville, Mabton, Oroville and South Bend.

Brewster Middle School receives state recognition

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

BREWSTER – Brewster Middle School has been honored as part of the Washington School Recognition Program by the State Board of Education, the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

“We here at Brewster Middle School are proud that our efforts are paying off with continued student growth year after year,” said Brewster Middle School Principal Greg Austin. “The area of achievement this year was growth for students who receive special

education services.”

Austin added that a dedicated staff, well-motivated students and a system in place will ensure continued success.

“We are so proud of our schools and the comprehensive focus on learning and student achievement,” said Dr. Michelle Price, Superintendent of the North Central Educational Service District. “Our students are the future, and as the NCESD we see first-hand the level of commitment and dedication to teaching and learning so that our students can succeed.”

The state Legislature acknowledged the last week in April (April 27-May 1) as Washington School Recognition Week.

Mother-daughter team makes PPE masks

Distributed to frontline workers

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

BREWSTER – While citizens, students, businesses, and agencies confront the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions as best they can and in their own way, some public-minded individuals are contributing what their skillsets allow toward improving conditions for everyone. Two of those are Margi Allen and her daughter Julie Melvin both members the Columbia Post 97 American Legion Auxiliary.

So far, the pair has made just shy of 500 face masks since April for frontline workers around the area with a request for more likely to keep them busy for the foreseeable future – provided they can secure the requisite materials.

“I’m waiting for a shipment of elastic for earpieces,” Allen told The Quad last Thursday, May 14.



Courtesy of Margi Allen
Margi Allen, right, and daughter Julie, make face masks for distribution to local frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

And where did she have to order the elastic? China, of course. Allen said that while she would have preferred getting what she needed from a source somewhere in the U.S., she could only find what she needed by going outside the country.

“We really need to bring more manufacturing back into this country,” Allen said.

Word of mouth about the available masks rapidly spread and the supply was quickly exhausted.

“We gave them to the hospital, clinics, the post office, a bank, and an apple shed, all places with frontline workers,” said Allen. “We have an order for another 70.”

While the initial masks have been given free of

charge to workers in essential capacities, private parties who want masks are asked to make donations that will be used to support the American Legion.

Allen just recently coordinated a Curbside Philly event at the Columbia Post 97 headquarters at 102 N. Third St. in honor of Armed Forces Day last Saturday, May 16. Customers were treated to drive-up Philly sandwiches complete with chili, coleslaw and a pickle wedge for \$6.

“The main goal was to utilize some supplies at the Legion,” said Allen, “and to keep the Legion in the forefront of peoples’ minds.”

Earlier, Allen and Melvin made homemade prebaked caramel French apple and apple pies from a box of apples the apple shed gave them in appreciation of the mask donations. The limited quantity pies were advertised on Columbia Post 97’s website for Mother’s Day, May 10, for \$8 each or two for \$15 as another Legion fundraiser.

DOH Graduation Guide clarifies commencement options

Compliant with Safe Start plan

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

QUAD CITIES –The release on May 14 of an updated COVID-19 graduation ceremonies guide issued by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) finds Quad City school districts in various stages of readiness for Class of 2020 commencements.

Graduation planners at Pateros, Brewster, Bridgeport and Mansfield are all approaching the big day with creative ways to help their seniors experience

an enjoyable, not to mention memorable, graduation exercise in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DOH guide invests local school boards and superintendents with the discretion to arrange their own school graduation celebrations as long as those proceedings “do not contravene the Governor’s prohibitions on holding gatherings in each of the time phases of the Safe Start plan,” the guide said.

“Districts and schools may choose to postpone graduation ceremonies,” the guide advises. “It is not when large-scale, in-person events, not allowed under Phase 4 of Safe Start, will be

able to be safely held.”

The guide includes recommendations for both in-home and out-of-home models and goes into some detail for out-of-home ceremonies for Phase 2 options only, the more likely scenario to be in effect in early June.

That noted, local schools are pressing ahead with plans to usher their senior classes safely through a mixture of online, onsite and on wheels experiences.

Pateros

The Class of 2020 will hold its graduation ceremony on June 12. The school is prepared to exercise one of three options:

1. If social distancing guidelines remain in effect on June 12, graduation will be held in Memorial Park with fireworks accompanying the ceremony.

2. If social distancing guidelines have been lifted, normal graduation ceremonies will be held in the school gym.

3. If stay-at-home restrictions remain in effect, a virtual graduation ceremony will be held.

Brewster

The Bears are proceeding deliberately with a variety of options that are being adjusted and refined as

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County works toward state Phase 2 variance application

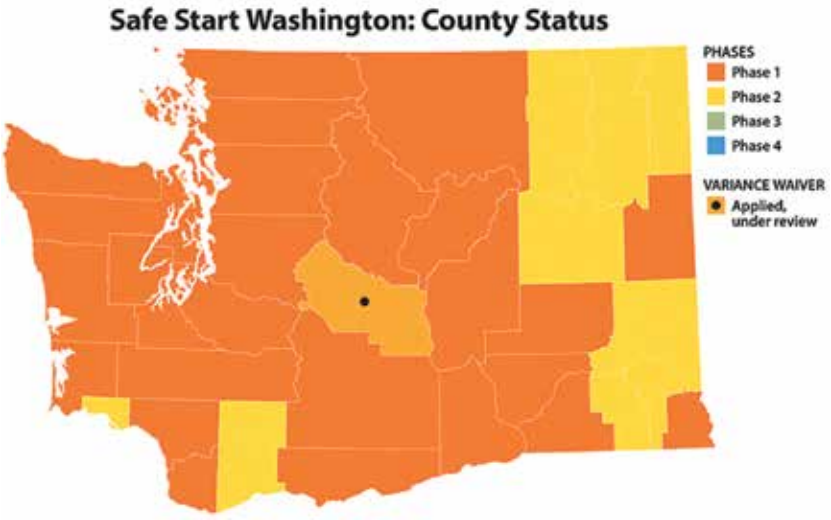
COVID cases an obstacle

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

OKANOGAN – With nine Washington counties, seven of them in the eastern half of the state, approved for Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee’s Safe Start plan, Okanogan County is working closely with the county’s public health board on its plan to apply for its own Phase 2 variance.

“To apply for a variance, counties must have a population of less than 75,000 and no new cases of COVID-19 in the last three weeks,” a May 15 media release from the Washington Department of Health said. “The application process requires support from the local health officer, the local board of health, local hospitals, and the county commission/council.”

Okanogan County with a population of 42,000-plus per the most recent 2018 census qualifies on the first point. However, with 39 con-



Courtesy DOH
This Safe Start Washington county status map shows which counties have qualified for Phase 2 (yellow) of the four-phase program

firmed cases of COVID-19 reported by Okanogan County Emergency Management as of Friday, May 15, the 12-case increase from May 8, just one week ago finds the county coming up short on the second point.

The DOH release adds that each county must provide adequate local hospital bed capacity and ample PPE supplies for the safety of health care

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Spring bear still wears winter pajamas



Mike Maltais/QCH

A young cinnamon-colored black bear was caught out and about last week still wearing what appears to be his winter coat covering his hind parts.

NCRL hosts best-selling author Nancy Pearl May 26

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

WENATCHEE – Best-selling author, librarian, literary critic, and radio/television personality Nancy Pearl will participate in a free virtual program hosted by North Central Regional Library from 7-8 p.m., May 26.

Noted for her excellent book recommendations, Pearl “has spent her life promoting reading as one of the most beneficial and joyful experiences anyone can have,” wrote Michelle



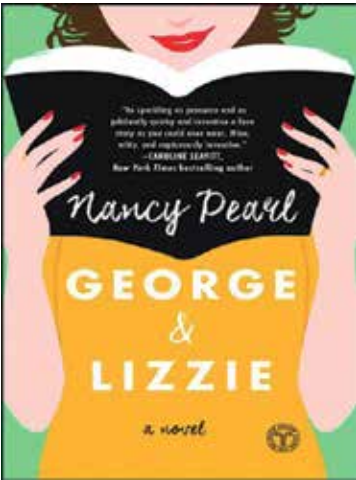
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Nancy Pearl

McNeil, NCRL Communications Manager in a media release.

One of America’s most renowned and beloved librarians, Pearl will talk about her upcoming book, The Writer’s Library, deliver book talk and answer audience questions.

To participate in the Zoom video conferencing platform visit www.ncrl.org/blog/virtual-nancy-pearl. Following registration participants will receive an email with Zoom event details.



Pearl Book Cover

Bridgeport wins WIAA approval to play 1B sports

Evens the playing field

BY MIKE MALTAIS
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BRIDGEPORT – A new amendment passed by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) on May 11 will allow designated 2B Bridgeport sports teams to play down at 1B level.

“The free-and-reduced lunch data allowing 2B schools to opt down to 1B narrowly squeaked by the necessary 60 percent needed for approval,” said Bridgeport district athletic director Scott Darwood in a May 11 email “We had



Courtesy Bridgeport School District
Bridgeport School District Athletic Director Scott Darwood

to have 21 votes statewide and we garnered 24, barely passing but passing nonetheless.”

While the new rules will not take effect until the next classification cycle of 2024-2028, Darwood said District 6 2B and 1B athletic directors have agreed to allow Bridgeport play an intermediary transition schedule for the next season and possibly for the next few seasons.

“Hopefully in using the free-and-reduced lunch data to opt down to 1B permanently, it will help us generate more student athlete interest to turn out,” said Darwood, “and help us to salvage and strengthen some of our struggling programs.”

Specifically, the ruling will allow Bridgeport’s 2B 8-man football team to compete in the new Central

Washington B 8-man league comprised of Pateros, Watterville-Mansfield, Liberty Bell, Entiat, and Soap Lake.

Girls volleyball and both boys and girls basketball will play a 1B schedule in the 1B league.

“If any of these athletes make it as an All-League selection, they would earn a 1B certificate,” said Darwood. “If we finish in the top four of the 1B league standings we would qualify in making the 2B districts but at a lower, yet undetermined seed.”

Cross-country and girls soccer will remain in 2B. A determination for spring sports including boys soc-

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Extension office offers free drive-in Wi-Fi hotspot

BY MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN – A free drive-in Wi-Fi hotspot is installed and operating at the WSU Okanogan County Extension office at 1234 Second Ave. S., in Okanogan, thanks to the combined efforts of public and private enterprise.

The Okanogan site is one of 15 locations around the state that is offering the temporary free service in response to the COVID-19 restrictions. Other hotspots are being installed at locations in Asotin, Clallam, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skamania, Stevens, Wahkiakum, and Yakima counties.

“There is a specific emphasis on student access but (the service) is available to all residents,” a WSU Okanogan County Extension media release said. “In addition to access for remote learning, it can be used for job searches, telehealth, telework, unemployment filing, census participation and other uses.”

The anticipated hotspot coverage area around the access point is 1,000-2,000 feet in diameter and includes network security protocols.

“When you log on you will be asked to identify your uses such as education, telehealth, job search or government services,” said Kayla Wells, WSU Okanogan County Ex-

tension Director. “This information will help determine the important reasons we need to increase broadband availability to homes and businesses in our area.”

Microsoft donated the equipment for the project in and collaboration with WSU Extension, the state library, state broadband office and office of Secretary of State launched the first of a multi-phase program to broaden access to other locations across the state.

Phase Two of the drive-in hotspots plans for more installations at libraries, schools and similar locations around the state. The proj-



Courtesy WSU Okanogan County Extension

Eric Fritz, network analyst for Okanogan County Central Services installs a hotspot Wi-Fi antenna at the WSU Extension office in Okanogan.

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workers. The variance application must also include plans for:

- Making testing available and accessible to everyone in the county with symptoms.
- Staffing case investigations and contact tracing.
- Housing people in isolation or quarantine who cannot or do not want to do so at home.
- Providing case management services to those in isolation and quarantine.
- Responding rapidly to outbreaks in congregate settings.

“The county is working on a way that would help all the people, business owners included, be on the same page with what is needed to move to the next Phase,” said Lalena Johns, Clerk of the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners. “It will take a concerted effort to reduce our numbers, put into place and follow an acceptable plan, and convince the public health officials that we are ready.”

Despite a letter written to Gov. Inslee on April 29 – reprinted on Page 1 of The Quad’s May 6 issue – advising the governor that county businesses were actively preparing to open early this month, the county commissioners must be thoughtful as they negotiate a path between frustrated citizens and business owners and the governor’s Safe Start plan mandates.

“The county depends on the state for various grants and funding to operate, provide services, and pay for programs,” said Johns. “If the county moved ahead with opening without regards to the Governor’s orders and plan, it would be irresponsible of the commissioners to do so knowing the impacts it would create down the road for many of the programs our citizens depend on.”

A share of funds – nearly \$80,000 – recently allotted to Okanogan County from the state’s newly launched Working Washington State Emergency Grant Program reported elsewhere in this paper (see: Economic Alliance, TwispWorks collaborate on new grant) is just one example of that financial support).

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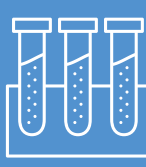
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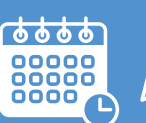
We check in with the sick person to see how they are. We tell them to stay home for at least 10 days after their symptoms started or 3 days after their fever stops, whichever is longer.



3

We ask them:

- When their symptoms started;
- Where they have been; and
- Who they had close contact with.



4

We talk to their close contacts who may be at risk of getting COVID-19.

Close contacts include people who the patient



Was within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes.



Was near their coughs or sneezes



Lives in the same home



Has cared for them

Close contacts are told to monitor their health for 14 days after they were last around the sick person. A contact may be asked to quarantine.

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

You can help stop the spread of COVID-19 by following prevention information you may receive if you are a contact. Your information is private and protected. Chelan-Douglas Health District has used contact tracing for many years - successfully stopping the spread of tuberculosis, Legionnaire’s Disease, meningitis and many other infectious diseases in our community. Together, we can control the spread of COVID-19.



To Learn more and stay updated at www.cdhd.wa.gov/COVID-19

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Plague drills, pre-and post-COVID-19

A year ago this month the Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH) coordinated a statewide plague response drill to test its network for delivering medicine and supplies to Washington's 35 health departments and districts.

The five-day operation - called T-REX for Transportation Relay Exercise - kicked off from Tumwater with air and ground logistics utilized to deliver one million simulated doses of vaccine from the nation's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) to county and tribal health care centers, pharmacies and related locations, including those in Okanogan County and on the Colville Confederated Tribes reservation. From what I could gather



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at the time for a story that appeared in the March 9, 2019, issue of The Quad, the exercise went well.

Two key points are assumed here:

1. The existence of a vaccine to effectively combat the simulated plague.
2. The SNS maintained the requisite supplies.

In light of present circumstances surrounding a true pandemic, I have reached out to our own Okanogan County Public Health (OCPH), Emergency

Management, Mid-Valley Hospital, Three Rivers Hospital, and Economic Alliance for their feedback specific to recommendations they might suggest be implemented in the wake of the real thing. I did so to get some firsthand comments from frontline contacts who are dealing with the crisis on both the public health, safety and economic levels.

In the meantime, here is what I do know. In just about every category - productions, supplies, logistics, funding, strategy, economics - the nation's leadership was ill-prepared for this crisis.

This even though a national plague scenario, first conducted by the Obama administration, was replayed from January through August just last year for

and with Trump administration officials. Administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the simulation was designed to measure the capacity of the federal government, a dozen participating states, including Illinois, and another dozen federal agencies to respond to a contagious disease like swine flu or H1N1, the first flu pandemic since the Hong Kong flu in 1968.

The exercise, called Crimson Contagion, was modeled on a new, highly communicable flu strain for which there was no vaccine. The simulated outbreak started in China and was quickly spread by world travelers. In the U.S. it was first detected in Chicago and by the time the World

Health Organization declared a pandemic less than two months later more than 100 million Americans were predicted to become infected and resulted in millions hospitalized and more than half a million dead.

Crimson Contagion was useful to the extent that its sobering conclusions exposed the lack of preparation, coordination, funding and other shortcomings now playing out in many prescient respects in real terms with real consequences. When the New York Times got its hands on a previously undisclosed October 2019 draft of Crimson Contagion the report appeared to contradict the Trump administration's claims that nobody on his watch could see a pandemic

of this proportion coming.

Apparently, some could and did. Look it up; it is not fake news.

In fairness to the president, had he possessed the foresight to envision what a pandemic like COVID-19 would do to the linchpin of his reelection - the nation's economy - I suspect his response would have come much earlier and with more exertion. Needless to say, the next plague "simulation" will have the benefit of hard experience and hindsight and will play to a much more receptive audience. As Bob Dylan wrote in Subterranean Homesick Blues: "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows."

All good medicine, citizens.

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and our nation."

Applicants and donors interested in learning more about the \$1,500 grants can visit the website supporto-

kanogan.biz.

"Despite the recent PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) and SBA loans and grants, many of our local businesses have not been able to access any of those funds," the website advises. "...we realized that a simple

application, combined with a small group of local volunteers to score those applications, and a donation funding account from our local community, could create a local, self-funded and equitable way for us to help keep our communities alive..."

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circumstances dictate.

"At this point we are seeking approval for a diploma cover delivery and a graduate parade through town," said high school principal Linda Dezelle. "Our senior slide show will be uploaded for viewing which will end with a live streaming of the beginning of the parade."

The Senior Spotlight, avail-

able online via a link on the school district main page at brewsterbears.org, highlights the seniors' high school activities and post-secondary plans.

Bridgeport

At 5 p.m. on June 5, the Class of 2020 will conduct diploma cover reception from a convoy of vehicles that will culminate in an escorted parade through the entire town. Resident families are encouraged to set up celebration in their yards to acknowledge

the passing seniors. Non-resident families will have access to the city parks to set up their celebration sites.

Mansfield

"We have a proposed plan," said principal Richardo Garcia of the Kernels eight-member graduation class.

As of this writing the details are still awaiting approval of the school board.

"I will say that the speeches will be virtual," Garcia said.

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cer, track and field, baseball and softball was still pending when the COVID-19 pandemic eliminated the 2020 spring season. When sports do resume, the newly expanded 10-team CWB 1B league will include Bridgeport, Pateros, Waterville-Mansfield, Soap Lake, Enti-

at, Cascade Christian Academy, Moses Lake Christian Academy, Wilson Creek, Easton, and Riverside Christian Academy (Yakima).

For the first time, the WIAA allowed school free and reduced lunch counts to be factored into the school reclassification mix. The benchmark was that any school whose free-and-reduced lunch rate exceeded the statewide average of 45 percent could have

its enrollment number reduced in proportion for each percent that it exceeded the statewide average.

"At Bridgeport, we have one of Washington state's highest unemployment rates, and one of the highest poverty levels," said Darwood earlier this year. "Our Bridgeport High School free-and-reduced lunch data rate is an astounding 95 percent."

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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>

Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition meal delivery

BREWSTER - In response to concern for the health of senior citizens regarding COVID-19, OCTN has established emergency measures which offers seniors a designated time in which they may arrive at their local Senior Center and pick up a meal to take home. We are asking all seniors interested in taking a meal home to please call their Senior Center to reserve a pick-up time. This service modification is in place thru March 26. The health threat related to the virus will be re-evaluated at that time. Call the Brewster Site Coordinator at 509-689-2815 to arrange for a meal pickup. 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, May 26

Brats & Sauerkraut, Herbed Potato Bake, Three Bean Salad, Waldorf Salad, Dessert

Wednesday, May 27

Chicken Fettuccine, Italian Vegetables, Salad, Apricots, Bread Sticks, Dessert

Thursday, May 28

Pork Roast, Stuffing & Gravy, Carrots, Spinach Salad, Applesauce, Dessert

May 20, June 12

Brewster area monthly bus trips to

Omak and Wenatchee

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is June 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, May 20, 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.

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May 9

911 at 5 Richards Ave. in Bridgeport.
Noise at 526 11th St. in Bridgeport.

May 10

Noise at 929 Maple St., No. 44 in Bridgeport.
Theft at 108 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.
Burglary at 2655 Rd. H.N.E. in Bridgeport.
Domestic disturbance at 112 Sage St. on Bridgeport Bar.
Trespass at 10 McCormack St. in Bridgeport.
Non-injury accident at 510 10th St. in Bridgeport.
Noise at 50 Grange Rd. on Bridgeport Bar.
Trespass at 929 Maple St., No. 120 in Bridgeport.

May 11

Property incident at 71 Richards Ave. in Bridgeport.
Suicide threat at 530 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

Harassment/threat at 598 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.
Trespass at 205 Sixth St. in Bridgeport.
Trespass at 205 Sixth St. in Bridgeport.
Fraud/forgery at 117 Sage St. on Bridgeport Bar.

May 12

Trespass at 6 McCormack St. in Bridgeport.
Child protective services/adult protective services at 116 first St. on Bridgeport Bar.
Fraud/forgery at 136 w. Second Ave. in Mansfield.

May 13

Fraud/forgery at 1400 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport.
Agency assistance at 116 First St. on Bridgeport Bar.
Civil incident at 52 Cedar Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.
Public assistance at 108 Fifth St. in Bridgeport.

May 14

Animal problem at Bridgeport Hill Road, milepost 4 in Bridgeport.
Theft at 530 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.
Fraud/forgery at 1969 Rd. E. N.E. in Mansfield.
Theft at 521 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

DEATH NOTICE

David C. Stange

David C. Stange, 74, of Bridgeport, Washington, passed away May 8, 2020.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

WI-FI

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ect's third phase is dependent on funding and further areas of need. Site selection will focus on need including school free and reduced lunch programs data and areas of unserved access.

A state drive-in Wi-Fi hotspot locations map created in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and WaTech will be available online at driveinwifi.wa.gov. The map will be updated as new sites become available. "We are delighted to offer this free internet access in our community," said Wells. "COVID-19 has shown a light on how critical broadband is for our economy, educational

needs and quality of life for all our residents."

For questions or more information about the Okanogan County site, please contact:

Kayla Wells, WSU Okanogan County Extension Director, 509-422-7248 or kayla.wells@wsu.edu.

For questions or more information about the statewide hotspot project visit driveinwifi.wa.gov or contact:

Monica Babine, Washington State University Extension at babinem@wsu.edu, (206) 999-8032; Russ Elliott, Washington State Broadband Office at elliott@commerce.wa.gov, (360) 725-4052; or Cindy Aden, Washington State Library, at cindy.aden@sos.wa.gov, (360) 819-7236.

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Top gardening trends for 2020:

Blooms and beyond: The top gardening trends for 2020

(BPT) - Whether you have an outdoor oasis or are a nurturing indoor plant parent, gardening offers a multitude of benefits and has the power to brighten up any space or mood. Spring is the time to plan what plants to grow, and with some expert insight on top trends, you'll be gardening with success and enjoying the results.

The team at Ball Horticultural Company shares the top trends for 2020, guiding plant lovers at all levels to confidently grow a garden, big or small.

Indoor Garden Rooms

Mother Nature has made her way indoors with more people planting inside their homes in a variety of ways. Whether it's creating a soothing space by a windowsill filled with houseplants or growing your own edible herbs and microgreens in your kitchen, planting indoors is on the rise. Serious plant-lovers are even dedicating entire interior spaces to gardening, creating "garden rooms" or "indoor jungles."

Indoor gardening lets homeowners experience the benefits of plants wherever they live, regardless of the weather outdoors. Easy-to-

care-for houseplants, such as Dieffenbachia, a strong and sturdy plant that has stunning and unique tropical leaves, makes people feel like they are on vacation in their own homes. Studies show that foliage plants also clean indoor air and lift overall spirits. Finally, don't be afraid of indoor flowering plants like Gerbera or Cyclamen. Their flowers last 3-4 weeks and are available in many colors to fit your mood or match your seasonal décor.

PanAmerican Seed offers the Kitchen Minis™ collection as an option for gardeners who want to grow and harvest their own vegetables year-round. These potted vegetable plants can thrive on a sunny windowsill or counter. With Kitchen Minis, such as the Siam Edible Potted Tomato, people can pluck ingredients right from the container in their kitchen to use in a recipe. The collection also includes sweet and hot peppers with more options to come.

Gardening for Health and Wellness

It's no secret that consuming fresh vegetables and herbs is beneficial to one's physical health, and garden-



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ing at home puts a variety of flavorful produce within arm's reach. The benefits of gardening also extend to mental health, as tending a garden and being close to nature helps reduce stress, calm anxiety and acts as a mood-booster.

Herbs are a simple place to start when growing your own food. You can't go wrong with Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil, which adds flavor to many dishes like fresh Caprese salad. This beautiful, column-like plant not only gives a bountiful harvest, it

is also late to flower and can be paired with colorful flowers in a mixed container for month after month of hand-plucked flavor and garden enjoyment.

Mardi Gras Fun Snack Peppers from Burpee Plants are the perfect healthy miniature peppers that add a conversation piece to any garden. They're available in four eye-catching color options that can be grown together in one container for a fun patio display, and kids adore helping to grow, pick and eat these crunchy snacks.

Aromatherapy is also a popular wellness practice, with lavender plants top-

ping the list of must-haves because of its reputation for inspiring relaxation. SuperBlue English Lavender grows rich blue blooms on short flower spikes, providing a calming scent and great garden texture. Alternatively, Primavera Spanish Lavender flowers throughout the summer, displaying great heat tolerance with bushy, scented florets that attract bees and other pollinators.

Bold Colors

Bold colors are planted in gardens across the country and different hues blanket landscapes large and small. Additionally, people with

container gardens are planting flowers known for their vivid color for instant impact, making this trend accessible to all, including those who live in a condo or apartment with limited outdoor garden space.

Some standout plants that feature the best bold hues include Galaxy Geranium, a brand-new series that is vigorous enough to keep its large, semi-double blooms in-color all season. Look for stunning dark red, pink, purple, salmon, violet, watermelon and white, giving gardeners the option to choose their favorite shade or create a rainbow of flowers.

Another bold option that is wonderful for sunny borders or bright corners is Rose Marvel Salvia. Its mega-large bloom stems result in spectacular displays in spring and summer so you'll enjoy color throughout the warm months. The rose-pink flowers are deer and rabbit resistant, plus they rebloom without being cut back, saving time and minimizing maintenance.

Ask for these plants at your favorite garden retailer, and you're on your way to experiencing all that flowers have to offer. To learn more about these plants and the top gardening trends of the year, visit the plant experts at www.ballhort.com.

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

Can we go camping Memorial Day weekend?

By JOHN KRUSE

Memorial Day weekend is heralded as the kick off to the summer camping season but the COVID-19 pandemic will change that this year. In Washington, the majority of state parks (except for several in the Columbia River Gorge and along the Washington Coast) are open for day use but they will not open up for camping until at least June 1st. That's when the majority of the state is poised to move into Phase 2 of our recovery efforts, which includes the resumption of camping.

I contacted Anna Gill with Washington State Parks to ask about whether parks in counties that have already moved to Phase 2 (Columbia, Garfield, Ferry, Lincoln, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Skamania and Pend Oreille) would be open for camping over Memorial Day weekend. She responded by saying camping would not resume at State Parks in those counties until the entire state enters Phase 2.

The same question was poised to Paige DeChambeau with the Washington Department of Natural Resources and Staci Lehman with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. DeChambeau said, "Further direction will be needed from the Governor's Office before any plans can be finalized, but we are hoping to target a June 1 statewide camping reopening.... We want to encourage people to try and stay close to home for a while longer." Lehman with WDFW echoed the same message.

As for our National Forests? Right now, developed campgrounds, picnic areas and trailheads are closed. Catherine Caruso with the US Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Regional Office says, "Developed day use recreation sites will be opening up gradually throughout the month. These day use sites include developed trailheads and picnic areas. Campgrounds will likely not be opening prior to Memorial Day weekend."

In addition to this, visitor centers (such as the ones found at Mount St. Helens) will probably remain closed through May. In Central Washington, there is no firm answer as to whether Icicle River Road near Leavenworth with a number of popular trailheads, campgrounds and developed recreation sites, will open before the end of the month. However, the Forest Service did announce no overnight camping by hikers will be permitted in the popular Enchantments area of the Alpine lake Wilderness through the end of May.

As far as National Parks go, Mount Rainier remains hard to visit with the main Nisqually entrance and Carbon River entrances closed. All lodges, visitor centers, campgrounds and trailheads also remain closed. At Olympic National Park many of the roads are open, but just about everything else is closed and at North Cascades National Park Denise Schulz, Chief of Visitor Services stated "The entire park complex is closed.... It is yet to be determined what, if any, areas of the park complex might be open by Memorial Day weekend."

Meanwhile, the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area does have boat launches open as water levels allow but campgrounds, toilets and fish

cleaning stations are closed. Trash collection is also not taking place.

Moving on to the Bureau of Land Management the developed recreation sites east of the Cascades that were closed due to COVID-19 have reopened, but only for day use activities.

Finally, several private fishing and camping resorts have opened though others remain closed. Some of the ones we found open for business included MarDon Resort at Potholes Reservoir in Grant County, Liar's Cove Resort at Conconully Lake in Okanogan County and the Beaver Lodge Resort on Lake Gillette near Colville. However, every one of these resort owners told me their camping and campground/RV sites are completely booked for Memorial Day weekend. Having said that, it might be worth calling a few other private resorts to see if space is available. It's unlikely, but there's a small chance you can salvage a traditional Memorial Day weekend with camping and time at the lake at a private resort.

For the rest of us though, access and overnight stays at many of our favorite places is not in the cards this Memorial Day. Instead, follow the advice of state health officials and enjoy a day trip to public lands and parks that are open, sticking close to home over the long weekend. After a day at the park, on the water or in the woods head back home. There you can grill up something outside and enjoy some time with family around a fire pit (where allowed). Those marshmallows and hot dogs burn the same whether you are at the campground or in the backyard.

John Kruse - www.northwesternoutdoors.com and www.americaoutdoorsradio.com

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