



Garcia brings home the gold



Photo by Erin Rossell

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 last weekend. See story and photos on page 6

Gunshots, burglary, trespass, DUI calls keep local law enforcement busy

COMPILED FROM REPORTS BY DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF HARVEY GJESDAL

BRIDGEPORT – A Douglas County deputy was on routine patrol at approximately 4 p.m., last Thursday, Feb. 15, when he stopped a vehicle on State Route 173, milepost two, for a traffic violation. The driver, 34-year-old Ivan Sanchez of Bridgeport, wanted on a warrant for residential burglary, was arrested and transported to the Okanogan County jail.

Last Friday, Feb. 16, at approximately 12:30 a.m., a Douglas County deputy on routine patrol observed a vehicle cross the centerline in the 1100 block of Sunset Highway. The vehicle jerked back into its own lane before the deputy activated emergency lights and pulled the vehicle to the side of the road. As the deputy approached the vehicle, the driver inadvertently popped

the trunk.

The female driver, a 26-year-old East Wenatchee resident, “smelled of alcohol and performed poorly in the field sobriety tests” according to a report written by Douglas County Sheriff Harvey Gjesdal. The driver was arrested and transported to the Chelan County jail.

Douglas County deputies and Brewster police responded to a report of gunshots in the 1200 block area of Douglas Avenue at approximately 8 a.m. last Sunday, Feb. 18. A deputy searching the area on foot heard a vehicle engine rev and waved down the driver, 29-year-old Francisco Lorenzано-Basurto of Bridgeport.

The deputy spotted a 9mm Smith and Wesson, with slide locked back and magazine empty, lying on the seat. The serial number on the weapon had been altered.

Lorenzано-Basurto, who

was also found to be driving under the influence, was placed under arrest and a second empty magazine was found in his coat pocket. The suspect told the deputy that the firearm was not his but could not recall the name of its owner. Lorenzано-Basurto was booked into the Okanogan County jail for DUI and the case referred to the county prosecutor for possible of weapons charges.

Later that same day at approximately 1 p.m., Douglas County deputies responded to a trespass report at a Bridgeport apartment complex at the 1200 block of Fairview Avenue. Deputies were directed to a tenant laundry room where they found a ladder leading to a crawl space.

After hearing voices coming from the crawl space, deputies ordered the non-tenant trespassers to come out. Deputies

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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.

Results from the Okanogan County Auditor’s Office showed 197 votes or 59.34 percent in favor of the measure and 135 or 40.66 percent opposed as of Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 20. The counted ballots are among the 332 returned out of 796

total ballots.

The EP&O Levy, while under a different title, is a replacement of the previous four-year operations levy that expires at the end of this year. The \$2.656 million measure will give the district \$664,000 per year from 2019-2022 at the \$2.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or \$295 per \$100,000 property value.

The levy approval will also give Pateros School District access to some \$130,000 to \$250,000 of state funds next year.

The election results will be certified on Friday, Feb. 23.



Photo courtesy of Garth Donald

Waterdog performed at Stormy Mountain Brewing in downtown Chelan last Saturday in a fundraiser for the Pat McFadden family of Bridgeport who lost their home in a house fire in early January. Pictured from left are Shaggy Freeman, guitar, Cathy Morehead, vocals, an unidentified audience member helping belt out “Louie, Louie”, Denny Gilfillan on bass in the background, and Steve Barone, guitar. Not pictured but also playing are Cary Ordway on keyboard and Greg Wright on drums.

Stormy Mountain Brewing, Waterdog hold McFadden benefit

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Stormy Mountain Brewing was rockin’ last Saturday as the barbecue restaurant and local ale vendor teamed up with popular Wenatchee band, Waterdog, in a fundraiser for a Bridgeport family recently struck by tragedy.

The musical benefit raised funds and donations for the family of Pat McFadden, Taralee Martin and eight-year-old Tommy Martin who lost their Bridgeport Bar home to a house fire on Jan. 5. McFadden and young Martin suffered serious burns while escaping the flames and underwent treatment at Harborview Hospital in Seattle. Tommy Martin has since been released and McFadden is for release as early as the weekend of Feb. 24-25.

Garth Donald, one of

Stormy Mountain’s owners, estimates the fundraiser cleared about \$2,000 for the McFadden family.

Waterdog spokesperson Cathy Morehead said that included in the donations was a room full of furniture from the Senior Center and \$200 from Habitat for Humanity. Stormy Mountain Brewing and Local Myth Pizza kicked in matching contributions of \$300. Morehead said Chelan Valley Hope (CVH) will tally up the final results and cut a check for the proceeds.

Stormy Mountain Brewing is in its third year of business and as part of its community outreach is trying to host monthly benefit events. Donald said he regularly confers with Morehead about which cause to spotlight next.

“We focus on kids and family,” said Morehead, a CVH case manager for the homeless.

The partnership has produced three benefits so far. The first was for a local couple who sustained losses in Hurricane Harvey on the Texas Gulf Coast last August; the second was for CVH; the third for the McFadden family.

“I’m very proud of the guys in the band for doing this,” said Morehead who cited the musical group’s volunteerism.

Waterdog has been performing together since about 2005 and includes Morehead on vocals, Greg Wright on drums, Denny Gilfillan on bass, Shaggy Freeman and Steve Barone on guitar, and Cary Ordway on keyboard.

The group will be back at Stormy Mountain on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, and at the Apple Blossom Festival, April 30. As it has

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PUD impersonators promoting financial phone scam

By MIKE MALTAIS
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BRIDGEPORT— Douglas County Public Utility District (PUD) customers have filed multiple reports with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office concerning bogus phone calls from persons claiming to represent the PUD and requesting payment for overdue account balances.

The Sheriff's Office has

confirmed with the PUD that the calls are not legitimate and that it is not standard PUD practice to request sensitive financial information from customers over the phone.

PUD customers who receive a similar call or any call considered suspicious in nature are cautioned not to disclose personal financial information. Suspicious calls should be reported to law enforcement at (509)663-9911.

Other upcoming fundraisers for the McFadden family include a spaghetti feed from 3-5 p.m. Sat. Feb. 24, at the American Legion Columbia Post 97, and a dinner and silent auction from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Bridgeport High School. Donations can also be made to the McFadden Account (122707) at Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union.

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done for the past nine years, Waterdog will perform at the Woodstock Anniversary concern Aug. 25, to benefit CVN.

For more information and a Waterdog performance schedule visit its website at waterdogunleashed.com.

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Omak Chamber's 2016 Citizen of the Year

Kim Brender celebrates 35 years with Wells Fargo Bank

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

When a business says that its employees make the difference, there is no finer example to back up that statement than Kim Brender, the Service Manager of Omak's Wells Fargo Bank. Brender recently celebrated her 35th year as a member of the Wells Fargo team and during that time has become the familiar face of reassurance for many bank customers.

Brender has been an Okanogan resident since she was three years old, and her parents, Levi and Sally Toulouse still live there. She graduated Okanogan High School and attended Kinman Business University in Spokane where she studied to be a legal secretary.

Brender began her banking career in 1982 with State Mutual Savings Bank. State was purchased by United Bank in 1984 and United was acquired by InterWest of Oak Harbor in 1985. Brender started as a teller, worked up to New Accounts and was promoted to Operations Manager in 1990. That remains her current role with the new title of Service Manager.

InterWest merged with North Central Washington Bank in 1996 which in 2000 changed its name to Pacific Northwest Bank and then to Wells Fargo in 2004.

Husband, Jeff, is a retired banker and more recently retired as the manager of the North Central Washington Business Fund. Daughter Nicole Tribou, 33, is a ParaPro at North Omak Elementary School. Younger daughter, Jordan, 26, is a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CAN) at three Rivers Hospital in Brewster. Stepson Nick Brender lives in Issaquah with his family and stepdaughter Kelsey live with her family in Bellingham.

Brender brings the same level of dedication and energy to a variety of community services. She is a member of the Omak High School Advisory Committee, a board member at Care Net Pregnancy Center, and on the finance Committee

of her church.

"My greatest passion is I am on the board of the St. Nicholas Christmas Program," said Brender who has served on the board since 1998. "It is 100 percent volunteer and 100 percent community donation."

St. Nicholas provides an outfit, toy and Christmas dinner for families that might otherwise go without during the holidays. The program gets its referrals from various entities and spends November and December shopping, wrapping and delivering the

In 2016 St. Nicholas served 106 families and more than 300 children, Brender said.

"It takes lots of passion and energy and although I am tired when it is done, I love it," said Brender. "I love seeing the looks of the children's faces when we bring the presents in."

Brender even turned a recent hobby into a community asset.

Two years ago, I learned to crochet," said Brender. "I have had fun making hats for people and for Head Start where my daughter used to work. I love to make them and give them away."

During her years in the baking industry Brender has witnessed some of the ups and downs in the national financial sector like the subprime mortgage crisis of 2007-09 and locally with the state's two largest wildfires in 2014-15.

"We did feel the crunch," said Brender of the financial meltdown. "There was not much building going on," said Brender adding that she was saddened to see some people lose their homes because of the structure of their loans.

"We had lots of customers from the Methow and Carlton area and Malott that lost their homes." Said Brender of the wildfires. "We were helping them with their in-

Photo courtesy of Kim Brender
Kim Brender, Service Manager for Wells Fargo Bank in Omak, recently celebrated 35 years with the institution.

urance check and helping them through with getting everything ready to rebuild as quickly as we could."

Brender was also stabilizing presence when Wells Fargo nationwide was hit with accusations of opening more than a million fake accounts last fall.

"We did have customers who came and asked questions," said Brender. "We reassured them we had not opened accounts they did not want or need."

Brender also explained the extra security and online measures the bank added to protect consumers.

"We had some account closures but not really as many as there could have been," said Brender whose long affiliation with the local branch helped reassure her

customers. "Growing up and serving customers in a community where you live is so important," said Brender. "You are always the face of Wells Fargo."

The high regard the Omak business community has for Brender was evident in her selection as the Chamber of Commerce 2016 Citizen of the Year.

"This one surprised me and humbled me," said Brender. "They talked about how long I had worked at the bank, cited my volunteerism. I felt very special."

As for future plans, Brender said that retirement is not on her radar right now.

"I really enjoy what I do and the people I work with, said Brender. "When you enjoy what you do it does not seem like work."

Brender does have one item on her bucket list, however, and that is "to go to Toulouse, France which is where my heritage is."

\$50,000 Endowment Grant Open to support one NCW nonprofit

SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NCW

WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW is now accepting applications for a \$50,000 Endowment Grant to support one nonprofit in Chelan, Douglas, or Okanogan county.

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"Part of our mission is to help strengthen nonprofit agencies in an effort to support strong, healthy communities," said Beth Stipe, the foundation's executive director. "An endowment is an important component to

securing long-term financial sustainability. The endowment grows over time through additional gifts and prudent investment through the foundation, which gives the organization the ability to continue their mission for generations to come."

Previous recipients include Methow Trails, Numerica Performing Arts Center, and the Children's Home Society of Weantchee.

The application is now open and is due on May 1, 2018. The award will be announced and disbursed in September.

For more information on eligibility requirements, guidelines, and to apply, visit www.cfncw.org.

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Seth Gross (yellow sweatshirt), 14, of Pateros, helped wait on customers and remove platters of crab shells from diners' tables.

BELOW: The Columbia Post 97 dining room was filled to the water line last Saturday, Feb. 17, during the first of two waves of diners. This group set to at 4:30 p.m. The second round was scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Waves of diners get crabby with each other at Legion feed

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The annual Columbia Post 97 American Legion Crab Feed drew so many crustacean lovers that the dining room ran two shifts to handle the waves of diners who purchased advance tickets for the high-demand dinner.

The Legion began selling limited tickets at \$35 per late last year to match the carrying capacity of its dining room and capped sales at 150 tickets that would accommodate two sessions of patrons, one in the late afternoon and the other in early evening. Last year 114 tickets were sold.

“We went through 660

pounds of Dungeness crab,” said Bill Shenyer, chairman of the Legion’s Executive Committee.

Before the event was over, the last crab had been consumed in what has become one of the more popular dining events of the season. The Post has hosted the crab feed for several years and Shenyer said the challenge is still to calculate the proper quantity to have on hand to meet the demand.

Last Friday, Feb. 16, Shenyer and fellow Legionnaire Roger Johnson jumped into Johnson’s three-quarter-ton, long-box pickup and headed to Ellensburg to meet their crab supplier. They returned with the delicacy cracked,

on ice and ready to consume. The load was transferred to the Post’s walk-in cooler and made ready for the next day’s crowd.

Students from Pateros High School volunteered again this year to help carry trays to the tables of diners and cart away the discards. Donation jugs at each table collected proceeds that went back to the school when it was all over.

“We about break even,” said Shenyer of expenses and profits from the popular event. “We do this for the community.”

Shenyer did say that the ticket price may increase a bit next year to keep pace with the rising price of Dungeness crab.



DEATH NOTICES

Robert A. Hemmert

Robert A. Hemmert, 83, of Bridgeport, Wash., died Feb. 15, 2018 in Brewster, Wash.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Barnes Chapel of Brewster is entrusted with services.

John “Jack” H. Kirk

John “Jack” H. Kirk, 92, of Brewster, Wash., passed away on Feb. 10, 2018.

Services will be held Monday, March 5, 11 a.m. at Barnes Chapel in Brewster, followed by interment Locust Grove Cemetery in Brewster.

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Community Action Council to meet

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Feb. 28

Bingo Wednesday

BRIDGEPORT - Bridgeport Eagles hosts bingo every Wednesday. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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Cancer Support Groups

CHELAN - The Women’s Wellness Group, cancer support group, has 2 support groups. The second Tuesday of each month for lunch, with lunch provided by the Wenatchee Wellness Place, at the Lake Chelan Community Hospital Board Room at 11:45 a.m.; and the fourth Wednesday of each month at LaBrisa at 5 p.m. For information, contact Anne at 682-8718.

Feb. 23

School retiree’s to meet

Okanogan County School Retirees’ Association meets at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 23 for a general meeting and no-host luncheon at Koala Street Grill, 914 Koala St., Omak. Okanogan High School Business Teacher, Zach Spaet, will explain the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program. Information: Jennie Hedington, (509) 422-2954.

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Story Time at library

Friday, Saturday story times
BRIDGEPORT - The Washington Reading Corps Program holds two story times at the Bridgeport Public Library. Story Times are Fridays 3:15-4:15 p.m., for Kindergarten through second grade; and most Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. for Kindergarten through fourth graders. Story Times will be for the school year and reading will be in English. For more information call Molly Westlund at

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detained 31-year-old Antonio Infante of Brewster and 21-year-old Erin Phillips of Tonasket, who did not have permission to be on the property, for first degree trespass. Both were issued criminal citations and released at the

scene.

Still later at approximately 9:30 p.m., Douglas County deputies went to a residence in the 700 block of Fairview Avenue in Bridgeport in search for 24-year-old Derrick Charley of Omak, wanted on an outstanding Department of Corrections warrant.

A female at the residence

stated she had not seen Charley in hours, “but when a deputy called out his name, he appeared from a back room,” Gjesdal wrote.

Charley was arrested without incident for escape from community custody, transported to the Okanogan County jail and booked on the DOC warrant.

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FFA Week

Pateros FFA hits fair circuit, judging contests, community projects

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – There is never a lack of projects for FFA members at Pateros High School, said FFA advisor Lyle Blackburn.

Following several years of rebuilding and refurbishing picnic tables burned at Alta Lake State Park in the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire, FFA students have taken on some new projects with the park this year.

The Pateros shop course will include making signs, mile markers and small engine repair for the park this spring, said Blackburn.

“We look forward to the Okanogan Livestock Judging Contest hosted by the Sunny Okanogan Angus Ranch,” Blackburn said of the upcoming spring event.

Sunny Okanogan Angus was founded by the Vejraska family in 1961 and in 2009 began hosting livestock judging competitions for FFA members from around the state. Prizes are sponsored courtesy of the Cattle Producers of Washington. In 2015 Sunny Okanogan hosted more than 130 students from around the state.

Blackburn said he had a good turnout of FFA students at last September’s Okanogan County Fair.

“Many students competed in the livestock, agronomy, and produce judging competitions,” Blackburn said.

From the Okanogan Fair, Pateros FFA students next attended the Central Washington State Fair in Yakima during the final week of September 2017.

“Six students were involved in the Livestock Judging contest,” said Blackburn. We were in the middle of the pack in our judging, coming in 37th out of



Photos courtesy of Lyle Blackburn

Pateros senior and FFA officer Logan Robinson showed his hog at last September’s Okanogan County Fair.

RIGHT: Pateros FFA members Samantha White, Max Ewing, Logan Robinson and Jeremy Piechalski all took animals to the Okanogan County Fair last September.

60 teams.”

Pateros also sent 10 students to the District Apple Judging contest in Manson as well as the State Apple Judging in Richland last fall.

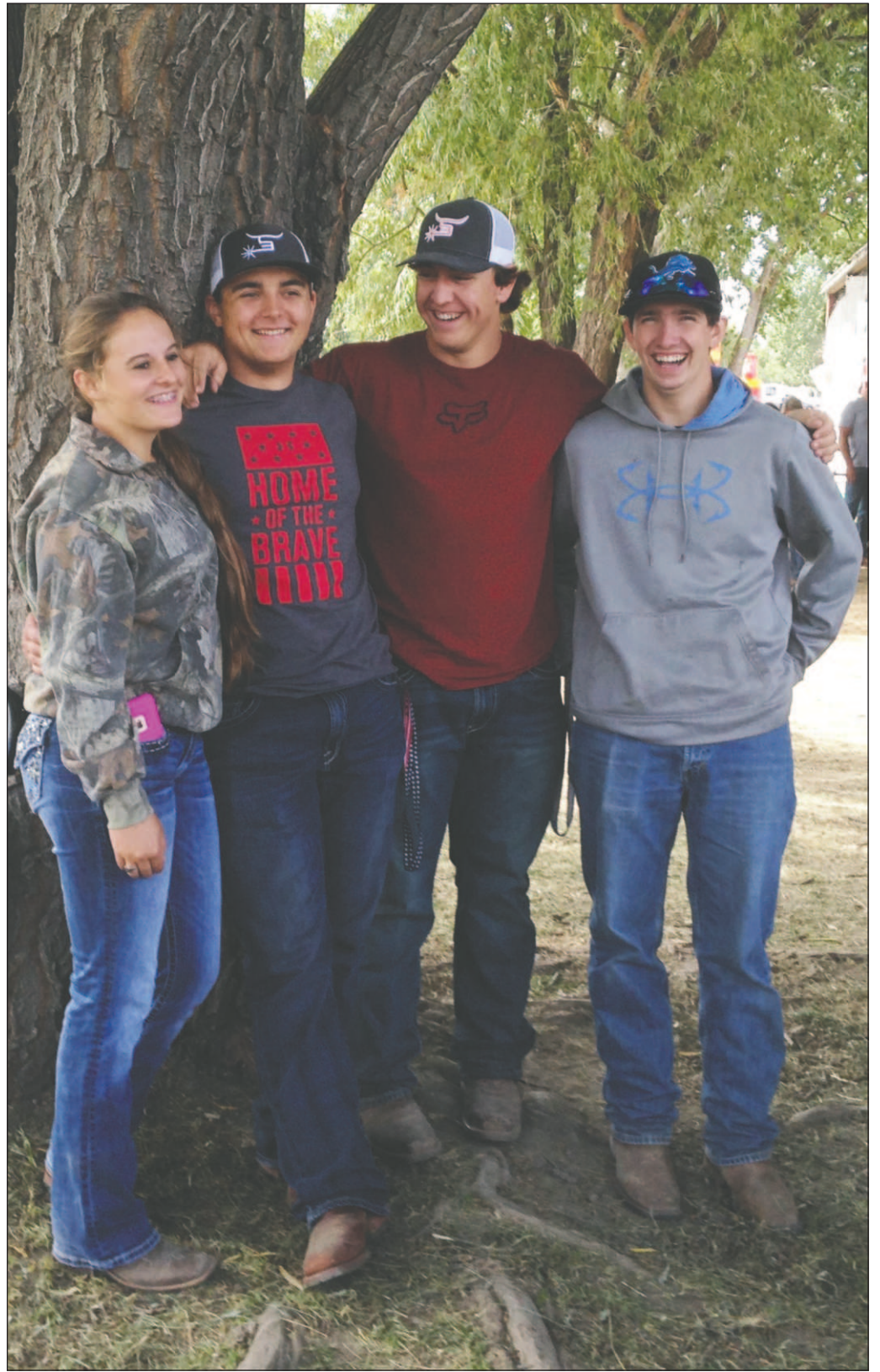
“We were allowed to take five students,” said Blackburn. “We earned a 14th place out of 30 teams present.”

Among the ongoing fundraisers that involve Pateros FFA students is the annual aluminum can drive.

“We gather cans at Alta Lake, and other spots here in town to raise money for various activities throughout the year,” Blackburn said.

Pateros FFA also provides barbecue concessions at various community events during the year.

A new activity this spring for shotgunners among the FFA group will be a competitive trap shooting team, Blackburn said.



Bridgeport FFA revs up for District, State competitions, May plant sale

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – FFA advisor Adam Corum has a busy year planned for his near three-dozen FFA students. There are district competitions next month, state convention preparations, projects in the like-new seven-year-old school shop and the big community plant sale that draws buyers from all around the area.

Owing to other commitments on Corum’s plate this spring, the annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, March 5, featuring a wide

selection of vegetable plants along with flowers and more hanging baskets.

With District competitions just around the corner, Corum’s crew is getting ready for a variety of contests from parliamentary debates and forums to exhibitions and judging.

“We’ll have one parliamentary team this year,” said Corum. “Last year we had two but most of those graduated.”

Corum said Bridgeport will also field a novice parliamentary team for new members who can work on gaining vital speaking ex-

perience.

Corum said Bridgeport will also send a team for the Ag Issue Forum that features a discussion including the pros and cons related to various agriculture topics.

“We also have some students doing a Job Interview Contest,” Corum said.

For the 88th Washington FFA Convention and Expo at Pullman May 10-12, Bridgeport will send several representatives for the FFA Creed Contest, including a Spanish version of the Creed.

“They had the Spanish Creed for the very first time last year,” said Corum. “A girl from Bridgeport, Esmeralda Garcia, competed as a freshman and won second place in state.”

Corum explained that the Creed competition is open only first-year members of FFA.

Again this year Bridgeport FFA will be a fixture at Bridgeport Daze in June along with its signature barbecue concession. The FFA group also fires up the



Photo courtesy of Adam Corum, Bridgeport School District

These seven members of the Bridgeport FFA chapter attended the FFA National Convention and Expo in Indianapolis last year.

barbecue at football Homecoming and the Power-Puff game.

Corum said it requires lots of effort to stand out in FFA District 7 that extends

from the Canadian border to Wenatchee and encompasses one of the largest and most competitive districts in the state. Corum is a Tonasket graduate and spent

four years teaching in its FFA program before taking over the reins at Bridgeport where he is entering his ninth year with FFA.



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Mansfield school observes FFA Week with Dress-Up Days, Ag Olympics

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

MANSFIELD – The FFA members at Mansfield High School know how to celebrate National FFA Week that started last Saturday, Feb. 17, and ends this Saturday, Feb. 24.

Students are participating in color-theme Dress-Up Days for all ages, K-12, said Mansfield FFA Advisor Jamey Jo Steele.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 was red vs green, so students could express their favorite between John Deere or Case, or some other popular farm equipment brand.

Thursday, Feb. 22 is Cowboy-Cowgirl Day with attire to match.

Friday, Feb. 23 is FFA Day where the traditional FFA colors of blue and gold or a Mansfield FFA T-shirt is the thing to wear.

Also, on Friday is the Staff and School Board Appreciation Breakfast that begins serving at 7:15 a.m. Later at 2 p.m. the an-

nual Ag Olympics Class Competition open to grades 7-12 will test a range of skills.

“Our chapter also participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program,” Steele said.

The chapter now has a two-mile stretch of State Route 172 that runs right in front of the school that they are responsible for litter pickup twice a year.

Last fall the Mansfield FFA chapter participated in Apple Judging at both the district and state level.

“This spring will be busy with students competing in Career Development Events such as Creed, Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, and Livestock Judging,” said Steele. “We will spend time in Pullman at State Convention May 10-12.”

The chapter’s school farm located near Mansfield High School will be a hub of activity when pigs and goats destined for this year’s fairs arrive over Spring Break.



Photo courtesy of Jamey Jo Steele

Members of the Mansfield FFA Apple Judging Team include, from left, David McDonald, Sammie Trull, Riley Wisdom, Breana Ballmes, and Christian Vargas.

Green Hand and greenhouse activities part of Brewster FFA observances



The Brewster FFA annual spring plant sale starts here several months prior in the school greenhouse.



Photos courtesy of Brewster School District

Brewster FFA students Miguel Fernandez, Citaly Pamatz, and Alexia Hurtado wield micro pipettes to work on a gene transformation lab project.

By Mike Maltais
Staff Writer

BREWSTER – From custom-designed birdhouses to annual plant sales, the Brewster FFA chapter is gearing up for another active year and is already well underway with greenhouse operations that will culminate in some 5,000 plants for the annual April sale.

FFA advisor Todd Dezellem, in his seventh year with the program also has his students busy in the lab performing gene transformation exercises a component of the next generation of plant

hybrid development. Dezellem said his class will spread recognition of National FFA Week over the next two weeks beginning this Thursday, Feb. 22, with much the same activities as in years past. Functions will include an ice cream social, annual BBQ and FFA-hosted breakfast.

The traditional Green Hand wall will see first-year FFA members put their handprints on the wall in green paint and revisit the wall to add their signatures as graduating seniors.

A new project will be working with the Brewster

Boys and Girls Club by building a raised-bed garden this spring.

The chapter’s floral subscription service has 30 subscribers this year, Dezellem said. Subscribers receive two floral arrangements a month from January through June, created and delivered by more than two dozen students.

Each year wood shop students have built species-specific bird houses for local bird varieties. In the past kestrel falcons and wood ducks have benefitted from houses installed above Chief Joseph Dam.

“This year we built Bluebird boxes,” said Dezellem. “The students can put them up where they please and the ones that are left will be put out around the county.” subscribers.

The Brewster chapter always has a large group of students showing animals



The infamous Green Hand Senior Wall is part of FFA tradition at Brewster High School.

at fairs in Okanogan or Waterville. Other students are practicing for District competition and the spring Leadership contest

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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 Reardan rival scoreless in a 13-0 shutout that left little doubt over who controlled the heavyweight division this year.

Garcia, who placed fourth at state as a junior was ranked No. 1 in his weight bracket early in the season by the Washington Wrestling Report leading up to the state tournament.

Garcia got a first-round bye on Friday afternoon while his first opponent, Trevor Morris of Davenport, defeated an Ilwaco rival to advance to the second round of competition.

Morris made Garcia work for his victory, but the Brewster Bear came out on top with a 4-2 overtime decision.

Garcia advanced to the semifinal round against Seth Donaldson of Life Christian



Brewster heavyweight Alex Garcia defeated Seth Donaldson of Life Christian in the first round of his semifinal match in the 285-pound bracket.

who had a fall and a 10-8 OT decision on his list of earlier wins. Garcia defeated Donaldson by a fall in one minute, 57 seconds of the first round to advance to the finals.

Garcia's championship opponent, senior Hunter Dawley of Reardan, had scored a fall and an OT decision to survive to the title round.



Brewster heavyweight varsity wrestler Alex Garcia dominated his Reardan opponent in the title match at Mat Classic XXX in the Tacoma Dome last Saturday.



Heavyweight champion Alex Garcia gets a hug from his mother, Cindy, with older brother Jose at left. Jose, now in the Marine Corps, was the undefeated 120-pound state champion in 2016. In the background is father, Gabriel Garcia.

Lady Bears finish fifth

Bears place second in District, face No. 1 in Regional rematch

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

GRANGER – Like Groundhog Day at the playoffs, the Brewster Bears varsity basketball team took second place in the Central Washington 2B District 5/6 championships for the second consecutive year, following a 96-60 loss to defending state champion Kittitas-Thorp last Saturday, Feb. 17.

Brewster will face the No. 1 Coyotes again in the first round of Regional play at Ellensburg, Saturday, Feb. 24. The Regional match-up, based on the WIAA's Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) pits No. 1 Kittitas against the No. 8 Bears in the loser-out opener.

The first quarter started well with Kittitas up by only three points, 25-22, but the Coyotes, behind the three-point shooting of junior guard Brock Ravet, began to pull away by halftime, 49-31. Ravet, who set a Yakima Valley single-game scoring record with 55 points against Walla Walla in the regular season, led all scorers with 40 points including 21 from three-point range.

Brewster junior guard Joe Taylor led the Bears with 33 points, but it wasn't enough as Kittitas extended its lead 68-45 by the end of the third quarter. The Bears' other scoring threat, sophomore Corey Jarrell, got in early foul trouble.

Brewster captured the CW2B League crown and took

an undefeated 16-0 record into District competition at Granger, Feb. 10. In the second round of eliminations the Bears took the wind of out DeSales, 59-46, to advance to the semifinals against Tri-Cities Prep. of Pasco, Feb. 16. Brewster's 16-point margin of victory over the Jaguars was three more than the baker's dozen for DeSales and set the Bears for the championship final against Kittitas-Thorp.

Meanwhile the unbeaten Coyotes, No. 1 in the 2B Eastern League, put their 14-0 record on the line against CW2B No. 4 Lake Roosevelt. After a 40-point win over the Raiders, Kittitas-Thorp manhandled CW2B No. 2 Oroville, 86-32, to move to the finals against Brewster.

Lady Bears advance
The Lady Bears bounced back from their 54-48 District loss to Lake Roosevelt on Feb. 10 to defeat DeSales, 47-31, on Feb. 16. In the battle for fifth place the following day, Brewster downed Liberty Bell, a team it had beaten twice during the regular season. The wins clinched fifth place for Brewster and the only team from the CW2B to advance to Regional play in Wenatchee this weekend.

The Lady Bears will face Mossyrock that came into the playoffs in fourth place in the 2B Central with a 11-5 regular season league record. The Vikings and Lady Bears will square off at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Wenatchee High School main gym.

Santana plays final home game



Photo by Brad Skiff, Bridgeport School District
Bridgeport senior guard Hugo Santana, left, shown here going up for a shot against a Liberty Bell opponent, was among the players honored on Senior Night, Feb. 1



Alex Garcia flashes the No. 1 sign while wearing his first-place medal and holding his championship certificate at last weekend's Mat Classic XXX in the Tacoma Dome.

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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.

Coach Marcus Stennes praised the play of the Crusaders and said his team has some problems in the playoff game.

We struggled throughout the game with 28 turnovers but balanced it out with 16 steals luckily," Stennes said.

Stennes credited sophomore Ethan Freels and senior Logan Robinson for leadership on both ends of the court and for their double-digit scoring or 14 and 12 points respectively. Robinson also pulled down 15 rebounds and Freels grabbed 10.

"Andrew Gonzalez led us in total points hitting some big shots early to get us going and converting 5-7 free throws," Stennes said of his junior guard.

The Billygoats led at all stops but let RC close within one point, 19-18 at halftime.

Pateros will face Naselle in the first round of loser-out regional competition at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Mark Morris High School in



Ivan Cenicerros leads the line of Pateros players as they congratulate Entiat following the Billygoats' first-round District home win over the Tigers.

Photo by Mike Maltais

Longview.

Nannies come close

The Nannies lost to Riverside Christian, 55-49, in the first round of District play on Feb. 14, and faced the Crusaders for a second time

two days later in a battle for second place. The margin was closer the second time around, but RC was again victorious by four points, 35-31 to clinch the second slot Regional competition.

Santa Clause is in charge

With Democrats in control of the legislature it seems two things are the priority. Creating new entitlement programs and increasing taxes. Let's review a few of the bills on the agenda in Olympia:

1) Free tampons and pads for community college students

Yes, you read that right. Probably won't pass but the fact that it is even given time for consideration is a travesty. It only leads to more insane programs. What's next free lip baum?

2) Financial aid for dreamers

It might be popular for Democrats to challenge the President on immigration issues but making Washington citizens pay for programs most of the country doesn't support is questionable.

3) Financial aid for homeless students

Yes, the legislature is considering programs to provide housing, meal plans, clothing, laundry, even showers for homeless college students. So, kick your kids out and let the state take care of them!

4) Mandatory abortion coverage

Remember the Affordable Care Act? Yes, the one that was going to save us all \$2,500 per year in insurance costs. Well it's bankrupt and any insurance still available is too expensive for your average middle income family. So the state wants to require all insurance plans with maternity coverage to include abortions. Wonder how that is going to make it more af-



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fordable? And of course, if you have a religious objection to abortion you are still required to pay for it.

5) Tax increase on oil pipelines

There is an effort to increase the tax on transporting oil in the state including oil transported by pipelines. It's a typical left wing spin that says the tax is on the oil producers but we all know they don't pay it. You and I will ultimately pay for it in higher gas prices.

6) Carbon tax

Governor Inslee continues to insist on the need for his "Carbon Tax." Carbon taxes have been pushed by environmentalists as a way make clean energy, like wind and solar, more competitive with traditional energy. Governor Inslee's plan would immediately add ten cents to the state gas tax and it would go up every year by inflation plus 3.5 percent. And to get support from the major industries Inslee has carved out big segments like aviation fuel and utilities that are exempt – for now. With the Federal Government contemplating a 25 cent increase in gasoline tax this program will hit consumers hard and could have a big

impact on our local tourism industry.

Revenue projections are now coming in significantly higher than previously estimated causing some legislators to call for a reduction in property tax bills. Those bills are skyrocketing as a result of increased funding for education required by the imperial judges on our "Supreme Court."

Once again we see that Democrats have moved so far left that they must provide everything you need or think you need. They also are no longer concerned about how their tax and spend policies impact the "little guy."

Compassion and concern for the American people has gone out the window. Apparently their only concern is increasing their power and influence – at any cost.

Olympia has us headed down the same track that has failed in DC. The problem is that the state doesn't have the ability to operate state government with deficit spending. So as spending programs grow out of control, taxes will have to be raised. This will take more capital out of the private market and increase the cost of operations to private industry. The result is a growing number of Washington companies will be leaving the state for greener pastures.

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL NONSIGNIFICANCE

The Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County has entered a determination of environmental non-significance, (DNS), for the proposed action under the State Environmental Policy Act, (RCW 43.21C), as amended. The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the subject action does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under 43.21C.030(2)c. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency shall not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Written comments must be submitted by February 22nd, 2018. Written comments should be submitted to John M. Brown, SEPA Official, Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Copies of the DNS, and Environmental Checklist can be obtained from the Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802 and on Douglas PUD's website; www.douglas-pud.org.

The issuance of the determination of environmental non-significance, for which notice is hereby given, is for the following action:

Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County proposes to install and seasonally operate a fish weir in the Twisp River for collection of Spring Chinook Salmon and Steelhead broodstock.

The subject property is located at 591 Twisp River Road, Twisp, WA. The property is further described as Okanogan County parcel number 3321080070, located in Section 8, Township 33 N., Range 21 EWM, situated in Okanogan County.

Dated this 7th Day of February, 2018

Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, WA John M. Brown, SEPA Official. Published in the Quad City Herald February 15, 22, 2018. #81178

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DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Feb. 14

Suspicious incident at La Azteca, 1215 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.
Fraud/forgery at Quik-E-Mart, 1215 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.
Warrant at Bridgeport Post Office, 1011 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

Feb. 15

Trespass at Bridgeport Middle School, 1300 Douglas Ave. in Bridgeport.
Agency assistance at 688 State Route 173, B, on Bridgeport Bar.

Agency assistance at State Route 17, milepost 142 in Bridgeport.
Warrant at 700 Fairview Ave., Unit 3A in Bridgeport.

Animal problem behind the apartments at 2220 Foster Creek Ave. in Bridgeport.
Weapons violation at 498 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.

Feb. 16

Missing person at Bridgeport High School, 1220 Kryger St. in Bridgeport.

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This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency shall not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Written comments must be submitted by March 9th, 2018. Written comments should be submitted to John M. Brown, SEPA Official, Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Copies of the DNS, and Environmental Checklist can be obtained from the Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802 and on Douglas PUD's website; www.douglas-pud.org.

OKANOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF

Decrees of Dissolution

Isabel Alonso-Martinez from Bridgeport filed to dissolve her marriage with Adrian Gomez-Florencio.

911 Calls

Monday, Feb. 12
A report from the corner of Third Street and Main Avenue in Brewster of an unsecure premise.

A report from Hospital Way in Brewster of a citizen assist. There is an intoxicated female wanting to go home.

A report from Seventh Street in Brewster of drugs. Subjects smoking marijuana in the parking lot.

A request from Cassimer Bar Road in Brewster for an agency assist. Reporting party got a text message from their friend saying that she was getting assaulted by her boyfriend. The reporting party does not know the address.

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PUD's website; www.douglas-pud.org. The issuance of the determination of environmental non-significance, for which notice is hereby given, is for the following action:

Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County proposes perform maintenance on Douglas PUD No. 1's Methow Fish Hatchery fish trap structure. Maintenance to be performed includes, but is not limited to: Lifting the trap from the channel, installation of footings to improve and maintain the spatial orientation of the trap to sit level and flush with the ecology block retaining wall that forms the trap entrance.

The subject property is commonly referred to as Douglas County PUD No. 1's Methow Fish Hatchery. The common property address for the subject action is 44 C Wolf Creek Road, Winthrop, WA. The property is further described as Okanogan County parcel number 3421030093, located in Section 3, Township 34 N., Range 21 EWM, situated in Okanogan County.

Dated this 7th Day of February, 2018
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A report from Beach Street in Pateros of a civil issue.

Tuesday, Feb. 13
A report from Brewster of malicious mischief.

A report from Bridge Street in Brewster of a person driving while their license was suspended.

A report from Highway 97 in Brewster of a person driving under the influence.

A report from Beach Street in Pateros of drugs.

Wednesday, Feb. 14
A report from Beach Street in Pateros of an unsecure premise.

Thursday, Feb. 15
A request from Lakeview Way in Brewster for an agency assist.

A report from North Star Road in Brewster of unconsciousness. A seventy-six-year-old male vomited outside the cabin. There's no answer at the door, the male is on the ground face down and is breathing.

A report from Lakeshore Drive in Pateros of disorderly conduct.

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Feb. 18

Warrant at 12th Street and Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.
Weapons violation at the 924 area of the park at Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

Non-injury accident at 175 Crane Orchard Rd on Bridgeport Bar.

Theft at 250 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.

Warrant at 700 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

Domestic disturbance at 1617 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport

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CROSSWORD grid with numbers 1-73. Includes clues for 1. Salmon deposit, 6. Old age, archaic, 9. Bagpiper's garb, 13. Hawaiian veranda, 14. Big Island flower necklace, 15. Helper, 16. V.C. Andrews' "Flowers in the ...", 17. Uno ... or one more, 18. 4 x 4 race, 19. "Water of life", 21. "Shamrock", 23. ... Aviv, 24. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver, 25. Wildebeest, 28. Mega Bloks competitor, 30. "Outdoor St. Patrick's Day event", 35. Starting point on way to riches, 37. Clump, 39. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion, 40. "Ireland, once", 41. Ox connector, pl., 43. Quartet minus one, 44. Put out on a curb, 46. "William Butler Yeats, e.g.", 47. Cardinal vices, 48. Bee's favorite drink, 50. Russian mountain chain, 52. Go gray, 53. Period of illness, 55. Workout unit, 57. "These never lived in Ireland", 60. "Hibernia", 64. Musician's exercise, 65. Flying saucer acronym, 67. Cleveland's controversial chief, 68. Villain, 69. Decompose, 70. Do penitence, 71. Parting words, 72. Pro vote, 73. "Walk the Dog" toy, pl.

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10. Like some rumors
11. Shakespeare's tragic monarch
12. "Don't give up!"
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18. Evian, backwards
19. Finno-... language
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21. Refuse visitors
22. Skylit lobbies
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25. Religious offshoot
26. "Stout, e.g."
27. Liverpool star
28. Cursor-moving button
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30. Wiggly room
31. Shylock's line of work
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33. Dog command
34. Classic art subject
35. Puts two and two together
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37. Call to a mate
38. Unacceptable
39. "Nobody ... It Better"
40. Flow alternative
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