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2018 A YEAR IN REVIEW

Did not file, did not run Citizen caught in election snafu advises awareness at filing time

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer BREWSTER - There's an old joke about the man who said he checked the newspapers' obituary section every morning, and if he did not see his name there, he proceeded to make breakfast.



Clark Cooper

The same caution might be applied to checking the list of nominees filing for elective office to verify that your name is not among them, particularly if you did not file for any office.

What would you do if you found your name placed into nomination on an election ballot for an office you neither sought, filed for, nor granted permission for another to file on your behalf?

Even more problematic, what if you won?

Brewster resident Clark Cooper can testify from experience that such an event did happen to him in last November's General Election and that the ensuing consequences were both unexpected and unpleasant.

Residence lost, lives spared Fire destroys Bridgeport Bar home, injured transported to Harborview



Photos by Mike Maltais

Smoke was still rising last Monday from the charred remains of this residence on Dow Lane at 474 Highway 173, after fire destroyed the home of Pat McFadden, Tara Martin and son, Tommy Martin. The burned-out shells of two vehicles parked in the attached carport can be seen at left.

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer BRIDGEPORT BAR - An early morning house fire last Friday, Jan. 5, at 474 Highway 173 on Dow Lane destroyed a home and sent two members of a Bridgeport family to Seattle's Harborview Hospital for treatment of burns. Bridgeport residents Pat McFadden, Tara Martin and her nine-year-old son Tommy Martin suffered burns while escaping the inferno that consumed their two-story wood-frame home and two vehicles in the attached carport.

Burn victims in Harborview McFadden, Martin conditions remain unchanged

By Mike Maltais Staff Writer

BRIDGEPORT - The latest update last Tuesday, Jan. 16, from Harborview Medical Center in Seattle on the condition of burn victims Pat McFadden and Tommy Martin advised that McFadden remains in serious condition in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Martin is in satisfactory condition.



Pat McFadden

Tree carvings debuted for Brewster council members

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer BREWSTER - City Council members got their first look at photos of the two new tree carvings in Columbia Cove Park during their regular meeting last Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Master tree carver Jacob Lucas from Bonney Lake, Wash, whose chainsaw handiwork can be seen most prominently along Foster creek Avenue leading into downtown Bridgeport and to a lesser degree around Chelan, completed the project just days prior to the council's first meeting of 2018.

Former greets gather for second annual Brewster Alumni game

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

BREWSTER - It was a full day of basketball at Champions Gym at Brewster High School last Saturday, Jan. 13, as more than two dozen former Bears varsity basketball players gathered for the second annual Bear Backers Alumni Basketball Game in between AAU and high school games.

Much was done; more to do Long Term Recovery Group recaps three years of fire recovery work

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

PATEROS - Three years of rebuilding, fundraising and recovery efforts following the state's two worst wildfire disasters formed the centerpiece of a presentation by the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) at the Church of Christ in Pateros last Friday, Jan. 19.



Barry Hansen

Pateros Mayor and OCLTRG Executive Director Carlene Anders served as Master of Ceremonies for the comprehensive 90-minute review of what the team volunteers, businesses and donors have accomplished since the 2014 Carlton Complex and the 2015

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Low fives ...

Senior guard Joe Taylor exchanges low fives with some young fans during player introductions at last Thursday's game against Lake Roosevelt.

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Photo by Mike Maltais



Landowner requests resolution

Bridgeport Council votes to resolve Atomic Way impasse

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

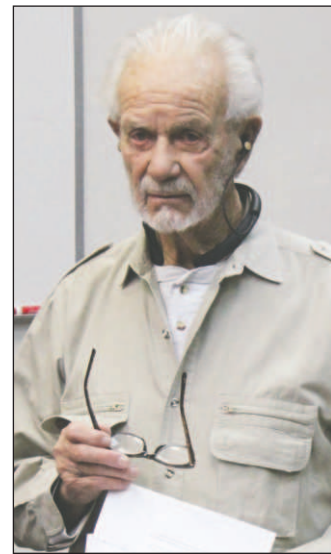
BRIDGEPORT - By unanimous vote, Wednesday, Dec. 19, the city council agreed to push ahead with actions that could lead to a resolution of the current impasse over a productive use of Atomic Way. The small parcel of land on the north side of Columbia Boulevard near 22nd Street includes an access to the 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. As it currently sits, access to Atomic Way is limited and a line of boulders along the north side of Columbia serve as a makeshift barrier to prevent vehicles from leaving the roadway and falling into a large depression adjacent to the boulevard.

In a prepared statement he read to council members at their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 19, Wright reviewed some earlier history of the site including previous unsuccessful attempts by interested investors to develop property there.

In previous council meet-



Bridgeport resident Scott Wright owns property abutting Atomic Way.

ings Wright asked that the city vacate Atomic Way as a means of eliminating a city liability and creating a potentially buildable site for a residence. In his prepared statement, Wright quoted a portion of a letter concerning Atomic Way, written by Public Works Superintendent Stuart Dezellem.

In the letter dated last November 14, Dezellem wrote: "In light of new information vacating or surplusing Airport Way should not have an impact on the future of the river for recreational purposes."

Wright added that Atomic Way abuts two of his parcels

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Accepts TIB street grant

Pateros council approves Well 4 Pump Station call for bids

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - City council members at their regular monthly meeting, Monday, Dec. 17, voted to authorize the city engineer to proceed with a call for bids for construction of the downtown Well 4

Pump Station. Ben Varela of Varela Associates in Spokane updated council members with a 25-page summary of the design and construction documents and said that 90 percent of that phase is complete.

Varela said his team has a goal to pull all the final structural, landscape, elements of

the project together by January 13, 2019.

"There's a lot of stuff we still have to coordinate," said Varela of the final fine-tuning. "The last 10 percent takes 90 percent of the effort."

Varela said that while he is awaiting final figures from his structural, landscape and

electrical teams he estimated that the total cost of the project will range from \$1.5 to \$1.8 million dollars. He noted that the price tag is higher than originally expected but that his company allowed for that contingency.

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New Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris updates city council

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - Newly elected Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris made his first appearance at the Bridgeport City Council since his election last November. Morris brought council members up to date on the current status

of the DCSO and requests made to the Douglas County Commissioners for additional resources.

Bridgeport resident Deb Dezellem spoke during the council's public comment period and expressed her concerns over public safety following an encounter with an intruder on the porch of

her residence.

"I want to feel safe when I go to work. I want to feel safe when I come home, and I don't anymore," Dezellem said.

Morris said a deputy responded to Dezellem's 911 call in 30 minutes according to dispatch records. Morris said he considers that a respectable allowance considering

the deputies assigned to the north county must cover 700 square miles. Morris said that since he has been with the county in 2000 he has seen the number of north end deputies increase from a sergeant, two deputies and one part timer to a sergeant, six deputies and a

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Okanogan Complex wildfires burned more than half a million acres and hundreds of homes. Included in the discussion were reports from disaster case manager (DCM) and Volunteer Coordinator (VC) Lead Renae Haug, VC Aimee Bannwarth, DCM Lead Jessica Rounds, and Reconstruction Project Manager Barry Hansen.

**Low visibility and icy roads notwithstanding
Snowmobilers in scores gather for Mansfield
Sportsman Poker Run**

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

MANSFIELD – A day unfit for man or beast was weather made to order for a group of hardy snowmobilers who found their way to the Mansfield Sportsman Club for the annual Poker Run last Saturday, Jan. 27.

Jess Auto, Ford Motor Company donate \$1,700



Photo courtesy of Brewster Boys and Girls Club Brewster Boys and Girls Club Director Brian Paine, left, accepts a check from Cody and Cassidy Jess of Jess Auto during last year's Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday season. Jess Auto, in conjunction with the Ford Motor Company, presented the \$1,700 donation to the BBGC as part of the Ford Focus on Hunger Campaign that helps provide healthy meals and snacks for youngsters and their families during the holidays.

No. 1 Billygoats and No. 2 Nannies headed to District playoffs

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

PATEROS – The league-leading Billygoats varsity boys' basketball team had little trouble handling a visiting Cascade Christian Academy team, 58-37, last Monday night, Feb. 5, while the Nannies almost kept the CCA girls in single digits with a 45-11 win.

First in the Western U.S.

Loup Loup Ski debuts natural luge on Bear Mountain

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

OKANOGAN COUNTY – The Loup Loup Ski Bowl has debuted a new twist to its miles of lightly used groomed Nordic trails with the introduction this season of natural luge sledding.

First since 2013

Pateros Billygoats claim CW1B League Championship

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer



Photos by Mike Maltais

Ethan Wall, left, fights for a rebound against a pair of Lions.

PATEROS – The Billygoats varsity basketball team locked up the Central Washington 1B League Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 6, with a 48-41 home win over Moses Lake Christian Academy (MCLA). The victory set the stage for No. 1 Pateros to host No. 4 Entiat in the opening round of CW1B District competition on Tuesday, Feb. 13. At the same time, No. 2 Riverside Christian hosted MLCA. Both were loser-out games with the winners advancing to the championship final at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, at Eastmont Junior High School in Wenatchee.

Pateros voters approve replacement four-year school levy

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

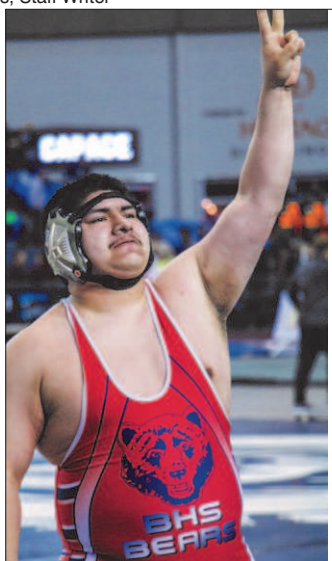
PATEROS – By a margin of almost 10 percent, Pateros voters approved the four-year Educational Programs and Operation Levy (EP&O) for the Pateros School District in the Feb. 13 Special Election.

Entered tournament as No. 1

Garcia wins state heavyweight wrestling championship

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

TACOMA – Brewster varsity heavyweight wrestler and state veteran Alex Garcia required three matches to claim the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Mat Classic XXX first-place medal in the 285-pound bracket at the Tacoma Dome last Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17. Garcia saved his most dominating performance for the championship round where he held his Rearadan rival scoreless in a 13-0 shutout that left little doubt over who controlled the heavyweight division this year.



QCH file photo
RIGHT: The Bears' No. 1 ranked state heavyweight wrestler, Alex Garcia gives the Tacoma dome crowd the V for Victory sign after winning the 285-pound division at Mat Classic XXX.



Photo courtesy of Brewster School District

The entire student body turned out for the presentation of 2017 School of Distinction awards to both Brewster High School and Brewster Middle School by representatives of the Center of Educational Effectiveness last Tuesday. It was the third time the high school has received the award in the past five years and the first time the middle school has been so honored.

On to Regionals

Billygoats capture District basketball crown

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

PATEROS – The Billygoats varsity basketball are district champions of the Central Washington B 1B following victories over Entiat, 57-24, at home, Tuesday, Feb. 13, and Riverside Christian, 58-45, at Eastmont last Saturday, Feb. 15.

Nuisance dogs, nuisance cars lead Bridgeport City Council issues

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

BRIDGEPORT – Loose, unlicensed dogs and nuisance vehicles were among topics addressed by the Bridgeport City Council at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Feb. 21, as city officials continue to pursue solutions to two of Bridgeport's primary community livability issues.

Brewster schools presented with School of Distinction awards

Photo courtesy of Brewster School District

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Mustangs win Sportsmanship honors

Taylor named Player of Year on CWB All-League roster



Photo by Mike Maltais

Brewster junior guard Joe Taylor, center, shown here between two Waterville-Mansfield defenders, was named the Central Washington 2B League's Player of the Year.

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

BREWSTER – Bears junior guard Joe Taylor was named Player of the Year for the Central Washington 2B 2017-18 basketball season as All-League players were announced following a meeting of coaches on Feb. 12.

Miller, Garcia, Clements named to CWB All-League First Team



Marliisa Garcia



Justine Clements



Maret Miller

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer
BREWSTER – Seniors Maret Miller and Marliisa Garcia of Brewster and Justine Clements of Waterville-Mansfield were among nine Quad City varsity girls' basketball players named to the Central

Washington 2B All-League basketball teams this season. The three guards made the all-senior First Team that also included players from Lake Roosevelt, Tonasket, and Liberty Bell.

**Widow fights for tougher sentencing
House Resolution honors life of Gary Knowlton**



Photo courtesy of Deana Knowlton

Deana Knowlton and daughter, Kari, stand before the steps of the Washington State House of Representatives holding a copy of House Resolution 2018-4660, adopted on Jan. 25 of this year honoring the life of Gary Knowlton (below).

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer
BREWSTER – On Jan. 25 this year, the state House of Representatives, in Resolution No. 2018-4660 sponsored by representatives Mike Steele (R-Chelan) and Cary Condotta (R-Wenatchee), honored the life of Brewster resident, teacher, coach and lifeguard Gary Knowlton, 50, who was killed by a drunk driver in July 2016.



**Pateros lands three on
CWB 1B All League basketball teams**

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

PATEROS – A pair of Pateros High School freshmen girls and a sophomore boy were named to this season's Central Washington B 1B All-League teams in a recent vote by coaches and athletic directors of the seven teams in the CWB 1B.

Awards luncheon March 15

Brewster Chamber lays plans for first annual Cherries Jubilee

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer

BREWSTER – The annual Awards Luncheon honoring the citizen and businesses of the year and the first annual Cherries Jubilee celebration were the major topics of discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday, March 7.

**Lady Bears bow out early
Brewster Bears take fourth in state basketball**



Photos courtesy of Brewster Sports Facebook

A happy Brewster Bears varsity basketball team hoists the fourth-place state trophy won at the state basketball championships in Spokane March 3.

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer
SPOKANE – The Brewster Bears parlayed a 16-0 league and 23-5 overall record into the fourth-place state championship trophy at the WIAA State Basketball Championships in Spokane, March 3.

New playground wins city council approval



Draft courtesy of Brewster City Council

This concept draft shows what the completed Brewster playground will look like viewed from the southwest across from the Brewster Boys and Girls Club.

By Mike Maltais, Staff Writer
BREWSTER – A new playground, that will be located in the field north of the

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