

## Pateros council addressed new year resolutions

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**PATEROS** – The city council used a portion of its first regular meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 21, to approve seven resolutions and one ordinance relating to city business. The resolutions included:

- Setting a public hearing concerning the Pateros Transportation Benefit District for 6 p.m., Feb. 18.
- Approval of the amended six-year Transportation Improvement Plan for years

2020 through 2025.

- Approval of a Professional Service Agreement with iCloud for online payment processing.
- Approval of a software license agreement with Vision Municipal Solutions, LLC, for online payment processing.
- Authorization to purchase a public works truck not to exceed a cost of \$12,000.
- Renewed the professional services agreement with Highlands Associates for 2020 professional planning services.

• Approved updated changes to the sewer pit account in the Apple House contracts to match fee schedules changes.

The city also adopted an ordinance vacating a portion of the Pateros Mall occupied by the Pateros Garden Apartments but retained a utility easement.

In other council business members accepted the recommendation from the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Selection Committee to approve Varela and Associates for engineering services and Erlandsen and

Associates for surveying services. The committee reviewed three proposals for engineering and two for surveying before making its recommendation to the council.

City Administrator Jord Wilson reported that Mayor Carlene Anders hired David Hunter as the city's newest public works employee. Hunter comes with more than 15 years of public works experience, has his CDL (Commercial Driver's License) and Level II certifications for both water and sewer.

Wilson reported that public works is still fine-tuning the new magnesium chloride application process to reduce snow and ice on the slopes, intersections and pedestrian walks to improve street and sidewalk safety.

"We adjust our anti-icing, de-icing and snow removal activities in response to each weather event," said Wilson. "We document all suggestions and complaints and use them to make improvements to our snow removal policies."

Wilson reported that Pump Station 4 is now on-

line. "We intend to run Pump Station 4 for a full year as the lead pump during the warrantee phase," said Wilson. "The long-term operating plan is to run Pump Station 3 as the lead pump from November through April and Pump Station 4 from May through October as the lead pump."

The next regular meeting of the Pateros City Council is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18, rather than the usual third Monday, which is Presidents Day this year.

## Brewster four-year school levy seeks voter approval

*Election is Feb. 18*

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – With Feb. 11 special levy election ballots arriving in voters' mailboxes, Brewster School Superintendent Eric Driessen explained the difference between a levy and a bond in a recent media release.

"Local school costs are in the form of Bonds and/or Levies," said Driessen. "The bond pays for buildings and facilities. A levy pays for all the extra opportunities not supported by the state, including educational opportunities."

A bond is paid for over 20-25 years and includes state matching funds, Driessen said.

"With an 18 million investment from the community, we are receiving another \$16 million from the state," said Driessen. "In our bond we will get a new middle school, updated elementary, updated high school, new track, indoor walking track, and more."

The current Brewster School District levy pays for:

- Athletics
- Nursing
- College classes
- Arts/music/PE
- Technology
- Ag/Vocational Education programs
- Electives
- Field trips
- Communications
- Special Education programs
- School safety
- Curriculum
- Intervention programs
- Facility maintenance
- Transportation support

Driessen said a levy is passed on a one-to-four-year term and requires renewal when that term expires. With passage of a levy comes the bonus of state matching funds. The proposed four-year levy of \$932,940 before voters now



**Eric Driessen, Brewster School Superintendent**

is eligible for an additional \$672,176 from the state.

"The levy and the bond are separate, one does not affect the other," said Driessen. "Our current construction project is on schedule. The elementary/middle school will be completed this summer and the high school project will go out to bid in early fall."

Following is a breakdown of the proposed four-year levy by year per \$1,000 of home valuation:

2021	\$1.75/1,000	\$932,940
2022	\$2.00/1,000	\$1,144,966
2023	\$2.25/1,000	\$1,384,679
2024	\$2.25/1,000	\$1,488,530

"I feel it is important to realize where we have come from," said Driessen. "In 2013/14 levy costs were \$312/1,000, in 2018 levy costs were \$2.45/1,000."

Driessen noted that in 2019/20 the state capped levy amounts at \$1,50/1,000 for two years only to discover that the lower amount could not sustain school districts. The state has since increased the cap to \$2.50/1,000.

"The current replacement levy is still less than levies in the past with the exception of the state-imposed non-sustainable levy," Driessen said.

Voters can access the last two district newsletters on the district website, [www.brewsterbears.org](http://www.brewsterbears.org), to learn more about the proposed levy. For additional information call Driessen at 689-3418 or email [edriessen@brewsterbears.org](mailto:edriessen@brewsterbears.org).

## Legion crab feed hosts sell-out crowd

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – A sell-out crowd comprised of lucky diners turned out for the annual American Legion crab feed held at Columbia Post 97 last Saturday, Jan. 25. With help from a group of Pateros High School students who bussed tables and kept diners supplied with crustaceans and condiments, the packed dining room reflected a scene of contented customers.

Area Three Commander Denny Pittman said that

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Mike Maltais/QCH

**Pateros High School students volunteered to wait tables and ferry food at the Legion crab feed. Pictured from left front is Bella Arellano, Sage Scott, Vanessa Ceniceros, Ahtziri Arevalo, Angie Gonzalez, and Jacqueline Garcia. Back row, from left: Daniel Garibay, Samatha Oros, Jake Guthrie, and Jose Martinez. Sitting is Pateros teacher/advisor Joy McCulley.**

## Chief declines purchase of police vehicle

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – Police Chief Marcos Ruiz advised The Quad earlier this week that a scheduled purchase of a used police vehicle has been declined following a dealer inspection of the vehicle.

The vehicle, a 2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor four-door all-wheel-drive (AWD) SUV did not pass the inspection, the chief said.

"I had the vehicle inspected at a Ford dealer and it did not pass inspection," said Ruiz. "In light of the results from the inspection along with the risk versus

cost, I chose not to purchase the vehicle."

Ruiz added that he did not consider it wise to purchase the vehicle since officers must have equipment that "is at 100 percent for the safety of the officers and the public."

"I am not willing to place the safety of the officers or the public at risk to save money," Ruiz said.

The vehicle purchase had been approved by a special meeting of the city council on Jan 17. The Interceptor was offered by Columbia Motors in Portland, Oregon, for \$17,491, but had yet to be inspected by a representative of the Brewster Police Department.



Mike Maltais/QCH

**Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz**

## Skagen appointed to National Public Power Council

SUBMITTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

**EAST WENATCHEE** - Ron Skagen, Douglas PUD Commissioner, was named to a three-year term on the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Policy Makers Council (PMC) by its Board of Directors. The Policy Makers Council

assists APPA in promoting federal legislation that is important to public power utilities like Douglas PUD and opposing harmful legislation.



**Ron Skagen,**

It also provides advice on other issues of importance to the Association. The PMC is made up of members who serve on either utility boards or are elected officials in public power communities. Members of the Council meet a minimum of twice a year, and participate in meetings with elected

representatives and congressional staff for the purposes of supporting the APPA's national legislative agenda.

"I am pleased to represent our region in this capacity," said Skagen. "I have been involved with the APPA, previously serving on the Board of

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# CRAB

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he changed the event format from past years by

setting a limit on the number of tickets available to purchase for this year's feed.

"We capped it at 125 tickets," said Pittman.

"That way we knew how many diners to expect and could place our crab order accordingly."

Each of the fortunate diners shelled out \$45 for

one of the prized tickets.

During the meal Pittman passed the hat to solicit donations for the student volunteers who work the event as a school

fundraiser.

"They usually make \$300-\$500 working this event," said Pittman "And they do a really good job."

Pittman said the Legion is considering whether to host an oyster/clam feed later in the spring.



Mike Maltais/QCH

ABOVE: The American Legion dining room was packed. RIGHT: Pateros students staffed the condiments table.



## Newhouse announces February Mobile Office Hours

SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF REP. DAN NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) announced the dates for February's Mobile Office Hours across Washington's 4th Congressional District. Mobile Office Hours are hosted monthly by Rep. Newhouse's staff and are an excellent opportunity for constituents throughout Central Washington to

get face-to-face assistance with questions or issues related to federal agencies. Mobile Office Hours are open to the public, and no appointment is necessary.

**February Mobile Office Hour dates and locations are listed below:**  
Thursday, Feb. 13 in Tonasket at the Veterans Memorial Legacy Building, 1 Shop Road, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 in East Wenatchee at Pangborn Memorial Airport Café, 1 Pangborn Drive from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Constituents are always welcome to visit and seek assistance at Rep. Newhouse's permanent offices in Yakima and Tri-Cities. It is recommended to call ahead to ensure staff is not attending out-of-office meetings during your visit. Call 202-225-5816.

## First Coronavirus case in Washington state

SUBMITTED BY CHELAN-DOUGLAS HEALTH DISTRICT

EAST WENATCHEE—On January 21, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) confirmed the first national case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Snohomish County resident. While the risk to the

general public is low, DOH is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Snohomish Health District (SHD) to identify and contact all individuals who may have come in contact with the infected traveler.

If you traveled from Wuhan, China, the current rec-

ommendations are to contact your medical provider if you develop any symptoms of fever and/or cough. It is currently cold and flu season, and Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) encourages these basic steps to help prevent any illness:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Cover your cough
- Stay home from school and work if you are sick

For additional information on the on-going 2019-nCoV investigation, please follow CDHD on Facebook and Twitter: @ChelanDouglasHD or visit the SHD, DOH and CDC websites.

## Best-selling author Tommy Orange to speak at Nespelem

Wrote award-winning *There There*

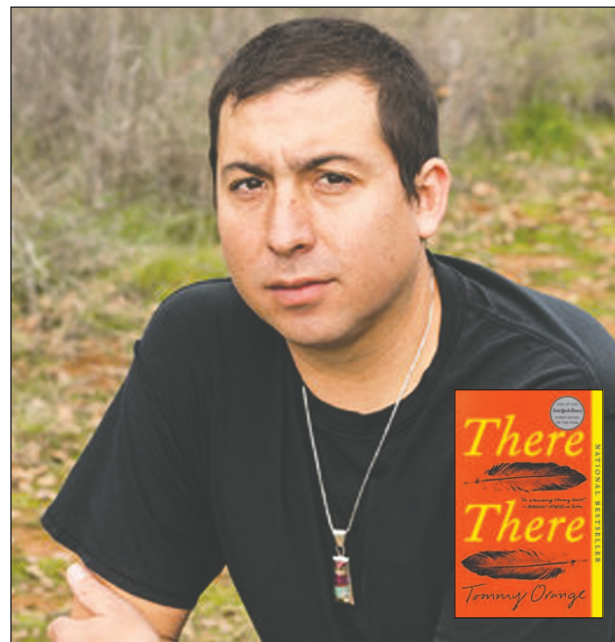
By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

NESPELEM – Tommy Orange, author of the national bestselling book, *There There*, will speak at the Lucy F. Covington Government Center Auditorium on April 18. Orange's appearance is part of a three-city tour that will also take him to East Wenatchee and Moses Lake.

Orange's debut book was a winner of the American Book Award and the PEN/Hemingway Award and was 2019 Pulitzer Prize finalist. Orange is a recent Master of Fine Arts (MFA) graduate at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N. Mex. And an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

Patrons can secure a copy of *There There* from any of NCRL's branches in Okanogan and Douglas counties.

The North Central Regional Library in conjunction with Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) and the Colville Confederated Tribes is coordinating the free event. WVC is also hosting an event with Orange for their students and faculty



Courtesy NCRL

Tommy Orange

during his visit.

"We are thrilled to be collaborating with WVC and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Library to broaden the program's reach this year," said Amanda Brack, Adult Services Manager in an NCRL media release.

"I am very excited to work with NCRL and WVC to bring Tommy Orange to our reservation," said Janessa Esquivel, Library Media Technician Senior with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Li-

brary.

NCRL has brought authors to the North Central Washington region through its annual community reading program, NCRL Reads. Last year more than 1,700 people attended NCRL Reads to hear Tara Westover discuss her book *Educated*. Westover's book circulated more than 2,000 times across the library system prior to her visit.

For more information about the April event visit [www.ncrl.org/ncrlreads](http://www.ncrl.org/ncrlreads) online.

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Directors, and I enjoy the service." Skagen has served on the Douglas PUD Commission since

2007. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. The Association represents public power before the federal

government to protect the interests of the more than 49 million customers that public power utilities serve, and the 93,000 people they employ. The Association advocates and advises on electricity

policy, technology, trends, training, and operations. Its members strengthen their communities by providing superior service, engaging citizens, and instilling pride in community-owned power.

## CORRECTION

Local census recruiter Leslie McNamara addressed the Brewster Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 8, to explain the process as well as the importance for

the counties to count every resident. Her correct email and web addresses are: Leslie.G.McNamara@2020census.gov and 2020census.gov/jobs.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Douglas County Sheriff

- Jan. 20**  
Drugs at 6 McCormack St. in Bridgeport.  
Fall at 315 20th St., No. 2 in Bridgeport.
- Jan. 21**  
Civil incident at 417 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.  
Sick person at 221 Walnut St. in Mansfield.
- Jan. 23**  
Traffic offense at 15th Street and Tacoma Avenue in Bridgeport.  
Warrant at Okanogan County Jail, Bridgeport.  
Sex offense on Bridgeport Bar.  
Alarm at 2422 Monroe Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Public assistance at 595 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.
- Jan. 24**  
Conversations at 1220 Kryger St., Room 100 in Bridgeport.
- Jan. 26**  
Welfare check at 206 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.  
911 at 1300 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Chest pain at 1928 Rd. P.N.E. in Mansfield.
- Jan. 27**  
911 at 1300 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.

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# Color of Words presents art, readings, poetry

By Mike Maltais  
STAFF WRITER

TWISP – The Confluence Gallery and Art Center and the Friends of the Winthrop Public Library (FOWL) have collaborated to host six weeks of art, readings and poetry under the banner The Color of Words that began on Jan. 11 and continues through Feb. 24.

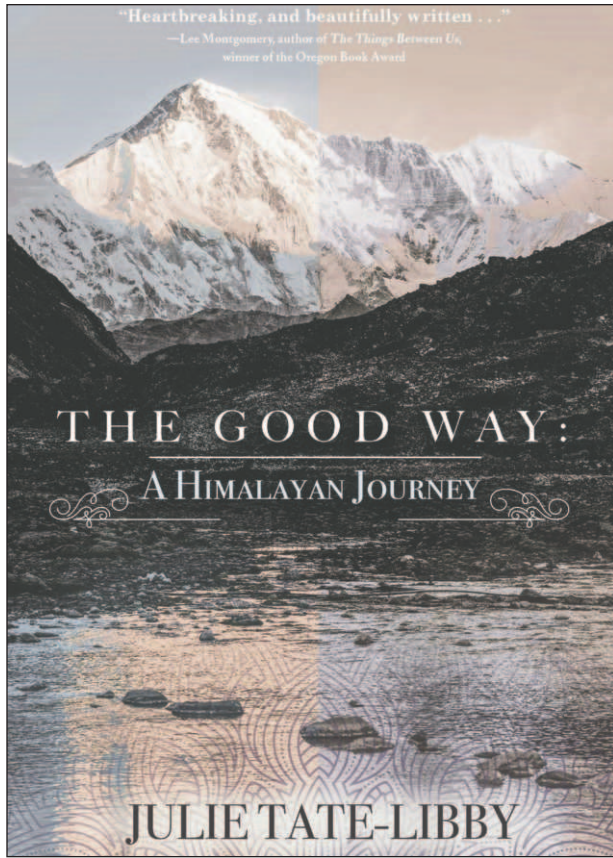
At 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, aspiring youth poets and spoken-word artists who have competed in the national Poetry Out Loud competition will recite selected works.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, the featured event will be readings by Sam Lucy and Cindy Williams Gutierrez. Lucy will read from Jack, a tale of a middle-aged rancher on a deer hunt. Gutierrez will read from her play Veritas about the quest for truth in a magical place and time.

Poetry will again headline Saturday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., when the Wild Words Poetry Slam will feature talented regional poets delivering vibrantly powerful works celebrating the natural world.

At 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, Julie Tate-Libby will read from *The Good Way: A Himalayan Journey*, her soul-searching journey toward wonder, awe and forgiveness through wild and unfamiliar places.

All events will be held



The Good Way

at the Confluence Gallery and Art Center, 104 Glover St., Twisp.

For more information about these events, contact Confluence Gallery and Art Center at 509-997-2787 or visit [confluencegallery.com](http://confluencegallery.com) online. Information is also available through Friends of the Winthrop Public Library at [winthroplibrary-friends.org](http://winthroplibrary-friends.org) online or email [FOWL98862@gmail.com](mailto:FOWL98862@gmail.com).

Courtesy Confluence Gallery



FOWL (Friends of the Winthrop Public Library)

# Guided snowshoe walks lead hikers through a winter wonderland

SUBMITTED BY USFS

NCW - Freshly fallen snow blankets the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest making it a winter wonderland for outdoor recreationists. For those thinking about getting outdoors, there are areas of soft powdery snow to entice fun-seekers, especially snowshoers.

Come learn about winter ecology while snowshoeing on National Forest lands January 25 through March 28. Forest Service guides will be offering five snowshoe outings for adults and children at Swauk Campground and Wenatchee Ridge at Blewett Pass. No previous experience is necessary and snowshoes are provided.

These guided snowshoe hikes are about 2½ hours long. Guides will talk about plants and animals and how they adapt to winter conditions, birding, animal tracking, and general winter forest ecology.

Make reservations through the Discover Your Northwest website at [www.discovernw.org/store\\_winter-snowshoe-program-at-snoqualmie-pass\\_SNOWSHOE01.html](http://www.discovernw.org/store_winter-snowshoe-program-at-snoqualmie-pass_SNOWSHOE01.html) (Chrome works best). Click on the 'select a program' tab in the Snoqualmie Pass Snowshoe



Courtesy USDA Forest Service

Emily Jacobs, USFS certified interpreter, instructs snowshoers before heading out for a trek in the national forest near Swauk Campground on the Cle Elum Ranger District of the Okanogan.

Program page to access the Swauk Campground and Wenatchee Ridge snowshoe walks.

"Adults enjoy the beauty of the snow-covered forest, while kids love the idea that wildlife lives under the snow," said Cle Elum District Snowshoe Program Manager Kim Larned who has been leading snowshoe walks for more than 26 years on the forest.

Larned recommends participants wear layered and insulated clothing, hats and gloves, with sturdy waterproof boots for the snowshoes. No jeans or cotton. Also bring a backpack with snacks and plenty of

drinking water.

To offset the costs of the program, a donation of \$15 per person is suggested.

For more information please contact the Cle Elum Ranger District office at 509-852-1044 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

"These guided snowshoe walks really open up the winter world to forest visitors. It's amazing to see how much people enjoy nature and want to learn about these great ecosystems," Larned said. "We're pleased to offer the guided hikes to encourage people to get out and explore their national forest during the winter."

## LIBRARY EVENTS AT PATEROS & BREWSTER

Jan. 30

### Make a Vision/Inspiration/Goal board

PATEROS - All adults are invited to join the Pateros Public Library staff for an hour of fun on Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. for an hour. They will be making Vision/Inspiration/Goal setting boards for the New Year. All materials will be supplied.

Jan. 31

### Toddler story time

PATEROS - The Pateros Public Library Toddler Story Time is held every Friday at 11 a.m. Join other toddlers for story and craft time.

Feb. 1

### Half Stitch - calling all crafters

PATEROS - Every Saturday at the Pateros Public Library at 11 a.m. bring your knitting, cross stitch, and meet other like minded individuals and show off your skills. This is a free event and beginners are welcome.

Feb. 4

### ALTAS program

BREWSTER - Join us at the Brewster Library for our At The Library After School Program, every Tuesday, 3:45-5 p.m. It is geared towards children K-6th grades. Activities include crafts, STEM, games, snacks, and stories. For more, contact Rebecca Zion at (509) 689-4046 OR email [brewster@ncrl.org](mailto:brewster@ncrl.org).

Feb. 5

### Toddlers & Waddlers Storytime

BREWSTER - Looking for an exciting way to start off the day for your little ones? Join us at the Brewster Public Library for rhymes, stories and playtime every Wednesday at 11 a.m. For more information, Rebecca Zion at (509) 689-4046, email [brewster@ncrl.org](mailto:brewster@ncrl.org)

Feb. 5

### ALTAS program

PATEROS - Every Wednesday, the Pateros Public Library will hold their Atlas (At the Library after School), at 3:30 p.m. for children Kindergarten through 6th grade. There will be Fun activities,

Games, Arts & Crafts, Lego's, Stem and more.

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### Teens At The Library

BREWSTER - Join us for our Teens At The Library Program (TATL), geared towards teens ages 12 and up, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Brewster Library, 5-6 p.m. Each meeting we will host programs requested by teens. Activities include games, crafts, STEM, and special programs just for teens. For more, contact Rebecca Zion at 509-689-4046 or email [brewster@ncrl.org](mailto:brewster@ncrl.org).

About North Central Regional Library (NCRL): NCRL is a rural library district with 30 branch libraries, a couple of bookmobiles, and a mail order library serving five counties. Established in 1960, NCRL currently has a collection of more than 700,000 books and other materials. The library district maintains this wonderful collection and provides the staff for each branch. The mission of the North Central Regional Library is to promote reading and lifelong learning.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Martinez, Taylor qualify for honor roll at Whitworth University

SPOKANE - The following undergraduate students have achieved Provost's Honor Roll status for the Fall 2019 semester at Whitworth University. To be named to the list, undergraduate students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.75 or better during the semester.

From Brewster: Marta Martinez and Timothy Taylor

Whitworth is a private, liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyte-

rian church. The university, which has an enrollment of more than 3,000 students, offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

### Orozco named to Dean's List at George Fox University

NEWBERG, ORE. - Tessa Orozco of Bridgeport was among those who earned Dean's List recognition at George Fox University for the fall 2019 semester. Traditional undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn

a spot on the dean's list. Orozco is a senior majoring in social work.

George Fox University is ranked by Forbes among the top Christian universities in the country and is a Christian college classified by U.S. News & World Report as a "Best National University." More than 4,000 students attend classes on the university's campus in Newberg, and at teaching centers in Portland, Salem and Redmond, Ore. George Fox offers bachelor's degrees in more than 40 majors, degree-completion programs for working adults, seven seminary degrees, and 13 master's and doctoral degrees.

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## OBITUARIES

## Cathy Ann (Wyrick) Westerdahl

Cathy Ann (Wyrick) Westerdahl, 65, of Brewster, Wash. passed away suddenly on Jan. 12, 2020. A Celebration of Life

will be held this coming spring.

Cathy was born on Sept. 20, 1954 to Clancey and Flossie Wyrick in Oakdale, Calif. She attended school in California before moving to Brewster where she graduated high school. In July of 1973 she married Brian Westerdahl in

Brewster. Shortly after she had a son, Jason Westerdahl in 1973, and a daughter Amber Westerdahl in 1977.

She worked at BHP, Harmony House and the Apple Junction. She was part owner of Weserdahl Orchard Inc. and Green Thumb Nursery. She was

involved with her children and their activities, like Cub Scouts, Little League and Campfire. She loved doing yard work and planting flowers. She would say spring was her favorite season. Not only did she love her children, grandchildren, but she loved her cats, which cats, is her

nickname.

Cathy is survived her her loving husband Brian Westerdahl, daughter Amber (Ed) Westerdahl-Newton; sisters Ellen Bell of Georgia and Joannie Gaches of Oregon; grandson Braiden Westerdahl; granddaughter Eleni Westerdahl and their mom

Linda Caswell.

Cathy is preceded in death by her father Clancey Wyrick, her mother Flossie Wyrick and her son Jason Westerdahl.

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

## A. Jackson Shaw 'Jack'

12/19/1925 - 01/02/2020

At the dawn of this new decade a good man made his last ride home to his maker and into the arms of his loving wife. On January 2, 2020, A. Jackson Shaw, at the age of 94 passed away at his home in Brewster, Wash.

Jack was born on De-



ember 19, 1925 in Oroville, Wash. to Bernice Wilson Shaw and the late Abel J. Shaw. Jack attended schools throughout the Okanogan Valley the last in Pateros,

Wash.

In 1943 Jack joined the U.S. Navy serving as an anti-aircraft gunner; escorting convoys, throughout the South Pacific. He was Honorably Discharged from service in San Diego, Calif. the summer of the 1945 where he wrangled for ranch outfits from California into Southwest, competing in rodeo roping events.

Jack returned to the Okanogan Valley, marrying his young wife of 61 years

Anna Hammons. They lived the balance of their years in the Brewster area raising their family of three children.

Jack was employed in many endeavors; mill worker, logger, carpenter, ironworker, and welder. At one time or another he worked on every hydroelectric project on the Columbia River from the Canadian Border to John Day Dam in Oregon.

The last 50 years of his

life, Jack was a Rancher and an Orchardist. He had an affinity for a good horse and a good dog; of which he raised a few. Jack lived a full and good life, he was proud of his family and their accomplishments; he was the anchor in their lives.

His legacy lives on in his daughters and their spouses, Janiece and Jay Simpson, Connie and Bill Roberts, his six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His cousin Orin

Wilson's companionship allowed Jack to live independently the last years of his life. He is survived by one brother and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his devoted and hardworking wife Anna and son John.

We his family will be honored to celebrate the dash between the day he entered this world and the day he left in the spring of 2020; date to be determined.

## Glenn Lyle Sinclair,

Glenn Lyle Sinclair, 86, of Endicott, Wash. passed away January 25, 2020. Glenn was born February 2, 1933 in Pocatello, Idaho to George and Vera Thompson Sinclair. He grew up in Mountain Home, Idaho along with his older brother, Patrick. Glenn played football and enjoyed boxing before graduating from Mountain Home High School. After attending college for a short time, he decided to pursue his dream following in the footsteps of



his father and become a crane operator to which he proudly made his career for many years to come. Working alongside his father, he took to the trade quickly and began work-

ing on heavy cranes at a very young age. He moved to Yale, Wash. to work on a dam job on the Lewis River. During that time, he met Mary J. Harris and the couple were married September 28, 1952. They started their family a short time later.

Through the years the family moved to various parts of the country while Glenn worked for Morrison - Knudsen Co., on many dams. From the west coast to the east coast and back west they made their homes in New York, Idaho, Oregon and Washington before settling in Brewster, Wash. for several years. Glenn loved fishing, where

he had many stories of fly fishing on the Snake River in Idaho. When his kids were little, he would take them out to fish on lakes, creeks, and rivers. Frying up trout on the camp fire or smoking steelhead that he had caught. Glenn retired from Grand Coulee Dam in the late 1970's and shortly thereafter, Glenn, Mary and son Tim relocated to Endicott, Wash. in 1993 to be near family. Along with fishing, Glenn was also a proud member of the Masonic Lodge, he enjoyed golfing, countless hours puttering in his yard, and was always working on projects around the house. The projects that

involved having family working together were the most enjoyable for him as he would always say when the project was complete, "That was a job well done" and "I had a good day".

Glenn is survived by his six children; Michael Sinclair of Vancouver; Daniel Sinclair of Endicott; Janette Sinclair of Endicott; Timothy Sinclair, Colfax, Christopher Sinclair (Rhonda) of Tupelo, MS., and Roseann (Erik) Sohner of Spokane; 13 grandchildren; Amie, Kyle, Gini, Holly, Erin, Jared, Justin, Victor, Ashley, Meggan, Nicholas, Erik and Abbi and five

great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary, who passed November 21, his parents George and Vera, brother Patrick and a granddaughter Angela Sinclair.

A private family celebration of life will be held at the family home perhaps in the Spring.

Memorial contributions in his memory are suggested to the Endicott EMT's or the Endicott Library.

Bruning Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.bruningfuneralhome.com](http://www.bruningfuneralhome.com)

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

## Brewster Senior Center Rummage Room

BREWSTER - Hours at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center are 8 to 12:45 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Donations will be accepted during store hours at the back door for the Rummage Room. No children's clothing. They

will take "small pieces of furniture and sometimes larger items.

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

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BREWSTER - S.A.I.L. (Stay Active and Independent for Life) classes are Tuesday and Thursday, 10-11 a.m. at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center.

Wednesdays

Brewster Senior Center Bingo

BREWSTER - Bingo is back at 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday morning at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center at 109 S. Bridge St. Cost is 25 cents per card.

Jan. 31

School retirees' to meet

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County School Retirees' Association meets 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 31 for a general meeting and no-host luncheon at Cariboo Inn, 233 Queen St., Okanogan. Kim Sanford Lancaster will discuss the Archaeology of Okanogan County. Information: Jennie Hedington: 509-422-2954.

Feb. 3

TOPS meeting

BREWSTER - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Mondays, 10 a.m., 600 W. Indian Avenue. Preteens, teens, adults - male, female welcome. First meeting is free. TOPS Club, Inc. © is an affordable, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, and motivation.

For info: Joyce Anderson, Coordinator, (509) 922-8820, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org), call TOPS Headquarters, (800) 932-8677.

Feb. 4

VFW Post #6853 to meet

CHELAN - VFW Post #6853 will meet at the Clubhouse at the Horse shoe Pits (near Chelan Valley Hope) at 6:30 p.m. To join the VFW call Post Commander Steve Palmbrush at (509) 670-3346 or email: [chelanvfw@gmail.com](mailto:chelanvfw@gmail.com)

Feb. 5

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The regular Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m. at the Columbia Post 97 American Legion building at 102 N. Third Street in Brewster. Lunch is available. All are welcome to join them for community updates, lively discussions and business education opportunities. For info: Mike Mauk, 509-593-0771.

Feb. 5

American Legion Auxiliary to meet

BREWSTER - American Legion Auxiliary meeting is Wednesday Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. For info: Kim Patterson 509-689-3137 or if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Feb. 5

American Legion to meet

BREWSTER - American Legion Post 97 of Brewster will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5 beginning at 6 p.m.

at the American Legion Post.

Feb. 5

North Cascades Sportsman's Club

CHELAN - The North Cascades Sportsman's Club Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings take place at the Chelan PUD located at 1034 E. Woodin Ave. in Chelan.

Feb. 11

Cancer Support Group

CHELAN - The Women's Wellness Group, cancer support group, meets the second Tuesday of each month with lunch provided by the Wenatchee Wellness Place, at the Lake Chelan Community Hospital Board Room at 11:45 a.m. For more information, contact Anne at 682-8718.

Feb. 14

VFW Auxiliary to meet

CHELAN - VFW Post #6853 Auxiliary meets the second Friday of the month at the Heritage Heights Assisted Living meeting room, 505 E. Highland Avenue, at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in joining can call Carol Palmbrush at (509) 682-5624.

Feb. 18

Help available for Douglas County veterans

BRIDGEPORT - Sarah Simonson the Veterans Service Officer for Douglas County, sets up an outreach/satellite office in Bridgeport once a month

on the third Tuesday of the month, in the town office's conference room 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can find her on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountyvso>

Feb. 21, 24

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 Feb. 14. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc.

On the third Friday of each month, Feb. 21, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s).

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## DEATH NOTICES/SERVICES

## Joan F. Riddell

Joan F. Riddell, 82, of Oroville, Wash., passed away on Jan. 21, 2020.

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

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# Pateros basketball teams sweep MLC



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**Ethan Freels scores on a breakaway lay-in.**

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**PATEROS** – Both the Billygoats and Nannies varsity basketball teams swept visiting Moses Lake Christian Academy last Thursday, Jan. 23. After losing to MLC earlier this month, the Nannies handed the Lady Lions their first league loss of the season, 54-41.

**Nannies**  
Aleeka Miller-Smith led Pateros with 21 points including a trio of three-point buckets. Jillian Piechalski added 11 points, Vanessa Cenicerros 8, Laini Gallegos 6, Tea Asmusen 6, and Jennifer Flores 2.

Both teams were tied 13-all at the end of the first quarter, but Pateros rallied to lead by eight at halftime and outscored the Lady Lions 25-20 through the

second half to seal the win. The Nannies stand at 4-1 in the Central Washington 1B league, a game behind second-place MLC and Riverside Christian, both 5-1.

**Billygoats**  
The Billygoats powered to a 10-point 50-40 win over the Lions to remain undefeated, 5-0 in the CW1B.

“We came out strong and had a great first quarter and then another solid third quarter,” said coach



Ahtziri Arevalo, 14, and teammate Tea Asmusen guard a Moses Lake Christian ball handler. More photos at qcherald.com

Marcus Stennes. “We have to get better in the second and fourth quarters because we struggled with turnovers.”

Ethan Wall got Pateros off to a fast start with a pair of three-point buckets and made several impressive shot blocks throughout the game. Ivan Cenicerros appeared to be everywhere on the court and led the Billygoats in rebounds and

steals with nine apiece.

Calvin Blackburn was among four Billygoats to score in double figures with 12 points. Ethan Freels made several drives to the basket and collected 11 points.

**Pateros: 22-8-21-9 60**  
**MLCA: 8-12-19-11 50**

**Billygoats stats**  
Ethan Wall, 20 points 8 reb 5 blocks  
Ivan Cenicerros, 12 points 9 rebounds 9 steals

Calvin Blackburn, 2 points 4 reb  
Ethan Freels, 11 points 3 reb  
Aiden Hall, 4 points 4 reb 5 assist  
Dylan Bosch, 1 point 1 reb

Pateros was scheduled to host Wilbur-Creston on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and play Cascade Christian Academy on the road, Wednesday, Jan. 29. The Billygoats big test will come on Friday, Jan. 31, when Pateros takes on undefeated Riverside Christian on the road.

# Bears score 90-plus against Oroville, Liberty Bell

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – The Bears varsity basketball team added a pair of 90-point-plus games to the record book last week with a 93-65 win over Oroville at home and a 91-46 victory at Liberty Bell. The Lady Bears downed the Lady Hornets 59-33, but fell to the Lady Mountain Lions, 47-38.

“We had a good game vs Oroville on Tuesday, Feb. 21,” said Bears head coach Michael Taylor but added that he pressed his team about having better focus on defense.

“Credit to Oroville for attacking us on offense and crashing the glass to get second opportunities,” said Taylor. “We pulled away in the second half and secured a solid win.”

The Bears took a 10-point lead in the first quarter but were only able to pad that by a point at halftime. Brewster extended its lead by another 10 points by the end of the third quarter plus seven more points at the buzzer.

“We got solid contributions from multiple players and although some of our big guys had trouble guarding on the perimeter, they made up for it on the offensive end with efficient scoring and rebounding,” Taylor said.

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Connor Ashworth led the Bears in both scoring with 23 points and rebounds with 12.

The Bears are now 11-1 in the Central Washington 2B league with Lake Roosevelt at 10-0

**Brewster: 25-17-27-24 93**  
**Oroville: 15-16-17-17 65**

**Bears scoring**  
Connor Ashworth: 23  
Kelson Gebbers: 18  
Corey Jarrell: 12  
Cade Gebbers: 9  
Adalhi Najera: 8  
Ubaldo Arellano: 8  
Kade Kelpman: 6  
AJ Woodward: 6



Mike Maltais/QCH

**AJ Woodward, left, and Ubaldo Arellano double-team an Oroville player.**

Mason Kelly: 2

The Lady Bears led Oroville through all quarters starting with an eight-point advantage in the first. Led by senior Sammi Emigh with 13 points, three Lady Bears scored in double figures including Michau Kelpman with 12, and Kelsey Ochoa with 11.

**Lady Bears scoring**  
Sammi Emigh: 13  
Michau Kelpman: 12  
Kelsey Ochoa: 11  
Anah Wulf: 9  
Mikenna Kelpman: 8  
Abi Boesel: 6

The loss to Liberty Bell

leaves the Lady Bears at 9-3 in the CW2B, a game behind the second-place Lady Lions,

10-2, and two behind leader Waterville-Mansfield, 11-1.



Abi Boesel shoots for two.

More photos at qcherald.com

Brewster will play at Soap Lake on Friday, Jan. 31, and host Lake Roosevelt on Tuesday, Feb. 4. The girls play at 6 p.m. followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.



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# Mustangs edge Tonasket on Senior Night

Win in overtime

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The Mustangs varsity basketball team added an exclamation point to its final home game of the regular season with a thrilling overtime win over the visiting Tonasket Tigers, 59-55. Last Friday, Jan. 24. Bridgeport's win was by a much smaller margin than the first time the two teams met last December on the Tigers' home court where the Mustangs were decisive 28-point winners, 70-42.

The Mustangs took a one-point at the end of the first quarter, but Tonasket rallied to pull ahead by three, 27-24, at halftime. The Tigers extended their lead to six, 40-34, at the end of three. Bridgeport responded with a 17-point fourth quarter against Tonasket's 11 point to tie the game at the end of regulation.

It was the last home appearance for 11 of the Mustangs' 12 varsity basketball players who were recognized during Senior Night celebrations. Mustang senior players include Arturo Perez, Carlos Ruiz, Santiago Moreno, MichaelAngel Orozco, Ricardo Vazquez, Carlos Flores, Miguel Mendez, Edwin Bucio, Issac Ochoa, Gilberto Padilla and Christian Hernandez.

The win leaves the Mustangs solidly in third place in the Central Washington 2B league with an 8-3 record, behind Brewster and Lake Roosevelt.

Bridgeport lost 73-30 on the road at Lake



Bridgeport will lose 11 of its 12 varsity players to graduation next June. Those honored on Senior Night last Friday include, from left, Arturo Perez, Carlos Ruiz, Santiago Moreno, MichaelAngel Orozco, Ricardo Vazquez, Carlos Flores, Miguel Mendez, Edwin Bucio, Issac Ochoa, Gilberto Padilla and Christian Hernandez.

Roosevelt, Monday, Jan. 27. The Mustangs were scheduled to play the Hornets at Oroville, Tuesday, Jan. 28. Bridgeport's three remaining regular season games are all on the road as well starting with Liberty Bell on Saturday, Jan. 31, followed by Waterville-Mansfield on Friday, Feb. 7, and Brewster on Saturday, Feb. 8.

**Bridgeport:**  
11-13-10-17 OT8 59  
**Tonasket:**  
10-17-13-11 OT4 55

**Fillies fall**

The Fillies varsity team was no match for the Lady Tigers to doubled up their lead to win by 36 points, 71-36. Tonasket inflicted a similar outcome when the teams last met on Dec.

18, 2019, when the Lady Tigers won 70-20 at home.

Five Filly seniors were honored during Senior Night ceremonies. They included Catalina Martinez, Aracely Valdovinos, Yareli Palacio, Erika Santana and Esmeralda Garcia.

On the road against Lake Roosevelt on Monday, Jan. 27, the Lady Raiders barely allowed the Fillies to make the double digits in a 69-12 loss.

The Fillies are currently ranked sixth in the CW2B at 4-8 with three of four difficult road games ahead against tough opponents in Liberty Bell, Waterville-Mansfield and Brewster.



Fillies seniors honored on Senior Night include, from left, Catalina Martinez, Aracely Valdovinos, Yareli Palacio, Erika Santana and Esmeralda Garcia.



ABOVE: Fillies junior Monica Trejo drives against a Tonasket defender.



Edwin Bucio shoots over the Tigers' defense.

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18. Bumpkin  
19. \*St. Valentine's Day Massacre city  
21. James Bond's drink of choice  
23. Building annex  
24. Galsworthy's "The Forsyte \_\_\_"  
25. MD, familiarity  
28. Land of Nod, in relation to Eden  
30. Hire for work  
35. Part of an eye  
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39. Request from Amazon  
40. Waterproofed canvas  
41. Bunch of bees  
43. Black cat, e.g.  
44. Apollo of "Rocky"  
46. Roofed colonnade  
47. X in a letter  
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50. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid  
52. Tennis barrier  
53. Hold as a conviction  
55. End of a fuse?  
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65. Beyond's occasional partner  
66. E.T. transporter  
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70. Young canine  
71. \*Flirt  
72. \*They used to be each other's Valentines  
73. Attempt  
74. Passover meal

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1. Barber's supply  
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4. \*Like a bottle of champagne  
5. \*Goodwill Industries' business  
6. \*Unfortunate consequence of kissing?  
7. Busy as a what?  
8. \*Pleasant bouquet smell  
9. Vegas bandit  
10. Mischievous Norse deity  
11. \_\_\_-tempered  
12. Sub station  
15. \*Roxane's pen pal  
20. \*Heart of \_\_\_ , Blondie's hit  
22. Well-kept secret, for some  
24. Strata, sing.  
25. \*Go \_\_\_\_, or split the cost of a date  
26. Estrogen maker  
27. The smallest dwarf planet  
29. Uses a Singer  
31. Get the picture  
32. Short for administrator  
33. Goslings, when they grow up  
34. \*German artist or Young's partner  
36. \*Singes' in "La PlanÈte des Singes"  
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51. \*My two cents, pl.  
54. Do like Vesuvius  
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## Why do some drug advertisements on television mention the risks of the medicine they are promoting, while others don't?

This coming weekend in Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, Super Bowl LIV will pit the champion team of the American Football Conference, the Kansas City Chiefs, against the champions of the National Football Conference, the San Francisco 49ers. Between now and the big game there will LOTS of advertisements featuring cars, trucks, insurance, and beer, along with ads for prescription and non-prescription medicines.

I'm often asked, "Why do some drug advertisements on television mention the risks of the medicine they are promoting, while others don't?"

One reason is that there are 2 main types of medicines being advertised, prescription and non-prescription medications, with one set of rules for direct to consumer (DTC) advertising of prescription medicines, and another, very different set for non-prescription or OTC (over-the-counter) medicines. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) controls the advertising rules for prescription medicines, while the Federal Trade Commission is responsible for the rules regarding advertising of non-prescription or over the counter (OTC)



medicines.

Inside the FDA, the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) is responsible for regulating the marketing of prescription medicines. OPDP's mission is to protect public health by assuring that prescription drug information used in advertising is truthful, balanced and accurately communicated, whether it's directed at health care providers such as doctors and pharmacists, or aimed directly at consumers. In contrast, the advertising of OTC medicines regulated by the Federal Trade Commission and is much less strict.

You may not always hear the side effects of a medicine during an advertisement for it because the FDA created 3 different categories of direct to consumer advertisements that manufacturers of a prescription medicine can use, and only one category requires mentioning any risks.

The categories of DTC advertising include help seeking ads, product claim ads, and reminder ads. Help seeking advertise-

ments mention a particular condition, such as depression, arthritis, or overactive bladder, then direct you to ask your doctor for more information about it. No medicines are mentioned in this type of ad, but if you look closely, you'll usually see the name or logo of the drug manufacturer sponsoring it somewhere on the screen.

Product claim ads mention the type of condition the medicine has been approved to treat, its brand and generic name, and include some benefits and risks associated with taking it. Product claim ads often use cartoons, celebrity spokespeople or actors to play satisfied patients; then, near the very end you hear a list of risks of taking the medicine, including death. The balance between benefits and risks is important; in this category of marketing, the advertisement MUST mention potential serious risks if they are presenting benefits to their audience.

The third type of prescription medicine advertisement for DTC marketing is a reminder ad. Reminder ads are short, giving only the brand name of the medicine, not what it treats or any of its

benefits. Reminder ads connect us with previous advertising by echoing the visual marketing elements seen in the product claim ads for the product, like showing two people watching a sunset sitting in bathtubs placed side-by-side.

DTC advertising is controversial. On one hand, those who support DTC marketing state that it's useful to consumers because it encourages people to talk to their physician about a health condition they may have. DTC advertising can also help remove the stigma of a particular condition, such as depression or erectile dysfunction.

Opponents of DTC advertising are concerned that it promotes increased medication use and even overuse of drugs for conditions that have non-drug treatments or less expensive treatments available. They also fear that not enough attention is paid to the risks of a new medicine, like serious side effects. Marketers want their product presented in the best possible light, and false or misleading claims can slip in.

In contrast, DTC advertising of a non-prescription product doesn't have to mention ANY side

effects, because the FTC doesn't require it. There is continuing concern about this lack of balance, especially when a prescription medicine gets approval to become OTC, such as omeprazole (Prilosec®) or naproxen (Aleve®). Just because a medicine no longer requires a prescription doesn't mean the risks of having side effects magically disappear.

The only type of advertisement that forces the manufacturer to mention the risks of taking a particular medicine is a product promotion advertisement of a prescription-only medicine. With reminder ads, help seeking ads and OTC medicine advertisements, there aren't any serious side effects mentioned because the manufacturer is not required to include that information when advertising the product.

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## Best flu hacks every traveler should know

STATEPOINT - While everyone wants to make the most of their vacation, travel can do a number on one's health, and during flu season, the risk of feeling unwell is even higher. Feel your best with these tips:

- Flu levels increase during winter because people spend more time in enclosed spaces together touching surfaces and breathing "shared" air. Traveling only amplifies this. Reduce your chances of swapping germs by avoiding contact with shared items. For example, don't put your face directly on airline-supplied pillows or blankets that haven't been sanitized.

- Ironically, just when handwashing is most vital -- while traveling -- it becomes less convenient. Carry handwipes and sanitizers and use them when you can't wash your hands. More importantly, avoid rubbing your eyes or nose.

- An airplane cabin's dry air accommodates the

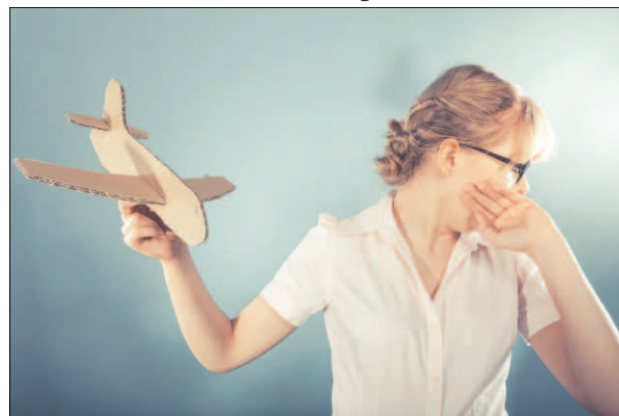


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growth of viruses that thrive on low humidity. Additionally, travelers often refrain from hydrating to avoid frequent bathroom trips. Yet, when mucous membranes are dry, they can't keep germs at bay. A general rule is to drink at least 8 ounces of water for every hour in the air. Under the weather? Drink more than the daily recommended 8-10 cups to

prevent dehydration caused by fever, loosen mucus, keep your throat moist and lessen the chance of the virus' success.

- Getting medical attention away from home is tough. Travel smart with over-the-counter products that are homeopathic and easy to use. Some, like Oscillococinum, are good to pack in your carry-on so

you can take at the first sign of symptoms. Though these uses have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration, clinical studies show that Oscillococinum reduces the duration and severity of flu symptoms such as body aches, headache, fever, chills and fatigue. Widely available in supermarkets and drugstores, this flu medicine is taken without water, making it an ideal travel remedy.

"I recommend that travelers keep Oscillococinum on-hand: an easy-to-take, non-drowsy medicine that can be used for anyone ages 2 and up," says Dr. Ken Redcross, a board-certified physician in internal medicine and author of "Bond: The 4 Cornerstones of a Lasting and Caring Relationship with Your Doctor." "It works best when taken at the first sign of flu, so it's important to pay close attention to symptoms." To learn more, visit Oscillo-

com.

- Will you arrive in time to make your connection? What if you forgot to pack Aunt Ethel's present? There's no doubt that travel can cause stress, which research has shown can increase susceptibility to flu and even increase the severity of symptoms. Being flexible, prepared and building extra time into your schedule can make for stress-free travel.

- Exercise boosts energy and immunity, so don't take a vacation from workouts while traveling. Pack workout wear and carve out time for exercise.

- Unusual travel schedules, unfamiliar beds and crossing time zones can disrupt a sleep schedule. Get plenty of rest before your trip to keep your body's natural defenses at optimum levels.

Getting sick can put a damper on even the best vacation. Take steps to feel your best.

## Tackling the housing affordability crisis

STATEPOINT - As housing prices soar nationwide, a growing number of Americans are unable to find affordable housing. Experts say that the problem has reached a crisis point, and is harming the welfare not only of individuals and families, but of communities and the economy at-large.

Since 2012, housing prices have increased by 53 percent, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Unfortunately, salaries have not kept pace. The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University reports that 18 million Americans commit more than 50 percent of their income toward a safe place to live.

America needs 7 million units of affordable hous-

ing, according to a March 2019 National Low Income Housing Coalition report, which also found that no state has enough affordable rental inventory.

"America's housing affordability crisis isn't restricted to cities on the East and West coasts. Families in rural, suburban and urban areas in all 50 states are sacrificing necessities like food, healthcare and education in order to make rent or mortgage payments," says Brandee McHale, president of the Wells Fargo Foundation. "Only when people can afford to live in their neighborhoods can communities thrive."

Recognizing the extent of the problem, non-profits, think tanks and corporations are stepping in to find solutions that will

unlock housing options for more Americans and reduce the cost burden of housing. One large-scale effort underway is being spearheaded by Wells Fargo and the Wells Fargo Foundation. Drawing on its resources and expertise, the company is working in collaboration with public- and private-sector organizations to develop and implement new solutions in communities of need, and is committing a \$1 billion philanthropic investment through 2025.

The \$1 billion will be used to address multiple facets of the U.S. housing affordability crisis, including homelessness, available and affordable rentals, transitional housing and homeownership. Beyond this commitment, programs that increase

financial literacy among individuals and create small business growth for local entrepreneurs round out an overall strategy to help people and communities find more financial stability.

This new philanthropic strategy comes on the heels of previous efforts designed to secure affordable housing for more Americans. Since 2012, Wells Fargo has provided charitable grants for homebuyers and homebuyer education through its philanthropic NeighborhoodLIFT, and other LIFT programs in collaboration with NeighborWorks America, creating more than 22,000 homeowners -- the majority from low- and moderate-income households -- through over \$475 mil-

lion in down-payment assistance grants. In addition, 10-year lending commitments are in place to help more than 170,000 African American and Hispanic individuals purchase homes.

"Financial stability starts with a place you can afford to call home, but to help more people find that, it's going take all of us looking more holistically at the spectrum of housing needs," says McHale.

As markets all over the country struggle with high housing prices, policymakers, advocates, philanthropists and non-profits will need to work together to find long-term solutions that will help millions of Americans meet their most basic needs.

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