

# MYN helps residents prepare for disasters

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Are you prepared to respond to disaster as a neighborhood?

This is one of the questions the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) campaign is asking residents as part of its project to get their neighborhoods prepared with an emergency action plan.

The Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center (PBCRC) at 169 Pateros Mall, Suite A is the headquarters for local MYN assistance.

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In a disaster your most immediate source of help are the

neighbors living around you, the MYN campaign advises. MYN focuses on one street at a time; 15-20 homes or a defined area that you can canvas in one hour.

The MYN program recommends nine steps to take immediately following a disaster:

1. Take care of loved ones.
2. Protect your head, feet, and hands.
3. Check the natural gas or propane at your home.
4. Shut off water as house main.
5. Place the HELP or OK sign on your front door or window.
6. Put your fire extinguisher on the sidewalk or where your neighbors can see it.

With Neighbors:  
7. Go to the Neighborhood Gathering Site.  
8. Form teams

- Radio
- Check people – elderly, disabled, children.
- Gas/propane.
- HELP/OK card.
- 9. Return to Neighborhood Gathering Site – report out.

# Brewster Council gives green light for test well drillings

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – A special city council meeting was held at noon Friday, Feb. 8, to authorize Mayor Art Smyth to sign the contract for drilling of five test wells at locations around the city.

O’Connell Drilling of Brewster was the selected from three bidders to drill the test sites at locations

including the newly acquired Sunset property, near the city reservoirs and the park system. Two of the three bids submitted were incomplete.

This will be the second round of test wells the city has attempted. The first five were not acceptable because either the quantity or quality of the water sources did not meet city requirements, said city clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz.

# Pateros council votes to resubmit well house bid

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – The contract for construction of Well House No. 4 in the downtown parking area that the city council hoped to award during a special morning meeting last Friday, Feb. 8, will be resubmitted for a second round of bids, said city administrator Jord Wilson.

Even though council members were hoping to see the multi-purpose well house completed in time for Apple Pie Jamboree July 19-21, the process will be repeated after irregularities were discovered in the lowest bud of the six received, Wilson said.

“The lowest bidder did not follow the bidding rules,” said Wilson. “The council could have waived the rules and

allowed it, but they decided it was enough of an issue to redo the process and give everyone a fair shot at another bid.”

Repeating the bid process will push the contract award – and the projected well house completion date -- back four weeks. The next meting to award the contract is scheduled for March 7.

The city engineer’s estimate for the well house project is \$1.363 million, said Wilson. Once the second round of bids are received, they will be reviewed by the city engineer and referred to the council for its final decision.

Well House No. 3 at Pearl Street was completed late last year and served as command central for the citywide flush last Dec. 18, when the switch was made to the city’s new water system and reservoir.

Court challenge pending

# Local sheriffs release statements on I-1639 enforcement

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The sheriffs of Douglas and Okanogan counties have weighed in on the current controversy surrounding the enforcement of Initiative 1639, passed by Washington voters last November.

I-1639, related to semiautomatic assault rifles, requires enhanced background checks, waiting periods, secure gun

storage and increased age limits. The minimum age to purchase a semiautomatic assault rifle was raised from 18 to 21 years of age. That portion of the law took effect on Jan. 1 this year. The remaining requirements kick in on July 1.

The measure passed with a majority of voters in Western Washington while the majority of counties in Eastern Washington opposed it. Voters in 29 of the state’s 39 counties, including 18 of the 20 in East-

ern Washington voted against the law Spokane County voters narrowly approved the measure, while the margin in Whitman County in Southeastern Washington was



Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris

about 10 percent. That divide, coupled with a court challenge over the legality of the measure, has many county sheriffs issuing statements as to how they will address the new law in their counties.

Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris issued a statement expressing his priority as “protecting our community and safeguarding the rights of all residents I was elected to

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Think before you post

# ‘Dear Burglars, I’m going on vacation!’ – homeowner -

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – There was a time when burglars had to put in a little surveillance time casing a residence before pulling a job. Things like watching for newspapers piled up in front of the door, or mail spilling out of an overloaded mailbox were part of scouting residences for one where nobody was home, and chances of detection reduced.

No more. Online postings have made the job much easier than it once was. Little social media tips like:

“Can’t wait ‘til Friday when my vacation starts, and I’ll be gone for two weeks!”

In her report to the regular monthly meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, Feb. 6, Brewster Police Chief Nattalie Cariker cautioned citizens to be thoughtful about what they post on social media. To the wrong person, the right



Nattalie Cariker, Brewster Police Chief

message might spell opportunity for someone waiting to capitalize on vulnerable targets.

Cariker also recommended that homeowners consider purchasing an affordable surveillance system and said models with an iPhone app allow the owner to check the security status of a property in real time from any location.

Cariker discussed Brewster Community Care & Outreach, a program to provide immediate emergency help in the absence of access to other resources. The handout Cariker distributed included a contact for a Crisis Text Line for free

access to a confidential crisis counselor 24 hours a day seven days a week. Those needing help can text “START” to 741-741.

By dialing 2-1-1 citizens can also request referrals for health and human services resources and other needs.

The Outreach program includes contact numbers for scores of local and national resources for a wide variety of issues. For more information about Brewster Community Care & Outreach call the Brewster Police Department at 509-689-2331 or email [brewstercommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:brewstercommunitycare@gmail.com).

# Nominations open for Brewster Citizen, Businesses of Year

By MIKE MALTAIS  
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BREWSTER – The Brewster Chamber of Commerce is once again taking nominations for the 2019 Brewster Citizen and Businesses of the Year and voters have until March 2 to submit their choices.

The three nominee categories include Citizen of the Year, Large Business (11-plus employees) and Small Business (1-10 employees).

The no-host awards luncheon will be held at 11:30

a.m. Thursday, March 14, at Camperos Restaurant.

This is the second year the Chamber has promoted the Citizen-Business awards. Last year’s winners included:

Co-Citizens of the Year: Dylan Gamble and Jason Michael Allen.

Large Business: Gebbers Farms.

Small Business: Sweet T’s.

The nomination form is available online at <https://www.brewsterwachamber.com/awards-nominations/>



Photo courtesy of Brewster Chamber of Commerce

The 2018 Chamber award winners included from left, Co-Citizens of the Year Dylan Gamble and Jason Michael Allen, Small Business Sweet T’s owner Shan Miller, and Gebbers Farms, represented by Bob Grandy.

# Nuisance dogs continue to plague Bridgeport residents

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – While the New Year rings in new beginnings it also brings some of the same old issues looking for resolutions. For Bridgeport as well as surrounding communities, nuisance animal control is one of the latter as city officials continue to address stray, loose, or unlicensed animals, the residents who own them and citizens who level complaints about them.

Former Bridgeport mayor and city councilman Bill Zweigle now serves as the part time animal control officer for Bridgeport. With a long history of Bridgeport life, Zweigle is familiar with stray Chihuahua and Pit Bull dogs that occupy a fair share of his allotted time. Later this month Zweigle will

deliver his annual report to the city council including the numbers of dogs captured during 2018.

“I picked up 72 dogs last year,” said Zweigle. “The largest percentage were Chihuahuas and nine Pit bulls.”

Zweigle added that over the past 10 years he has been doing his job his annual dog apprehension average has been 68.2 animals. Council authorized 25 hours a month for animal control and last year added another 15 hours a month for six months during the most active period of the year.

While Chihuahuas are a nuisance in Bridgeport, Pit bulls



Bill Zweigle

are more of a threat to people, pets, and livestock. One resident had to rescue the family cat that was badly injured by an attacking Pit bull and loss of domestic animals has been reported.

Bridgeport’s Pit Bull Ordinance, Chapter 6.10 of the Bridgeport Municipal Code, defines the breeds of pit bull terrier that are prohibited within the city, explains impound, removal, and appeals procedures, and civil penalties. Lately one or more attempts to classify the breed as comfort or emotional support dogs through the use of improper documentation obtained online have been disallowed.

Zweigle also shares his animal control services with the City of Mansfield through a mutual aid agreement negotiated with Bridgeport. Mans-

field clerk/treasurer Tricia Sima said Mansfield’s Pit bull ordinance mirrors the one used by Bridgeport.

“We’re having a problem with Pit bulls here, too,” Sima said.

Bridgeport Mayor Janet Conklin described the paperwork required to process dog violations through the court as a “nightmare”, but Zweigle said he keeps all his actions and impoundments well documented for just that reason.

While residents and city officials alike bemoan the numbers of loose, unlicensed or stray dogs within their city limits the reality of enforcement measures reveals a long, slow process to resolve the issue.

Voluntary citizen compliance appears to be the most effective remedy.



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# Let water tap drip when mercury drops below freezing

By Mike Maltais  
Staff Writer

BREWSTER – When the mercury dips to a point where home and business water lines can freeze like it has been lately, residents and business owners are reminded to allow their water to run enough to avoid line and meter freezing.

That was the message Public Works Director Lee Webster brought to the regular meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, Feb. 6.

“Run your water in your businesses and you homes whether you’re on a well or city water,” said Public Works Director Lee Webster. “Run just a pencil-thin stream preferably farthest from where your water comes in which is usually the street side.”

Webster reminded everyone that the Brewster Municipal Code (BMC) requires water users to run enough water to keep the meter and water lines from freezing. Failure to comply with that puts the water user at risk for paying any



repair bills caused by broken pipes, according to city code.

“If you run enough water to affect your bill and it puts you over the allowable limit, just come in and say so and we’ll make that go away so folks don’t have that added expense,” Webster said to counter concerns of those who are worried about a higher water bill.

Webster noted that the 2016-17 freeze left several city businesses without water for many days while city crews worked to make repairs and restore service.

“Run some water and make everybody’s life better,” Webster said.

Officials with Douglas County PUD appeared before the Senate Environment, Energy and Technology Committee on Feb. 6, and testified in favor of Senate Bill 5588, authorizing the production, distribution and sale of renewable hydrogen. SB 5588 was proposed by 12th District Senator Brad Hawkins. Pictured from left to right are Douglas PUD General Manager Gary Ivory, Douglas PUD Commissioner Molly Simpson and Washington PUD Association Executive Director George Caan.

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## I-1639

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represent.”

Speaking directly to I-1639, Morris said: Initiative 1639 is currently being challenged through the formal legal process. While the Courts work to determine the legality of the law, the Douglas

County Sheriff’s Office will continue to work as they always have.”

Morris again stressed that his office is committed to “addressing the opioid epidemic, mental health concerns, and violent crimes, all of which are serious for our strong community.”

In a prepared statement released Feb. 4, Okano-

gan County Sheriff Tony Hawley said he conferred with the Okanogan County Prosecutor regarding I-1639.

“This Initiative, as currently



Okanogan  
County Sheriff  
Tony Hawley

written, appears to be unenforceable due to the unclear language and lacking appropriate definitions,” wrote Hawley. “I therefore direct all Okanogan County Deputies, as well as those carrying an Okanogan County cross commission, to conduct the appropriate investigations and document their findings.”

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## Okanogan County residents offered free tax preparation assistance

By Mike Maltais  
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BREWSTER – Okanogan County residents are eligible for no-cost help preparing their federal tax returns through a program called Tax-Aide offered by the Association for the Advancement of Retired People (AARP) Foundation.

Brewster attorney Lainie

Hammond told a meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Feb. 6, that with few restrictions, every county resident was eligible owing to the county’s low economic ranking.

“You don’t have to be a senior citizen; you don’t have to be low income; and you don’t have to be a U.S. citizen, Hammond said.

Income breakdowns by county through 2014 show that Okanogan ranks 33 among the state’s 39 counties with a per capita income of \$21,483, compared to the state average of \$31,233.

An AARP spokesman reached at the organization’s toll-free number (888) 227-7669 said that while the free tax service is aimed at the low-to-moderate-income group

there was no designated cut-off amount and anyone who requested help would receive it.

Those wanting to take advantage of the free service must schedule an appointment by calling (509) 486-1115. Locations are at Omak, Oroville and Grand Coulee and Hammond is hoping to soon offer a site in Brewster for south county residents.

## Bridgeport boys win CW2B Sportsmanship Award



Photo courtesy of Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District

The Bridgeport Mustangs varsity basketball team was the recipient of this season’s team Sportsmanship Award for the Central Washington 2B League.

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# Pateros January Students of the Month named



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Pateros Students of the Month for January include, front row, from left: Nevelyn Wilson (2nd), Owen Copenhaver (3rd), Louis Brotherton (1st), Reese Stennes (K) and Mason Rowe (K). Back row, from left: Ava Mitchell (5th), Giselle Cenicerros (5th), Josue Abrego (5th), Nash Sherrard (4th), Henry Tibbs (5th), and Wrandie Bowen (5th).

# Senior Centers honors retired OCTN Director Dot Jess



Photos by Mike Maltais  
ABOVE: The Pateros-Brewster-Bridgeport Senior Center honored Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition Site Director Dorothy (Dot) Jess who retired last month after 24 years of service at the Senior Center. The Center served a custom-made cake with ice cream for the occasion and presented Jess with cards and gifts. She also received a dozen yellow roses from her daughter. Rose Guzman, left, cuts the retirement cake for Jess, center, as Senior Center President Kathy Lowry observes.  
RIGHT: Dot Jess with cards and gifts from appreciative friends and the yellow roses and balloons she received from her daughter.



# NCWEDD announces priority project selection

SUBMITTED BY NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

WENATCHEE - The North Central Washington Economic Development District has announced its annual selection of regional projects of economic significance. The project selection was approved by the NCWEDD Board of Directors after receiving a recommendation from the NCWEDD Priority Projects Committee representing Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan Counties and the Colville Confederated Tribes. The committee reviewed and evaluated the submitted applications.

Seventeen projects from throughout North Central Washington submitted Letters of Inquiry to the NCWEDD for the ranking process. After committee review, fourteen of the applicants were invited to submit a full proposal. After careful review of the proposals, the committee ranked the projects based on a number of established criteria, including measurable regional economic benefits, measurable community benefits, fully developed plan and strategy, alignment with NCWEDD goals and objectives, and local and regional support. Regional prioritization can result in different project emphases than those established on the county or municipal levels.

Sourcing funds for the top projects will become part of the NCWEDD work plan, including researching, applying for, and administering grants. Comparable support for other ranked projects will be integrated into the NCWEDD work plan as resources permit.

Selected projects are categorized as Capital, Transportation, or Strategic Priorities, with the highest ranked projects listed first under each category.

**Capital Projects**  
Pateros Starr Road (Okanogan County - Opportunity Zone) - This project contributes to Improving Washington resiliency and increasing access to living wage Jobs by investing in basic infrastructure installation for a city-owned, former landfill site, zoned for commercial and light-industrial uses, and whose redevelopment will aid Pateros in it's ongoing recovery from the 2014 and 2015 fires

Omak Municipal Airport (Okanogan County) - This project will assist with Preserving Eastern Washington forests and improving Washington state resiliency by installing water infrastructure for the fire-fighting resources needed to make the airport a base for fire response, in partnership with the Department of Natural

Resources.

Wenatchi Landing (Douglas County) - The installation of critical infrastructure on the centrally-located, 280+ acre site will increase access to living wage jobs, reduce homelessness by enabling housing development, and improve Washington state's resiliency by supporting the development of a regional job center, mixed use residential-commercial, and tourist destination.

Tonasket Annexation Phase One (Okanogan County) - With the support of impacted landowners, this project seeks to complete the planning, permitting and engineering for the extension of utilities and transportation upgrades to commercial, light industrial and residential parcels that will be annexed by the City. This project is a necessary step towards increasing access to living wage jobs and reducing homelessness in Northern Okanogan County.

Tonasket Complete Streets Initiative (Okanogan County - Opportunity Zone) - This robust project will help improve Washington resiliency and increase access to living wage jobs by reconstructing antiquated and crumbling infrastructure below and above ground (e.g. sewer, storm-water management, ADA compliant sidewalks) along Tonasket's commercial Highway 97 1-mile stretch, which is the commercial core of the community.

**Transportation Projects**  
Wenatchee Apple Capital Loop Project (Chelan and Douglas Counties - Opportunity Zones) - This project will improve Washington resiliency through transportation improvements on the 11-mile Loop to address growing congestion & safety problems (pedestrian and vehicular) and support regional economic growth.

Omak Shumway Road/Highway 97 Intersection (Okanogan County) - Completion of the east-leg of the Highway 97/Shumway Road intersection (identified as a priority in the 1990s) will improve pedestrian safety at one of the busiest Okanogan County intersections, and facilitate parcel development east of the society thereby supporting the development healthy and safe options for Omak.

Strategic Projects for Regional Economic Development

Rock Island Waterfront Redevelopment Project (Douglas County - Opportunity Zone) - This project will increase access to living wage jobs, and improve Washington's resiliency by redeveloping the waterfront property of a former silica site and environs. The area is part of a designated Industrial Development District supporting the recruitment of manufacturing and industrial businesses, retrofitting of a critical economic asset, and cleaning up a modest brownfield site to bring it into public use.

Omak Business Park and Foreign Trade Zone (Okanogan County - Opportunity Zone) - The development of the Colville Tribes' Business Park to include a biomass-to-energy operation, foreign trade zone, and technology businesses will support the preservation of Eastern Washington forests, increase access to living wage jobs in an area adversely impacted by a mill closing, and will improve Washington's resiliency.

Pateros Downtown Mall Resurfacing (Okanogan County - Opportunity Zone) - This project entails planning the design to repair, resurface and expand the Downtown Mall to include a portion that will serve new residential housing, which will help reduce homelessness and the shortage of affordable housing since the 2014 and 2015 fires.

Entiat Marina and Waterfront (Chelan County) - These projects will support the completion of the planned waterfront development in Entiat, which will include hotel accommodations, commercial and light industrial parcels, and community recreation.

To date, the North Central Washington Economic Development District has secured over \$2 million grant and low-interest loan funding for a variety of projects in Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan Counties as well as the Colville Tribe through this process.

The North Central Washington Economic Development District (NCWEDD) is a federally designated economic development district, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serving the NCW region covering Okanogan, Douglas, and Chelan counties and the Colville Confederated Tribes.

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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 or just knock or come on in. They take just about everything except children’s clothing. The Center will also take “small pieces of furniture and sometimes larger items. S.A.I.L (Stay Active and Independent for Life) classes are on every Tuesday and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. The Center is hosting Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$8.50. All diners are welcome.

**Feb. 15, March 8  
Brewster area monthly bus trips to Omak and Wenatchee**

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee for the day, every second Friday of the month. Next trip will be March 8. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request the destination(s); typically, it will be medical appointments, the mall, Walmart, a restaurant and so on. On the third Friday of each month, Feb. 15, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Again, riders request their destination(s) and make a day of socializing, shopping and errands. 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). Call (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

**Feb. 18  
TOPS® meeting**

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**Feb. 20/yoga, March 12/meeting  
Cancer Support Group, yoga class**

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. Wellness/Restorative yoga, a guided practice of gentle yoga postures and movement designed for cancer survivors, individuals living with acute or chronic illnesses, and

caregivers is available at no charge. This class is held each Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. at Yogachelan. Contact Yogachelan for more information.

**Feb. 18  
Compassionate Friends to meet**

WENATCHEE - The Compassionate Friends is an organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. They are bereaved parents reaching out to bereaved parents. Anyone who has had a child or loved one die in their family is invited to their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 18, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street in Wenatchee. For information: Carol at (509)860-3620.

**Feb. 22-23  
School retirees to meet**

OMAK- Okanogan County School Retirees’ Association meets 11:15 a.m., Friday, Feb. 22, for a no-host luncheon meeting at Roadhouse 97, 914 Koala St., Omak. Program: Safe Driving for Seniors presented by Washington State Patrol. Information: Jennie Hedington: (509) 422-2954.

**Feb. 22-23  
Collegiate hockey tourney**

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Rink will host a Apple Puck collegiate hockey tournament with teams from: University of Washington, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and Western Washington University. They will compete in four head-to-head games plus a Championship Game. Outside spectating only. It will be held Friday, Feb. 22 in the afternoon and evening; all day Saturday Feb. 23. Detailed schedule: website at http://winthropink.org/schedule/. Cost to spectate: Friday \$10 adult, \$5 youth (6-17 years old); Saturday morning games \$5 adult and youth; Saturday championship game \$15 adult, \$10 youth. Weekend entry pass \$25 adult \$15 youth; children 5 and under free.

**March 13  
Lilac Services for the Blind meetings**

WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Valley Chapter of the Lilac Services For the Blind meets every second Wednesday of the month at 4 Kittitas St. across the street from the bus station in Wenatchee, second floor, at noon. All with sight impairment are welcome. For more information call Rae Hail, (509) 888-7597. On Mondays and Tuesdays call (509) 423-5178.

**FFA collecting aluminum**

PATEROS - The Pateros FFA has its aluminum collection receptacle prominently positioned in the parking lots across from Pateros Memorial Park for deposits of aluminum cans and like metal. It’s part of the group’s fundraising efforts along with barbecues at many city and school events.

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School Nurse Corps celebrates 20 years of service

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School Nurse Corps envisions equitable, full access to school nursing services so that all children can be safe and successful in school and life. Two essential services are provided: funding for direct professional registered nursing services in small, rural school districts with the greatest needs, and regional infrastructure to ensure equity and student health and safety needs are addressed, including a nurse administrator in each Educational Service District.

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School Nurse Corps services for Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan school districts, providing financial support to 12 districts and regionalized support services to 29 districts. Over 40,000 students are served in the region. Across the state, School Nurse Corps promotes student health and safety, improves attendance, fosters academic achievement, reduces health and educational disparities, and contributes to the development of an engaged and informed citizenry and workforce.

In 2013, School Nurse Corps was the recipient of the prestigious Washington State Warren Featherstone Reid award, recognized for its exceptional quality, innovative design, and value in the delivery of health-care services.

In celebration of its 20th year, informational events are scheduled at state and regional conferences.

American Pickers to film in Washington state

SUBMITTED BY SARAH PERKINS, CINEFLIX

WASHINGTON - Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Washington. They plan to film episodes of the hit series American Pickers throughout your area in April 2019.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on History.

The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant

objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: american-pickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick

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# Defeat Columbia (Burbank) 67-40

*Bears advance to District 5/6 semifinals at Chelan Feb. 15*

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

RICHLAND – The Brewster Bears are one of three Central Washington 2B league teams to advance to the semifinal round of District 5/6 play following wins at Hanford High School last Saturday, Feb. 9. The Bears defeated Columbia (Burbank) 67-40 in the District quarterfinals after the Coyotes narrowly eliminated Bridgeport, 55-54, in first-round loser-out play on Friday, Feb. 8. Columbia entered District competition as the No. 3 team from the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference (EWAC) behind Kittitas and Tri-Cities Prep.

The CW2B co-champion Oroville Hornets beat Manson, 52-43, as the third team to enter the semis against Lake Roosevelt. All three CW2B teams won spots in Regional competition with their wins last Saturday. Tri-Cities fell to Lake Roosevelt by a point, 57-56, and dropped into the consolation round against Manson while the Raiders advanced to the semis to face Oroville next Friday. The undefeated and two-time state champion Kittitas Coyotes remain the team to beat even though weather postponed their Saturday game against White Swan. District 5/6 semifinal play will be held at Chelan High School on Friday, Feb. 15, at times to be determined later in the week.

# Pateros teams head to District following wins

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

Pateros – The Billygoats and Nannies varsity basketball teams headed to Central Washington 1B District competition at Ephrata on Wednesday, Feb. 13, after ending their regular season with wins over Wilson Creek and Entiat. The Billygoats defeated Wilson Creek on the road, 73-40, on Tuesday, Feb. 5, to finish third in the CW1B with a 6-4 record, behind first-place Riverside Christian, 9-1, and

Moses Lake Christian, 8-2. “We were able to rebound the ball well and push in transition,” said head coach Marcus Stennes of the win over the Devils. Ethan Freels and Aiden Hall led Pateros with 11 and 19 points respectively. Pateros was scheduled to face Moses Lake Christian, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Ephrata High School in a loser-out first-round game. Entiat was scheduled to meet Riverside Christian in the other lower-out contest. The winners will meet at 7:30

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, to determine the District champion. **Pateros:18-16-16-23 73 Wilson Creek: 5-6-18-11 40 Pateros scoring** Ethan Freels: 22 points, 4 rebounds. Aiden Hall:19 pts, 6 reb. Sam Larsen: 12 pts, 5 reb Omar Mota: 7 pts Andrew Gonzalez: 6 pts, 3 reb, 3 assists. Ivan Cenicerros: 4 pts, 6 reb. Osvaldo Anaya: 3 pts. Max Ewing: 8 reb. Tag Easter: 5 asst. Jeremy Piechalski: 5 reb. Zane Dodge: 2 reb. **Nannies lose-win** The Nannies lost a close

three-point decision, 45-42 to Wilson Creek on the Lady Devils’ home court. Pateros made up for the loss with a 66-26 win over Easton in their final regular season game at home last Thursday, Feb. 7. The Nannies, third in the CW1B with an 8-4 record were scheduled to face second-place Riverside Christian last Wednesday at Ephrata while No. 1 Entiat met fourth-place Moses Lake Christian. The winners face off at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 for the District title.

## Lady Bears game postponed

# CW2B teams advance to District 5/6 finals at Chelan

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

RICHLAND – The scheduled quarterfinal District 5/6 play-off game between the Central Washington 2B league champion Brewster Lady Bears and Mabton was postponed last Saturday, Feb. 9, when weather conditions prevented Mabton from making the trip

to Hanford High School. At this writing it remains to be determined whether Mabton will forfeit or play Brewster at a different venue before next Friday’s semifinal games begin at Chelan. Mabton was scheduled to travel to play at Brewster last Tuesday, Feb. 12, but weather once again forced the visitors to cancel that trip.

The CW2B No. 2 Liberty Bell girls defeated DeSales, the No. 3 team from the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference, 46-44 to advance to the semifinals and win a spot in Regional competition. The Lady Raiders, No. 3 in the CW2B, beat Columbia (Burbank), 46-43, and scheduled to meet the winner of Brewster-Mabton.

In loser-out play last Friday, Feb. 8, No. 4 Waterville-Mansfield lost to EWAC No. 1 Tri-Cities Prep, 63-34, ending the Lady Shockers’ District hopes. The semifinal round of District 5/6 competition will begin on Friday, Feb. 15, at Chelan High School with game times to be determined later in the week.

# Bears league co-champions with Hornets

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

BRIDGEPORT – The Mustangs and Brewster Bears headed for the District 5/6 playoffs following their final regular season game here last Tuesday, Feb. 5. (See stories this page) Brewster opened the game with a full-court defense and capitalized in many Bridgeport turnovers and steals to take an early commanding lead that the Bears kept through all four quarters to a 77-40 win. The Mustangs did get their own share of shot opportunities but were unable to score on most which, combined with the smothering Brewster defense, kept them in catch-up mode all evening. It was Senior Night for the Mustangs who said farewell to seniors Tony Ruiz and Ronaldo Ubaldo.

The Bears, co-champions of the Central Washington 2B league with Oroville, ended the season 14-2 in league an 16-4 overall. On the state 2B level the Bears are ranked sixth in the WIAA RPI (Rating Percentage Index) between fifth-place Life Christian Academy of Tacoma (17-3), and seventh-place Toutle Lake (14-6). Kittitas (21-1), St. George’s Spokane (18-2), Toledo (18-2), and Colfax (16-4) are the respective first through fourth RPI leaders as of the Feb. 6 postings. Bridgeport finished sixth in the CW2B with a 6-10 league record but slid in under the wire for the final spot in District play.



Photos by Mike Maltais

**ABOVE: Brewster’s Logan McGuire, 13, shoots over the defense of the Mustangs’ Ronaldo Ubaldo, 11. BELOW: Miguel Angel Orozco, 53, of Bridgeport, shoots over Brewster’s Connor Ashworth during last Tuesday’s (Feb. 5) final home game at Bridgeport.**



## Ubaldo, Ruiz suit up for final home game

**Bridgeport senior varsity basketball players Ronnie Ubaldo, left, and Tony Ruiz, played their final home game on Tuesday, Feb. 5.**

Photo courtesy of Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District



## Trejo, Craig honored

# Fillies’ post-season shot ends with tiebreaker loss to Tonasket

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

BRIDGEPORT – The Fillies’ varsity basketball team saw its bid for a post-season berth in the District 5/6 playoffs dissolve with a loss to Tonasket in a tiebreaker last Thursday, Feb. 7, to determine which team would advance. Both the Fillies and Lady Tigers ended the season with 5-11 win-loss records in the Central Washington 2B league and needed to battle it out for the sixth and final place for District qualification. Earlier in the regular season Bridgeport split games with Tonasket, losing the first 44-33, and winning the second, 46-45. Behind the three-point shooting of Karla Torres and Karina Craig, Bridgeport jumped out to an eight-point 15-7 lead that Tonasket closed in the second quarter to go in front 24-20 at halftime. Torres scored nine of her team-high 19 points in the third quarter to put the Fillies back on top 37-31. But Bridgeport had a final quarter than matched their second and Tonasket took advantage of the slump to pump in 18 points for the 49-42 win. “We just ran out of gas tonight,” wrote Fillies head coach Stuart Dezellem in his post-game report. “Went 0-7 from the line.” Tonasket also amped up its defensive tempo in the final quarter to hold Bridgeport to single-digit scoring. “Tonasket put full court pressure on in the fourth that gave us a little trouble,” wrote Dezellem. “Tempo went up and we just ran out of gas at the end. “ The win put Tonasket on the bus to Hanford High School in Richland for the first round of District last weekend.

**Bridgeport: 15-5-17-5 42 Tonasket: 7-17-7-18 49 Bridgeport scoring** Karla Torres: 19 Karina Craig: 11 Catalina Martinez: 6 Anayeli Trejo: 4 Monica Trejo: 2 Graciella Arellano Esmeralda Garcia Bianca Torres Aracely Valdovinos Erika Santana Yareli Palacio **Brewster wins** The Fillies needed just one win to jump ahead of Tonasket on the CW2B ladder but had to beat the Lady Bears when they hosted Brewster on Senior Night at their final regular season game on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The Fillies could not contain Brewster junior Sammi Emigh under the basket while the Lady Bear scored game-high 23 points to lead Brewster to a 60-34 win and the CW2B league title. Brewster took a 10-point first-quarter lead and widened that to 18 by halftime. Another



Photo courtesy of Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District **Fillies team co-captains Karina Craig, left, and Anayeli Trejo were honored on Senior Night during last Tuesday’s final home game at Bridgeport.**



Photos by Mike Maltais

**ABOVE: Brewster’s Alexa Hurtado, left, and Alondra Torres, right, attempt a block on Bridgeport’s Yareli Palacio. BELOW: Erika Santana, 42, puts up a shot for Bridgeport.**

double-digit output in the third quarter gave the Lady Bears a 21-point lead as they coasted to their 26-point win. **Bridgeport: 7-6-9-12 34 Brewster: 17-14-12-17 60 Brewster scoring** Sammi Emigh: 23 Kim Nila: 11 Michaun Kelpman: 10 Anah Wulf: 8 Mikenna Kelpman: 3 Victoria Sanchez: 3 Halle Aparacio: 2 Alexi Hurtado: 1 Miriam Garcia Cynthia Sanchez Kelsey Ochoa Brooklyne Boesel Julissa Olivera Alondra Torres Bridgeport scoring: K. Craig: 7 C. Martinez: 7 K. Torres: 5 E. Garcia: 4 E. Santana: 4 Y. Palacio: 4 A. Trejo: 3 M. Trejo B. Torres





# What has happened to the Democrat Party?

President Trump's State of the Union Speech was immensely popular with the viewers of some of the most liberal media in the country. According to a CBS poll 76 percent of those watching approved of the speech, including 30 percent of those who call themselves Democrats. CNN similarly reported 76 percent of watchers approved of the speech.

Once again media coverage shows the disconnect between the American people and the media covering the President.

CNN dismissed the poll saying the audience was largely partisan Trump supporters and 53 percent of viewers did not believe his speech would increase bipartisanship in the future. However in making their claim of an audience of largely Trump supporters, CNN did not define that claim.

CBS reported that the viewers were 43 percent Republicans, 24 percent Democrats and 30 percent Independents. More importantly CBS reported that 30 percent of the Democrats that viewed the speech rated it as favorable.

President Trump's speech was a reminder of the things that make America great. A strong economy, honoring success and highlighting the sacrifice of Americans who



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have made personal sacrifices to make the world a better place.

Finding themselves in the minority the Democrats refuse to celebrate the success of this President and have become even more radical in their opposition.

Despite the historic evidence of the failures of socialism leading Democrats continue to call for socialized medicine and increasing taxes on the rich.

Leading the charge today is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. AOC is a 28 year old Democrat activist from New York. She is the youngest person ever elected to Congress. Her latest program is the "Green New Deal." It calls for economic security for everyone including those who are either unwilling or unable to work. AOC claims that unless her program is implemented the planet will die in 12 years because of our failure to address climate change. She calls for elimination of all airplane travel and replacement of

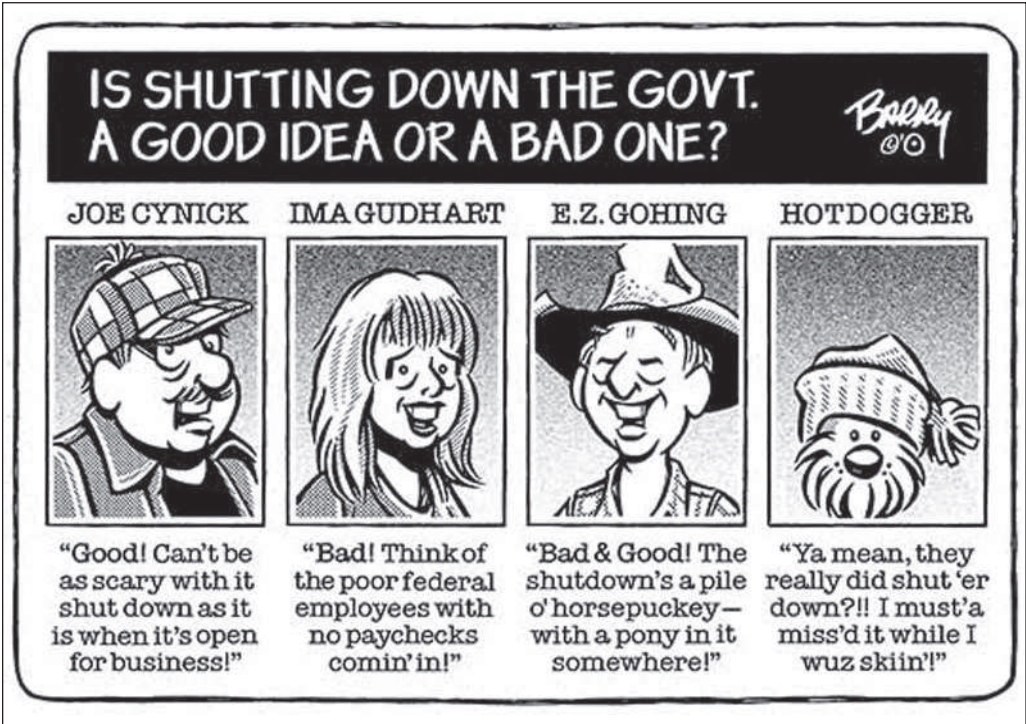
every building in America in the next ten years. We could dismiss this as naïve youthful meanderings but many of our youth today are calling for a guaranteed national income and massive government programs to overcome the evils of capitalism.

In another travesty, Democrats across the country are moving to expand abortion rights to even include infanticide. Concerned that Republican appointments to the Supreme Court might result in the reversal of Roe v. Wade, Democrats are clearly pushing to build support from women voters by expanding their support of abortion rights. But few are questioning when our concerns for the health of a mother conflict with our concerns for protecting human life.

We should all be concerned about the extremes the Democrats are willing to go to in order to regain their political influence.

While some conservatives are rejoicing at the seeming implosion of the Democrat party, I am not. I am concerned about their apparent need to grab onto fringe political concepts in the hope that they can cobble together a majority to regain their lost political influence.

We need a viable opposition party. I am not for a one party system whether that be a



Republican one or a Democrat one. Part of our system of checks and balances calls for free and open debate on big political issues.

When you try to be all things to all people you often become of no real value to anyone. Democrats for decades have proclaimed they are the party of the big tent. Everybody is welcome. While they describe Republicans as racist, sexist, homophobes.

The Democrat party has now become the party where anything goes. There are no limits to what is considered acceptable policy

or behavior.

While they engage in the politics of personal destruction many of their own are now coming under fire for the same transgressions that they used to try and derail Brett Kavanaugh's nomination.

Today's Democrat Party has no soul. No moral compass with which to make important decisions.

We need a party that stands for something not just a party that stands against the things that have made America great.

President Trump has called

on Americans to remember what has made us great. He is calling on all of us to come together and remember that while we are not perfect we are still the envy of the world.

It is time for the Democrats to remember that they lost the election because they put up a flawed candidate. If they want to return to being a substantial player in the political arena they must abandon their flawed agenda of demonizing their opponents and offer real substantive debate on the issues of the day.

# Why our children are mostly clueless

Our children are clueless in regards to the harsh realities of life in the greatest country that ever existed. Why?

I have a simple and maybe overly naïve answer: Too much of the wrong kind of love. While we all love our kids, we don't always know how to show them that hard knocks are the only way to get up off the ground again with a lesson learned.

We are overly protective and go to great lengths to make absolutely sure our "babies" never feel any pain of any sort as if that actual feeling will immediately kill them.

Think of your own grandparents and their grandparents. Hard scramble lives were the order of the day, which meant farming, hunting, fishing, bartering, begging and sometimes whatever else was necessary --- even theft and other felonious actions.

That's right. Momma and her great mommas before her had to make do with onion soup or dandelion salad or boiled



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squirrel if that was the necessity of allowing lives to go on.

Now we coddle, coddle, coddle our kin to such a state of unreality that they don't understand the coddling must end some day. When that day comes we have suicides, welfare, food stamps, prison time, shacking up with Leroy because he has a few bucks or even, God forbid, they sink so low as to join the military.

Anyone who knows me will realize I am joking about the latter, as I think all youngsters ought to join the military for a variety of reasons. I am not a war hawk or someone who wants constantly larger and larger Defense Department budgets, but it is the best way to

get rid of that constant coddling syndrome and cause the kid to mature.

Let's now revisit the beginning of this syndrome. After World War II, those who survived and thrived wanted never to see those horrors or suffer those deprivations ever again and they certainly never wanted their kids or grandkids to even come close that kind of trauma.

Korea happened and patriotic folks responded, but when Vietnam came on the scene it caused a backlash as we all got sick of this democratic imperative to rule the world simply because we are always right.

A bunch of kids went to Canada and a much greater bunch served in the war. Americans never learned a darn thing because Iraq and Afghanistan kept the war machine well oiled and chugging along with a variety of justifications.

Once again all the loving

parents and grandparents didn't want any angst causing their peeps to die from self-inflicted wounds and thus the coddling generation was born ... and they continue to live in your basement or their friend's basement or Aunt Sally's ... whatever.

I think the kids are afraid of failure, as if that was the actual end of the world. The kids are also shellshocked that their college degrees are mostly worthless unless and until they are given a break by God or one of his angels.

They just obligated themselves to \$100k+ of debt for a piece of paper that states they might be fairly competent in a certain area of life, but maybe not, please give me a try. Clue the "puppy eyes" and offer to work nearly for free just to get your foot in the door.

Sometimes God intercedes out of pity for the helpless, but on many occasions these hapless puppies get run over by cars or thrown into the abyss of a boiling pot operated by supervisor number one or foreman number two or principal number three or sergeants and unbearable roommates.

I only have one thing left to say about this bleak picture. Let it stay dark and keep your hands off the turmoil and chaos of what everyone needs to mature and that's a bit of hard knocks.

After not too long, a new day will dawn and new flowers will spread their petals and life will go on. Chirp, chirp I hear the birds of spring.

That's it. Leave some of the situations exactly as they are. Human kind is far more durable than one may think. Losing car keys or being behind on rent or having children "accidentally" are not comparable in magnitude of importance, but all do happen to even the most disciplined.

Sometimes those we love deserve our love delivered in a formula part bitter, part sweet. If little Johnny doesn't get his butt back to work within a few days or weeks after moving onto your couch then personally drive him to the Marine Corps Recruiting office in East Wenatchee.

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## Newhouse assigned to bipartisan Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF  
REP. DAN NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA) has announced that he has been appointed by House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) to serve on the bipartisan Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. The Select Committee was established at the start of the 116th Congress to hold hearings and study ways to improve and modernize the operation of Congress.

"I look forward to this opportunity to work in a bipartisan manner to find substantive ways to improve the legislative branch, designed by our Founders to be the closest and most responsive to We the People," said Rep. Newhouse. "I am grateful to Leader McCarthy for this appointment, and I look forward to serving on the Committee with fellow Washingtonians, Chairman Derek Kilmer and Congresswoman Susan DelBene."

Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA): "I am proud to name Congressman Dan Newhouse to serve on the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. Dan's dedication to an efficient, effective, and accountable government will contribute to this effort as the committee looks to bring the House of Representatives into the 21st century."

According to Title II of the 116th Congress House rules

package [www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/6/text](http://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/6/text), which established the Select Committee, "the sole authority of the Select Committee shall be to investigate, study, make findings, hold public hearings, and develop recommendations on modernizing Congress, including recommendations on—

- rules to promote a more modern and efficient Congress;
- procedures, including the schedule and calendar;
- policies to develop the next generation of leaders;
- staff recruitment, diversity, retention, and compensation and benefits;
- administrative efficiencies, including purchasing, travel, outside services, and shared administrative staff;
- technology and innovation; and
- the work of the House Commission on Congressional Mailings Standards.

Rep. Newhouse also serves on the House Appropriations Committee, which exercises jurisdiction over all federal discretionary spending.

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Alarm at 60 Richards Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Public assistance at 1020 Columbia Ave., No. 2 in Bridgeport.  
Hazard at 1705 Raymond Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Agency assistance at 12 Walnut St. in Mansfield.

**Feb. 7**  
Suspicious incident at 108 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Agency assistance at 2424 Monroe Ave. in Bridgeport.

**Feb. 8**  
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Public assistance at 1314 Foster Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Warrant at 325 13th St. in Bridgeport.  
Non-injury accident at State Route 17 and Foster Creek Avenue in Bridgeport.

Civil incident at 1918 Columbia Blvd. in Bridgeport.  
Warrant at State Route 17, milepost 136 in Bridgeport.

**Feb. 9**  
Agency assistance at State Route 17, milepost 135, SB in Bridgeport.  
Public assistance at Quik-E-Mart, 2606 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Hazard at McNeil Canyon Road and Road 15 N.W. in Mansfield.  
Domestic disturbance at 14 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.

**Feb. 10**  
Hazard at Road C N.E. and Road 18 N.E. in Mansfield.  
Parking/abandoned vehicle at Road 14 N.E. and Road C N.E. in Mansfield.  
Suspicious incident at 400 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

**Feb. 11**  
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**Rep. Newhouse with State of the Union guest Yakima County Commissioner and Yakima Basin Integrated Plan Implementation Committee member Ron Anderson.**

# Newhouse Response to President Trump’s State of the Union Address

SUBMITTED BY OFFICE OF  
REP. DAN NEWHOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) released the following statement in response to President Trump’s second State of the Union address:

“In his second State of the Union, President Trump made a call for greatness, laying out a vision for our country that we can accomplish if we come together to address the issues that matter most to Americans,” said Rep. Newhouse.

“Enhanced border security, implementing immigration reform, fostering economic prosperity, negotiating a level playing field for international trade, improving our infrastructure, and addressing skyrocketing prescription drug costs are top concerns

for our nation. In the face of recent late-term abortion extremism, President Trump made a powerful appeal to the nation to protect unborn children as well as newborn infants. Our society must live up to our values by defending the defenseless. In a divided government, we must be able to come together on solutions to the problems our country faces and end politically-motivated obstruction. When we work together, we can accomplish major victories - such as last year’s bipartisan criminal justice reform and historic investments in ending the opioid epidemic. I look forward to working with President Trump and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to continue to make progress on behalf of Central Washington.”

# Proposed legislation would make tiny-home zoning easier

- *Tiny homes are an affordable housing option*
- *Difficult to zone in both urban and rural communities*
- *Soap Lake Mayor discusses his zoning experience*

By EMMA EPPERLY  
WNPA OLYMPIA NEWS BUREAU

OLYMPIA - Tiny houses are a trendy new housing option that are often considered affordable; however zoning requirements and other laws make them difficult to legally place.

A tiny house is usually between 100 and 400 square feet but can range up to 1,000 square feet. District 25 Senator Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup, is the prime sponsor of three bills to overcome obstacles to tiny house developments.

The Senate Housing Stability and Affordability Committee heard public testimony on two of Zeiger’s bills, Wednesday. SB 5382 deals with tiny houses as detached accessory units. SB 5383 outlines building require-

ments for a tiny home, in effect creating a legal framework for tiny homes, which can be specified at the local level.

The Senate Local Government Committee heard public testimony Tuesday on SB 5384 that would create a process to authorize the creation of tiny house communities outside of urban growth areas or areas of intense rural development when there is a shortage of affordable housing.

“We have an affordable housing crisis, and let’s find some creative ways to address that,” said Zeiger.

Todd McKellips Executive Director at the Washington Tiny House Association, testified in support of the bill, saying it would give counties permission to develop their own plans for tiny house developments.

“The builders believe that this is a huge solution that has not been looked at,” said McKellips.

Tiny home zoning requirements can be difficult to navi-

gate, said Soap Lake Mayo, Raymond Gravelle, who experienced that first hand in changing zoning requirements to allow for cottage homes. Cottage homes are slightly larger than the average tiny home, ranging from 400 to 1,000 square feet, but still have to deal with rural density zoning requirements.

“It took about a year to get all of the zoning correct,” said Gravelle. “Since passing it, we haven’t had anyone take advantage of the higher density construction opportunity but we have several developers that are looking hard at developing some parcels in Soap Lake.”

Gravelle, a realtor, hopes to pursue a tiny home development himself. The median home value in Grant County is \$ 250,000 and a tiny home costs around \$130,000 to \$160,000 which is a new price point, he said.

“Getting community buy-in is important because it does allow for higher density hous-

ing. Some people object to that in rural communities,” said Gravelle.

Things like access to broadband and amenities like grocery stores and restaurants are also factors that developers have to consider, said Gravelle.

The target market for homes like this varies based on location. In Soap Lake it is people looking to buy a second home, downsize or retire, millennials who work remotely and want a low cost of living, or investment properties to be used as rentals or airbnbs, said Gravelle.

Ethan Goodman, executive director at Tech for Housing testified, Wednesday in support of the bills.

“Tiny houses are, I have to recognize, a fairly niche housing type, but I think they still deserve our support,” said Goodman. “Just because a housing type doesn’t appeal to everybody doesn’t make it an illegitimate choice for those that want that option.”

# Proposed legislation would vacate some marijuana convictions

By EMMA SCHER  
WNPA OLYMPIA NEWS BUREAU

OLYMPIA - Some convicted of misdemeanor marijuana possession may be able to apply to have the crime vacated from their records.

Individuals would qualify to apply for the vacation if they were at least 21 years old at the time of offense, were convicted under Washington state law, and the misdemeanor is the only conviction on their criminal record.

Those convicted under federal law or local ordinances

would not be eligible.

According to the House Bill 1500’s analysis, there are roughly 3,500 individuals who would be eligible to apply to have their records cleared.

“There’s no question that misdemeanor marijuana possession was illegal at that time, but the voters of our state stated very clearly ... that they no longer felt the possession of small amounts of marijuana should be a crime for people over 21,” said the bill’s prime sponsor, Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, D-Burien. “I think that that’s a really logical and compassionate step that we can take.”

In January, Governor Jay Inslee announced an initiative to grant clemency to individuals in the same situation.

A vacation goes a step further than clemency. According to the governor’s office, a pardon is noted on someone’s record, but doesn’t wipe it completely. If vacated, the conviction would not need to be disclosed on employment or housing applications, and could not be used as part of a person’s criminal history in sentencing in a later conviction.

In September Seattle municipal court judges ordered the convictions to be set aside. According to the court opinion, the court’s possession of marijuana charges disproportionately impacted people of color. The court notified those who were eligible under the motion given “its potential to impact the rights of the defendant.”

HB 1500 has not been scheduled for an executive session. Its companion bill had a public hearing in the Senate Law and Justice Committee on Feb. 12.

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This is a re-bid of an advertisement for bids originally opened and read on January 31, 2019. The City rejected all bids from the January 31, 2019 bidding. All prospective bidders shall submit full, new, complete bids in compliance with revised and newly published Contract Documents. Bids must be submitted on the forms provided in these Contract Documents.  
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Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be purchased at the office of Varela & Associates, Inc., here as referred to as the Issuing Agent, for \$60 per set (non-refundable, see address above). For additional information regarding this project, contact Ben Varela at Varela & Associates, Inc., at (509) 328-6066. Published in the Quad City Herald February 14 and 21, 2019. #84488

Picking a location for a new airport, other aviation issues before lawmakers

By EMMA EPPERLY  
WNPA OLYMPIA NEWS BUREAU

OLYMPIA - Addressing the need for a new airport and encouraging the growth of the aviation profession was the topic of proposed legislation and public testimony, Thursday, at the House of Representatives Transportation Committee.

The house heard four aviation specific bills all sponsored by the Legislature's only professional pilot, District 13 Rep. Tom Dent, R-Moses Lake. The bills would help determine a location for a new airport, create a maintenance mechanism for an aviation loan program, redistribute where airplane fuel taxes go, and encourage the use of electric aircraft.

A Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission would be created under House Bill 1683 to evaluate the best location for a new airport.

Prime sponsor, District 33 Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, has Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in her district.

"We are one of the fastest growing airports in the country," said Orwall of SeaTac.

Steve Edmiston, a member of the state department of commerce's aviation impact study committee, testified in support of the bill.

"I call this a 'what's not to like' bill because of the statewide economic impacts that this bill can create," said Edmiston. Economic impacts are "no longer reserved for an isolated piece of geography," he said. "That has been our model at SeaTac since 1947."

HB 1456 would create a community aviation revitalization loan program to support public-use airport improvements. The program received \$5 million in seed funding during the last legislative session.

A version of this bill passed unanimously through the Legislature last year, but was vetoed by Gov. Jay Inslee, who did not like the structure of the board managing the program. Dent has worked with the governor's office to rewrite the bill.

"What this will do, is this is going to fund projects on airports that otherwise would not be funded through the grant program and enables these smaller airports to borrow the money to put up programs, basically for small economic development projects," Dent said.

A representative from Central Washington University, which has the only four-year aviation program in the western United States, testified in support of both HB 1456 and 1457 because both bills support small airports used in the university's program.

HB 1457 would redistribute aircraft fuel tax revenue to add funds to the state aviation account.

Currently, a 6.5-percent tax on aircraft fuel all goes into the state general fund. Under the proposed bill, 1 percent of the tax would go to the aviation fund, providing approximately \$12 million per biennium. The money would go into the existing aviation grant program to fund air cargo program expansion, encourage aviation workforce growth, and fund aviation infrastructure improvements and maintenance.

"It's about economic development and about being able to move our state forward," said Dent, the bill's prime sponsor. "Aviation and aerospace is major in the state of Washington, and we need to be thinking ahead because it's going to get ahead of us if we don't."

Chris Herman from the Washington Aviation Alliance testified in support of the bill, saying it would allow the state to unlock more federal funding that previously was unavailable due to the state being unable to meet match-funding requirements.

The use of electric and hybrid aircraft is encouraged with HB 1397. The bill also would expand the Washington Department of Transportation's supervision area to include electric aircraft and assessing infrastructure needs related to this developing technology.

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