

2018 A YEAR IN REVIEW



Photo by Mike Maltais
American Legion Area Three Commander Denny Pittman lays a wreath at the base of the flag pole in Brewster's Locust Grove Cemetery last Memorial Day.

Bridgeport American Legion Post 218 will close its doors after 68 years

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BRIDGEPORT – After 68 years in existence, Bridgeport Post 218 of the American Legion has announced that the chapter will close its doors this year.
The pending closure was confirmed by Adjutant Sheryllyn Jacobson of College Place, Wash., who is the registered agent of record for the non-profit corporation that was formed on June 22, 1950. A declining membership and advancing age of those few who remain members was given as the reason that the Post will cease operations and transfer ownership of its flags to Columbia Post 97 in Brewster. Of those who remain members of the Bridgeport Post, one will transfer membership to Brewster and the others to Post 110 in Lacey, Wash., near Olympia.

Trejo to serve second year as a member of WIAA's LEAP

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BRIDGEPORT – For only the second time since 2009, a Quad City area high student is serving on the Washington Inter-scholastic Activities Association's (WIAA) statewide LEAP Committee. LEAP, for Leadership through Education Activities and Personal Development, is comprised of eight seniors and seven juniors representing the WIAA's classifications, from 1B through 4A, and nine districts.
Bridgeport High School senior Ana Trejo is one among 17 committee members representing more than 225,000 student participants in the state.



Ana Trejo



Photo by Mike Maltais
Armed with water blasters, members of the Brewster Boys and Girls Club were hard to ignore.

Brewster hosts blow-out July 4 parade and fireworks

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – If a picture is worth a thousand words, then

spectators shots a book full at Brewster's annual Independence Day parade down Main Street on Wednesday, July 4.
Floats, classic cars, political candidates, water blasters, horses, flags, balloons and lots and lots of candy made the 45-minute procession appear longer in length and duration than it actually was.



Photo courtesy of okanogancountyrecovery.com
The "Smoke and Mirrors" Fire Maze Display provides an in-depth look at what a major wildfire is like.

Rising from the Ashes Reunion runs through Sunday, July 22

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – The Rising from the Ashes Recovery Reunion and Celebration, a five-day observance with a schedule of activities befitting the past three-and-a-half-year struggle to rebuild after the state's two largest wildfires, is underway from Wednesday, July 18 through Sunday, July 22. The list of tours, music, food, and displays and how to register for them can be found online at okanogancountyrecovery.com.



Photo by Mike Maltais
Tackle cover maker, Mike Mauk, pictured here with Brewster Chamber of Commerce President, Anna Marie Dalbey, also serves as the Chamber secretary.

Meets with President Trump, Vice President Pence

Mauk Fishing Stuff represents Washington state at Made in America Product Showcase

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – When Mike Mauk first began making his fishing tackle covers in 2005 he could not have foreseen that one day his product would lead to a trip to the nation's capital to meet the President of the United States. But that was what happened on Monday, July 23, as Mauk represented Washington state at the Made in America Product Showcase at the White House, as part of Made in America Week designated by President Donald Trump last year.



Photo by Mike Maltais
The boys launch as the horn sounds to start the heat.

Bearacudas close swim season with five high-point winners

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The Bearacudas Swim Club closed out its season with the most high-point winners in the Okanogan County Summer Swim League (OCSSL) Championships at the Brewster pool last Saturday, July 28. Bearacudas won five of the 13 age brackets, taking top spots in girls aged 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-16. The Bearacuda boys won their 13-14 age group.

Be proactive to be safe

Bridgeport resident sounds the alarm over citizen safety, security

By Mike Maltais
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – A homeowner who experienced an uncomfortable encounter with a trespasser/intruder last month is sounding the alarm for citizens to become more alert and proactive concerning matters of their own safety and security.

The long-time resident who wishes to remain anonymous was awakened very early one December morning to her dog barking. When she checked to see what was causing the disturbance, she saw a stranger standing outside her fenced yard.

The stranger also saw her, easily cleared the locked gate and six-foot fence, and advanced toward the enclosed



Photo by Mike Maltais
Newly elected Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris addressed the Bridgeport City Council last month.

Three-plus decades as head coach

Rick Miller hands Lady Bears varsity softball duties to new successor



QCH File Photo
Coach Rick Miller high-fives a player during a 2017 playoff game after an over-the-fence home run.

By Mike Maltais
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – It's going to take some getting used to. Following 32 years as the coaching face of the Brewster Lady Bears varsity softball team, Rick Miller is handing the reins off to a new successor next spring.

Following a coaching career that by any standards can be called a solid success, Miller took the Brewster girls to 16 state appearances with two, fourth-place trophies, 13 league championships, and 10 district championships. Out of 763 total games from 1987 through 2018, the Lady Bears won 472 and lost 291 for a near-62-percent winning average.

Miller also understood the importance of mentoring well-rounded students as well as athletes. In his letter of resignation from coaching to school Athletic Director Greg Austin last November, Miller described "the Academic State Championship the players achieved in 2008 as one of my proudest moments."

Miller took over coaching duties from Randy Taylor a year after the softball program debuted at Brewster in 1985. He has been the head coach ever since, guiding his team through its transitions from the Central Washington 2B League to the 1A Caribou Trail League and back.

Miller reached his 100th win against Waterville in April

1994 and notched his 400th win against Tonasket in March 2016. That was the same year the Lady Bears were among the finalists for the second straight season for the North Central Washington Rotary Female Team of the Year.

Miller graduated Grandview High School and attended Central Washington State College before coming to Brewster in 1986. He teaches business education at Brewster High School and will continue to keep his fingers in Bears' sports as an assistant coach for the varsity basketball program.

"I figured I'd come here for a year," said Miller of a tenure

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Family Health Centers receives \$1.2 M grant to expand opioid medication-assisted treatment

MAT combines the use of medication with behavioral health support

OKANOGAN — The abuse of prescription and non-prescription opioids is one of the greatest threats facing public health in the United States today. Through the Washington State-wide Opioid Response Plan, the Washington State Health Care Authority will grant Family Health Centers \$1.2 million over two years to create an Opioid Treatment Network (OTN). The OTN will expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) of opioid use disorder

(OUD) and it will enhance collaboration among community partners throughout Okanogan County in order to better serve people and families struggling with this problem. Heroin use and misuse of “pain pills” such as oxycodone are examples of OUD. One commonly heard example of MAT is “Suboxone”, which is the brand name of just one of the types of MAT that are currently available. The Opioid Treatment Network will expand access to MAT by identifying non-traditional sites for offering this treatment while incorporating case management and collaboration

among initiation and continuation sites. While several primary care and other medical clinics in Okanogan County currently offer MAT, this grant will enable new sites, including emergency departments and inpatient wards at North Valley, Mid Valley and Three Rivers Hospitals, Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare and Okanogan County Public Health, to offer MAT to those at highest risk of opioid overdose who are currently unable or unlikely to access care in traditional settings such as medical clinics. OTN partners will follow current evidence-based guidelines

for treating OUD, including decreasing the barriers to MAT that are often encountered by people with the greatest need for such treatment. This “low barrier treatment” approach will expand access and improve the quality of care of people with opioid use disorder across Okanogan County. In addition to providing MAT prescription and monitoring services, the Opioid Treatment Network will expand and enhance behavioral health services for opioid use disorder patients and their families. Medications alone do not enable individuals to overcome OUD; emotional

and social support is essential to their recovery. OTN partners also acknowledge the many social and financial factors that both contribute to the development of opioid use disorder and directly impact recovery outcomes for those struggling with this disorder. The OTN will help patients access resources including transportation, housing and employment assistance. As Family Health Centers staff develop the treatment network, they seek additional members interested in offering resources to support individuals with OUD and their families throughout the county.

Family Health Centers medical director Dr. James Wallace states, “we are grateful for the opportunity to work with our local partners to increase access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. FHC invites any community member or professional in Okanogan County to participate in this project and join the Opioid Treatment Network.” Building Healthier Communities- Family Health Centers If you would like more information about this topic, please call Dana Craddock at 509-422-7629, or email dcraddock@fhc.us.

Recycle options remain available in Douglas, Okanogan counties

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1007 Fairview Ave.

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The Community Recycling Center is open to Bridgeport residents free of charge for most designated recyclables, and will accept only those specific recyclables listed above. The City of Bridgeport would ask its citizens not to contaminate their Community Recycling Center with household garbage or non-designated recyclables. Please do your part to maintain the successful operation of the Community Recycling Center for the City of Bridgeport and all of its citizens.

The City of Bridgeport welcomes recyclable material from Residents of all surrounding areas, including Okanogan County.

For more information, please contact Bridgeport City Hall at 686-4041 or the Countywide Solid Waste Programs Office at 886-0899.

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS-OKANOGAN COUNTIES – The New Year always seems to bring out the side of citizens that has to do with renewal, commitment...and resolution. For

some that includes a rededication to become more proactive with the process of recycling household trash. The announcement from China about a year ago that it would no longer be the world's largest purchaser of recyclables, including those

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porch where the resident was watching. “The country girl in me recognized that the young man was high on something and out of his mind,” the resident said. “I had never seen anyone so stoned.” Realizing that the approaching stranger could be carrying a concealed weapon, the resident grabbed the nearest defensive tool within reach, a metal handled broom. As the young man approached within a foot of her the resident began beating him with the broom, to which he took little notice until the metal handle started to have an effect as he was beaten about the head. The resident said she was calling for help while this was going on, but owing to

exported by the U.S., sent providers scrambling for other markets. As far as local sites in North Douglas County, South Okanogan County, and Okanogan proper, the guides (pictured with this story) will help the determined recycler chose the most appropriate

considering the sheriff's office is headquartered in East Wenatchee. Morris spoke to members of the Bridgeport City Council last month for the first time since his election last November to give them an update on the status of his department. Morris said he has worked hard to get more deputies on staff and has seen the force grow from three full-time deputies in 2000 to a sergeant, six deputies and a Bridgeport SRO (School Resource Officer) working today. He said that is much better coverage than previously. “Even with that, we can't do 24 hours all the time,” said Morris. “Our general time is 7:00 in the morning until 5:00 in the morning, 22 hours... and never less than 20 hours, 7:00 in the morning until 3:00 in the morning.” Morris added that even with 24-hour coverage his deputies in the north end of the county

locale to patronize. While the City of Pateros has no published guide, it does provide dumpsters that accept cardboard, newspaper, and aluminum cans. The City of Brewster has no designated recycle dumpsters at this writing.

must cover 700 square miles and response times are typically 30 minutes-plus. The homeowner said she has faith in Morris, appreciates the fact that he is a city resident, and thinks he is doing the best he can. That said, she wants city residents, particularly the elderly or physically compromised, to pay more attention to their own security. That may involve installation of security cameras, neighborhood watch groups, devices like air horns that can alert emergencies, and similar measures. A good start would be for everyone to at least lock their doors. “So many older people that I know don't lock their doors,” the homeowner said. “Back in the day, security wasn't a problem. Now, I deadbolt my back-porch door.” The message she wants go get circulated around town is: “Do what you need to do to be safe.”

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The competitive season spanned just over one month, starting on June 26 against the Methow Valley Killer Whales and spanning 11 meets including last Saturday's championships.



Photo courtesy of Brewster Salmon Derby Facebook
Winner in the youth division was Alex Davis with a winning weight of 21.22 pounds.

Weigh in 253 salmon
Last-minute Brewster Salmon Derby
draws more than 200 anglers

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – When Maurice Santillants of Lynnwood dropped his line in the Brewster pool on the Columbia River last Friday morning, August 3, he did not expect that he would haul in a 34-plus-pound hatchery chinook salmon that would dwarf the King of the Pool winner in the annual Brewster King Salmon Derby. However, Santillants did not enter the Derby.
“We come over here about the same time every year,” Santillants said of he and his fishing partner’s annual trip. After boating the lunker salmon, Santillants decided to swing by the derby headquarters to get an accurate scale weight of the catch. As derby co-organizer Randy Coles placed the king on the scales, the reaction of those present as the digital display flashed at 34.32 pounds indicated the surprise at a catch that exceeded the early leader by more than 10 pounds.



Photo by Mike Maltais
The city council voted to deactivate the Brewster Housing Authority that once managed the Vista Park Homes low income housing complex, after transferring ownership of the property to the Okanogan County Housing Authority.

City Council votes to deactivate
Brewster Housing Authority

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – At their regular meeting Wednesday, August 8, members approved a resolution to deactivate the Brewster Housing Authority that once managed the 13-building, 25-home Vista Park Homes housing complex, the city’s only Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) property at 509 S. Fourth Street.
Following discussions between Brewster city attorney Chuck Zimmerman and Okanogan County Housing Authority (OCHA) administrators, the city elected to transfer ownership of its only low-income property to the OCHA, which administers several properties in the county. Photos by Mike Maltais

Pateros hosts smoke and thunder at
annual hydro classic

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – A heavy layer of smoke from Canadian wildfires could neither smother the fun nor dampen the thunder of the hydroplanes that descended on Lake Pateros for the annual Pateros Hydro Classic/Terry Troxell Memorial Regatta last Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20.

Goal to reduce accidents
DOT begins work to install
U.S. 97 two-way left turn lane

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – A crew from the Washington State Department of Transportation out of Wenatchee began preparing a stretch of U.S. 97 west of the Brewster city limits last Monday, August 27 for the installation of a two-way left-turn lane at the intersection of Brewster Grange Road.

Brewster Heroes honored during
National Health Center Week



Photo courtesy of Family Health Centers
Jesus Hernandez, left, CEO of Family Health Centers stands with Brewster Hero recipients Brian Paine, Director of the Brewster Boys and Girls Club; Shan Miller, Brewster pool manager and owner of Sweet T’s Unique Gifts; and Brewster Police Chief Nattalie Cariker. The three were honored during a ceremony at BBGC, August 22, during observance of National Health Center Week, August 12-18.

Douglas County PUD adds shoreline
armor along Columbia Cove

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – A Douglas County PUD contracting crew began a shoreline stabilization project around the perimeter of Columbia Cove Park on August 13 and is making steady progress with block and sand bag installation along the shoreline.
Brewster Public Works Director Lee Webster told city council members earlier this month that the PUD would begin armoring the shoreline in mid-August to prevent further erosion of the embankment.

Pateros Chamber of Commerce
announces suspension of operations

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – The Pateros Chamber of Commerce announced that it is suspending operations indefinitely according to an announcement posted on the Chamber’s Facebook site on August 21.
“Our main goal was to get the Pateros sign back up and finished,” read the announcement. “We did just that with the help of many people.”



A folding panel showing wildfire photos is part of the Smoke and Reflections display that will be featured at The Pioneer Project in the Commercial Building at the Okanogan County Fair, Sept. 6-9.

Ralph Fries, Smoke and Reflections
featured at Pioneer Project at
Okanogan County Fair

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – Former Brewster resident and South Okanogan County historian Ralph Fries served up early pioneer stories along with the refreshments at the annual Pie Socials he has hosted since 2006 at his family homestead or at Brewster High School.
This weekend, Fries will introduce his extensive history of South Okanogan County pioneer life at a new venue when he participates as a featured guest in The Pioneer Project in the Commercial Building at the 71st annual Okanogan County Fair from Thursday, Sept. 6, through Sunday, Sept. 9. Also appearing as part of The Pioneer Project will be the Smoke and Reflections display of 2014 Carlton Complex and 2015 Okanogan Complex wildfire stories, photos, art, and artifacts compiled by the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Story Group (OCLTRG)



Photo by Mike Maltais
Ei Eric Ramirez with the Brewster FFA posed with his pig.
71st Okanogan County Fair hosts
successful four-day run

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
OKANOGAN – The Okanogan County Fair, an annual four-day extravaganza that brings the county together every September, opened its gates for the 71st time last Thursday, Sept. 6, with the theme “Stirrup Some Fun.”
Exhibitors, vendors, entertainers, competitors, and spectators converged on the fairgrounds on Rodeo Trail Road right up to until closing time at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. In between visitors enjoyed a wide variety of attractions from arts, crafts, agricultural and educational displays to horse racing, mutton busting, and a Pro-West Rodeo.



Photos by Mike Maltais
Mario Martinez, Sr., flanked by son, Mario, Jr., left, and Bridgeport School Superintendent Scott Sattler, holds the time capsule aloft for the assembled students to see.

Buried 25 years ago
Time capsule unearthed, opened at
Bridgeport Elementary School

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BRIDGEPORT – A familiar quotation states: “There is no time like the present,” but in the case of Bridgeport Elementary School, one might say “There is no present like the time.”
That “time,” 25 years ago, was revisited when a time capsule was unearthed last Friday, Sept. 14, in the presence of Bridgeport Elementary students gathered at the site of the Mega-Mansion playground. Mega-Mansion, an extensive and elaborate wooden playground funded and built 25 years ago by parents and community volunteers, is being dismantled at the conclusion of its useful life.

Brewster Boys and Girls Club
seeks new Director

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The Brewster Boys and Girls Club (BBGC) is seeking a new director following the departure of Brian Paine last week. BBGC staffer Heather Carington is acting as interim director while the search begins for a new replacement.
The Brewster club opened in March 2015, and Paine took the director’s reins in June 2015, after serving as CEO and Executive Director of Everybody Can Win (ECW) for five-and-a-half years. ECW addressed the epidemic of childhood obesity issues through a whole child model program

Subsidized apartments ending
Market value rentals catch up with
Pateros affordable housing

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – The competition to find affordable housing, or any housing for that matter, in the City of Pateros just ramped up a notch as the 16 residential units in the rent-subsidized Pateros Garden Apartments revert to market value Oct. 1. Terms of an FHA loan secured by the building’s purchasers years back stipulated that the living units in the complex would be rent subsidized for the duration of the loan. The loan now paid, the units can now be let at market value, though the owner said existing lease agreements will be honored until they expire.



Photo by Mike Maltais
Pateros 2018 Homecoming royalty included, from left: Mr. Football - Andrew Gonzalez, Miss Volleyball - Ashlyn Gonzalez, freshmen Bella Arellano and Seth Russel, sophomores, King, Santana Ayala and Queen, Anna Williams, juniors Ramiro Ambriz and Debora Gutierrez, and seniors Omar Mota and Gabby Talavera.

Pateros Homecoming festivities
soothe Odessa-Harrington loss

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – A week of Homecoming activities culminating with the coronation of this year’s king and queen during football halftime provided some balm to soothe the bruises from an 80-6 loss to Odessa-Harrington last Friday, Sept. 21.

Lack of funds, participation cited
Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport
Senior Center threatened with closure

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The Senior Center located at 109 S. Bridge Street, that serves senior citizens in the communities of Pateros, Brewster, and Bridgeport, is facing the real prospect that the facility may soon be forced to close its doors.
Dwindling participation, declining membership, and operating costs are the three principal factors combining to put a squeeze on an institution that has been part of the Brewster downtown landscape since the 1970s.
Sources at the Center report that as of this writing the facility is operating with a temporary president after its most recent president relocated to Montana following some health issues. The club secretary is recuperating from a broken bone, and the treasurer, who lives in Wenatchee, travels to Brewster a couple times a month to pay the bills.



Photos by Mike Maltais
Ernie Nanamkin and Betty Martinez were crowned Homecoming royalty during halftime ceremonies at last Friday’s football game against Liberty Bell. Bears top off Homecoming with 54-0 football win.

Bears top off Homecoming
with 54-0 football win

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – With their two toughest league opponents just ahead, the Brewster Bears varsity football team kept its undefeated Central Washington B-2B record intact with a 54-0 win over visiting Liberty Bell on Homecoming Night last Friday, Sept. 28.

Property designated commercial
Brewster zoning code change
interferes with residential sale

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – When Brewster residents Ronald and Ruth Ann Paslay decided to relocate to Wenatchee recently, they put their home at 401 Lakeview Drive, a one-way street between B. Bridge Street and the Columbia River on the market. It did not take long for the Paslays to find an interested purchaser, but something unexpected occurred during the buyer’s mortgage financing procedure.
An appraisal of the Paslay’s property revealed that the home they bought when the site was zoned R2 (residential) was now zoned C2 (commercial).
Paslay and neighbors Sheila Lautensleger and Juan Hernandez appeared at a meeting of the Brewster Planning Commission last Thursday, Oct. 4, to inquire when the zoning was changed and what, if anything could be done to resolve the issue.
“None of the mortgage companies will touch financing a home that is in commercial zoning,” Paslay told the commission. “So here we went from ready to sign today and be handed a check for what we’re asking for our home to no deal at all.”



Photo by Mike Maltais
The entry gate remained closed at Lake Woods Golf Course last Monday.

Lake Woods Golf Course
closing until further notice

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BRIDGEPORT – The Lake Woods Golf Course located at 232 Half Sun Way, announced recently that it is suspending operations until further notice.
A posting on the course Facebook site, www.facebook.com/LakeWoodsGolf,

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advises that an auction is scheduled at the course from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. next Saturday, Oct. 13, to dispose of kitchen and office equipment, outside maintenance machinery, golf carts and other items. “A lack in membership and play has forced us to close and reevaluate our beautiful course,” a statement on the Facebook site said.

Three Rivers Hospital unveils new Hillcrest clinics

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – Three Rivers Hospital unveiled two new clinics that have moved and opened on the upper level of the Hillcrest Building at 415 Hospital Way. Three Rivers Orthopedics, the orthopedic surgery and specialty clinic, and Three Rivers Family Medicine, the General Surgery and OB/GYN surgical special clinic opened as of Oct. 8. Dr. Gordon Tagge, Dr. Ty Witt, Dr. Jonothan Miller and Rob Lamberton, PAC will all be working in the new bright and comfortable spaces.

Brewster High School named School of Distinction for fourth consecutive year

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – For the fourth consecutive time, Brewster High School has been recognized as a School of Distinction (SOD) and Brewster Middle School has been so honored for the second consecutive year. The SOD recognizes the top five percent of schools as the highest improving schools in Washington state and celebrates school staff, students and leaders who improve performance for all students over a sustained period in reading/English language arts and mathematics at the middle school level and graduation rates at the high school.



Photo courtesy of Brewster Sports Facebook
Brewster players celebrate their league title win over Manson.

Brewster volleyball wraps up CWB-2B League title

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER –The Lady Bears varsity volleyball team wrapped up the Central Washington B-2B League title with a 3-0 win over Manson on the road last Thursday, Oct. 18. The Lady Trojans ended the regular season in second place with a 6-1 record, followed by Lake Roosevelt and Soap Lake, both with 5-2 records. The volleyball post-season playoff times, locations, and brackets were no available at press time.



Photos by Mike Maltais
Seniors Betty Martinez, Kim Nila, Julissa Olvera, Alexia Escalera, and Alondra Torres were honored during Senior Night ceremonies last Thursday, Oct. 18.

Brewster girls finish second in CWB-2B League soccer

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The Brewster varsity girls soccer team finished second in the Central Washington B-2B League following a 2-1 loss on the road at undefeated Liberty Bell last Saturday, Oct. 20. The Lady Bears finished with a 10-2 league record and 12-4 overall going into their final season game on the road at non-league Omak on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Judge dismisses Carlton Complex lawsuit against DNR

By Mike Maltais Staff writer
OKANOGAN – In a seven-page decision handed down last Wednesday, Oct. 24, Okanogan County Superior Court judge Christopher Culp dismissed a lawsuit filed by more than 200 plaintiffs against the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for damages caused by the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire. The hearing was held on Oct. 11 at the Okanogan County Courthouse. Representing the plaintiffs at the hearing was Alex Thomason of Thomason Law & Justice of Pateros and Seattle, and Jason Amala of Pfau Chochran Vertitis Amala in Seattle. The DNR was represented by Assistant Attorney General Patricia Fetterly, and attorneys Randy Gimple and Alexander Cheng.



Photo courtesy of Neal McKee
Regular volunteers at the Brewster Food Bank include, from left, Earl Patterson, Roberto A., Hatti McKee, Karen Haywood, Marye Cooper, Neal McKee, Ron Paslay, and Lucy Baker.

Hand-to-mouth and day-to-day Brewster Food Bank feeds the hungry and struggles to stay open

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – With two of the biggest holidays of the year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, just around the corner, the Brewster Food Bank at 301 South Fourth Street is feeling the financial pinch as it continues to serve nearly 100 people every Thursday morning from its facility. As the only food pantry left in the Pateros-Brewster-Bridgeport area, the Brewster Food Bank serves from 85 to 120 people a week. And each of those served represents four people on the average. Last Thursday the food bank had 95 recipients, according to Neal McKee. McKee assumed day-to-day responsibilities at the facility after

long-time director Wynn Webster passed away on New Year’s Day this year.

Raiders take 32-14 decision Bears fall to Raiders, take second in CWB-2B football

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
COULEE DAM – The Brewster Bears varsity football team gave it a good effort but came out on the short end of the battle of the remaining two undefeated teams in the Central Washington B-2B last Friday, Oct. 26. Brewster lost to state No. 1-ranked Lake Roosevelt, 32-14, on the Raiders’ home field to finish second in the CWB-2B with a 5-1 record and 6-3 overall.

Marine called Mansfield home ‘He was lost, then found, and he died a hero’ -Jackie Tupling-

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
MANSFIELD – Dying rays from the setting sun wash over the west entrance to Mansfield High School and, through the windows there, illuminate the framed portrait of a handsome U.S. Marine, in full dress uniform that incorporates the red, white, and blue colors of the nation’s flag. Caleb Powers graduated Mansfield High as one of a class of 11 in 2001. But you might say that, in a major way, Powers was in a class all by himself. Following graduation, Powers joined the U.S. Marines, completed boot camp at Paris Island, S.C., was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., deployed to Okinawa, Japan, and finally to Iraq with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. With only two weeks remaining in his second tour in western Iraq, Powers was killed by a sniper’s bullet while pulling guard duty in Ramadi, Al Anbar Province on August 17, 2004. He was 21 years old.



Photos courtesy of Jackie Tupling
Lance Corporal Caleb Powers, Nov. 2001

Douglas PUD breaks ground on Conklin Landing RV sites

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BRIDGEPORT – Heavy equipment from Hurst Construction in Wenatchee has broken ground and begun landscaping on what will become 17 new RV spaces and other amenities at Conklin Landing west of town.

Tuplings honored at Mansfield Veterans Day assembly

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
MANSFIELD – Veterans Day ceremonies at Mansfield High School last Friday, Nov. 9, honored two of its own as military veterans Thomas and Cassidy Tupling were the honored recipients of special veterans’ quilts made by members of the Columbia River Quilt Guild. Thomas Tupling enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an E-1 on Sept. 11, 2000, one year before the terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center twin towers and one month prior to the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Lady Bears capture fifth place in State volleyball finals

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer
YAKIMA – The Brewster Lady Bears varsity volleyball team made it into the quarterfinal round of the 2018 State Volleyball Championships at the Yakima SunDome last Thursday, Nov. 8, and came away with the fifth-place trophy. Brewster drew Ocosta in the opening round of competition Thursday morning and defeated the Lady Wildcats in the best of five games, winning the first, 25-13, losing the second and third, 15-25, and 23-25, and taking the final two, 25-16, and 15-6.

Nannies make it to quarterfinals at State volleyball

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
YAKIMA – The Pateros Nannies varsity volleyball team came within a game of making it into the hardware round at the 2018 WIAA 1B Volleyball State Championships in the SunDome last week. Pateros beat Neah Bay, 3-1, in the first round of competition on Thursday, Nov. 8. The Red Devils who finished first in the 1B North Olympic league, matched their 5-1 record against the Nannies 11-1 Central Washington B stats and came up short, 25-6, 20-25, 25-18, and 25-23.

Carlton Complex consumed home Former Brewster student battles ovarian cancer

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
CASHMERE – Accounts have been established on GoFundMe and at Cashmere Valley Bank for an 18-year-old former Brewster school student who recently underwent surgery for cancer. Samantha Himmelhaver, whose family relocated to Cashmere after losing their Indian Dan Canyon home in the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire, was diagnosed earlier this month with ovarian cancer and a few days later was undergoing surgery at University of Washington Hospital in Seattle. “The surgeon removed a 12-centimeter tumor, about the size of a Nerf football,” said Samantha’s mother, Judy Himmelhaver.



Photo courtesy of Facebook
Samantha Himmelhaver

Brewster XC makes All League x 3

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – Bears varsity cross country team sophomore Ricky Garcia was one among five runners selected for the Central Washington B All-League Cross Country First Team this fall. Garcia joined two runners from Liberty Bell and two from Manson on the top team.



Photos courtesy of Brewster Sports Facebook
Ricky Garcia

Boesel voted MVP All-League soccer picks include six Lady Bears

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – Juniors Karste Wright and Brooklynne Boesel led the roster of six Lady Bears varsity volleyball players nominated to the Central Washington B All-League teams. Boesel and Wright were among six CWB players to make the First Team and Boesel was also voted the league’s Most Valuable Player. Senior Elizabeth Stath and junior Sammi Emigh were selected for the All-League Second Team.

Four Fillies make Second Team Lady Bears land four on CWB All-League soccer team

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The Lady Bears varsity soccer team that finished second in the CW2B and second at District 6 this season has landed seven players on the Central Washington B All League soccer teams this year, four on those on the All-League First Team.

Nominated to the First Team are seniors Alondra Torres, Kim Nila, Beatriz Martinez, and junior Kelsey Ocho

Near-dozen Bears make All League football

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – A near-dozen Bears varsity football players were voted to the Central Washington B All-League football teams this fall. Four players, Joe Taylor, Alfredo Nila, Miguel Chacon, and Giovanni Nila were selected for both the offensive and defensive teams. The remaining Bears selected for All-League honors included Ernie Nanamkin, First Team running back, Rodolfo Madrid, Second Team offensive lineman, Mason Kelly, Honorable Mention quarterback, and Mario Guzman, Honorable Mention wide receiver.

Pateros School Board abandons Carlson property consideration

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – By a unanimous vote, members of the Pateros School District Board of Directors abandoned considerations to pursue a bond for the purchase of the Carlson property during its regular meeting last Monday, Nov. 26. In late September board members toured the property and its gymnasium located on a bluff above the junction of State Route 20 - the Pateros-Twisp Highway - and U.S. 97 as a prospective practice facility. The board also commissioned a feasibility study that was distributed following a public hearing on the proposed bond measure on Monday, Nov. 19.

Pateros wins Sportsmanship Williams makes CW1B All-League Volleyball First Team

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – Nannies sophomore Anna Williams has been named to the 2018 Central Washington 1B All-League Volleyball first Team by a vote of coaches and athletic directors. While Williams was the only Pateros player to make the First Team among some stiff competition, the Nannies won the team Sportsmanship Award.

High-tech and cutting-edge Erlandsen & Associates launches drones for land survey work

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The sky was clear and the air calm last Nov. 17, so Kris Erlandsen and Jesse Revel of Erlandsen & Associates decided to go flying...and they didn’t even have to leave the ground. The two specialists with the Brewster surveying, planning, and engineering firm launched a high-tech drone from an abandoned gravel pit along Cameron Lake Road on the Colville Indian Reservation to conduct an aerial survey for the Okanogan County Public Works. The pair was gathering aerial imagery on this trip, having already collected the ground data on previous flights.

Santa, all I want for Christmas

Ever practical and civic-minded, Pateros Mayor Carlene Anders took to Santa’s knee at Pateros Memorial Park last Friday and wished for a successful citywide flush rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11, to integrate the city’s new water system with the existing delivery network.



Flip my switch, Will Robinson... Looking not unlike “Robot” in the mid-1960s TV series Lost in Space, the pump in Well Station 3 was ready to go to work as the hour approached to bring the new water system online.

Referred to council for approval Planning Commission endorses zoning code revision

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – The city Planning Commission convened a public hearing last Wednesday, Dec. 5, to allow testimony on proposed changes to Title 17 Zoning of the Brewster Municipal Code (BMC) that will allow more flexibility for residential structures within the city’s C2 (Commercial) and H1 (Heavy Industrial) zones. According to the public hearing notice, the proposed amendments “add a new definition to 17.08.020 ‘Dormitories’ and a new use ‘Dormitories’ to 17.10.020 District Use Chart and amend 17.36.060 and 070 to allow the reconstruction and replacement of non-conforming residential use structures within the city.”



Boesel selected to All-State Volleyball First Team

By Mike Maktais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – Multi-sport athletes Brooklynne Boesel and Karste Wright have been selected to the Washington State Volleyball Coaches Association 2018 All-State Teams.

Fake news: Flushable wipes DO NOT plug sewer systems

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BREWSTER – Last week, public works staffers found an interesting phenomenon in the bowels of the city’s sewer system, and Public Works Director Lee Webster was so impressed with the discovery that he told members of the city council at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12. “Long story short, a whole bunch of wipes plugged up a section of the collection system on Indian and Fourth, which is our force main,” said Webster, “and we had probably somewhere between 50,000 and 100,000 gallons of sewage backed up and holding in the collection system.”

Yes, Carlene, there is a Santa Claus Pateros city-wide flush boosts pressure, beats a breakdown

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
PATEROS – The long-awaited city-wide flush that integrated the new city reservoir, pump, and water system with the existing delivery network pulled the handle last Tuesday, Dec. 18, giving the city its first water upgrade since the town was relocated in the early 1960s. Technicians made the transfer from the two old reservoirs to the new one just after 10 a.m., tested the new pump through the day and switched it on to automatic operation at 7 p.m. “it went pretty smooth,” said City Administrator Jord Wilson. “We did not receive a single phone call from a resident with an emergency.”

Landowner requests resolution Bridgeport Council votes to resolve Atomic Way impasse

By Mike Maltais, Staff writer
BRIDGEPORT – By unanimous vote, Wednesday, Dec. 19, the city council agreed to push ahead with actions that could lead to a resolution of the current impasse over a productive use of Atomic Way. The small parcel of land on the north side of Columbia Boulevard near 22nd Street includes an access to the Columbia River but is too small to permit any kind of residential development. Bridgeport resident Scott Wright, who owns property adjacent to Atomic Way, has been negotiating with city officials for the past year over available options both parties can mutually pursue to get some practical use out of the parcel.

OBITUARIES

Abe L. Windle

September 25, 1947 -
December 11, 2018

Abe Windle, a life-long resident of Okanogan County, passed peacefully in Wenatchee, Washington on December 11, 2018 with his daughter by his side.

Abe was born on September 25, 1947 to Fay and Jeanne (Shaw) Windle of the Methow Valley. He attended school at Pateros and graduated as a 12-year senior with the class of 1966.

From a young age, Abe was interested in engines and all things mechanical: stock cars, motorcycles, and later airplanes and heavy equipment. Abe’s early career as a mechanic led to work for Brewster area businesses including Goehry’s Chrysler dealership, Gebbers farm shop, and with his brother at Bill’s Phillips 66. In addition to working on vehicles, Abe rode his motorcycle in competitive events such as Motocross and hill climbs. He also enjoyed riding his dirt bike on back country trails.

He married Katherine Johnson at Methow in 1969, and Abe and Kathie had a daughter, Gayle, in 1970.

In the 1970s, the Brewster area saw a surge of interest in flying, and Abe joined the local Civil Air Patrol, becoming a licensed pilot. Abe joined several friends in purchasing a small plane and formed a flying club they called Snoopy Patrol. He enjoyed taking family and friends on flights to get a bird’s-eye view of the countryside.

Abe moved on to new employment in the 1970s, joining the Laborers’ Union and working on Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee Dams. He took union sponsored classes in blueprint reading, rigging, drilling, and concrete. Abe served as VP of his local union chapter and was elected to represent the local chapter at the international convention in Florida.

In 1979, the family moved to Brewster Flat, and Abe planted an apple orchard. Abe liked to grow things and planted fruit trees, grape vines, berry bushes, and was a life-long gardener. Many successful harvests were brought in with the help of family and special Brewster Flat farming neighbors, George Driskell and the Jack Shaw family. Also in the work force was a vintage tractor originally owned by Abe’s grandfather, Bill Shaw. Abe kept it in service for many years with his mechanical skills.

Abe spent many years as a competitive trap shooter, travelling around to area shoots, often bringing home a trophy. He was a member of the Omak Fish and Game Club, where he enjoyed trap shooting with friends and his two siblings, Bill and Mae.

Abe developed an interest in water well drilling and became a licensed well driller, starting his business, Windle Enterprises, in 1988. Abe drilled irrigation and domestic wells from Lost River in the upper Methow Valley to Nighthawk at the Canadian border and most points in-between, including Bridgeport Bar, Aeneas Valley, and Daroga Park. Abe enjoyed finding water for customers and developing a successful well. He expanded his business with a boom truck and added a pump service which included sales, service, repair, and installation of deep well pumps.

Abe was also a machinist, constructing metal parts and repairing broken equipment. He passed on his various skills, including welding, to an occasional employee. He also mentored an apprentice to provide the required supervised hours for licensing.

In later years, Abe and Kathie went their separate ways. Abe moved to the Spring Coulee area near Okanogan, where he continued his well drilling business and met many new friends.

Abe had many projects saved up for his retirement years, such as restoring his vintage Dodge pickup. He wasn’t able to get to all of those projects, but he never stopped helping others by working on whatever was at hand that needed repairing.

He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, honesty, trust-worthiness, and persistence in pursuing his goals.

Abe is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bill. He is survived by his daughter, Gayle (Eric) Swigart, and his granddaughter, Sierra Swigart, all of Tumwater, Washington. Also, his sister Mae Thomas of Pleasant Valley and three nieces and two nephews.

The services will be announced at a later date in the spring and will be held when the hills are green at the Methow Cemetery.

Special thanks go to Abe’s dear friends Sheila Kennedy and Jeff Delfeld for their steadfast friendship and assistance through his medical challenges.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Senior Center S.A.I.L classes, lunch, Rummage Room new hours

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.

Jan. 5 Story Time at library

Saturday story time
BRIDGEPORT - The Washington Reading Corps Program holds a story time at the Bridgeport Public Library every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Story Times will be for the school year and reading will be in English. For more information call Molly Westlund at (509) 449-2009.

Jan. 7 TOPS® meeting

BREWSTER – TOPS® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®) meets every week on Monday at 10 a.m. at Brewster Boys and Girls Club, located at 601 Cliff Ave W., Brewster. Visitors are always welcome (preteens, teens, and adults – male and female). First meeting is free. TOPS Club, Inc. ® is an affordable, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization with thousands of associate chapters in the United States and

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Jan. 8/meeting, Jan. 9/yoga, 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.

Jan. 9 Brewster Chamber to meet,

BREWSTER - The regular Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9, 9-10 a.m. at the Columbia Post 97 American Legion building at 102 N. Third Street in Brewster. All are welcome to join them for community updates, lively discussions and business education opportunities. For information: Mike Mauk, (509) 593-0771.

Jan. 9 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. The next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 12. For more information call Rae Hail, (509) 888-7597. On Mondays and Tuesdays call (509) 423-5178.

Jan. 11, 18 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 Jan. 11. 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, Jan. 18, 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.

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.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Dec. 21
Attempt to locate, attempt to contact at 32 Wilmot St. in Mansfield.
Court order violation at Quik-E-Mart, 2606 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.

Dec. 22
Animal problem at 136 W. Second Ave. in Mansfield.
Animal problem at 17th Street and Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.
Malicious mischief at 1428 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.
Warrant at 11th Street and Douglas Avenue in Bridgeport.

Dec. 23
Agency assistance at the 300 block of S, Fourth Street in Brewster.
Parking/abandoned vehicle at 635 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.

Dec. 24
Agency assistance at State Route 172, milepost 21, in Mansfield.
Warrant at State Route 17, milepost 135 in Bridgeport.
Domestic disturbance at 14 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.
Burglary at 115 Sixth St. in Bridgeport.

Dec. 25
Alarm at 845 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

Dec. 26
Fraud/forgery at Quik-E-Mart, 2606 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.

Dec. 27
Alarm at 1419 Tacoma Ave. in Bridgeport.

Monse resident perishes when vehicle enters river

MONSE – Local resident, Nancy Taylor died when the car she was driving left the Monse River Road on the evening of Dec. 12 and plunged into the Okanogan River.

The partially submerged vehicle was spotted in the water the next morning and a diver with the Okanogan County sheriff’s office discovered the body of the 76-year-old driver when he investigated the scene.

Taylor was apparently returning home after visiting a friend in Brewster when her vehicle left the roadway.

A subsequent investigation by the Sheriff’s office found neither mechanical nor medical issues that contributed to the single vehicle, single occupant accident.

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Pateros-Brewster wrestlers bring home three medals from NOHI



Kaitlin Garcia



Satin Wright

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

OROVILLE – Varsity wrestlers Kaitlin Garcia, and Satin Wright on the combined Pateros-Brewster wrestling team led the charge for the grapplers at the Oroville North Okanogan Holiday Invitational (NOHI) tournament on Saturday, Dec. 22.

Both girls won second place medals; Wright in the 106-pound division and Garcia at 115 pounds.

Senior state veteran Gabe Garcia placed third at 182 pounds in a field that included a dozen 2B and 1A schools. Teams competing at NOHI included:

- Oroville (host)
- Almira-Coulee-Hartline
- Chelan
- Kittitas
- Lind-Ritzville-Sprague
- Liberty Bell
- Okanogan
- Republic
- Selkirk
- Tonasket
- Wilbur-Creston

The Pateros-Brewster wrestlers were on the road at Lake Roosevelt High School on Friday, Dec. 28 against teams from Columbia (Burbank), Kittitas, Oroville, Omak, and Rainier.

Next up for the Pateros-Brewster team on Saturday, Jan. 12, is the Sgt. Norton Memorial Tournament at Rainier. The local wrestlers will take on 16 teams representing Adna, Bellevue Christian, Castle Rock, Forks, Kiona Benton, Kalama, Klahowya, Lake Roosevelt, Mount Baker, Mabton, Montesano, Nooksack Valley, Ocosta, Tenino, and Vashon Island.

In a related development, Brewster resident and wrestling booster, Cindy Cavazos has been hired as the new assistant coach for the Pateros-Brewster varsity team. She will assist head coach Shane Kelly.

Cavazos’ affiliation with high school wrestling dates to 1993-94 when, as a BHS senior she witnessed the debut of Bears varsity wrestling

under then coach Bill Haley. Garcia wanted to be the first girl varsity wrestler on the team “but it was the first year of a new program and I didn’t want to make waves,” Garcia said.

She has, however, been active in coaching all five of her children as they moved through the school teams.

Oldest son, Jose, now a U.S. Marine, was the 2016 undefeated 120-pound state champion.

Son, Alex Garcia won the 2017-18 state championship in the 285-pound bracket, competed in the National High School Coaches’ Association High School National Wrestling Tournament and now wrestles for Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake.

Son, Gabe, a BHS senior is a state veteran, and daughter, Kaitlin, is a sophomore on the varsity squad.

Youngest son, AJ, 14, is an eighth grader and will break into the varsity ranks next year.

Billygoats handle Bridgeport, Liberty Bell at NCW Tournament

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

ENTIAT – The Pateros varsity basketball team took care of business during two games at the North Central Washington Tournament at Entiat last Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27-28.

Pateros defeated Bridgeport, 59-49, and Liberty Bell, 56-43, at the two-day competition.

“We struggled the first quarter both offensively and defensively,” said coach Marcus Stennes of the game against the Mustangs. “Once we settled in, we were able to force 21 turnovers and made some late game baskets to seal the game. We had a big second quarter scoring 20 and limiting them to 7.”

Pateros: 9-29-45-59
Bridgeport: 17-24-36-49
Pateros scoring

Ivan Cenicerros: 6 points, 11 rebounds, 4 steals.

Tag Easter: 4 pts, 4 assists.

Ethan Freels: 17 pts, 3 assists.

Sam Larsen: 14 pts, 10 reb, 6 assists.

Jeremy Piechalski: 4 pts

Aiden Hall: 5 pts, 6 steals.

Ethan Wall: 9 pts, 9 assists.

Max Ewing

Liberty Bell tolls

“(We) bounced back last night and got another win against Liberty Bell,” said Stennes. “We were able to limit them defensively in the first half, but they made a run to come back within eight in the third quarter. We were able to close it out with a late run.”

Ethan Wall led the Pateros attack with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

Pateros: 12-30-43-56

Liberty Bell: 4-15-30-43

Pateros scoring

Cenicerros: 3 pts, 9 reb.

Tag Easter: 4 pts, 4 assists.

Ethan Freels: 12 pts.

Sam Larsen: 2 pts, 6 reb, 5 assists.

Jeremy Piechalski: 1 pt, 4 reb.

Aiden Hall: 7 pts, 4 reb.

Ethan Wall: 27 pts, 10 reb.

Max Ewing

Pateros will be back at Entiat on Thursday, Jan. 3, to play the Tigers. The Billygoats will host Soap Lake at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8.



Photo courtesy of BBGC Facebook

The BBGC Tiny Tots basketball players are learning about the game and having a ball ding it.

BBGC Tiny Tots host 13 teams in home tournament

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The Brewster Boys and Girls Club Tiny Tots basketball team hosted 13 teams in its third tournament of the season and the first one on the home court last Saturday, Dec. 22.

BBGC interim director and team coach Heather Carrington reported that the young players “are doing really well. Learning and growing. Having a lot of fun.”

The BBGC home tournament that included teams from Omak, Okanogan, Nespelem, and Wenatchee was named the J & J Henton Memorial Tournament in honor of Jacque (Henton) Workman and Jerry Henton.

“This brother-sister duo was instrumental in the youth of their community, not only through sports but they both served on the Bridgeport School Board, were 4H Leaders and both were heavily involved in the community activities,” said Carrington.

“In 2007 the family and community lost both these outstanding community members but their legacy lives in their own children, grandchildren and countless youth they have helped along the way.”

The Tiny tots are comprised of youngsters from preschool

age through second grade. They played their first game at Omak, Dec. 8, followed by Nespelem on Dec. 15. The final game of the season will be played at Okanogan on Saturday, Jan. 5.

It takes a while to cycle 13 teams through a day of competition. Games began at 8 a.m. at the BBGC last Saturday morning and continued through 6:30 p.m.

Raffle items were provided by Brewster Drug store, Sweet T’s and Slidewaters.

Carrington expressed her thanks to all who helped set up the tournament, volunteered to help referee, run concessions and run the clock.

Bears split SunDome Shootout games between Toutle Lake, King’s Way

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

YAKIMA – The Brewster High School varsity basketball team took its league-leading 5-1 record on the road for the holidays to try it on 27 non-league opponents at the 2018 SunDome Shootout Invitational Basketball Tournament last Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27-28.

The Bears made good account of themselves, defeating Toutle Lake of the 2B Central League by a commanding 66-44 score on Thursday, and losing a nail-biting overtime 60-57 loss on Friday to King’s Way Christian of the 1A Trico League.

After taking a 2-0 tip-off lead, the Ducks could only

muster four additional points through the first quarter as it was all Bears, 21-6 at the end of the first quarter. Brewster increased its lead by two points, 36-19 at halftime.

Toutle Lake gained some ground in the third quarter, narrowing the gap to five points before the Bears pulled away, 48-34 at the end of the third.

Bears scoring
Joe Taylor: 19
Cade Gebbers: 12
Isaac Baker: 9
Corey Jarrell: 9
Kade Kelpman: 8
Conner Ashworth: 3
Logan McGuire: 2
Ricky Vazquez: 2
King’s Way wins
The Bears had their hands

full with the Knights from Vancouver on Friday. A report on Brewster Sports Facebook had Brewster with a narrow three-point, 28-25 lead at halftime that ended with a 50-point tie at the end of regulation play. The Bears built a seven-point lead in the overtime period but were unable to hold off a King’s Way rally that gave the Knights the 60-57 win.

Brewster will be on the road at Manson on Thursday, Jan. 3, and will host Bridgeport on Saturday, Jan. 5, with the Lady Bears game at 6 p.m. and the Bears at 7:30 p.m. The following Tuesday, Jan. 8, will find Brewster at Waterville playing the Waterville-Mansfield Shockers.

MILLER

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with the Bears that is now well into three decades. He took over the head coaching position with the softball team in 1987, and after two short years led the Lady Bears to their first league championship. The following year they were district champs and a state participant.

Miller was familiar with softball both as a player himself and AAU coach. As the team moved into fast-pitch Miller attended clinics and drew on the experience coaches like Sue Enquist of UCLA, Mike Candrea of Arizona, and Teresa Wilson from the University of Washington.

“My dad was actually a fastpitch pitcher, so I picked up a little bit of that stuff when I was younger,” said

Miller. “My dad got the chance to play against Eddie Feighner in San Diego when he was with the Navy.”

Feighner from Walla Walla billed himself as the King and His Court when he and four other players barnstormed the U.S. on fast-pitch exhibitions. At his peak Feighner was clocked throwing the fastest pitch ever, 104 mph, and was considered all but unhittable.

Miller said his father “actually got a hit off Feighner,” one of few to do so.

Miller’s influence runs deep in the softball crowd among locals who grew up here.

“I’ve had a lot of kids play who are now adults and I’ve got their kids who have played for me, too,” said Miller who coached his own daughters, Sarah, and Kaitlin, from 2006-2008. “It’s a hard sport to give up.”

A replacement has yet to be named to fill Miller’s vacancy next spring.

Asked how Brewster High School manages to turn out solid teams and gifted athletes year after year, Miller

Coach Rick Millers Miller took the Brewster girls to 16 state appearances with two, fourth-place trophies, 13 league championships, and 10 district championships. Out of 763 total games from 1987 through 2018, the Lady Bears won 472 and lost 291 for a near-62-percent winning average.

See his 1987 to 2018 yearly record of wins, losses and championships at www.qcerald.com

said “I think a lot of that is the time and effort parents put in prior to them getting to junior high and high school.”

Miller said that by the time his kids were second and third graders “we were always play-

ing AAU tournaments and were gone every weekend.” He said that is true of many parents of local athletes.

Miller’s wife, Cindy, graduated Brewster in 1983. They met in the late 80’s and will be married 30 years next March. Miller said that when the couple discussed his retirement from softball coaching, they discovered there may be some adjustment needed with the home schedule.

“You realize, we’ve never had a spring together,” Cindy reminded him.

The Millers live in Malott where future spring plans call for loading up the horses and riding the nearby hills. As Miller said in the closing sentence of his resignation letter to Austin: “It’s time to head home after work and sit on the tractor.”



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Hiring a Photographer

For as much planning as goes into them, your actual wedding day will probably pass in a blur. So it's important to choose the right photographer to preserve memories for you to look back on. Keep reading for tips on choosing just the right photographer to preserve your special day.

Do

Ask for a portfolio. A photographer's portfolio showcases their best work. Ask to see a complete wedding set to get a better idea of how the photographer operates. Look for uniform quality in the shots and see that the photographer's style matches your own.

Come armed with questions. Typical questions should include if the photographer shoots digitally or with film, if they charge extra for travel or parking, and if there will be a written agreement for your events. Hint: There should be.

Scour that quote. Be on the lookout for extras that you don't need, like extra prints or a CD copy of your album. Don't be afraid to ask to sub those items out for things you would like, such as a parents album or personalized thank-you cards.

Don't

Take the cheap route. A professional wedding photographer costs money. Don't ever rely on Cousin Ed to take professional-grade shots (unless, of course, he is a professional wedding photographer. Then, if he offers, go ahead.). That said, go over your contract carefully to make sure your expectations and your photographer's talents align.

Overlook venue rules. It may sound silly to you, but venues usually have those rules for a very good reason. Sure, just one little wedding full of flashes won't hurt the priceless artifacts behind your church's altar, but think of a whole season's worth of flashes, several times every Saturday.

Prioritize product. Pay for the photographer, not the goods, says the International Society of Professional Wedding Photographers. Who cares if you have giant canvas prints of your big day if you can't stand to look at them?



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Going Big

Spring's biggest wedding trend is just that — big. Gone are the dainty, delicate touches of seasons past and in are big blooms, big bows and bold colors, says Harper's Bazaar.

Here are a few ways to take your spring ceremony to the next level.

Blooming Dresses

Designers are opting for big flowers, but not in the bouquet. Instead, look for posies as part of the gown itself. Rich embroideries, plush appliques and as breathtaking accents were all spotted on designer runways. Remember, though, if you've got a giant geranium on your hemline to keep the flora toned down elsewhere.

Tone Up

Also spied on the catwalk: More bridal options than ivory or white. Perennial favorite designer Vera Wang showcased gowns in nude, violet and even bright red. Brides magazine says other designers turned their palettes purple and sent out a variety of pale lavender pieces.

Glitz and Glam

New gowns also offered up lots of dazzle in edgy metallic silhouettes. Also on trend: cascades of feathers, roaring ruffles and oversized bows. Again, with bold styling, remember to keep the rest of your ensemble simple to avoid looking too over the top.

A Variety of Shapes

Wedding dresses aren't just waist-cinchers anymore. Try on a new shape like a swingy, flowy trapeze or a gown with an empire waist. These dresses are often easier to wear and require fewer layers than your more traditional gown. Ask your bridal shop to point you to a unique waist and length to flatter your shape.



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Trends in Wedding Rings

This year's engagement rings go way beyond the classic sparkler. Here are a few of the top engagement ring trends from the folks at InStyle.



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Twice as Nice, Bands and Stones

If one giant diamond is good, two must be better. For the chicest of rocks, put two stones on one single band. Or, keep the single stone and choose a ring with a double band, lined in diamonds or not, your choice.

Gem Dandy

More couples are ditching the traditional diamond for colored gemstones like sapphires, rubies and emeralds. Making the switch may get you a bigger stone for your money and speak to a bride that makes her own lane.

Put A Halo On It

Halo effect rings have smaller diamonds ringing the center stone, often making it look larger than it is. Work with your jeweler to find the perfect diamond to accent this unique setting.

Pure Pear

This year's hottest diamond shape is the pear. A pear diamond, the Gemological Institute of America says, consists of the head (the bottom), the shoulder (where it starts to move toward the point), the belly (the middle), the wing (as the diamond tapers) and the point. GIA says the perfect pear has gently rounded shoulders and wings. Wings should form attractive arches so that the stone doesn't look too narrow or too short.



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Maximize your Flower Budget

Next to your dress, flowers are perhaps the most visible part of your wedding. According to Brides magazine, you should be budgeting around \$3,000 for your big day’s blossoms. For that kind of money, you need to be careful who (and what) you pick. Here are some tips saving some green on your wedding flowers.

Think Seasonal
Ask your florist to work with seasonal foliage to not only give your wedding a sense of time and place but also to save on your budget. If you just have to have that special, costly flower, go for it, but ask the florist to keep it minimal and mix in other, less expensive blossoms.

Pump Up the Volume
Go for flowers with large, showy blooms instead of lots of smaller stems. Florists may also opt to mix in structural pieces like branches to make arrangements look fuller. Give the florist their head, but also reiterate that you’re on a budget.

Go Big, But Just Once
If your heart says flowers everywhere on every surface but your wallet says bud vase, see

if your florist can make one big show-stopping arrangement and deploy it effectively. Place this bad boy in one key area and opt for smaller, less-expensive arrangements elsewhere.

Reuse
Have the florist recycle ceremony flowers at the reception. And, when possible, use the venue’s own natural beauty to accentuate the blooms. Use lighting or other decor to add some umph to what you can afford, and guests won’t notice what’s not there.

Get Creative
Instead of giant floral centerpieces on tables, mix in smaller arrangements with things like personal keepsakes, pictures, candles or other items for a cozy, intimate feel. Consider using plants, too, instead of cut flowers for a savings.



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Catering on a Budget

The source of many a bridal headache, catering and menus may make up a huge chunk of your wedding budget. Ask these questions to pull off a stunning smorgasboard while staying within your budget.

Are you licensed?
This means your caterer hasn’t run afoul of your state’s department of health (not today, ptomaine) and also carries insurance. If the caterer is also providing bar service, make sure they’ve provided for your state and venue’s rules about alcohol.

Do you have references?
Talk to at least two references, preferably those that have had a similar style wedding or a similar number of guests. Ask particularly what it’s like to work with the caterer and what their personality is like.

What kinds of cuisine do you specialize in?
It should go without saying, but don’t hire someone who is known for their traditional American fare to lay out a sushi spread. If you’ve always dreamed of having a certain

cuisine at your wedding, go for a caterer that specializes in that.

Is the meal full service?
This means the caterer will attend to table settings, drinks and cleanup. If it’s not, be prepared to hire more staff and arrange for these things on your own.

Is there an additional fee for special requests?
Someone there is going to be gluten-free or vegan or require other special meals. Ask the caterer if they can do that and, if so, if there’s an extra charge. Make sure to leave room in your budget.

Can I see serveware, table settings, linens, salt and pepper shakers, etc.?
If your caterer offers these services, make sure to lay eyes on them before

the big day. That way you can be sure the plates and tongs are up to your standards. If the caterer doesn’t bring these things, you’ll need to know so you can leave room in the budget for rental, either from your venue or a separate company.



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On Trend: How Sweet it Is

Nothing has more potential for complications on your wedding day than the towering cake at the end of the reception hall. They make entire TV shows about building (and moving) what may be the largest cake you’ll ever have to buy. Make your wedding shine and stay on the cutting edge with these cake trends.

Going Up

Towering cakes are hot right now, says American Cake Decorating, and brides are soaring past two- and three-tier cakes for eight- or nine-tiers of sugared bliss. These cakes come with serious logistics issues, though. Make sure your baker is comfortable making (and moving! Did we mention moving?!) such a tall cake, and that your venue will make this as easy as possible. Read: Please don’t make anyone bring a nine-tier cake up five flights of stairs.

Color is White Hot

Gone are pale pastels and blinding white icings. In are deep, moody colors and shining metallics. Look for ways to add shine with edible pearls and dramatic, elegant frosting colors. If you’re going bold, balance it out with a simple, elegant cake shape and style. There can be too much of a good thing.

Get Naked

Not like that. Naked cakes are the hottest of hot trends and feature cakes with little to no frosting and exposed



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edges and sides Ask your baker to use buttercream for this application, which is a tad more heat friendly than that heaps and swirls of frosting. Naked cakes also allow for the flavor of cakes and fillings to shine through. Make sure your baker makes an A+ cake and also take the opportunity to have fun with your filling.

Small World

If big isn’t your thing, cut out the cake and go for a small dessert table filled with the couple’s favorite treats. Pies? Yup. Cookies? There. Fresh berries and cream? By the spoonful. This presentation offers up lots of variety and also makes for a heartwarmingly personal reception.

On Trend: Jump In

The wedding jumpsuit is officially a thing for 2019. If you’re a bride who bucks tradition and loves a good tailored trouser over puffy layers of tulle, you’re in luck this season. Designers at all budget levels are jumping on board with a jumpsuit for every taste and style.

Traditional

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Not too many readers are left that can remember WWII or Korea, but I still want to spread the breaking news to those that have been sleeping, guess what - we are still in Japan, Korea, Italy, Germany, Spain, England, etc.

So why are so many anti-military liberals and hawkish conservatives complaining about President Donald Trump pulling out of Syria?

We should not still be in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, etc., but we are.

If Trump doesn't get us out now, the generals would keep us in Syria for the next 50 or more years. That's correct.

World War II ended over 70 years ago, but we are still protecting and using these countries as "allies" whether they like it or not (read "forward American bases").

Call me an isolationist, but too much of our tax money and human treasure is being wasted while these countries prosper. The modern world

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It is 100% natural for military folks to want to keep their star in the ascendency at all times. Thus when Trump announced a sudden withdrawal from Syria, it's only 2,000 men, the extreme right went nuts.

I'd like the American people to see how easy military intervention escalates, almost organically. Look at Vietnam, it started with a small group of advisors and a ridiculous foreign policy. It is unrealistic to think we could be the world's policemen.

Yet, many Americans think it is just fine to be in Afghanistan for the last 17 years. Only the extreme outsider, Donald Trump, has had the guts to buck the system and, I paraphrase "get us the hell outta there" (Saving Private Ryan).

He hid in plain sight and didn't get put in Vietnam, but yet he is taking our folks "outta there" and that is the most blessed way to celebrate the holy season. We need less troops around the world and not more.

He is even contemplating getting out of Afghanistan, cutting the number of troops in half.

If he didn't do this, future leaders would eventually

end up with a permanent detachment in Syria, perhaps a division of 20,000 troops, without too much complaint from Congress because one should never argue with the generals.

Afghanistan will eventually morph into another Korea, where we never leave.

The generals will invariably invoke the spectres of all wars past. It is a time proven strategy, meant to scare the beejeebers outta the public and foster a feeling of patriotism in many others.

Make love not war.

We need these kids at home going to college, working farms, fixing cars, engineering bridges, manning the factories (they're getting scarcer), becoming teachers, garbagemen and bakers.

Yes, a few of them will commit crimes, go on welfare or fail in their chosen careers, but we owe it to them and future generations to give them better choices than "a call to arms."

IRS launches Instagram account to help taxpayers

Agency adds social media platform to reach more taxpayers

WASHINGTON — As part of a larger mission of helping all taxpayers understand and meet their tax responsibilities, the Internal Revenue Service announced today its debut on Instagram, adding this platform to its social media portfolio.

The IRSNews account [instagram.com/irsnews](https://www.instagram.com/irsnews) will provide taxpayers the latest information on a variety of topics as taxpayers face numerous tax law changes for the upcoming 2019 filing season related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The IRS Instagram account will share taxpayer-friendly information to help people Get Ready for the upcoming tax season. And it will provide the latest tax scam information to help support the Security Summit initiative, a joint effort between the IRS, states and the nation's tax industry to combat tax-related identity theft.

"The addition of Instagram is another step for the IRS to share information more widely and reach additional taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "This platform will help make people aware of important options they have during the upcoming filing

season as well as other tax information they might not be aware. The IRS will continue to work with and help taxpayers in as many ways possible."

Research shows that more than 70 percent of U.S. young adults between 18 and 24 are active on Instagram. The IRS plans to use Instagram to better serve this segment of the population, sharing content on tax topics that affect all taxpayers.

The IRS Instagram account will also periodically share information in Spanish and other languages. @IRSNews will also work in conjunction with IRS.gov and other existing agency social media options.

Other social media platforms offering official IRS information include:

- YouTube. The IRS offers video tax tips in English, Spanish or American Sign Language.
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- LinkedIn. The IRS shares agency updates and job opportunities.

The IRS social media effort

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