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Hepatitis A outbreak alert **Brewster City Council approves** SUBMITTED BY OKANOGAN should get vaccinated with

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County Public Health (OCPH) is reporting four (4) confirmed cases of Hepatitis A within Okanogan County. We have identified all current cases and are working with close contacts to provide Hepatitis A vaccinations.

For more information about Hepatitis A: https:// doh.wa.gov/HepatitisAOutbreak

There are Hepatitis A outbreaks in Seattle, Spokane, and across the United States with an increased rate of deaths.

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the Hepatitis A vaccine. Vaccination is recommended for all children starting at 1 year of age, for travelers to certain countries, and for people at high risk for infection with the virus. Hepatitis A vaccine can be obtained through healthcare providers and pharmacies providing vaccinations.

Okanogan County Public Health reminds all residents to wash your hands. Good hand-washing decreases the spread of disease.

For questions related to possible Hepatitis A exposure, please contact Lauri Jones, Community Health Director at 509-422-7158.

amended pit bull ordinance

Complies with new state law

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Council members approved the addition of language to the city's breed-specific pit bull dog ordinance at their regular monthly meeting on Jan. 8 that brings the measure into compliance with a new state law that took effect on Jan. 1.

Last year the state Legislature passed House Bill 1026 that compelled more than two dozen cities across the state to amend or repeal municipal ordinances that apply to pit bull dogs. The new state law requires that said ordinances establish and maintain a reasonable process for exempting any dog from the breed-based

based ban if the dog passes the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Test or a reasonable equivalent canine behavioral test as determined by the city.

While Brewster's municipal code (Title 6, Chapter 6.10.010) did not ban the ownership of pit bulls, it required the owners to comply with a number of compliance measures and did not include an optional AKC equivalent test to certify a safe and well-behaved

Mike Maltais/QCH

A prolonged discussion

Brewster council welcomes city's newest police officer

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - It was a night of sworn oaths, but the good kind, at the first regular meeting of the city council on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Brewster police chief Marcos Ruiz administered the oath of office to the city's newest police officer, Christopher (CJ) Harmier

"Officer Harmier graduated the academy last month," said Ruiz. "He was third in marksman-



Brewster council moves closer to Senior **Center agreement**

Bridgeport, Pateros are key players

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The city council took a step closer to inking an agreement with the Brewster Senior Center at its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 8.

City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman reviewed documents submitted to the council by Senior Center officials as part of the evaluation of what the city will be assuming if it takes responsibility for the center building.

"It doesn't matter where the senior citizens live. This is one big community."

-- Art Smyth, Mayor of Brewster

cure commitments from both neighboring cities to remain involved with the center's future operations.

"What involvement does the city want to require of the two partners that exists right now in the Senior center and those partners are Pateros and Bridgeport,

regulation or a breed-

Bridgeport mayor Janet Conklin addresses Brewster council members with respect to the pit bull ordinances both cities have in their municipal codes.

pit bull.

between council members on both sides of Brewster's existing ordinance and the recommended amendment

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"Our recommendation would be to conduct a minimal walk-through of the building to see what we're getting for free," said Zimmerman. "Based on that inspection you may want to get a formal building inspector to look at it."

Zimmerman said that once the city takes responsibility for the building it will be required to make sure it complies with all existing codes. He also suggested that the city consider its long-term commitment to the Senior Center. Zimmerman included seniors from the Pateros and Bridgeport communities as part of the consideration since Brewster hopes to se-

"What involve*ment does the* city want to require of the two partners that exists right now in the Senior Center and those partners are Pateros and Bridgeport."

-- Chuck Zimmerman Brewster City Attorney asked Zimmerman. "Part of the problem with the Senior Center is they didn't have a plan...and the city needs to figure out what its commitment is going to be."

Coincidentally, Bridgeport mayor Janet Conklin attended the council meeting to observe how Brewster was addressing its pit bull dog ordinance. Conklin said she would like further information as to how many senior members are from Bridgeport, what it costs to run the center, and what improvements need to be addressed. She added that she does encourage the Bridgeport council to contribute to the center's operations. It currently contributes \$2,000 annually.

Mayor Art Smyth suggested that Pateros and Bridgeport might consider doubling their contributions.

"It doesn't matter where the senior citizens live," said Smyth. "This is one big community.'

Council Finance Committee members Avis Erickson and Manny Hurtado agreed to perform the building walkthrough and pursue the issues with current center president Neal McKee.

Zimmerman predicted that as the cities move forward with resolving the issues raised an agreement should be ready to sign in 60 to 90 days.

ship in the entire class."

Harmier is now in the STO (Specially Trained Officers) program and will be working the night shift next, Ruiz said.

Mayor Art Smyth administered the oath of

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Mike Maltais/QCH

Brewster police chief Marcos Ruiz, left, administers the oath of office to the city's newest police officer, Christopher (CJ) Harmier at the January city council meeting.

Brewster chamber addresses venue changes, new events

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The first regular meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce included the introduction of 2020 officers and a few new developments regarding an adjusted meeting time and some of the year's forthcoming events.

As of this writing the new monthly meeting will still fall on the first Wednesday of each month but at 11:30 a.m. rather than 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion's Columbia Post 97 building at 102 N. Third St.

In another development, the 2020 Cherries Jubilee will occupy two days during Father's Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21. Pending approval from the city, Cherries Jubilee will be held at Columbia Cove Park. Along with the new location will be a new event this year, a two-day Cherries Jubilee Bass Opening fishing tournament featuring the Okanogan Valley Bass Club.

"The tournament will be open to all who want to enter with big money for the biggest bass," Chamber president Mike Mauk said.

Sports are also on the mind of Chamber organizers this year.

"We are in the early stages of planning a Softball Tournament on the Fourth of July," said Mauk adding that further information is forthcoming.

Harvest Fest, Trick or Treat on Main Street, and the costume contest will all be held on Halloween again this year.

The Chamber's Awards Banquet will coincide with Shop Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28, to include the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Chamber is current-

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Brewster School Superintendent Eric Driessen holds up a Brewster Schools yard sign that, along with pennants and flags, the school is making available to those who want to become Bears boosters.



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Community

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preceded an initial deadlock vote and the later one-year trial approval.

"Since the state says we have to treat them like any other dog, except for this test they came up with, I feel that we may as well treat them like any other dog," Councilman Tim Rieb said. "I think the best thing to do and the most sensible thing to do is to treat them like any other dog."

Council members Avis Erickson and Jan May voiced their opposition to an ordinance that singles out pit bulls for testing but not any other breed.

"Any dog can be potentially dangerous," May said.

Erickson said she was speaking on behalf of constituents who disagree with the pit bull ordinance.

"Until they show that they need the test, they shouldn't have to take a test," said Erickson. "It doesn't seem fair to me."

City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman reviewed the council's reasoning for passing a breed-specific pit bull ordinance four or five years ago before the state's latest revision made it unlawful.

"You're not banning put bulls," reminded Zimmerman. "You're never banned pit bulls; you've just made it difficult for a person to own one. It's a higher-risk pet.

Council member John Housden said he supported keeping the ordinance with the added test provision so the city would still preserve some measure to regulate what he considers a dangerous breed.

Mayor Conklin explained that Bridgeport's ban on pit bulls was originally enacted in response to pit bull fights that were being staged on the reservation. Unlike Brewster's restrictive ownership guidelines, Bridgeport's ordinance banned the breed altogether. The Bridgeport city council convened in special session Dec. 30 and voted once again allow pit bulls in the city but de-

ferred any further actions pending more research and discussion.

On the first attempt to pass the revised ordinance the vote was two in favor, two opposed and one abstaining.

In the course of further discussion City Attorney Chuck Zimmerman told the council its choice was between repealing the existing ordinance or adding language to allow for the AKC test. He advised against doing nothing despite a failure to reach a consensus.

"If you're not really sure what you want to do, then pass this ordinance and promise yourselves a year from now you'll look back at see how it's going," Suggested Zimmerman. "If you implement this ordinance and then take it away it's going to be a lot easier than not implementing it and trying to impose it a year from now."

In a second vote that included the provision that council will revisit the ordinance at its March 2021 meeting, the measure passed unanimously.



Mayor Smyth (left) administers the oath of office to re-elected incumbent Council woman Avis Erickson, standing at right.



Brewster Mayor Art Smyth (right) swears in re-elected incumbent Councilman Tim Rieb (left).

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bent council members Avis Erickson and Tim Rieb. In other business coun-

cil members revisited the

city's pit bull dog ordinance that was tabled at the December meeting and discussed a pending

agreement with the senior center (see stories this page). Council members approved a state of emergency resolution to allow public works to take action to install a sewer line in the

402, 408 & 412 areas of Hospital Way to correct septic tank leakage that has been detected there.

2020 census launches recruiting campaign button, otherwise we do

not get the application."

Potential sponsors for Cherries Jubilee can contact Chamber secretary Heather Carrington, Chairperson for Sponsors and Vendors at email brewsterwachamber@ gmail.com.

Brewster School Superintendent Eric Driessen brought an assortment of Brewster Bears yard signs, pennants and flags that the school is offering citizens to display as part of a Bears' booster effort.

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Every 10 years the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a nationwide count of its citizens and has been doing so since the first count was taken in 1790. A population that is some 315 million people today began as four million souls 230 years ago. In 1915 the U.S. population passed 100 million; in 1967, 200 million; by 2006 300 million.

Counting that many people is a huge undertaking, so the Census Bureau is



• Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities.

• Development of rural areas. • Planning urban land

use.

• Drawing school district boundaries.

• Delivering goods and services to local markets.

• Directing funds for services for people in poverty.

And 40 more. McNamara will be at the following sites for the remainder of the month:

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EAST WENATCHEE -Douglas County PUD Commissioners Ronald E Skagen, Molly Simpson and Aaron J. Viebrock executed the following actions during the Jan. 13, 2020 Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office:

· Continued collecting public comment on the proposed Electric Rate. General Manager Gary Ivory presented a modified proposed rate strategy and recommended

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hiring about 500,000 temporary census takers to do the heavy lifting. Okanogan and Douglas counties will recruit some 500 and 200 folks respectively to perform local counts that begin April 1.

Local census recruiter Leslie McNamara addressed the Brewster Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, Jan. 8. to explain the process as well as the importance for the counties to count every resident.

Individuals interested in earning extra income while working a flexible schedule can contact McNamara at 509-885-4349 or by email at leslie.g.mcnamara @3030census.gov.

Applicants can also apply online at 2020 census.gov/ jobs. For more information or assistance applying call 1-855-job-2020. The starting wage is \$16/hour and \$.58 cents per mile for field work.

"We want to count every



Leslie McNamara addresses the Brewster Chamber about the 2020 census and her efforts to recruit residents to participate as census takers.

individual," said McNamara and explained that recording every resident brings many benefits to the local communities. In fact, there are 50 ways that census data are used. They include:

• Distributing more than \$300 billion in federal funds and more in state funds.

• Drawing federal, state, and local legislative districts.

• Planning future government services.

Attracting new business



Sat. Jan. 18, 12-2 p.m. Wal mart Omak

Tue. Jan. 21, 2-4 p.m. Brewster Library

Wed. Jan. 22, 3-5 p.m. Bridgeport Library

Thu Jan. 23, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. WorkSource Omak

Fri. Jan 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fred Meyer E. Wenatchee. Sat. Jan 25, 12-2 p.m. Walmart Omak

Mon. Jan. 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. WorkSource Omak.

Tues. Jan. 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Action Okanogan

Tues. Jan. 28, 3-5 p.m. Brewster Library.

Wed. Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Pateros Library.

Thurs. Jan. 30, 1-3 p.m. Twisp Library.

Thurs. Jan. 30 4-6 p.m. Winthrop Library.

Fri. Jan. 31 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sportsman's Warehouse, E. Wenatchee.

Census forms will be in the mail by mid-March and recipients will have the option to complete their forms online.

ending the moratorium and changing the resource availability on future applications. Twenty people attended the public comment portion of the meeting with 10 making a comment. Commissioners thanked the public for attending and requested to take action at the next meeting Jan. 27.

• Opened bids under bid document 19-29-W, 2020 Hatchery Well and Pump Maintenance. One bid was received and will be evaluated prior to award recommendation.

• Heard the bid opening results under bid document 19-35-W, air compressor addition at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. The bid will be evaluated prior to award recommendation.

 Approved Note No. 4 loan from the Electric Distribution System Capital Project Revolving Loan Fund to the Wells Hydroelectric Project.

· Authorized renewal of professional service agreement with Marsh USA Inc. for insurance brokerage services through December 31, 2022.

• Adopted the Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate as the District's standard mileage rate.

• Established a new pole attachment rate of \$22.45 per pole and revised Schedule 7 of the Customer Service Policies.

• Authorized the City of Brewster 2020 Operations and Maintenance budget for recreation facilities. The District's portion is \$70,570 and is required by the Wells Project license.

• Approved the City of Pateros 2020 Operations and Maintenance budget for recreation facilities. The District's portion is \$70,570 and is required by the Wells Project license.

Approved acceptance of work and final payment to WESCO Distribution, Inc under contract 19-27-D, supply and deliver compact 1100 kcmil EPR Primary Underground Cable. All work is complete and determined to meet bid specifications.



OPINION

Envisioning a Maternity Center of Excellence to better serve Okanogan County

Collaboration has been key to the envisioning of a sustainable future for maternity services in Okanogan County. Included in this vision is a comprehensive obstetric support training and education program that will serve families from conception to early parenthood. It will also increase physician retention and strengthen the OB provider pool in Okanogan County well into the future

As the plans for transitioning OB services from Three Rivers Hospital to Mid-Valley Hospital this year, we are working to-

gether to build a Maternity Center of Excellence that embodies the high-quality programs that each hospital has historically provided to expecting families in the County. This is supported by combining thin resources in one location to keep OB services sustainable in the County as opposed to struggling to maintain services in more than one location. A \$100,000 Molina Grant awarded to Family Health Centers provides initial funding to begin this work this year.

Family Health Centers seeks to further whole per-

son care by building a collaborative system of care, bringing together community members, maternity care case managers, behavioral health providers, and medical providers to support healthy childbirth. Local EMS staff may be trained in obstetrical basic life support, and maternity care providers in obstetrical advanced life support. This will enhance pa-

tient-centered maternity care for our patients.

The thinking and decisions around the OB issue have been highly influenced by the following key challenges: • Recruitment and Retention: Despite best efforts to recruit physicians offering obstetrical care, a significant decline in the available labor pool throughout the nation puts rural areas at a disadvantage. This problem is escalated when trying to sustain multiple locations with other existing issues (IE: aging facilities, low patient volumes, other staffing needs).

• Skills Maintenance: While each hospital has or had a high-quality OB program, we have all heard from providers themselves, that to maintain sharp skills and credentials, there is a minimum number of deliveries (especially C-section) that must be met. If we are to save OB from disappearing from this county, we need to build an OB center of excellence that inspires confidence not only for patients to choose local care, but also for medical professionals to choose to come work here.

• Declining Birth Rates: Declining birth rates are occurring across the country and are intensified in rural areas like ours. The cost to provide labor and delivery services is prohibitive with a smaller number of births.

We are grateful for the collaborative spirit in problem-solving this difficult issue. We look forward to serving our communities with the highest standard of care you deserve.

Contributors to this editorial include: from Family Health Centers Dr. James Wallace, Medical Director and Jesus Hernandez, CEO; from Mid-Valley Hospital Alan Fisher, CEO and from Three Rivers Hospital and North Valley Hospital Scott Graham, CEO.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brewster School District is a great place

I started teaching at **Brewster School District** back in 1988. I have made the commute from Chelan each day for 32 years. I have been asked many times why I do not teach closer to home and my answer each and every time has been, "because Brewster is a great place to work". I believed that back in the beginning and I believe it now as well. There have been ups and downs in the time I have been here. but I can say with all honesty that we are in a great place right now as far as the school district. Our facilities are getting an upgrade that will help continue the success we are seeing in the classrooms. The faculty and staff are some amazing individuals who have adapted their teaching styles over the years to best educate your children and prepare them for life beyond high school. And the students that have come through my door over the years have been respectful,

studious, entertaining and even challenging. The different types of personalities that each student possess, helps shape the culture of Brewster Schools.

I just told a staff member this morning that in the past seven years as principal, this year the students are more respectful as a whole, than any other year that I can recall. This comes about by the effort of the teachers to understand students better. Parents for raising their children to understand the importance of a good education and the students themselves, who are putting forth a great effort each day and it is showing in assessment results and graduation percentages.

Some of my former students have found their way back to the Brewster Bear family after graduating and earning a degree. This year there are nine classroom teachers at Brewster that were students of mine. Sixteen para professionals were once students of mine who are now employed by the Brewster District. As well as three District staff member who have returned to Brewster. These 29 individual see what I see, here at Brewster School District. They see a place that they are proud of. A place that they want to see continue to grow and produce graduates year after year.

The Brewster Bear community will continue to grow and strengthen because of the people that make it up. I still have a handful of years to continue to call myself a Brewster Bear and work for a school district that really has been a great place to have a career.

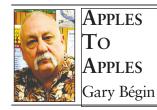
I encourage other employees, community member and current and past students to write a letter and submit it if you feel the same way I do about Brewster School District.

Greg Austin Brewster Middle School principal Chelan

Why are any Westerners mourning an enemy of freedom and Christianity?

General Casey "Quesadilla" Salami was killed by our Fearless Leader for a reason. Mike Pompeo told him to do it. Pompeo, secretary of state and former military, knew this guy has been killing Westerners, especially Americans, for decades.

When I was a Marine the U.S. Embassy – Tehran, was invaded by mindless religious zealouts and our people were held captive. We were mocked and called the Great Satan. Here we are four decades later and we are still being attacked and mocked and being called the Great Satan. General Salami was part of



the issue back then and he was part of the issue as of the moment he was blown to bits.

There is no pretty way to state the fact that he was happy to blow up American soldiers (soldiers is generic for the ridiculous PC phrase "servicemembers"). He was highly instrumental in developing more lethal roadside bombs and planning attacks and is directly fingered for killing of more than 500 of our troops.

So why is anyone, Christian and non, weeping for this mass killer?

I mock his name and I mock any semblance of respect for this asymmetrical warfare specialist. After President Ronald Reagan helped free the Embassy hostages, another attack took place that any Marine will never forget - the bombing of the Beirut barracks in 1983, killing more than 250 of our brothers in arms (another generic phrase, although PC people are freaking out, I doubt if any women were killed that day).

I am guessing that this "decapitation" strike, as it is called when the head of an enemy is killed, was necessary not only to make a point that anyone can be killed, but also to say enough is enough. How many more American families must be torn apart by Muslim hatred for all things Western?

President Donald Trump may be disliked as a womanizer, as a liar, as a draft dodger and as a (fill in the blank), but he has what it takes to make difficult decisions and take decisive actions vis-à-vis our sworn enemies.

This Salami fellow wasn't

some deranged guy with a knife chasing old ladies in the park nor was he a misunderstood nice moderate being drawn to radicalization by YouTube or Tweets under the sheets in his college dorm. He was the epitome of what the Ayatollahs wanted all their minions to become – martyrs for Allah.

Well now our Fearless Leader has given him his wish, a meeting with his god.

It is true that Christians are being murdered all over the world and we as a people are doing little about it, but at in this case, we did and at least to me, it feels righteous.

Bullies like these ruthless soldiers of hate only understand one thing – a punch in the nose. If they still persist, another punch and another progressively harder punch until finally – it is time to let them have the dirt nap they have been craving all these decades.

God bless President Trump.

Gary Bégin's opinions are not the official views of NCW Media. To reach him email: gary@ncwmedia. net. Any email is subjected to publication as a "letter to the editor" unless explicitly requested not to do so.

Okanogan PUD revenue increase will include expense reductions

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN – The PUD Board of Commissioners approved the utility's 2020 budget by a 2-1 vote at its Dec. 16 meeting that calls for a two percent revenue increase together with expense reductions to reach that revenue goal.

The 2020 budget includes \$58.3 million in revenue, \$48.9 million in expenditures, \$4 million in debt service and a \$13.5 million capital budget. How the path to a two percent revenue increase "will affect the different rate classes (residential, general service, irrigation, etc.) will be determined through a rate setting process in early 2020," a PUD media release said.

Among budget cutbacks will be staff elimination at the Omak office which will still have a payment drop box but no attendant after April 1.

"Buy not hiring a currently open customer service position and not staffing the Omak office, the district will save \$84,000 annually," the release said. "The current customer service staff member at Omak would still work for the district." Other district departments will contribute to budget cutbacks through such actions as project delays and deferred equipment purchases.

Commissioner Scott Vejraska said the community is economically stressed with both orchardists and cattlemen feeling the losses through low crop and livestock prices.

Commissioner Bill Colyar acknowledged the tough economic times but does not see an alternative to a rate increase to maintain the electrical grid.

Yarn device is a marriage mender

Mike Maltais/ QCH This innocentlooking little device is actually one of history's most helpful inventions where couples' therapy is concerned. Its technical name is a yarn ball winder. but it is more commonly referred to as a marriagesaver where



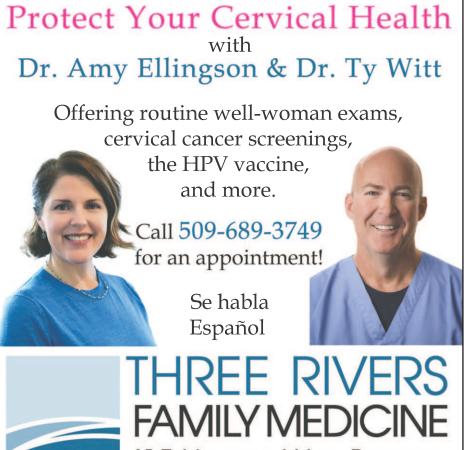
one member of the marital union is a knitter. The X-shaped revolving wheel at right replaces the outstretch arms of a beleaguered assistant while the little offset handcrank spindle at left winds the yarn into a neat ball in a matter of minutes – not arm-aching hours. Gone are such phrases as: "Oh! We have a tangle," and "Could you get these knots out for me?" and similar terms of endearment. Every knitter should find one.





The expansive Numerica PAC stage is turned into an intimate, black box theater experience featuring Seattle funk rock band DOWN NORTH. Tickets \$22 (*limited capacity of tickets available*)





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Neighbors / Bulletin Board

OBITUARIES

Genelle (Nell) Tarbell

Genelle (Nell) Tarbell, 94, passed away on January 6, 2020, at the Brewster Hospital after a brief illness.

Daughter of Samuel and Lessie Wagg, Nell was born in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia in May, 1925. She was the third youngest of 12 siblings. The family headed "west" when Nell was five years old and settled in Pateros, where she attended and graduated from Pateros High School.

Nell married Jack Tarbell in December, 1949, and moved to Brewster where she happily lived until her passing. They had one daughter, Julie.

Nell worked for Martha Gebbers as a bookkeeper for many years. She also worked as a bank teller at the National Bank of Commerce, and kept books at the Rio Auto Supply in Brewster. She was meticulous about her work and it was not

complete until she balanced to the penny.

Nell attended the Episcopal church. She loved music and played the piano and danced at many of the Senior Citizen Centers up and down the valley. All of the siblings played instruments by ear, none of them ever learning a note.

Her last four years were spent at Holder Colonial Home. She continued to go to the Brewster Senior Center for lunch every day, and enjoyed an occasional trip to the casinos.

Survivors include her daughter, Julie, husband Chris, grandchildren Christopher and Michael, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceeding her in death were 11 siblings and husband Jack.

Services will be March 20, 2020, with a reception at the Senior Center to follow.

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

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PATEROS & BREWSTER LIBRARY EVENTS

Jan. 17

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.

Jan. 21

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.

Jan. 22

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

Jan. 22

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.

Jan. 22

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.

Jan. 25

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.

Jan. 25

Make a quick beaded bookmark

PATEROS - This Saturday, Jan. 25, 12-1 p.m., the Pateros Public Library will hold a Quick Beaded bookmark event for adults. Join them and maked a cute little bookmark to hold your place

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.
- 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.

DEATH NOTICES/SERVICES

spring.

Cathy Ann Westerdahl

Cathy Ann Westerdahl, 65, of Brewster, Wash., passed away on January 12, 2020.

Ungers now living in Wenatchee

WENATCHEE - Kay Gould and Arleen Florence Unger, are now residents of Seniors Delight Adult Family Home in Wenatchee, located at 2519 Cordell Avenue. That phone number is 509-662-5300. The Ungers would enjoy cards, letters and visitors. Their cell number is 509-686-1961.

OBITUARY & MEMORIAL POLICIES

NCW MEDIA, INC.

An **obituary** is a way for family member(s) to commemorate a loved one's life and to notify the larger community of the deceased. Obituaries are also used for historical and ancestral data.

Memorials are another way of letting the community know about the life and memories of the person who has died. A Memorial is different from an obituary. An obituary is usually current while a memorial can be written later.

Obituaries and memorials need to be typed and emailed no later than Friday by 4:00 p.m. to be placed in the next available issue(s). Please call for cost of an obituary and which NCW paper(s) that it will be placed in to.

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 over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$8.50. All diners are welcome.

Jan. 21

Cheeseburger Deluxe, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Orange Quarters, Dessert

Jan. 22

Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Jan. 23

French Dip, Pickled Beets, Three Bean Salad, Waldorf Salad, Dessert

Tuesdays and Thursdays

S.A.I.L. classes

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

a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc.

- On the third Friday of each month, Jan. 17, 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.

Jan. 20

Jan. 21

Jan. 31

509-422-2954.

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, call TOPS Headquarters, (800) 932-8677.

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

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:

Submitting your Bulletin Board item

Who: Any non-profit 501(c)3 group. Person(s) must submit full

name and contact phone number. What: Items pertaining to

local events, meetings etc., that are free or a minimum charge.

Where: email to: ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com, subject line

QCH Bulletin. Deadline: Monday at 5 p.m. Be sure and include

Cost of the obituary/ memorial is due at the time of placement. Funeral homes and chapels can submit obituaries by Noon on Monday, unless a holiday.

Obituaries are priced per word while Memorial ads are per column-inch.

For info call Ruth 509-682-2213, or email ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com



morning at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center at 109 S. Bridge St. Cost is 25 cents per card.

Jan. 17, Feb. 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

field.

Jan. 4

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Bridgeport.

Jan. 5

Jan. 6

Bridgeport.

Bridgeport.

Bridgeport Bar.

Traffic offense at 10th Street

Traffic offense at Fisk Av-

Suspicious incident at 15

Harassment/threat at 1617

Traffic offense at the 800

Sex offense at 929 Maple St.

Noise at 124 Firs Ave. on

No. 143 in Bridgeport.

Bridgeport Bar.

Fairview Ave. in Bridge-

Buckingham Alley on

and Douglas Avenue in

enue and 17th Street in

DOUGLAS SHERIFF REPORT

Dec. 30

- Abuse at 434 23rd St. in Bridgeport. Sick person at 222 Morrow
- St. in Mansfield.

Dec. 31

- Suspicious incident at 310 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.
- Property incident at 2740 Fun Club Road on Bridgeport Bar.
- Warrant at 335 E. Railroad Ave. No. 9 in Mansfield.
- Agency assistance at 434 23rd St. in Bridgeport. Noise at 1705 Raymond Ave.

in Bridgeport.

- Jan. 1
- Noise at 420 State Route 173, downstairs on Bridgeport Bar. Personal assistance at 1817
- Raymond Ave. in Bridgeport.

Jan. 3

Property incident at 1400 Ta-Jan. 7

- coma Ave. in Bridgeport. Alarm at 217 S. Bridge St. in Domestic disturbance at Brewster 2327 Rd. A N.W. in Mans-
 - Child Protective Services/ Adult protective Services at 16 Central St. in Bridgeport.

Date, time, place and cost if any.

- Public assistance at 415 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.
- Public assistance at 1400 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport. Non-injury accident at 39 E. First Ave. in Mansfield.

Jan. 8 Public assistance at 2327 Rd. A N.W. in Mansfield.

Jan. 9

- Traffic offense at the 200 block of Douglas St. in Mansfield.
- block of Maple Street in Vehicle prowl at 1827 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport. 911 at 1626 Columbia Ave.
 - in Bridgeport.

Jan. 10

Agency assistance at State Route 17 and Foster Creek

Avenue in Bridgeport.

- Unknown accident at Douglas Avenue and 17th Street in Bridgeport.
- Civil incident at 335 Second St. in Bridgeport.

Jan. 11

- Domestic disturbance at 14 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.
- Abuse at 2400 Tacoma Ave., No. 8 in Bridgeport.

Jan. 12

- Stabbing/gunshot at 1004 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.
- Agency assistance at 88 Washburn Ave. in Bridgeport.

Jan. 13

- Suspicious incident at 209 Fifth St. in Bridgeport. Fraud/forgery at 1713 Ray-
- mond Ave. in Bridgeport. Animal problem at 1514
- Washburn Ave. in Bridgeport.

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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.

www.communitylogchurch.com

Pastor Gordon Wright

689-2224 • 501 W. Indian Avenue

New to the area? On Vacation? These churches welcome you!

BREWSTER SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST **CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

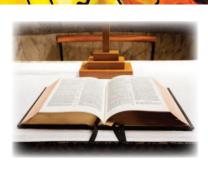


Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m. Church: 509-689-3537 17 Hospital Way NE, Brewster www.brewstersda.com School: 509-689-3213 115 Valley Road, Brewster www.brewsteradventistschool.com Pastor Ryan Kilgore

BREWSTER • BRIDGEPORT • PATEROS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday Bible Study & Sunday School 10:00 a.m. 509-689-3106 • 1520 Sunset Dr. Pastor Kevin Moore

New Testament Baptist Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study and King's Kids 509-689-2420 • 412 W. Hanson



"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." - Matthew 19:26

ULTURE 2020 74TH LAKE CHELAN HORTICULTURE DAY **JANUARY 20**

Lake Chelan Horticulture Day to feature nine different topics



Hort Show vendors visit with attendees at the 2017 annual Horticulture Day held at Chelan High School. This years show will be held Jan. 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and Chelan High School FFA

BY LAKE CHELAN MIRROR STAFF

CHELAN-The 74th Lake Chelan Horticulture Day will be held on Monday, Jan. 20. Chelan Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Washington State be helping in some form

University Extension will be co-sponsoring the event, which will begin at 9 a.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to network and to learn by listening to nine different presentations offered throughout day.

Lunch will be served by the Chelan FFA from 11:50 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Chelan FFA Chapter has 180 members. Twenty to 30 of those members will

Trade Show part of Lake Chelan Hort Day See page 6 for agenda

with setting up, tearing down, and throughout the event. The Chelan FFA Chapter is one of the nine charter members of the Washington State FFA Association and have been around since the spring

SEE 74TH HORT ON PAGE 6

WSU conference brings Women in Agriculture together to network, learn

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

WENATCHEE/WIN-THROP/NESPELEM - On Saturday, Jan. 25, the 2020 Women in Agriculture Conference will offer women in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Alaska and Hawaii an unique opportunity to gather in 34 different locations for a one-day event featuring knowledgeable speakers, inspiring stories, networking with other producers and practical advice for learning new skills.

This year's event, "Healthy Farms" covers the topic of cultivating personal resiliency to handle all the "ups and downs" as a women farmer. It is no secret that things can be tough for farmers, whether it is things that can be controlled or issues farmers try to control when they can't, according to WSU Douglas & Chelan County Extension Director and chair of the conference, Margaret Viebrock. The stress in farming has always existed, but the levels soar during times of high costs and low returns.

Locally, the conference

will be held at Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee, Colville Reservation WSU Extension Learning center in Nespelem and 3 Bears Quilt Shop in Winthrop.

Each location will have a local panel of women farmers who will explain how they have developed their own self-care plan to deal with day-to-day events and make mindful decisions that helped them be successful in farming.

Visit the website at www.womeninag.wsu.edu for details about the conference and registration.

This interactive and engaging conference will motivate women in agriculture to develop a self-care plan and realize the connection between a healthy person and a healthy farm. The format of this conference enables us to offer our headline speakers at all locations, while still tailoring the conference content for each region, Viebrock added.

"Last year, nearly 500 women attended," said Viebrock. "Many attendees reported it is the best conference for women

producers because it presents practical information they can use right away."

The lineup for the day includes Brenda Mack, a third generation farmer in Minnesota who is also a behavior and wellness professor with Bemidii State University and Shauna Reitmeier, also a third generation farmer who specializes in behavioral health with the Northwest Mental Health Center in in Minnesota. Together they will help women farmers strengthen their personal health care to reduce the effects of stress, worry and exhaustion.

Sue Schneider, Colorado State University Extension, will teach women how to make mindful farming and personal decisions without reacting to negative thoughts, emotions and judgements.

Gabrielle McNally, who represents the Women for the Land: American Farmland Trust's Initiative will explain their program that engages women farmers on topics of conservation, farmland preservation and land access. A partnership with this Initiative can implement

SEE WOMEN ON PAGE 6



6 Lake Chelan Hort Day

Washington State Soil Health Survey

Consider participating

By WSU TREE FRUIT Research and EXTENSION CENTER

NCW - Scientists from the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and Washington State University (WSU) are collaborating to survey the soil health of seven specialty crops grown in our state. Researchers will assess the baseline soil health and develop a state-specific soil health index.

We are seeking participation from farmers growing potatoes, onions, sweet corn, pulses, tree fruit, wine grapes, and hops during the 2020 and 2021 growing seasons.

Eligible participants will:

• Identify and describe their "best" and "worst" sites

 Complete an online soil management survey.

 Allow project staff to collect "best" and "worst"

soil samples. The project will use in-

Dr. Jenny Bolivar-Medina

completed her Ph.D. in

Plant Breeding and Plant

Genetics at the Univer-

sity of Wisconsin - Madi-

son (UW). She earned

her M.S. in Biology at

the University of Puerto

field measurements and soil samples to analyze field and lab indicators of soil health. The management practices survey will provide background on practices that may affect soil health.

Participants will receive a soil health report of their "best" and "worst" sites, including comparisons to regional soil health data and other soil health indices.

We will select eligible participants for the first year of the study in January 2020. Sampling will begin in the spring. WSU staff will

lead the field sampling effort and will communicate directly with farmers to arrange for convenient field access.

Please contact us if you want to participate or have any questions: Rachel Seman-Varner, 360-584-3414, rseman-varner@ agr.wa.gov; Deirdre Griffin LaHue, 360-848-6127, d.griffin@wsu.edu or Leslie Michel, 509-731-9895, lmichel@agr.wa.gov

The project is funded through the WSDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program.



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Three pesticide education credits will be awarded for program attendance and is dependent on WSDA approval.

Hort Day at Chelan

High School is free of charge and open to the public.

Anyone interested in participating in the trade show can contact Chelan FFA Advisor Bailey Dezzllum at dezellemb@ chelanschools.org or 509-860-1950. Proceeds benefit the Future Farmers of

74th Annual Lake Chelan **Horticultural Meeting** January 20 • Chelan High School

Co-sponsored by: WSU Extension & Chelan High School FFA

r	9-9:20 a.m.	How to Establish a Successful Planting*
diag		Site selection, soil preparation and
dies		fumigation, rootstock decisions, tree care.
Nis-	9:20-10 a.m.	Cosmic Crisp® Release – Kathryn Grandy,
erry		Tyler Brandt, Provar Variety Management;
on. ple-		Carolina Torres, WSU; Ines Hanrahan,
onal		Tree Fruit Research Commission
her		Marketing update, volumes, prices and
and		projections. Harvest report, harvest criteria,
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ing	10-10:20 a.m.	Break
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vsu.		Resistance * Gary Grove, WSU Pathology
	1:30-2 p.m.	Five Most Important Things to Prep your
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be-	2-2:30 p.m.	Beating the Psylla Battle*
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oird	2:30-3 p.m.	Fire Blight Management – Reminders
eon-		and New Research*
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Dr. Bolivar-Medina joins WSU Tree Fruit Research Center

BY WSU TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

WENATCHEE - Dr. Jenny Bolivar-Medina recently joined WSU as a Tree Fruit Extension Information Technology Transfer Specialist (ITT). As an integral member of the Tree Fruit Extension Team, Jenny's program will focus on tree fruit horticultural issues including apple rootstock evaluation, abiotic stress outreach programs and emerging industry needs. The position is made possible through the Tree Fruit Industry Endowment.

Dr. Bolivar-Medina



Rico - Mayaguez and demic formation, Jenny acquired skills in in vitro plant tissue culture of ornamental, forest, fruit, and crop species important for farmers in Colombia, Puerto Rico and USA. Her Ph.D. research and work as Research Associate at UW were focused on physiological and genetic aspects of reproductive buds of cranberry. Specifically, she studied the formation and development of floral meristems in reproductive buds of cranberry through the growing season and dormancy, and its implications in fruit



Growers Association As a mother of thr she enjoys spending tin with them in outdoor

tivities, reading, watchi movies and crafting. Jenny is located at WSU Tree Fruit Resear and Extension Center Wenatchee. She can reached at 509-333-88 or j.bolivarmedina@w edu

production. These stud her B.S. in Biology at the were funded by the W Universidad Pedagógica consin State Cranber y Tecnológica de Colombia. Through her aca-

Other aspects comp menting her profession formation includes h experience in optical a electron microscopy, signing and performi field experiments, tead ing, and participati in cranberry extensi programs.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower training

seven modules:

By WSU TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

Safety MANSON/MOSES LAKE - The Produce Safety Alli-

ance (PSA) was tasked with developing the standardized national produce safety training program to prepare fresh produce growers to meet the regulatory requirements in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule

The PSA Grower Training Curriculum was created through a four-year nationwide development process. The seven module PSA Grower Training Course was designed to be delivered in one day.

Who should attend

Fruit and vegetable growers and others interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety. The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that requires 'At least one supervisor or responsible party for your farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration.

What to expect

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time covering

 Introduction to Produce • Worker Health, Hygiene,

content contained in these

and Training

Soil Amendments

 Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use

 Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)

 Postharvest Handling and Sanitation

• How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion, so participants should come prepared to share their experiences and produce safety questions.

Benefits of

attending the course The course will provide a foundation of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and co-management information, FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements, and details on how to develop a farm food safety plan. Individuals who participate in this course are expected to gain a basic understanding of:

 Microorganisms relevant to produce safety and where they may be found on the farm

· How to identify microbial risks, practices that reduce risks, and how to begin implementing produce safety practices on the farm

· Parts of a farm food safe-

ty plan and how to begin writing one

• Requirements in the

Pre- and Post-harvest Disease Management workshop By WSU TREE FRUIT

Storage Rots Management: from Orchard to Packing

Research and

EXTENSION CENTER

March 4 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee WENATCHEE - Join us to learn about best management practices to fight pre and postharvest pathogens which cause rots and continue to challenge the pome fruit industry. This event is targeted towards pome fruit growers, packers, field and warehouse workers, extension specialists, industry representatives, consultants and others interested in learning about best management practices in orchards and packinghouses to reduce the impact of postharvest rots and increase pack-out. The event includes presentations, activities, quizzes, and networking opportunities. For agendas and additional information, visit http://treefruit.wsu.edu/ event/postharvest-workshop/. The Pre- and Postharvest Disease Management Workshop is sponsored by Washington State University Extension with support from the Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission, Syngenta Crop Protection, and Pace International. Six hours of training and



Ashour Amiri, Pome Fruit Postharvest Pathologist,

FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them.

After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training course. To receive an AFDO certificate, a participant must be present for the entire training and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

Visit this website for the latest Train the Trainer Information: https://producesafetyalliance.cornell edu/training/train-trainer course/.

Costs to Attend

Total costs to attend the PSA Grower Training Course is \$50. Includes materials, certificate, lunches and refreshments.

Dr. Faith Critzer is lead trainer.

Additional Information For questions related to

registering for the course, please contact: Cathy Blood, Events Coordinator, blood@ wsu.edu, 509-335-2845

For any other questions, please contact: Faith Critzer, Produce Safety Extension Specialist faith.critzer@wsu. edu, 509-786-9203

Payments: No checks, only credit cards or debit cards.

Register for PSA GT Moses Lake • Feb. 11 Grant County Fairgrounds, Huck Fuller Building, 3953 Airway Dr N.E. Class size limited to 30 peo ple. Fee: \$50/ per person **Register for PSA GT** Manson, Feb. 16

Manson Grange, 157 E.Wapato Way Class size limited to 30 people. Fee: \$50/person

packing; best management

NCW Tree Fruit Days January 20, 27-29 in Chelan, Wenatchee, February 11 in Omak

BY WSU TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

NCW - Join us for WSU Tree Fruit Extension Programs in North Central Washington on January 20, 27, 28, 29, February 11, 2020. Co-sponsored by Northwest Cherries, Pear Bureau Northwest, NCW Fieldmen's Association, Chelan Future Farmers of America and the Okanogan Horticultural Association. These events provide the latest research-based information on horticulture, pest and disease management. We hope you will join us to network and learn this winter. For agendas and additional information visit treefruit.wsu. edu/events. Pesticide update credits will be awarded for program attendance: 2-3 credits per session dependent on WSDA approval. Pre-registration is not necessary for event attendance.

Networking lunch available this year. Pre-registration required for lunch. Networking lunch provides an opportunity to learn and network with your peers and visiting speakers. Register for lunch at https://treefruitdays_networkinglunch. eventbrite.com Thank you to lunch sponsors FMC and Orchard and Vineyard Supply.

Lake Chelan Horticultural Day Monday January 20 • 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. Chelan High School See Agenda page 6 North Central Washington Apple Day Monday January 27 · 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wenatchee Convention Center Co-Sponsored by WSU Extension and NCW Field

men's Association Topics include: Strategies to Minimize Bitter Pit; Extending Post Harvest Storability; Cropload Management; Bringing Economics to the Table; WSU Pesticide Spray Evaluator: A New Tool to Optimize Codling Moth Spray Timings; Mass Trapping for Codling Moth Control; Sterile Insect Release for Codling Moth Control; Entomopathogenic Nema todes. Agenda at http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/ncwapple-day-2/

Manejo de Frutales Wednesday January 27 • 1-3:30 pm Wenatchee Convention Center Co-Sponsored by WSU Extension and NCW Fieldmen's Association

Topics include: Identificación y eliminación de la nueva enfermedad de la cereza: Little Cherry and X Disease (Identification and elimination of the new cherry disease: Little Cherry Disease and X Disease); Prácticas seguras de uso de pesticidas (Safe Pesticide Application Practices); Manejo de Fuego Bacteriana (Fire Blight); Entrenamiento Para el Uso de Paraquat (Paraguat Herbicide Training); Prevención de Podredumbre Gris (Grey Mold Prevention). Agenda at http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/manejo-de-frutales/

North Central Washington Pear Day

Tuesday January 28 • 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wenatchee Convention Center

Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and Pear Bureau Northwest

Topics include: Irrigation for Fruit Quality; How Can we Make Mature Canopies More Efficient?; Marketing and Promotion Updates: Pesticide and Water Qual ity; Native Psyllids in WA and OR - How Might They Impact Pear Psylla? Adding Natural Enemies to the IPM Toolbox; Singing Psyllids. Agenda at http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/ncw-pear-day-2020/

North Central Washington Stone Fruit Day Wednesday January 29 • 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wenatchee Convention Center

Co-Sponsored by WSU Extension and NW Cherries Topics include: Cherry Markey; Blue Orchard Bees for Improving Pollination; New Rootstocks and Varieties; Horticultural Updates; Western X and Little Cherry Virus Symptoms, Vectors, and Management; Dangers of Dagger ad Root Lesion Nematodes in WA; Cherry Powdery Mildew Management and Fungicide Resis-tance. Agenda at http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/ncwstone-fruit-day

Okanogan Horticultural Society Meeting Tuesday, February 11

8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. English Session 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm Spanish Session Agriplex, Omak

Co-Sponsored by Okanogan Horticultural Society Topics include: Successful Codling Moth Management: Don't Forget the Basics; Hitting the Target: Using the New WSU Spray Evaluator to Optimize Spray Timings; Adding SIR to the Codling Moth Toolbox; Mass Trapping to Massively Reduce Your Codling Moth Problem – Does it Work?; Thinking Forward – Marketing Trends, Looking at the Dollars, Tips to Stay Relevant and Continue Farming in the Current Market; Cosmic Crisp® Release; X Disease and Little Cherry Virus: A Looming Threat – Be Ready; Psylla Management; Afternoon Spanish Session: Identificación y eliminación de la nueva enfermedad de la cereza: Little Cherry and X Disease (Identification and elimination of the new cherry disease: Little Cherry Disease and X Disease); Prácticas seguras de uso de pesticidas (Safe Pesticide Application Practices); Actualización de los requisitos para usar Paraquat, licencias de pesticidas y nueva página de Internet de WSDA. (New requirement for Paraquat users, Licensing and WSDA website updates). Agenda at http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/okanoganhorticultural-meeting/

practices in conventional systems, cultural control and fungicide resistance occurrence and mitigation. Participants will build a foundation for best management practices of major postharvest rots; learn the latest research-based information for effective management; understand how and when major pathogens infect flowers and fruit; better understand the risks of fungicide resistance and

how to minimize its effect

For more information:

on disease management.



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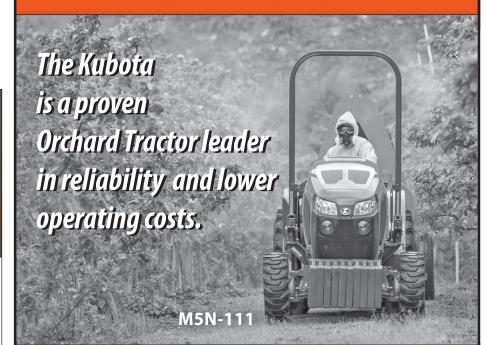
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Vicky Sanchez, 24, guards a Manson shooter. More photos at qcherald.com

Lady Bears edge Lake Roosevelt, still tied for No. 1

By Mike Maltais Staff writer

BREWSTER – The Lady Bears varsity basketball team won a 37-36 squeaker on the road at Lake Roosevelt on Jan. 7 to push their Central Washington 2B league record to 5-1 and remain in a three-way tie with Waterville-Mansfield and Liberty Bell for the top spot in the league.

The Lady Raiders took a two-point, 6-3 lead into the second quarter but Brewster caught them by halftime with the score knotted at 19 apiece. The Lady Bears gained a three-point, 12-9 advantage in the third quarter and Brewster's only points in the final quarter, two threepoint bombs by Mikenna Kelpman kept Brewster in front despite being outscored 8-6 by Lake Roosevelt going down to the buzzer. Kelpman hit a trio of threes on the night. Mikenna, 11 points, and Michaun Kelpman, 6, combined for 17 of Brewster's 37 points. Sammi Emigh added 7.





Cade Gebbers (4) and Kelson Gebbers converge on a Manson ballhandler. More photos at qcherald.com

Bears lose to Raiders, fall to second in CW2B, defeat Manson

By Mike Maltais Staff writer

BREWSTER – The battle for the lead in the Central Washington 2B league was decided last week when the CW2B's only two undefeated teams, Brewster and Lake Roosevelt, met on Jan. 7.

"We knew coming in that Lake Roosevelt had a good team and it would take big effort, execution and poise to win," said Bears head coach Michael Taylor. "In the end we didn't have what it took to get the job done."

The Bears and Raiders were knotted 17-all at the end of the first quarter and a point apart at halftime.

"We had some bright spots with Cade Gebbers scoring and keeping us in the game in the first half," Taylor said. Gebbers led Brewster with 21 points. The Bears hit a bump in the third quarter and could only manage six points from the field while Lake Roosevelt had another consistent quarter with 18 points. keep the Bears within striking distance with 75 percent shooting on six-foreight and 14 points during the game. Brewster rallied somewhat in the final quarter with 14 points, but the Raiders maintained a steady pace with 19 fourthquarter points for the 67-54 win.

Brewster: 17-17-6-14 54 LRHS: 17-18-18-19 67 Brewster scoring

Cade Gebbers: 21 points, 4 rebounds Ubaldo Arellano: 14 pts, 3 reb. Kelson Gebbers: 7 pts, 5 reb. Corey Jarrell: 6 pts, 4 reb. Adaih Najera: 2 pts. Conner Ashworth: 2 pts, 6 reb. Kade Kelpman: 2 pts, 6 reb. Logan McGuire: 7 reb. AJ Woodward: 4 reb. Ricky Garcia: 3 reb. Mason Kelly: 2 reb. Tyson Schertenleib: 2 reb.

Trojans routed The Bears came within five points of their third



The Lady Raiders remain in fourth place with one win ahead of Tonasket.

Brewster 4-15-12-6 37 LRHS 6-13-9-8 36 Brewster scoring Alexia Hurtado, 30, moves the ball through a crowd with help from teammate Abi Boesel, 22.

game.

day, Jan. 21.

Mikenna Kelpman: 11 Sammi Emigh: 7 Michaun Kelpman: 6 Halle Aparicio: 5 Anah Wulf: 4

Anah Wulf: 4 Vicky Sanchez: 2 Cynthia Sanchez: 2 Prowston, did, r

Brewster did not have nearly as much trouble hosting the Lady Trojans of Manson last Thursday, Jan. 9. The Lady Bears took an early lead and cruised to a 46-14 win over Manson.

On the road against Bridgeport last Saturday, Jan. 22, Brewster grabbed a "We had a difficult time scoring in the third quarter," said Taylor. "LR built a solid lead that we didn't overcome."

Ubaldo Arellano helped

100-point game with a 95-42 win over visiting Manson last Thursday, Jan. 9. With five players scoring in double figures the Bears took a 28-point first-quarter lead and put together four consistent scoring periods to win by 53.

Brewster: 31-18-29-17 95 Manson: 3-21-12-6 42

Brewster scoring C. Gebbers: 24 C. Jarrell: 15

K. Gebbers: 14 U. Arellano: 14 C. Ashworth: 12

A. Najera: 9 R. Garcia: 2

L. McGuire: 2 A. Woodward: 2

Corey Jarrell shoots over two Trojan defenders.

Mustangs tamed

For the third time this season, Brewster broke the 100-point ceiling with a 102-50 road win over Bridgeport last Saturday, Jan. 11. The Bears were scheduled to host Waterville-Mansfield on Tuesday, Jan. 14, and will play at Tonasket on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Lady Shockers win by 50 over Bridgeport

the tie at the top of the CW2B

when they hosted Waterville-

Mansfield on Tuesday, Jan.

14. The Lady Shockers were

7-1 coming into the Tuesday

Brewster will be on the

road at Tonasket, Thurs-

day, Jan. 16, and will host

Oroville at 6 p.m. on Tues-

By Mike Maltais Staff writer

BRIDGEPORT - The Waterville-Mansfield Lady Shockers varsity basketball team demonstrated why its tied for the lead in the Central Washington 2B league with a convincing 61-11 win over the Bridgeport Fillies last Friday, Jan. 9.

Led by sophomore forward

Ella Osborne the Lady Shockers did not allow Bridgeport to get on the scoreboard until there were four minutes remaining in the first quarter. With that 11-point head start Waterville-Mansfield employed a combination of tough turnover defense with good passing to open players to continue to widen its lead to 50 by game's end.

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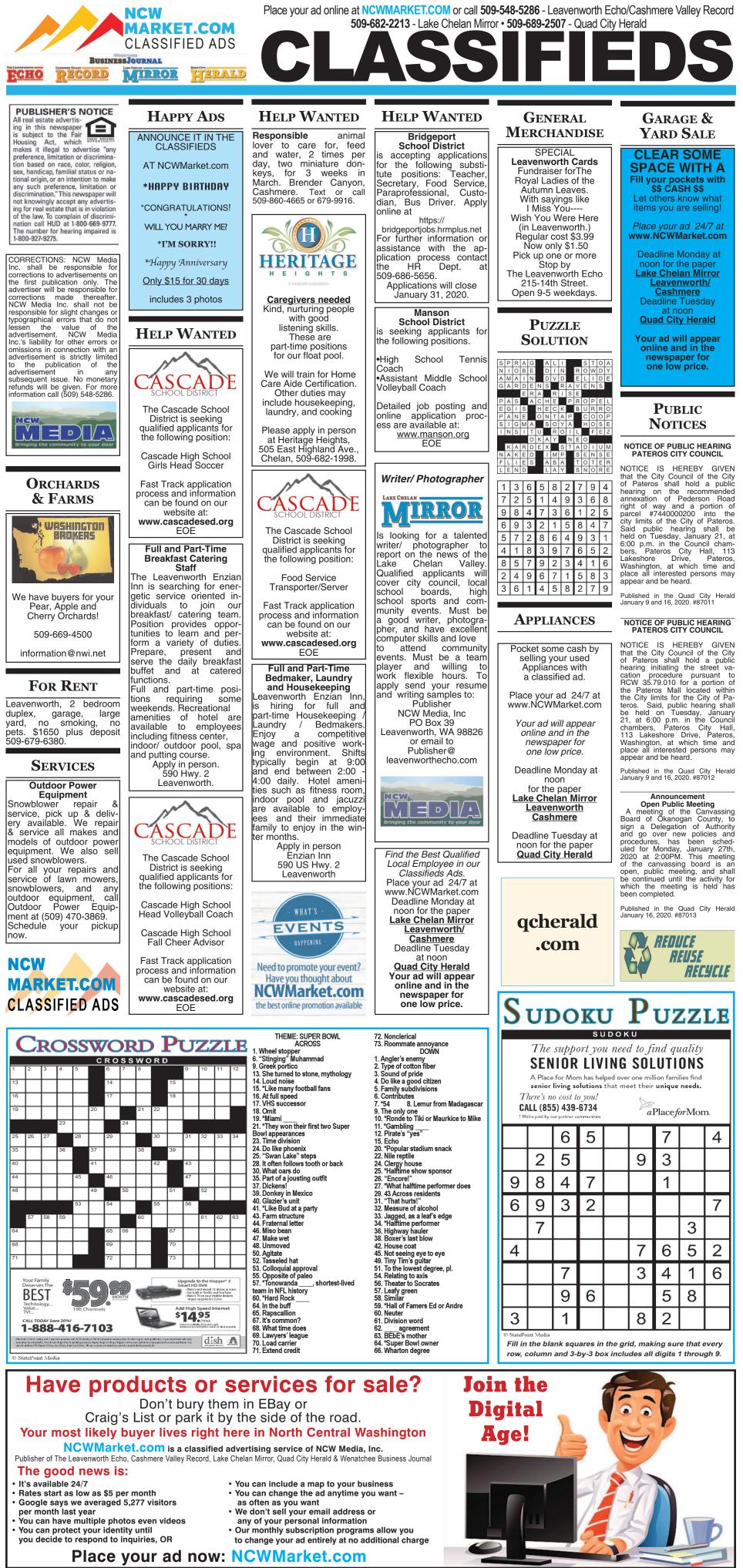


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ABOVE: Lady Shockers sophomore Ella Osborne drops in two of her game-high points against Bridgeport. LEFT: Senior Filly Catalina Martinez drives for Bridgeport. More photos at qcherald.com

The Lady Shockers share a 6-1 CW2B league record with the Lady Bears of Brewster who suffered their only loss to Waterville-Mansfield,67-27 on Dec. 5. The Lady Shockers lost to Liberty Bell, 58-44 on

Dec. 10. Waterville-Mansfield was scheduled to host Lake Roosevelt on Saturday, Jan. 11, before taking on the Lady Bears on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 14.



2020 brings new vision for Wellness Place

SUBMITTED BY JULIE LINDHOLM, WELLNESS PLACE DIRECTOR

WENATCHEE - After ringing in the new decade, Wellness Place is starting 2020 with a new vision, including exciting changes and additions to the organization. Moving forward, Wellness Place will focus their primary efforts on providing cancer support resources to the communities of North Central Washington.

To support this renewed vision, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new home for the healthy aging programs, S.A.I.L. (Stay Active and Independent for Life) and Matter of Balance. These vital and vibrant healthy aging programs will transition to the capable leadership of Erin Cass, Master Trainer and owner of Healthy Aging, LLC. S.A.I.L is a strength, balance and fitness evidence based program for adults 65 and older. Performing exercises that improve strength, balance and fitness is the single most important activity adults can do to stay active and reduce their chances of falling. Please visit www. sailfitness.org for more information about the S.A.I.L program, classes, instructor trainings and more.

Wellness Place Board Secretary and S.A.I.L Master Trainer Linette Gahringer, Wellness Place Board Secretary and S.A.I.L Master says "I am thrilled knowing the SAIL and Matter of Balance programs will continue under the enthusiastic and conscientious leadership of Erin Cass. I'm honored to continue working with Erin as a Master Trainer and look forward to a very bright



Julie Lindholm, Wellness Place director

future for evidenced based healthy aging programs in our communities."

With the primary focus of cancer support and services, Wellness Place will implement additional cancer support groups and educational classes. The Board of Directors and staff are currently finalizing their 2020 planning and will release updated programming information throughout the year.

"In the past few months

we have welcomed suggestions from Confluence Health, our supporter and partner, and listened to the needs of cancer patients in our community to plan our new programs," said Executive Director Julie Lindholm.

One of the anticipated new programs currently in the planning state is a Young Adult Cancer Support Group. "We have had an increase in younger adults diagnosed with cancer in our service area, and at Wellness Place we recognize the need for cancer education and fellowship in this age group."

Wellness Place is grateful for the opportunity to support the vulnerable community members in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties, and looks forward to assisting cancer patients and their families/support systems in navigating their

journey. "Here at Wellness Place,

we witness every single day that cancer does not discriminate; not based on age, race, income or status. We embrace the need for additional cancer programs, and we are excited to implement these programs in 2020," said Lindholm.

Wellness Place is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in North Central Washington offering free support and services for cancer patients and survivors in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan and Grant counties. For more information visit www.wellnessplacewenatchee.org. 509-888-9933, 609 Okanogan Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Hours of Operation: Tuesday and Thursday. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Closed Monday and Wednesdays.

Why a personalized diet can help you achieve better results

STATEPOINT -From custom-designed sneakers to tailor-made sunglasses, the trend of personalization is going head-to-toe, and for good reason, making its way to the world of weight loss and wellness.

Specifically, researchers have been studying two converging topics in recent years. One is the importance of body type in determining the combination of fats, carbohydrates and protein that will provide the best results for a given individual. The other is the variability of results associated with a single diet -- the idea that if two people start the same diet at the same time, their results could be drastically different.

On top of that, consumer research shows that people overwhelmingly prefer personalized experiences. Sixty percent of consumers agree that personalization is essential to weight loss and overall wellness.

Here's what to know about why personalized diets are becoming so popular and how to find the right diet for you:

The Importance of Body Type

The places your body stores excess fat may be the single greatest predictor of health outcomes. This is the concept behind Nutrisystem's assessment of the four most common body types: "Apple," "Pear," "Hourglass" and "Rectangle."

"We're going a bit old school here, because these categories have stood the test of time for a reason. They provide crucial information on how you respond to food intake and can help you to adjust what you eat based on your goals," says Courtney McCormick, corporate dietitian at Nutrisystem.

Body type can also influence how macronutrients like fat, protein, and carbs are processed. To fulfill your individual needs, first determine your body type, food preferences and goals, then look for a weight loss plan that takes these important factors into consideration, such as Nutrisystem.

Why do we get that printed info with our prescriptions

Q: We always get a sheet of printed information with our prescription medicines, and my husband throws his away still stapled to the bag, complaining, that the print is too small and I can't understand half of it, anyway. Why do we get these?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) wants you to be informed about important facts about your medicines so you can take them more safely. Each time a pharmacist dispenses a new or refill prescription he or she is required to provide written information to you about each of your medicines and also to ensure that you receive it, which is why it's included either inside the bag with your pills or stapled to it.

Written information is considered one of the best ways to provide information to you about your medicine. That's because you can hold the paper in your hand and read it at your own speed instead of only a future question about one of your medicines.

There are 3 types of printed consumer information given out with prescription medicines: consumer medication information sheets (CMIs), Medication Guides (MedGuides), and Patient Package Inserts (PPIs).

Every time you get a new or refilled medicine, you are supposed to receive a CMI. Each CMI is computer-generated and designed to travel home with you, either stapled to or placed inside the bag holding your prescription. Although the FDA has published guidelines about what type of information they feel should be included in a CMI, they don't directly regulate or control what form a CMI takes.

The FDA recommends specific elements they would prefer pharmacies to use in their CMI handouts but it's completely up to the pharmacy to pick which elements to use. For example, the CMI



sentences of information, while others covering the same medicine can go on for several pages. One reason for this variation is how the printers used by each pharmacy limit the length and format of the CMI printouts. Long or short, what most people notice most about a CMI is how small the print seems.

In a study published in 2010 by the University of Florida College of Pharmacy, professional shoppers filled prescriptions for two common medications in a sampling of 365 pharmacies across the country. 94% of the pharmacies in the study dispensed a CMI with each prescription, but less than 50% of the CMIs provided by the pharmacies were considered easy to read or understand. Sound familiar?

A collaborative work-

mation sheet (PMI). PMIs have bold print, bigger fonts and a lot more white space.

Here are the 4 types of written information for consumers about medications:

1.The Consumer Medication Information sheet (CMI)

Required by the FDA to be given to each patient with every new prescription and refill. According to FDA guidelines, a CMI should include 8 criteria: the drug name and what it's used for; any contraindications and what to do about them; specific directions about how to use it, how to monitor your progress and get the most benefit; any special precautions and how to avoid harm while using it; symptoms of serious or frequent side effects and what to do if they happen; and encouragement to ask questions. It also needs to be up to date and scientifically accurate, easily understandable and

rate boxes or bubbles for key topics such as "Uses," "Important Safety Information," "How to Take," "Get emergency help if you have," and "Possible side effects."

3.Medication Guide (MedGuide)

MedGuides explain about medicines that carry an increased risk of side effects or adverse reactions, including all non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, blood thinners and antidepressants. MedGuides focus on explaining how to take these medicines and what side effects to look out for.

4.Patient Package Insert (PPI)

Similar to MedGuides but come from the manufacturer. PPIs are required for products containing estrogen, like birth control pills, patches and vaginal creams.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy is a 40-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Check out her NEW website TheMedicationInsider.com for daily tips on how to take your medicine safely. 2020 Louise Achey

hearing it once from your doctor or pharmacist and risking forgetting it by the time you arrive home. Written information can also be stored where you take your medicines, in case you have you receive for your blood pressure medicine at one pharmacy could be very different from the CMI for the same medicine from another drugstore. Some leaflets give only a few

group including the FDA and other stakeholders has been developing and promoting a more consumer friendly format called a Patient Medication Infor-

legible, with print large enough to read easily by most people.

2.Patient Medication Information sheet (PMI) New and improved CMI with larger fonts and sepa-

One Size Does Not Fit All

The DIETFITS study, a large, randomized research study comparing low-fat versus low-carb dietary patterns found no difference in weight loss between them. But drilling down into the data, one can see great variability. Some dieters gained weight while others lost a lot. But it's not always about weight outcomes, as recent research has shown that factors such as body shape may play a bigger role in the determinants of health risks than body weight alone.

For instance, a woman who is apple-shaped tends to carry her extra weight in the midsection. She would see best results on a lower-glycemic nutrition plan that is lower in refined carbs and higher in healthy fats and protein.

"Research shows that one size does not fit all when it comes to weight loss and disease prevention," says Mc-Cormick. "That's why we've created a unique, personalized approach that's easy to follow and designed to help participants lose weight and get healthy."

For more insights on how to personalize your diet and maximize results, visit leaf. nutrisystem.com.

While it's no secret that achieving one's weight loss goals is challenging, personalizing your plan can help make things easier, ultimately providing you a greater chance of success.

Tips to protect your winter wardrobe

STATEPOINT - If you are like many people, your winter wardrobe requires a bit of extra care. Between fine cashmere sweaters, favorite woolen outerwear and your snazziest cocktail attire, your special care garments should look as crisp at the end of the season as they do today.

Unfortunately, winter often brings with it slush, mud, salt and other threats to fabrics.

To protect your winter wear affordably, consider the following tips:

• Be smart about footwear: On wet or slushy days, tuck pants into durable, waterproof boots. Any delicate footwear should be brought along in a waterproof bag and changed into at your destination -or protected by waterproof shoe covers.

• Use at-home dry cleaning: Many winter items carry tags that say "dry clean only" or will shrink when washed. Slash dry



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cleaning expenses up to 90 percent and skip the hassle and harsh chemicals by opting for at-home dry cleaning. Using your own dryer and the right product, you can safely and thoroughly clean your special care clothes at home without experiencing fading, shrinking or stretching.

In the case of Dryel -which works in as little as 15 minutes for a quick refresh and in 30 minutes for a deep clean -- the heat of the dryer activates a cleaning solution that removes body soils and odors from clothes, and a fabric protection bag maintains the optimal balance of cleaning agents and heat, allowing the steam to work through the clothes, and then slowly vent vapors out of the bag and dryer. This is a convenient, cost-effective way to treat such gear as sweaters, jeans, hats, suits and more.

• Fight stains immediately: The more quickly you deal with stains, the better, so be prepared with a stain pen wherever you go, and, try to launder items that have been soiled as soon as possible. A stain pen, such as the kind provided by Dryel, can also be used at home to pre-treat garments before cleaning them.

• Know when to hang vs. fold: A big part of keeping winter clothes looking good as new is knowing how to store each item. While suit jackets, most dresses and anything that wrinkles easily should be hung (never on wire hangers), sweaters and knitwear, as well as anything stretchy that could lose its

shape should be folded. With proper care, you can protect your clothing from all of winter's most common wardrobe woes.

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