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## Pateros school board approves staff reductions

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**PATEROS** – In a special Zoom meeting held on Monday, April 13, members of the Pateros school board voted to approve a Modified Educational Program Proposal that calls for staff reductions in compliance with a financial emergency resolution.

The proposal will have the school maintain nine para-educator positions for the 2020-21 school year broken down into the following categories:

- Three special education positions working under the Special Education Para

Educator job description.

- One special education position working under the One-on-One Special Education Para Educator job description.

- Five regular education positions working under the Regular Education Para Educator job description.

The district currently has 13 para-educators. Therefore, four para-educators will receive a reduction in force notification.

The Pateros School District plans to maintain one maintenance/bus driver position for the 2020-21 school year. The district currently

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## WASA, SBE announce Emergency Credit Waiver Program

### For 2020 high school seniors

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**OLYMPIA** – Members of the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) and the Washington State Board of Education (WSBE) met via Zoom conference on April 10 to announce and explain the components of an Emergency Credit Waiver Program that will allow eligible high school seniors to graduate

this year.

In a timeline that began on Feb. 29 when Governor Jay Inslee issued a Declaration of Emergency and the subsequent closure of all public and private schools statewide on March 13, education officials have been on a fast track to provide a path for 2020 graduates while the state and nation deals with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are pleased to now have rules and now have an application available for districts to apply for this,” said WSBE Executive Direc-

tor Randy Spaulding who delivered a broad overview of the program and the application process.

“We have a fair amount of flexibility in determining whether or not a student has met the state’s graduation requirements and how they can earn credit,” said Spaulding. “What we do not have a lot of flexibility for is waiving requirements or waiving credits or reducing credits that are required for graduation.”

Spaulding said the goal of the effort is to try to get

students to earn the credit where possible and have the flexibility as a backup when students are not able to earn credit.

“Districts need to make a good-faith effort to address those course requirements, both core and elective,” Spaulding said of the requisite application process.

The state Legislature had to grant authority for the SBE to pass on the authority to school districts and that was done on March 12

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## Positive COVID-19 cases increase at a crawl

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – While other parts of the state and nation are experiencing different levels of COVID-19 presence, Okanogan County cases are increasing but at a crawl and those few that are popping up are at this writing in two localities: the Colville Reservation and Methow Valley.

As of 2 p.m. Friday, April 17, 14 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were identified out of 432 samples sent for testing. Of those, seven are on the Colville Reservation, five are in the Methow, and one each in the north and

south county.

A resolution from the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners on April 14, called for the closure of all overnight transient accommodations and hospitality lodging until further notice.

Those interested in following the worldwide progress of the coronavirus pandemic can visit coronavirus.jhu.edu/map to view a COVID-19 dashboard prepared by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. The site documents confirmed cases by country, region and sovereignty and other statistics available on a selection menu.

## Bridgeport residents can weigh in on Revitalization Survey

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BRIDGEPORT** – Every city utility account customer will be receiving a survey in the mail this week requesting feedback concerning a revitalization project aimed at the city’s State Route 173 business corridor.

Bridgeport has been awarded grants from both the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority that will be applied to the preparation of a community revitalization plan.

“The focus of the effort is to inventory existing land uses along the SR 173 corridor through the community, engage residents, businesses and property owners in identification and development of public and private revitalization strategies and priorities,” said a city media release, “and establish goals and objectives for the actions needed to implement the revitalization plan.”

Normally a public hearing would be scheduled to take public comment, but the

current public health emergency required city officials to reach out to community residents with the survey by mail. It is requested that surveys be returned no later than May 15 to: City of Bridgeport, P.O.B. 640, Bridgeport, WA 98813.

The surveys can also be deposited in the payment drop at city hall or at the Douglas County PUD office in Bridgeport. Residents can also complete the survey online on the city’s website [bridgeportwashington.net](http://bridgeportwashington.net).

“If the revitalization plan for the city is to accurately reflect the ideas, needs and desires of our community, it is vital that you take the time to complete and return the survey,” the media release said.

With the help and guidance of city planner Kurt Danison city officials and city council members have been discussing the components and funding required to put together the initial steps for a revitalization project.

“It’s something we’ve been wanting to do,” said Mayor Janet Conklin. “This is for the citizens of Bridgeport.”

## Bridgeport FFA Plant Sale begins April 22

### Members to be highlighted on Facebook, Instagram

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BRIDGEPORT** – The annual Bridgeport High School FFA Spring Plant Sale will be held this week from Wednesday, April 22 through Saturday, April 25, but under different guidelines in compliance with current restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

FFA advisor Adam Corum is scheduling customers by appointment only in 15-minute increments from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. all four days of the sale. A sign-up sheet posted on the front door of the greenhouse will allow purchasers to select times to take their turns in the greenhouse.

“Please be respectful of these times as we do not want to endanger the health and welfare of anyone while supporting our most valuable assets, our students and children,” said Corum. “If you cannot make it with in these times, please feel free to email me ([acorum@bsd75.com](mailto:acorum@bsd75.com)) to schedule a time, or leave a note at the greenhouse, there will be an envelope for messages attached to the door as well.”

Vegetable and flower selections are among plant varieties available this year. They include three varieties of peppers, three varieties of geraniums, five varieties of petunias, portulaca, calibrachoa, watermelon, verbena, bacopa and much more, Corum said.



Courtesy Adam Corum, Bridgeport School District  
The greenhouse at Bridgeport High School is full and ready for buyers later this month.

“The students have done an amazing job for the amount of time they had with the plants that can be seen in the end result,” said Corum who added that this year’s crop will be very close to the high quality selection of past sales.

“The students have not been around to do the detailed maintenance so there will be some differences,” said Corum. “I know these are tough times, however these students have put a lot

of time into these plants, so please consider making the investment in them.”

The plant sale is the FFA chapter’s main fundraiser and the proceeds help pay for trips and other activities. Corum encourages FFA supporters to subscribe to Washington FFA on Facebook and Instagram.

“You are going to be seeing some Bridgeport FFA members being highlighted in the coming month or so,” Corum said.

## PTEEO will launch classes June 1

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**PATEROS** – The Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization (PTEEO) will launch summer preschool classes on June 1 in the former Church of Christ building at 128 N. Independence St. Classes will be held from Monday through Friday in two daily sessions, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. The program is for children ages 2-1/2 through 6 years with an emphasis on social emotional development and school readiness, said lead teacher Tracy Miller of Apple Blossom Preschool.

Registration is open now on website [www.paterostreehouse.com](http://www.paterostreehouse.com).

Miller, a Pateros resident



Tracy Miller is the lead teacher for Pateros Treehouse Early Education Organization’s summer preschool classes.

and president of the Apple Pie Jamboree, earned her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from the University of Wash-

ington. She has more than 20 years of experience in education including four years as a preschool teacher for the Lake Chelan School District. Miller is a former AmeriCorps volunteer and Pateros school board member. She can be reached at [tracymiller36@gmail.com](mailto:tracymiller36@gmail.com).

PTEEO, a 501(c)3 nonprofit was incorporated in October 2019 with a nine-member board of directors comprised of:

Kailee Tanneberg, President: financial accountant at Gebbers Farms.

Gene Dowers, Vice President, Executive Director of the Pateros-Brewster Resource Center.

Lindsay Vallance, Treasurer, office manager and legal assistant for Valor Law.

Kayla Johanson, Secretary, school psychologist at Brewster School District.

Betty Hagenbuch, retired teacher and 50-year Pateros resident.

Michael Harding, Pateros City Council member.

Grace Larsen ARNP, family nurse practitioner with Confluence Health.

Clara Osborne, third grade teacher at Pateros School District.

Courtney Reynolds, K-5 special education teacher for Brewster Elementary School.

PTEEO hopes to renovate the Church of Christ building with grant funds and donations to accommodate 52 children as a licensed daycare for youngsters up to 12 years of age.

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

SUBMITTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

**EAST WENATCHEE** - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Ronald E. Skagen, Molly Simpson and Aaron J. Viebrock executed the following actions during the April 13, Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office:

- Authorized an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for road improvements with Douglas County. Communication infrastructure will be moved to accommodate roadway improvements on 4th St. S.E. in East Wenatchee.
- Approved legal services agreement with the law firm of Winston and Strawn LLP effective until December 31, 2020.
- Authorized Note No. 5 loan from the Electric Distribution System Capital Project Revolving Loan Fund to the Wells Hydroelectric Project.
- Affirmed change order No. 1 to contract 19-33-D, construct Rapids Switchyard Phase 3. Changes include additional foundations not specified in plan documents. This will increase the contract \$29,000.
- Approved award of contract 19-23-D to Hydrogenics Corporation to supply and deliver 5 MW hydrogen electrolyzer equipment at a cost not to exceed \$9,483,250.
- Authorized request for qualifications 20-08-D, professional engineering services for safety and design of the Douglas PUD Hydrogen Electrolyzer Project. These services are needed to ensure project conformance with the latest safety codes and standards in this relatively new industry.

- Approved amendment No. 1 to professional service agreement 18-06-W, with Greisen Aerospace for engineering services for modifications to the Trashrack lifting beams. This amendment will extend the agreement to December 31, 2020.
- Authorized a request for qualifications 20-09-W, engineering structural analysis of the Wells Hydroelectric Project's Hydrocombine structure. Necessary to identify maximum live load limitations for equipment used at the site in four zones.
- Approved amending Resolution No. 20-058 professional service agreement with Geosystems, L.P. Necessary to revise the scope of work.
- Authorized naming Human Resource Administrator, Shauna Cenotto as designee to administer the provisions of the PUD No. 1 of Douglas County deferred compensation plans.
- Authorized approval of land use permit 375-02, Jasvir and Gurmil Gill. The permit is for continued use of Project lands previously permitted for existing landscaping, two boat docks and associated bulkheads.
- Authorized approval of land use permit 432-02, Jass Gill LLC. The permit is for continued use of Project lands previously permitted for existing landscaping, parking lot, docks and associated bulkheads.
- Heard a report on the Douglas County Community Network. The network currently has 5,536 end users.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 27, at the District's East Wenatchee office.

## Washington WIC an essential service and continues to be available to pregnant women, new moms, young children

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON DEPT. OF HEALTH

**OLYMPIA** – During this challenging time, Washington WIC is here for vulnerable families. WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC gives families access to nutritious foods, nutrition education and breastfeed-

ing support, health assessments and referrals. WIC is for pregnant people, new and breastfeeding moms, infants, and children under five. These services help diverse communities address their health needs during and after pregnancy and in early childhood.

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## USDA announces Coronavirus Food Assistance Program to assist farmers, ranchers, consumers

SUBMITTED BY USDA

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced recently the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). This new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program will take several actions to assist farmers, ranchers, and consumers in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. President Trump directed USDA to craft this \$19 billion immediate relief program to provide critical support to our farmers and ranchers, maintain the integrity of our food supply chain, and ensure every American continues to receive and have access to the food they need.

“During this time of national crisis, President Trump and USDA are standing with our farmers, ranchers, and all citizens to make sure they are taken care of,” Secretary Perdue said. “The American food supply chain had to adapt, and it remains safe, secure, and strong, and we all know that starts with America’s farmers and ranchers. This program will not only provide immediate relief for our farmers and ranchers, but it will also allow for the purchase and distribution of our agricultural abundance to help our fellow Americans in need.”

CFAP will use the funding and authorities provided in

the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), and other USDA existing authorities. The program includes two major elements to achieve these goals.

**Direct Support to Farmers and Ranchers:** The program will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted and will assist producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19.

**USDA Purchase and Distribution:** USDA will partner with regional and local distributors, whose workforce has been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat. We will begin with the procurement of an estimated \$100 million per month in fresh fruits and vegetables, \$100 million per month in a variety of dairy products, and \$100 million per month in meat products. The distributors and wholesalers will then provide a pre-approved box of fresh produce, dairy,

and meat products to food banks, community and faith based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need.

On top of these targeted programs USDA will utilize other available funding sources to purchase and distribute food to those in need.

USDA has up to an additional \$873.3 million available in Section 32 funding to purchase a variety of agricultural products for distribution to food banks. The use of these funds will be determined by industry requests, USDA agricultural market analysis, and food bank needs.

The FFCRA and CARES Act provided an at least \$850 million for food bank administrative costs and USDA food purchases, of which a minimum of \$600 million will be designated for food purchases. The use of these funds will be determined by food bank need and product availability.

Further details regarding eligibility, rates, and other implementation will be re-

leased at a later date.

**Additional Background:** USDA has taken action during the COVID-19 national emergency to make sure children and families are fed during a time of school closures and job losses, as well as increase flexibilities and extensions in USDA’s farm programs to ensure the U.S. food supply chain remains safe and secure.

**Feeding Kids and Families** USDA expanded flexibilities and waivers in all 50 states and territories to ensure kids and families who need food can get it during this national emergency.

• USDA is partnering with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver more than 1,000,000 meals a week to students in a limited number of rural schools closed due to COVID-19.

For all the information on USDA’s work during the COVID-19 pandemic and resources available, please visit <https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>.

## Person missing in wake of Waterville fire

U.S. 2 closed

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

**WATERVILLE** – U.S. Highway 2 through Waterville is closed at this writing following a structure fire on Thursday, April 16, resulted in a hazard for motorists using the route.

Douglas County Sheriff’s deputies and Douglas County Fire District 1 units responded to the fire in the 100 block of W. Locust St. that was fully involved when responders arrived. A second alarm brought fire resources from neighboring Chelan, Wenatchee and Douglas county fire districts and the Washing-

ton State Patrol.

Douglas County Under-sheriff Tyler Caille reported that during the containment of the fire it was discovered that one of the subjects reported to be at the location prior to the fire was unaccounted for.

“Douglas County detectives are currently assisting the Douglas County Fire Marshall with the investigation of the fire and are working to locate the unaccounted subject,” said Caille. “Due to the compromised integrity of the building, U.S. 2 will remain closed past the fire scene and WSDOT has established a detour route for motorists traveling through the Waterville area.”

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with passage of Engrossed House Bill 2965 which the governor signed on March 17.

Brewster and Bridgeport School superintendents at Brewster and Bridgeport shared their opinions with The Quad concerning now the emergency credit waiver might affect their graduates.

Speaking on behalf of Brewster School Superintendent Eric Driessen, prin-

cipal Linda Dezelle said that while there are many details yet to qualify, “Seniors that were on track to graduate when we received the stay at home order will be able to complete what is needed to receive a diploma this summer.”

Bridgeport School Superintendent Scott Sattler was succinct in his interpretation of the waiver program.

“We believe the State Board of Education process was clear and we are not needing to apply for any waivers,” Sattler said.

## REDUCTIONS

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has two maintenance/bus driver positions. Therefore, one maintenance/bus driver will receive a reduction in force notification. It is important to note that prior to exercising reduction in force as a cost saving measure, the district has implemented other cost saving measures including the following:

- Travel only by district vehicle.
- Reduction of services and contracts with ESD 17.
- Elimination of supplemental contracts for teachers teaching on a preparation period.
- Reduction by attrition of one teaching position.
- Reduction by attrition of one administrative position.
- A budget freeze on many purchases.

The board reviewed a draft of the letter that will be sent out this week to all families explaining the ad-

ditional supports being put into place and changes to the grading system for the fourth quarter. This plan is a collaboration between administration and elementary and secondary staff.

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# Bridgeport Food Bank: more customers than food

## Demand remains high

BY MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The newly re-opened food bank at the Wellspring of Life Church at 1300 Foster Avenue held its second official food distribution at 7 p.m. last Friday, April 10, and once again the demand outstripped the supply as more customers in need exceeded the new venture's supply of food.

Wellspring co-pastor Zuni Henriquez said the food bank was only able to distribute 59 boxes of food rather than the planned 80 boxes because the church building where the food bank is housed no longer has the refrigeration units for cold storage.

"We were frustrated there was so many families that we were not able to serve due to our limitations," said Henriquez, "although we are working very hard to make the number of boxes be higher soon."

With help from the Food Distribution Center in Chelan and the National Guard out of Wenatchee the food bank debuted its service with 40 boxes of food on Friday, April 3, that, while a welcome inauguration, was unable to meet the needs of the more than 100 customers who showed up.

The Bridgeport Food Bank is scheduled to continue food distributions at 7 p.m. every Friday from the Four-square Building that serves as its headquarters.



Mike Maltais/QCH

Zuni Henriquez hoists a box from the remaining food supplies at last Friday's Bridgeport Food Bank distribution.



Wellspring of Life Church pastors Carlos and Zuni Henriquez load a box of food into a customer's vehicle.

## Three Rivers Hospital announces M&O levy proposition

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER BEST  
BEST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR THREE RIVERS HOSPITAL

BREWSTER – Three Rivers Hospital is seeking a one-year excess property tax levy to help fund maintenance and operations.

The proposition, which appears on the April 28, special election ballot, asks voters to decide whether to approve a one-time total of approximately \$750,000. The rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be about 33 cents, to be collected in 2021.

If approved, the funds would cover some of the hospital's operational costs, particularly the emergency room.

"One thing our communities have always agreed on is the importance of having an ER, but the reimbursement rate is lower than the cost of services," said CEO Scott Graham. "We typically rely on revenue from our other services to help bridge that gap between the cost of providing emergency care and what we receive."

The hospital's Board of Commissioners approved the levy resolution during its regular meeting on February 26. Ballots were mailed to voters in early April.

Hospital district voters approved a lid lift on an existing tax levy in 2016, raising the rate from 63 cents per \$1,000

of assessed value to about 75 cents per \$1,000. The current tax rate is \$0.739 per \$1,000. With the extra funds from the lid lift, the hospital was able to invest in some significant changes:

- Replacing the patient beds and furniture;
- Moving the Three Rivers Family Medicine clinic next door into the former Hillcrest House Assisted Living facility; and
- Moving the emergency department to the newest section of the hospital, which improved patient care workflows and allowed for the addition of a negative pressure isolation room.

A second measure on the 2016 ballot for a capital improvement levy did not receive enough votes to pass the 60 percent supermajority requirement. That levy would have helped fund a partial roof replacement project.

Property taxes paid to the hospital currently comprise about 5 percent of its total annual income. Ballots must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, or delivered to a ballot drop box. There are three within the hospital district; one each in Bridgeport, Pateros, and Twisp.

For questions or further information, contact Jennifer Best at 509-689-2517 Ext. 3346 or email [jbest@trhospital.net](mailto:jbest@trhospital.net)

## SERVICE

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"WIC has been identified as an essential service. We are committed to supporting families," said Paul Throne, Washington WIC Director. "WIC agencies across the state are providing services by phone or online to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. We want to protect both WIC participants and clinic staff."

Given recent employment changes and layoffs, people may be seeking WIC services for the first time or returning to services. WIC has the capacity to serve additional people.

People seeking WIC services do not need to visit a WIC clinic. WIC services are available by phone or video chat even when physical

buildings are closed. To find WIC services in your area:

Call the Help Me Grow WA Hotline at 1-800-322-2588. Text "WIC" to 96859. Visit ParentHelp123's Resource-Finder

Washington WIC has recently added many nutritious food options to help ensure WIC participants can find foods when shopping. WIC clinics can answer questions about these foods. Download the WIC Shopper app for more information.

In this uncertain time, information changes rapidly. WIC staff are the best source of information and can answer questions about WIC.

The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

## Submissions for Congressional Art Competition for Central Washington now accepted online

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH DANIELS, REP. DAN NEWHOUSE OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) announced a change to the sixth annual Congressional Art Competition for Central Washington.

All high school students throughout the 4th Congressional District are en-

couraged to participate, and to comply with state and federal recommendations, submissions will now be accepted online.

Students can submit their artwork by sending a photo, description, and a completed release to [Johnny.Alavez@mail.house.gov](mailto:Johnny.Alavez@mail.house.gov) If students are unable to send the artwork electronically, they can also schedule an appoint-

ment to drop off the artwork at one of Rep. Newhouse's district offices. Click here for details, rules, and regulations [newhouse.house.gov/services/art-competition](http://newhouse.house.gov/services/art-competition).

All artwork and paperwork must be submitted by April 30, 2020.

The Congressional Art Competition is sponsored by the Congressional Institute. All entries must be

original in concept, design, and execution. The winning entry will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol, and first place winners will also receive two plane tickets to visit Washington, D.C. and see their artwork displayed. Second and third place winners will be invited to have their artwork hang in Rep.

Newhouse's Yakima and Richland district offices. Click here to see 2019 winners, including Meredith Sconce of Almira Coulee Hartline High School's piece, A Million Dots of Diversity [newhouse.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/newhouse-announces-winners-2019-congressional-art-competition](http://newhouse.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/newhouse-announces-winners-2019-congressional-art-competition).

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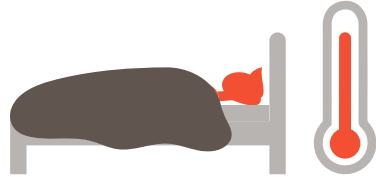


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- ✓ Monitor daily for fever, cough, and shortness of breath.



- ✓ Isolate yourself if you are sick.



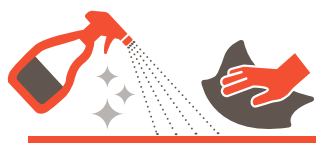
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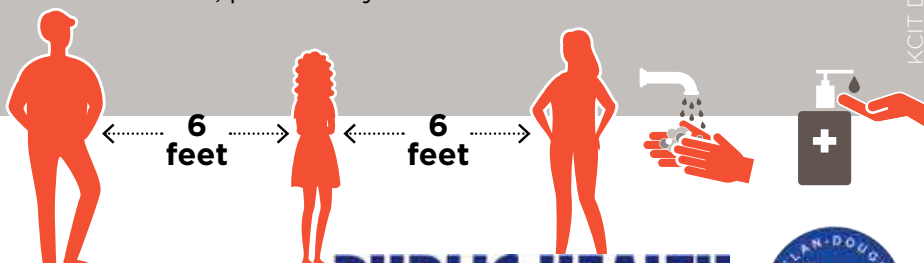


- ✓ Clean and sanitize common areas.



### Please help in protecting everyone:

- If you have a cough, fever, or shortness of breath, please stay home.
- Stay 6 feet away from others if you are out in public.
- If you are at high risk for Coronavirus, please stay home.
- Wash/sanitize hands often.



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We all need to be reminded to say "Thank you" to all those in the front lines working to keep us safe and healthy, in everyday health and now especially during this time of the COVID-19 Virus.

### Nurses Week is May 6-12

Need A Card of Thanks ? Have a name but no address to send a card? Call us and we will make an ad for you with a name of a nurse that you would like to say "Thank you" to.

**Deadline:**  
April 30 for May 6 issues  
2 column x 1.5 inch ad  
1 paper - Only \$10  
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*Thank you*  
*Ami Bess*  
*You are the Best Nurse Ever!*  
*Love, from your family*



### National Hospital Week is May 10-16

Say "Thank you" to our Doctors, Administrators, ED staff, Lab and others. Send us a name or message and we will make the ad for you.



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OBITUARIES

Francis Allen Boyd

Francis Allen Boyd passed away peacefully April 11, 2020 at Harmony House in Brewster, Washington. He was born July 26, 1932, to Francis and Viola Boyd and was raised on the family homestead near Pat and Mike's Grocery on Chelan's south shore, next to what is now Sorrento's Restaurant. Al was the second of four children raised by Francis and Vi.

After graduating from Chelan high school in 1950, Al went to work with his hands and learned the carpenter craft from Chuck Dolfay in Chelan, and became a skilled builder, well known and loved in the Chelan Manson valley.

Al learned all aspects of the building construction trade and was a complete craftsman from start to finish. He poured the concrete, framed, plumbed and wired, roofed, and all the finish work including the cabinets and countertops. Al started in the building trade in 1953 and never completely retired. He built actively for over 50 years. A few of the more notable projects were Spader Bay Condominiums, Pleasant Beach Condominiums, Slidewaters water Park and custom homes throughout the Chelan-Manson valley. His greatest accomplishments, his family would say, are the homes he designed and built for his daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Later in his business life, he developed and managed The Town Tub Car Wash and Quik Auto Clinic, as well as orchards, before selling them.

Al married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Carroll on St. Patrick's Day 1951. They had two sons, Skip and Mike. Both boys also graduated from Chelan High School, and their activities were ardently "followed" by their dad, Al. He loved any and all sports, and was a very active fan of Chelan sports his entire life. Whenever a Boyd child or grandchild was involved, Pat and Al were there rooting them on. Actually, Pat was rooting us on, and trying to keep Al out of trouble. Anyone who witnessed him at a ball game went away knowing that "Al knew much more than the coaches ever did!"

Al had a gambler's heart. He loved the casino, stock and commodities markets, a good card game, horse races, or any game of chance. He would never be accused of standing in the background of life while it passed him by. He was involved.

Allen also was a member of the Chelan Rod and Gun Club and the Lake Chelan Eagles.

Allen was preceded in death by his loving wife Patricia, parents Francis and Viola, brother Stan and sister Roxie.

He leaves family members Skip and wife Mary and their sons Nathan (Courtney), Eric (Kim), and Greg (Danielle), Mike and wife Carla and their daughters Libby (Danny) Bennett and Kelsey (Mike) Ward, nephew Jack and niece Jean Ashby, and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as a sister, Lorrie Boyd Scharp of Duluth, Minnesota.

There are people too numerous to count, and forgive us if we missed you, but Skip and Mike want to especially thank all the healthcare workers at Lake Chelan Hospital, Heritage Heights, Three Rivers Hospital, and Regency Harmony House for their outstanding care of dad! Although he was a very independent person, he finally accepted all your care, and came to really appreciate and love you all. Also, Rob Dainard for allowing dad to continue assisting with all of your projects and feel needed. Doris Bryant and nephew Jack Ashby were also wonderful help to us getting dad to where he needed to be medically on numerous occasions. Your help was invaluable to us.

Services for Allen will be Wednesday, June 24 at 1 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery, followed by a Celebration of Life at Chelan Senior Center following the graveside about 2-4 p.m. These plans will be changed if we are still under the coronavirus restrictions. Please check the Precht Rose Chapel website before the date of services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please continue to 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy'

Washington state is celebrating the good news that Governor Inslee's order for all residents to "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" is paying off.

However, even though we're seeing some relief statewide, the number of confirmed cases is still rising gradually in Okanogan, Douglas, and Chelan counties. As of this writing on April 10, Okanogan County had 13 confirmed cases, a number that had more than doubled from the week before. Douglas County had 13, and Chelan County had 41 with two deaths.

We don't know exactly how delayed our peak will be compared to urban areas, or how severe it will be. This means we're still being vigilant and cautious to protect our local

communities, and we still need everyone who lives or visits here to do the same.

The governor's order to stay home is still in effect, and we implore everyone to continue following it along with the following guidelines:

- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds and be sure to get under your fingernails and in between your fingers.
• If you can't wash your hands, use a hand sanitizer that's at least 60% alcohol-based. Rub it into your hands until dry, and don't rinse or wipe it off.
• Observe social distancing. This means staying at least 6 feet away from others, working from home

when possible, and refraining from visiting friends or family members you don't live with.

Social distancing has been a particularly tough measure for people to follow, but it is the main reason we've seen such success with reduced cases and deaths. Without a vaccine or a specific medicine available to treat COVID-19, this is still the best method to slow it down. We're making it more difficult for the virus to thrive and spread.

Our lives this spring and summer are shaping up to be quite different from what we're used to. Events we look forward to are being canceled. We miss our families and friends. Many of us are temporarily out of

work. This has impacted all of us in unexpected ways, but we want you to know how much we appreciate everything you're doing to help control the spread and protect yourselves and your families. We're all in this together, and it will take all of us making sacrifices now to ensure the long-term health and safety of our communities. Thank you, and stay strong.

J. Scott Graham, Chief Executive Officer
Three Rivers Hospital and North Valley Hospital
Lauri Jones, Community Health Director
Okanogan County Public Health
Mike Pruett, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners
Three Rivers Hospital

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Thursday, April 23
Cheese Ravioli with, Meat Sauce, Italian Vegetables, Apricots, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Tuesday, April 28
1/2 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn Chowder, Pea Salad, Whole Grain Crackers, Apple Crisp
Wednesday, April 29
Beef Stew, Green Salad, Peaches, Biscuit, Cereal Bars
May 8, 20
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 May 8. 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.

Animal problem at 812 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.
Suspicious incident at 44 Riggs Rd. on Bridgeport Bar.
Agency assistance at North Cascades Bank in Brewster.
Breathing problem at 929 Maple St., No. 20 in Bridgeport.
April 16
Property incident at 1222

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

April 10
Unknown fire at Douglas Avenue and 10th Street in Bridgeport.
Malicious mischief at 700 Fairview Ave., No. 6B in Bridgeport.
Welfare check at 325 13th St. in Bridgeport.
Traffic offense at 420 12th St. in Bridgeport.
Noise behind 2121 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.
April 11
Harassment/threat at 700 Fairview Ave., No. 6B in Bridgeport.
Alarm at 1400 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport.
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Alarm at 125 Fir Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.
Traffic offense at 1717 Foster Ave., Apt. 1 in Bridgeport.
Disturbance at 409 22nd St. in Bridgeport.
Heart problem at 1618 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

Unconscious at 222 Morrow St. in Mansfield.
April 12
Miscellaneous at State Route 173 and Davis Avenue in Bridgeport.
Welfare check at 700 Fairview Ave., No. 2A in Bridgeport.
Fall at 2400 Tacoma Ave., No. 3 in Bridgeport.
Cardiac at 700 Fairview Ave., No. 2A in Bridgeport.
April 13
Alarm at 1400 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport.
Suspicious incident at 215 Edson St. on Bridgeport Bar.
Traffic offense at Fisk Avenue and 16th St. in Bridgeport.
April 14
Suspicious incident at 1804 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.
Domestic disturbance at 1118 Foster Ave. in Bridgeport.
April 15
Disturbance at 325 13th St. in Bridgeport.

Fairview Ave., No. 10 in Bridgeport.
Trespass at 420 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.
Animal problem at the 2400 block of Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport.
Theft at 530 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.
Agency assistance at the 0 block of Washburn Avenue on Bridgeport Bar.

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DEATH NOTICE

Alberta J. Chapman

Alberta J. Chapman, 82, of Brewster, Washington, passed away on April 10, 2020. Services to be announced. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

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May you take time to pray, rest, meditate and reflect during this time. Stay well, stay strong and stay informed.

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New to the area? On Vacation? These churches welcome you!
BREWSTER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH AND SCHOOL
Saturday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Church: 509-689-3537
17 Hospital Way NE, Brewster
www.brewstersda.com
School: 509-689-3213
115 Valley Road, Brewster
www.brewsteradventistschool.com
Pastor Matthew Axford
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
509-689-2920 • 6th & Jay
www.cbcbrewster.com
Pastor Greg Thorn
COMMUNITY LOG CHURCH
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
509-689-2224 • 501 W. Indian Avenue
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Pastor Gordon Wright
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Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday
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Pastor Kevin Moore
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Adult Prayer & Bible Study and King's Kids
509-689-2420 • 412 W. Hanson
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The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

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Duties include: All aspects of Public Works with emphasis on water distribution. This position requires the ability to work outside in adverse weather conditions. Work hours may vary but are anticipated to typically be 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM with a one-hour lunch break. Wages: Full-Time positions are per Union Contract. Previous experience preferred, but not required. Criminal background check will be required, as will pre-employment drug testing. Random drug testing throughout the employment period may occur. Applicants must have a valid WA State Driver's License. Applications and job description are available at [cityofbrewsterwashington.org](http://cityofbrewsterwashington.org), by calling (509) 689-3464, or picking up at Brewster City Hall. Applications accepted until position is filled, preferably by April 17, 2020. EOE

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10-C56721-GRAZING NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, Section 9, Township 32 North, Range 24 East, W.M.  
10-B64715-GRAZING-All, Section 16, Township 32 North, Range 24 East, W.M.

Written request to lease must be received by May 25, 2020, at Department of Natural Resources, 225 S Silke Rd, Colville, Washington 99114-9369. Each request to lease must include the lease number, the name, address and phone number of applicant, and must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid plus a \$100.00 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give lease number, expiration date of lease applied for and give applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase improvements that belong to the current lessee. Persons wishing to bid to lease any of these properties can obtain more details, bid packet, and qualification requirements by contacting the Colville office or calling (509) 684-7474. Published in the Quad City Herald April 22, 2020 #87653

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6. Eureka!  
9. Schools of thought  
13. Sound of artillery  
14. Car nut  
15. Without illumination  
16. Nosey one  
17. Kind of trip?  
18. Lasso loop  
19. "Little Women's mom"  
21. "Tracee Ellis Ross on TV"  
23. \_\_\_\_\_ o' shanter  
24. Quilter's word  
25. Like a fiddle?  
28. Like Charles Dickens' Tim  
30. Quarantine state  
35. "Egyptian goddess of fertility"  
37. Insane, in Spain  
39. Mother or daughter, in Italy  
40. "Biblical Rebecca's son"  
41. Online reviews  
43. Research facility  
44. Fisherman's decoys  
46. Daytime entertainment  
47. Furniture wood  
48. End of the road, pl.  
50. Blatant promotion  
52. Swedish shag rug  
53. Yours and mine  
55. Little squirt  
57. "Mother's mom"  
61. "She fought for Mother's Day, then against it"  
64. In advance  
65. "Bambi's mom"  
67. Fancy tie  
69. Less than fernier  
70. I have  
71. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host

72. Fairies  
74. Feed the fire

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1. Kitchen meas.  
2. Stay out of its way!  
3. Pelvic parts  
4. Tennis great Chris  
5. Particular arrangement  
6. Away from wind  
7. "Mother's favorite gift?"  
8. Ancient marketplace  
9. Part of a scheme  
10. No neatnik  
11. Sushi restaurant soup  
12. One-pot meal  
15. Like the States  
20. "One of the Gilmore girls"  
22. Hill dweller  
24. One-eyed giants  
25. "She played Forrest Gump's mother"  
26. May edition, e.g.  
27. "Worm stop the Queen Mother"  
29. Denials  
31. Nike's "Just \_\_\_\_\_"  
32. Private  
33. "Take it back!"  
34. "Mother in Kraków"  
36. Lard cousin  
38. October birthstone  
42. Plural of sputum  
45. Rundown  
49. Bottom line  
51. Kind of ungulate, pl.  
54. Where you'll find AM  
56. Living room centerpiece?  
57. Gamecock's spur  
58. "Greek goddess of fertility"  
59. Bald eagle's nest  
60. "Mums' mums"  
61. Opposite of cheer  
62. International Civil Aviation Org.  
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66. "Female gametes"  
68. CaFé alternative

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# Republicans introduce plan for 'safe' restart of economy

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE GOP

OLYMPIA - Republicans in the state Senate and House of Representatives today shared the first plan for safely restarting Washington's economy while state government's response to the COVID-19 emergency continues.

"Employers across our state are looking to government for a strategy that starts to take the brake off the economy. Republicans have come through with a safe and reasonable approach for beginning the recovery," said Senate Republican Leader Mark Schoesler.

"We believe many sectors of our economy can operate safely, and employers have every incentive to take the precautions needed to guard the health of their workers

and their customers. We trust that if they have an opportunity to open their doors, they'll make it work."

"Our state needs a comprehensive plan to restart its economy in ways that continue to emphasize the health of Washingtonians. No one has produced a plan until now," said House Republican Leader J.T. Wilcox. "Republicans have been working over the last few weeks to come up with solutions. We know employers and workers need reassurance in these uncertain times. They need to know there's a plan for them to come back."

The Republican legislators' Safe Economic Restart Plan recommends three tiers of actions, starting with steps that may be authorized immediately by Governor Jay

Insee. They include:

- Convene a Restart Task Force comprising legislative leaders, relevant executive-branch directors and representatives of the business and organized-labor communities. This group will chart a course toward allowing all Washington businesses to reopen, on a phased or limited basis as necessary, with COVID-19 protections for workers and customers in place.

- Allow operations to resume in economic sectors that fit one or more of these criteria: low-risk; personal health; environmental protection; aid to people who are elderly, physically challenged, or both; alternate quarantine locations; assisting businesses with tax-related requirements; and property protection. Examples are auto dealers, solo

landscape services, car washes, remodeling companies and contractors, residential construction, hairdressers and barbers, flower shops, RV parks, dentists, installers of home and commercial security systems, and accountants and tax preparers.

- Fully disclose the "metrics" that must be met before the governor's March 23 stay-at-home proclamation, which closed more than 230,000 businesses abruptly, can be lifted or amended. Knowing the standards will allow the people of Washington to act accordingly.

- Deliver on the massive testing capabilities promised by state health officials ahead of the business-closure order. Direct the appropriate state agencies to acquire antibody tests and work with employers to screen

workers. Workers found to have the antibodies resulting from the COVID-19 infection will be immediately eligible for employment.

- Interface with the governor's Business Recovery Legislative Task Force and be prepared to support recommendations that are achievable, measurable and complementary.

- A moratorium on all state-agency rule-making not related to the current crisis. Rules are important, but at a time when many businesses are simply trying to survive, the making of new rules seems less than essential. Relief from rule-making goes hand-in-hand with relief from taxes.

- Exempt small businesses from paying sales and business-and-occupation (B&O) taxes for one year.

- Offer state-government assistance to the many small businesses in Washington that do not qualify for federal emergency-assistance programs.

"We are looking forward to working with the governor and majority party to produce the best possible results for both our public health and our economic crisis," said Wilcox, R-Yelm.

"Republicans work for all of Washington, and we recognize how a strong economy makes for strong families and strong communities. Our state's economy was particularly strong before things caved in, and we believe it can get there again - and sooner if the governor and Legislature will support these very reasonable ideas," said Schoesler, R-Ritzville.

## THE OUTDOOR REPORT

# Boating, fishing and birdwatching

*Boating? Sure! Fishing? Don't even think about it!*

By JOHN KRUSE, THE OUTDOOR REPORT

Washington is the first and only state to outlaw recreational fishing and spring hunting in an effort to combat the coronavirus pandemic. This was done to comply with Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" mandate emphasizing social distancing and discouraging travel away from home to limit the spread of COVID-19. With the arrival of mild spring weather though, boats of all types (motor powered, human powered and sailboats) have all been operating on waterways from area lakes to the Columbia River to Puget Sound.

I contacted the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife about the illogical stance of allowing recreational boating on our waterways but not fishing from those same boats. Carrie McCausland, the Public Affairs Director for WDFW, repeated the agency's stated reasons for the closure of fishing. As for boating, McCausland said, "Some decisions are within WDFW's authority, and some are not", indicating WDFW does not have the regulatory ability to open or close recreational boating.

The Governor's Office, however, certainly does. On April 6th Governor Inslee sent a letter to several Republican state representatives denying their request on behalf of anglers to reopen fishing. I contacted Jon Snyder, Governor Inslee's policy advisor on outdoor recreation, and asked him the same question about why recreational boating is allowed but fishing from boats is not. Snyder declined to answer my question about allowing one activity but not the



ABOVE: A chickadee at the backyard bird feeder. RIGHT: Backyard house finch.

other where the risk of spreading the coronavirus is exactly the same. Instead, he sent me the same letter Governor Inslee sent to the concerned State Representatives two weeks ago outlining his reasons for keeping fishing closed.

As of mid-April, boating from open county and private access sites and launches remains permissible, but fishing is not. This is one of the reasons anglers planned protests for Saturday the 18th against Washington's "No Fishing" rule at several locations to include Columbia Point in Richland. An online petition by this same group, "Let us Fish" is also circulating on social media and increasing numbers of people are reaching out to their state representatives and senators as well as to WDFW and the Governor's Office asking them to open angling opportunities again.

We'll get an idea how successful these efforts are as we approach the end of WDFW's stated closure date of May 4th, at which point they promise to reassess this situation. It's also worth noting WDFW has convened meetings with select stakeholders trying to figure out how to open up fishing and hunting

seasons again. It is possible everything will simply open up at once, the thinking being this will spread pressure evenly across the state. On the other hand, this action could result in a stampede to popular boat ramps, lakes, rivers and hunting areas which could trigger an immediate closure again. Other thoughts include a general opening but limitations on where you can fish or hunt, the thought being you would initially only do these activities in the county or region you live in to limit overcrowding.

### At least there's backyard birding

Until we can go fishing and hunting again, or access our state lands and developed federal recreation sites to hike and camp, there's always backyard birding. It does provide some enjoyment and it's also a good way to sharpen your bird identification skills and maybe even your photographic prowess. If you so desire you can do what I did last week. I set up a bird feeder, filled it with wild bird seed, set up a bird bath and for good measure, a bird house too!

So far, the bird house is not occupied but the bird feeder sure has been busy. The first birds to visit were chickadees, followed



by white crowned sparrows and house finches. Oregon juncos put in a daily appearance and on several

occasions, I've seen nuthatches too. On top of this we've had some California valley quail in the cypress trees above the feeder and a pair of Eurasian collared doves that paid a visit on a recent morning to feed on the birdseed spilled onto the ground below the feeder.

Also seen in the backyard...Several neighborhood cats attracted to all the new bird activity. Fortunately, my springer spaniel Georgia loves to chase cats and has kept them from staying too close to the bird feeder.

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