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# **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

BRIDGEPORT - After 68 years in existence, Bridgeport Post 218 of the American Legion has announced that the chap ter will close its doors this year.

The pending closure was confirmed by Adjutant Sherilyn 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 Interscholastic Activities Asso  $(M/I\Delta\Delta)$  eta LEAP Committee, LEAP for Leadership through Education Activities and Personal Development, is comprised of eight seniors and seven juniors representing the WIAA's classi-

4A, and nine districts Bridgeport High School senior Ana Trejo is one among 17 committee members representing morel than 225,000 student participants in the state.

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Photo by Mike Maltais

Armed with water blasters, members of the Brewster Boys and Girls Club were hard to ianore.

## **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

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 du-



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

#### 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 under way 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 okanogancountyre



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

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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

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

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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 succes-

sor 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 wellrounded 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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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

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."



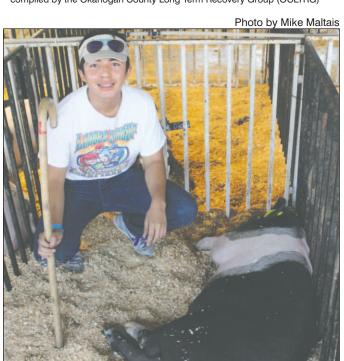
A folding panel showing wildfire photos is part of the Smoke and Reflections display that will be featured at The Pioneer Project in the Commercial Building at the Okanogan County Fair, Sept. 6-9.

#### 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

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 ioneer 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 Group (OCLTRG)



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**

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 write

BREWSTER - The Brewster Boys and Girls Club (BBGC) is seeking a new director following the departure of Brian Paine last week. BBGC staffer Heather Carrington is acting as interim director while the search begins for a new replace-

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

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.

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

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,

## Property designated commercial Brewster zoning code change interferes with residential sale

By Mike Maltais. Staff write

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 N. 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

'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

#### 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

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

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

## **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

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**

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

#### 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 fam-

ily 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

Samantha Himmelhaver undergoing surgery at University of Washington Hospital in Seattle. "The surgeon removed a 12-centimeter tumor, about the size of a Nerf football," said

## **Brewster XC** makes All League

Samantha's mother, Judy Himmelhaver.

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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.



Photo courtesy of Facebook

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 Stam 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 Marti-

#### 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 Giovani 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 Boute 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 civicminded, 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** 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 HI (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 nonconforming 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

#### 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

## 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

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

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

is too small to permit any kind of residential development.