



Photo by Mike Maltais

Adam Fritz served on the Pateros City Council Position 2 until the end of 2017. He was not running for re-election or as a candidate for any other office when he learned he was nominated for – and subsequently won – a vacant seat on the Pateros Cemetery Board.

*By unopposed and unanimous vote*  
**Former Pateros councilman wins cemetery board position – without running**

By MIKE MALTAIS  
 STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Former Pateros city councilman Adam Fritz is the newest member of the Pateros Cemetery Board – and he didn't even know he was on the ballot.

Fritz, whose term on the council ended on Dec. 31, 2017, was not running for re-election to his Position 2 council seat, or any other office for that matter, when he

discovered – too late to withdraw his name – that he had been nominated last May for the vacant two-year spot on the Pateros Cemetery Board, Position 2.

Whoever put Fritz's name into nomination through the online registration option at the Okanogan County Auditor's Office, knew his date of birth and had access to his email address. Accord-

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*Mayor delivers good news on funds, water*  
**New officers, 2018 events, sign update occupy Pateros Chamber meeting**

By MIKE MALTAIS  
 STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – The Pateros Chamber of Commerce got the new year off to a productive start with a full agenda of items including introduction of 2018 officers and board members, the 2018 event schedule, Pateros sign update, and report from the mayor among other items.

New officers for 2018 include: Libby Harrison, president; Leigh Anne Barth, vice-president; Jeanette Palmer, treasurer and Joni Parks, secretary. John Roberts, Karen Wagner, and Angela Van Eysinga, are board members

The chamber's 2018 event schedule (with chamber chairperson) includes the following items, a few subject

to review and/or change:

April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m. (Jeanette Palmer).

June 14-17 - City Wide Yard Sale (Joni Parks).

June 17- Kids Fishing Derby, Father's Day (Joni Parks).

June 24 – Junk Stops Here Vintage Faire (Libby Harrison).

June 29 - Pateros Chamber and Alta Lake Golf Resort Tournament (Leigh Anne Barth and Libby Harrison).

Oct. 31 - Trunk or Treat, 4:30 p.m., downtown (this will be revisited) (Libby Harrison).

December - Christmas in the City with Santa (this will be revisited) (Chairperson TBA).

As soon as warmer weather permits, the letters for the new

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*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 con-

sumed their two-story wood-frame home and two vehicles in the attached carport.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 fire chief Bill Vallance said the alarm

came in about an hour before sunrise on a morning when weather conditions made driving dangerous.

"We were toned out at 6:23 a.m.," said Vallance of the initial call.

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*Three Rivers Hospital welcomes first baby of 2018*

By MIKE MALTAIS, STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The first baby of 2018 finally made her appearance at Three Rivers Hospital (TRH) last weekend.

Maria Colmenares and Marco Cruz of Brewster, welcomed Mayra Labrie Cruz Colmenares, at 4:25 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6. The newest member of the community weighed 8 pounds, 12.5 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. She was delivered by Eric Haeger, M.D., and two of TRH's "Baby Friendly" Labor and Delivery team, Karen Hurley, RN and Karen Morgan, RN.

Colmenares and Cruz, who was born at Three Rivers himself, have had two other children who were born at TRH.

"We liked how the nurses treated us," said Colmenares and Cruz. "Dr. Haeger did a wonderful job. We are glad we came here."

The couple, along with Mayra's three siblings, Brianna, Marco Jr, and Kenia, were gifted a giant stuffed bear and a basket full of items to help care for their new daughter. Contributions came from Three Rivers Hospital staff and Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union.



Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Hospital Labor and Delivery

Maria Colmenares holds her new daughter Mayra Cruz Colmenares, in the company of father Marco Cruz and Mayra's siblings Brianna, Marco Jr, and Kenia. Mayra was the first baby born in 2018 at Three Rivers Hospital.

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The entry to the McFadden-Martin home on Dow Lane was cordoned off while fire investigators continued to search for the cause of the fire that destroyed the residence last Friday morning, Jan. 5.

**FIRE**

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The closest DOCFD station was at Rocky Butte Station 40 on Moe Road about 1.5 miles north of Dow Lane on State Route 173.

“We were en route at 6:37 a.m.,” said Vallance “and the first truck arrived on scene at 6:49 a.m.”

The rapid response came despite icy conditions that made driving a challenge for responders who had to first get to fire stations from their homes.

“Everyone is a volunteer,” said Vallance. “The night before a freezing rain left about an inch of ice on windshields and made driving hazardous.”

In addition to Rocky Butte, units responded from Bridgeport, Brewster and Pateros.

“We had two engines from Brewster, and two from Pateros and multiple tenders,” Vallance said.

The three occupants escaped the residence and sustained burns in the process.

In a phone call to Vallance Monday afternoon, Tara Martin related additional details about the fire.

Martin told Vallance that she woke up to a rumbling sound and saw a glow outside the bedroom window. She awoke McFadden, then opened the bedroom door and was confronted with intense heat and smoke.

McFadden told Martin to get out of the house as he rushed to the adjacent bedroom to get

nine-year-old Tommy Martin. McFadden and the youngster exited the burning house by the front door, sustaining burns in the process.

Martin said she tried to leave by the bedroom door but found the heat and smoke too extreme. She closed the door and retreated through the bedroom window.

Emergency Medical Service personnel transported the three victims to Three Rivers Hospital for initial examination and treatment.

“Two of the patients (McFadden and Tommy Martin) were transferred to Harborview Burn Center in stable condition and the third patient (Tara Martin) was discharged



Bridgeport High School varsity coach and former Navy Commander Pat McFadden donned his aviator flight suit when he addressed the Bridgeport school student body during Veteran's Day ceremonies last Nov. 9.

LEFT: Bill Vallance is chief of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15.

home.” according to a statement from Melanie Neddo, Chief Operating Officer at Three Rivers Hospital.

Susan Gregg, Director/Media Relations/Public Relations for Harborview/UW Medicine, reported last Tuesday afternoon that McFadden remains in serious condition and Martin is in satisfactory condition. No other details regarding projected time in the hospital or anticipated release date for either patient was forthcoming.

McFadden is in his first year as varsity boys' basketball coach for the Bridgeport Mustangs. He also coached the varsity boys' football team last fall. Martin is a special educa-

tion teacher at Bridgeport Middle School and young Martin is a Bridgeport Elementary student.

Bridgeport school principal Tamra Jackson said assistant varsity boys' basketball coach Michael Osborne will assume McFadden's interim coaching duties for the Mustangs during McFadden's absence.

Osborne wrote by email that former coach Henry Austin is “taking over JV duties, (the) same position he had last year. We are glad he is able to jump in and help.”

McFadden grew up in Bridgeport, graduated Bridgeport High School in 1989 and attended college at the University of Idaho on a track and field scholarship. After graduating

with an engineering degree, McFadden joined the Navy where he completed aviator training. Stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, McFadden flew, among other aircraft, the P-3C Orion, an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) four-engine turboprop.

Following a 19-year military career, McFadden left the Navy with a rank of Commander, returned to Bridgeport and joined the Bridgeport School District staff. He resigned his teaching position last September but continued as a varsity coach.

Those wishing to donate to the McFadden-Martin family can do so at Coulee Dam Credit Union under “McFadden Account” number 122707.

**WINS**

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ingly, once Fritz's name was entered, the Auditor's Office sent a Candidate Guide by return email.

Fritz acknowledged that he did receive the Auditor's email, but thinking that the information related to his expiring council seat, Fritz declined to respond to it.

“I didn't pay any attention to it,” said Fritz. “When I read ‘Position 2’ I thought it was referring to Position 2 on the city council, not Position 2 on the cemetery board.”

Somewhere around the first week of June, an acquaintance acknowledged Fritz for running for the open cemetery board seat. That was the first that Fritz learned of his nomination.

Fritz, running unopposed, received 130 votes for Cem-

etery District 3 commissioner, Position 2. As to whether he will accept the post, Fritz said he has been contacted by city officials but has yet to meet and discuss the matter.

Fritz recently resigned his position at North Cascades Bank (NCB) and is tying up his civic obligations in preparation for a move to western Montana.

“I'm going in April, I love the scenery along the Clark's Fork River on Highway 200,” said Fritz. “It caught my eye when I was over there visiting relatives a couple of years ago.”

Fritz said he plans to apply at one of the sister banks of NCB, now owned by Glacier Banks, that has Montana branches.

“That's the main reason I didn't file,” said Fritz of his council seat. “I could not serve the full term.”

Fritz said his last council meeting is coming up on Jan.

16, “but I have been asked to stay on until a replacement has been appointed.”

Nobody stepped forward during the added special filing period opened between last May 23-25, to apply for Fritz's council position. Council members will interview prospective replacements for Fritz at their January meeting.

“I just can't believe that something like this could happen,” said Fritz of his new post. “Especially when it comes to something like representing your community.”

But it did happen, and, as it turns out, not only to Fritz, but to his friend, former high school classmate and Pateros resident, Jacob Cales as well.

Cales, who works for Hurst International, a fruit labeling company, was unknowingly nominated to – and won unopposed – Cemetery District 3 Commissioner Position 3, a six-year term, with 128 votes

on the same November 2017 ballot with Fritz.

“People started coming up to me and congratulating me on being elected,” Cales said when contacted last Tuesday morning by the Quad. “I said ‘elected to what?’” Cales responded.

Cales said that after discussing the office and duties with a cemetery official he is inclined to accept the post and serve the term.

As an experienced city official, Fritz is more familiar than most with the process of running for elective office and all that entails. Still, his nomination for an office he neither wanted nor authorized his candidacy for, got by his notice. Asked if he had any recommendations for additional measures that the Auditor's office might consider to avoid a repeat incident, Fritz offered one possible remedy.

“I personally believe a person who files for office should do so, in person, at the courthouse,” Fritz said.

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## DOULAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

EAST WENATCHEE - Douglas County PUD Commissioners Ronald E. Skagen, Molly Simpson and Aaron J. Viebrock executed the following actions during the January 8, 2018 Commission meeting held at the District's East Wenatchee office:

- Awarded Work Order Clerk Sandy Petersen with her 20 year service award. Commissioner Skagen thanked Sandy on behalf of the citizens of Douglas County for her years of service. Sandy thanked the Commission and said "It's been fabulous, a great place to work."

- Awarded Senior Resource Planner Debbie Kenny with her 25 year service award. Commissioner Skagen thanked Debbie on behalf of the citizens of Douglas County for her years of service. Debbie thanked the Commission, snapped her fingers and said "It went just like that."

- Authorized reserved capacity agreement with Shypoke, LLC to reserve substation capacity for future installation. (18-001)

- Authorized reserved capacity agreement with John's Retirement Plan Trust to reserve substation capacity for future installation. (18-002)

- Affirmed addendum No.

1 to Bid Document 17-26-D, supply and deliver two 115 KV Breakers to Lone Pine Substation. This will remove a couple items from the specifications that are not needed and are not beneficial to the breakers. (18-003)

- Heard a report on the Douglas County Community Network. The network currently has 3,987 end users.

- The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. January 22, 2018 at the District's East Wenatchee office.

**From the December 29, 2017 Commission meeting:**

- Approved a change in the District's travel reimbursement policy (Administrative Bulletin 5.13) to reflect changes in the Internal Revenue Service approved mileage rate for 2018. (17-226)

- Approved an employee assistance program agreement with KEPRO Acquisitions, Inc. For several years Douglas PUD has offered the service of an Employee Assistance Program to all employees and their immediate families. The cost to Douglas PUD is \$3.49 per employee per month. (17-228)

- Authorized IPTV Transport Rights Agreement with KXLY-TV. These agreements are required by most networks to receive and transport the signal over the Douglas



Photo courtesy of Douglas County PUD

**Left to right: Commissioner Ron Skagen, Commissioner Aaron Viebrock, Senior Resource Planner Debbie Kenny who was awarded her 25 year service award; Work Order Clerk Sandy Petersen who was awarded her 20 year service award, and Commissioner Molly Simpson.**

County Community Network. (17-229)

- Authorized establishing new effective date for scheduled 2018 electrical rate adjustment. Favorable financial conditions allow the District to defer the scheduled 2018 electric rate adjustment to 2019. (17-233)

- Authorized updating sale price of Orondo Transformers to fair market value of \$5,000 each. (17-235)

- Established the assessment roll of Local Utility District (LUD) No. 1 of Douglas County, the Rio Vista Park Street Lighting System. The

public hearing date is set for January 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Any lot owner in the LUD area wishing to comment on the assessment may do so in writing prior to that time or by attending the hearing in person. (17-236)

- Authorized professional services agreement with Columbia Research for bird hazing at the Wells Fish Hatchery and Wells Dam tailwater as required by the Wells Habitat Conservation Plan. Hazing of birds that feed on fish reduces the loss of juvenile fish at the Wells Fish Hatchery and increases fish

survival through the dam. The cost of this agreement is not to exceed \$62,278. (17-240)

- Authorized renewal of contract 15-26-W, building maintenance for the East Wenatchee facility with ABM Janitorial Services for an additional year as allowed by contract. (17-243)

- Renewed contract 16-29-W, 2017 grounds maintenance for an additional one-year period with Reeves Lawn and Spray Service. (17-244)

- Authorized change order No. 3 to contract 17-02-W, service and draft tube air compressor upgrades at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. Changes

include upgraded gaskets. This change will increase the contract \$2,392 bringing the total not-to-exceed cost to \$1,413,392. (17-246)

- Approved acceptance of work and final payment to Selland construction, Inc. under contract 17-04-W, construct Okanogan River paddlers campground. All work has been completed and determined to meet bid specifications. (17-247)

- Affirmed change order No. 1 to contract 17-14-W, Methow Hatchery Pond 13 avian protection improvement and pond liner replacement. Changes include addressing leaking valves, relocation of clean-out and equipment for new predation frame hole sizing. This change will increase the contract \$3,215 bringing the total not-to-exceed cost to \$253,215. (17-248)

- Approved change order No. 3 to contract 17-16-W, directional drilling of HDPE pipe through a railroad/roadway embankment at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. This change will increase the length of pipe provided and increase the contract \$18,420 bringing the total not-to-exceed cost to \$107,541. (17-249)

- Authorized land use permit 101-02, Mr. Cass Gebbers. The permit is for continued use of Project lands for previously permitted commercial agricultural use. (17-250)

## Give NCW donations exceed Community Foundation Grants

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER DOLGE, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NCW

WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW has awarded a total \$441,630 to 25 nonprofits, thanks to generous donations to Give NCW from people across the region and beyond.

The foundation awarded \$201,250 in Regional Impact Grants, and the public donated \$235,380 through Give NCW.

An extra \$5,000 was added to the total awards from the foundation through its Funday Monday contest, where names were drawn from donations processed on each Monday of the campaign. Winners received \$500, \$1,000, or \$2,000 to use on Give NCW any way they chose.

"This is the second year that the public has outdone the foundation in funding our local nonprofits" said Beth Stipe, executive director. "Give NCW allows everyone to be part of philanthropy. The minimum gift is \$10, and those add up to a lot when everyone pitches in. We want everyone to feel like they can support good work happening in their own community, and these results make us feel we are helping to make that happen."

Give NCW is a crowdfunding campaign that supports 25 nonprofits who have received a Regional Impact Grant from the foundation to help fund a program or project, but still need additional funds to meet their goal.

Donations to Give NCW are tax-deductible and credit card fees are absorbed by the foundation through the Partners in Giving program, so 100% of the donations support the nonprofits.

Applicants must be 501c3 public charities or government agencies serving Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. The grant will be open June 1, 2018 and due August 1, 2018 – one month earlier than previous years.

For full results of the campaign, visit [www.cfnw.org/givencw](http://www.cfnw.org/givencw).

The Community Foundation of North Central Washington's mission is to grow, protect, and connect charitable gifts in support of strong communities throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. Established in 1986, the Community Foundation manages \$70 million in assets through 450 individual funds and has awarded over \$35 million in grants and scholarships.

## Influenza on the rise in Washington; health officials say "get vaccinated now"

*Illness can usually be safely cared for at home, but some people may need medical care*

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - Influenza illnesses are increasing and health officials at the Washington State Department of Health urge Washingtonians to get a flu shot now. Officials also want people to avoid spreading the flu and to know when it's okay to be cared for at home and when they should get medical care.

"People who are sick should stay home from holiday gatherings where influenza and other illness can spread. If you have symptoms of the flu it's better to miss some of the holiday fun than to risk infecting others – especially those people who are at higher risk of serious complications," says Dr. Scott Lindquist state epidemiologist for infectious diseases.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Symptoms of flu include fever, chills, body aches, and a cough or sore throat. It can cause severe illness in some people, and can sometimes lead to death. Last flu season 278 people in Washington were confirmed to have died from influenza.

Flu can be especially danger-

ous for pregnant women, young children, people age 65 and older, and those who have underlying health conditions such as asthma and other chronic diseases. These people should contact their doctor's office if they get flu-like symptoms. Antiviral drugs may be prescribed to treat the flu. These drugs work better when started within 48 hours of flu symptoms. While most people who do become ill with flu can be safely cared for at home, there are some symptoms that should trigger immediate emergency care.

Each flu season, flu causes millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and thousands or sometimes tens of thousands of deaths.

Flu shots are the best way to prevent the flu, and are available at most pharmacies and health care providers. Everyone six months of age and up is recommended to get a flu shot. People in close contact with high-risk groups, should get a flu shot to protect themselves and the people in their care.

More information on preventing the flu and weekly updates on flu activity in Washington is on the agency website.

2018 marks the 100 year anniversary of the 1918 influenza pandemic which killed an estimated 20 to 50 million people. Find out what's changed and if we're still at risk for a deadly pandemic.

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Pateros sign can be installed. The letters are large at three feet tall, but have ample room for placement on the 20-foot-by-20-foot sign. Solar lights may be added to facilitate night viewing.

Pateros mayor Carlene Anders reported that state budget funds have been released to allow the city to proceed with its well water development and storage project.

Anders told chamber members that the new well sites delivered two pieces of welcome news in the form of higher-than-expected water output and lower-than-expected manganese content.

Anders said she hopes to schedule a city-wide town flush in the fall, when the new wells and reservoirs come on line, to help clean existing manganese deposits out of the city and residential lines. City residents are responsible for the main-

tenance and replacement of water lines from the city meter hookups to houses.

Pateros city librarian Shari Houck announced a new mid-week program called ATLAS (At The Library Af-

ter School) with activities for school children every Wednesday starting in about two weeks.

The next Chamber meeting is at 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Pateros Fire Hall.

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by Katori Hall

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BRIDGEPORT - As part of the Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Make A Difference Day" the Washington Reading Corps at Bridgeport Elementary School will be doing a book drive for the next three weeks, Jan. 8-26.

Monday-Thursday
Senior Center Thrift store, S.A.I.L classes, lunch

BREWSTER - Hours at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center are 8 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Thursday; and every other Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Jan. 12, 13
Story Time at library

Friday, Saturday story times

BRIDGEPORT - A Friday Story time as as been added as part of the Washington Reading Corps Program at the Bridgeport Public Library.

Jan. 12, 14, 16, 18
American Legion events
Lunch available daily

BREWSTER - Friday night sirloin steak dinners from 5-7 p.m. every Friday. 8 oz. or 12 oz. Served with salad, baked potato, vegetable, and bread.

Jan. 16
AA meeting

BREWSTER - "Free At Last", an Alcoholics Anonymous group meets in Brewster. Meetings are Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., at Brewster Grange Hall.

Jan. 24, Feb. 13
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.

Jan. 17
Bingo Wednesday

BRIDGEPORT - Bridgeport Eagles hosts bingo every Wednesday. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m., with dinner available until the bingo is over.

Jan. 12, 19
Brewster area monthly bus trips to Omak and Wenatchee

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee for the day, every second Friday of the month. Next trip will be Jan. 12. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m.

Feb. 5
Snowmobile Advisory Board to meet

OKANOGAN - Snowmobile Advisory Board meeting will be held on Mondays, Feb. 5, and March 5, at 6 p.m. and will meet in the Public Works Department Conference room at the Public Services Building.

OKANOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF

District Court
Gabriel Martinez Molinero, 24, from Brewster pleaded guilty to third-degree Malicious Mischief and Obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer.

Monday, Jan. 1
A report from First Street in Brewster of an animal problem. Large black dog is on a leash and is possibly stuck at location.

Superior Court
Criminal
The court found probable cause to charge Jesus Torres Molina, 19, from Bridgeport with Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Hit and Run of an Unattended Vehicle and Obstructing a Law Enforcement Officer.

Decrees of Dissolution
Jeffery Richard Shenyer from Brewster filed to dissolve his marriage with Crystal Rebecca Shenyer from Chino Valley.

911 Calls
Friday, Dec. 29
A report from Bridge Street in Brewster of an abandoned vehicle.

Saturday, Dec. 30
A report from Highway 97 in Brewster of trespassing. A male subject wearing a black hat with a logo, a black jacket and jeans came in and stole items.

Sunday, Dec. 31
A report from Jay Avenue in Brewster of a civil issue. Sixteen-year-old male at location is refusing to go home, he has called CPS due to child neglect and drug use.

Thursday, Jan. 4
A request from Arden Avenue in Bridgeport for an agency assist.

Friday, Jan. 5
A report from Fourth Street in Brewster of trespassing. Male subject is refusing to leave, he used to live at the residence before he went to jail.

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Thank you

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the love and support shown after the loss of our Dad. Thank you to Bishop William Skylstad for the memorial service and to the United Methodist women for organizing and helping with the dinner.

The families of Art Nordang

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Jan. 2
Parking/abandoned vehicle at the 911 AT 2311 Highland Dr. space 20 in Bridgeport.

Alarm at 610 17th St. in Bridgeport. Welfare check at 1814 Conklin St. in Bridgeport.

Malicious mischief at 1617 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport. Non-injury accident at 20th St. and Raymond Avenue in Bridgeport.

Weapons violation at 700 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport. Jan. 3

Alarm at 417 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport. Burglary at 817 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

Warrant at the 1000 block of Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport. Court order violation at 1541 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

Welfare check at 911 Foster Ave. in Bridgeport. Suspicious incident at 215 13th St.

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-Matthew 19:26

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# Time to focus on school choice across America

By Andrew R. Campanella



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Later this month, schools, homeschool groups, organizations, and individuals in Washington and across America will work together to raise awareness about the importance of opportunity in K-12 education.

National School Choice Week begins on January 21 and celebrates all types of schools and education environments for children.

Nationwide, 32,240 different events and activities – such as open houses, school fairs, and information sessions – are being planned, with an estimated attendance of 6.7 million people. In fact, 448 of those events and activities will be held in Washington.

National School Choice Week has been celebrated every year since 2011. And even with increased awareness, many families still have questions about school choice and how it can benefit them and their communities.

The first thing to know is that school choice isn't partisan or political. It isn't about a specific set of policy goals either. Rather, it's about parents making personal decisions for their children.

School choice means empowering individual parents with the opportunity to search for, and find, the best education environments for their individual children – regardless of where they live or how much money they make.

Finding the right school is important, because every child has unique talents, chal-

lenges, and needs. School choice isn't about finding fault with any of the schooling options available. Instead, it recognizes that while one student might thrive at a neighborhood school, another student might do better somewhere else.

Research shows that when parents actively choose schools and education environments for their children, students are more likely to succeed in school. They are also more likely to graduate from high school, get good jobs, and participate in their communities.

School choice isn't just theoretical. Right now, more parents in Washington and across America are actively choosing the education environments for their children than at any other time in history.

National School Choice Week provides parents with an opportunity to evaluate the education options available for their children. If parents are interested in switching their child to a different school, or considering homeschooling, it helps to start looking into these options in the winter.

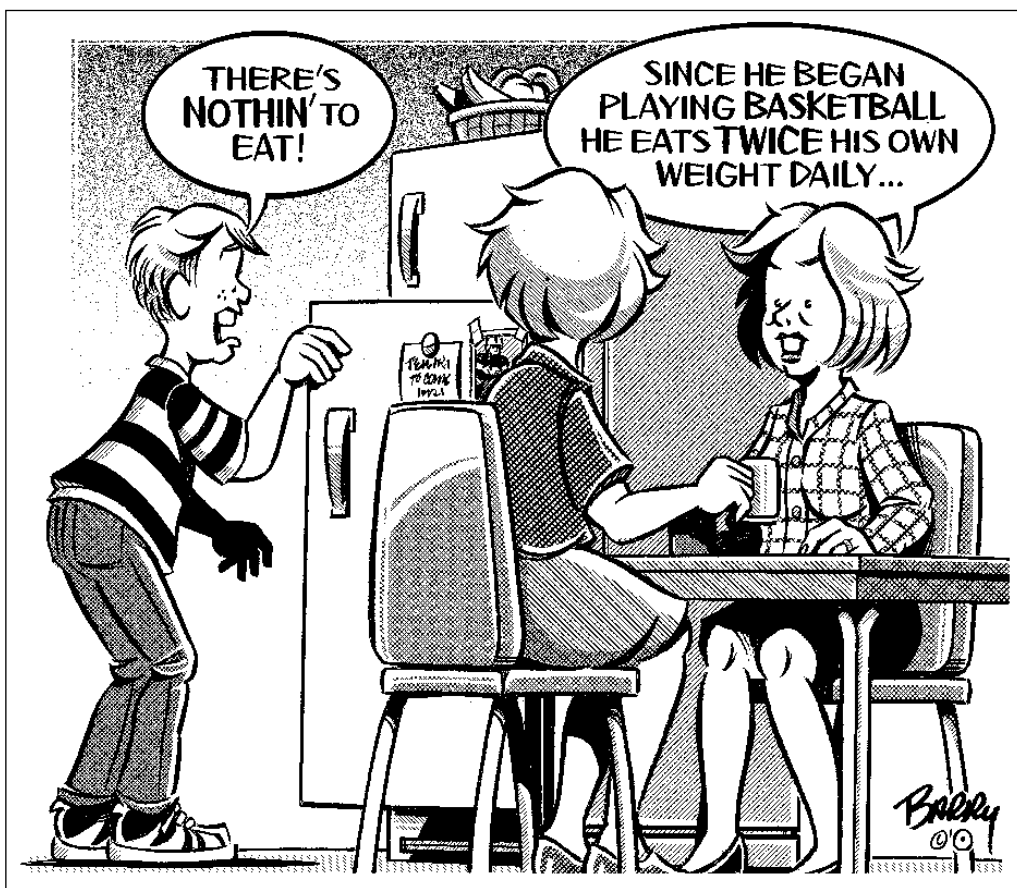
Families in Washington can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and home-

schooling. In terms of public school choice options, Washington has one of the nation's broadest "open enrollment" policies in the country; students are permitted to attend virtually any public school in the state, regardless of where they live.

Searching for a new school, or considering an alternative education environment, doesn't have to be daunting. Parents can start by talking to their children and other parents, researching schools online, and visiting schools in person. A good place to start is the National School Choice Week website: schoolchoice-week.com, where we provide more information about specific school choice options in the Evergreen State as well as listings of the tens of thousands of local and regional events happening this year.

National School Choice Week is a time when the country comes together around the idea that every child can succeed when they find the right school fit. This January, parents have more options and opportunities than ever before to find that right fit. For individual communities and for our country, that is a good thing.

*A nationally recognized advocate for children and families, Andrew R. Campanella serves as president of National School Choice Week, the world's largest-annual celebration of opportunity in education. He lives in Northwest Florida.*



# Senate Democrats take early aim at gun legislation

By ALEX VISSER  
WNPA OLYMPIA NEWS BUREAU

With a newfound majority in the Washington Senate, state Democrats have found an early target in firearm regulation as the 2018 legislative session gets set to begin.

Senate Bill 6049 would regulate the ownership and manufacturing of large capacity magazines and make them all but illegal in most cases. "Large capacity" refers to any magazine that can hold more than 10 rounds.

The bill was requested by Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who cited a motivation in mass shootings across the country, including a 2016 shooting at a house party in Mukilteo, Washington in which three were killed and one was injured.

The bill was introduced by Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, and is sponsored by three other democratic senators: Manka Dhingra, D-Redmond; Jeannie Darneille, D-Tacoma; and Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle.

Currently, eight states and the District of Columbia have introduced some kind of restriction on large capacity magazines. In Colorado and New Jersey, the limit is 15 rounds, and in Hawaii the ban pertains only to

handguns.

Such magazines were previously banned on a federal level under the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, which also banned semi-automatic weapons before expiring in 2004.

Pedersen said he feels confident the bill will pass, and that the key is to receive support from rural Democrats and more moderate Republicans. The senator added that he has received at least some vocal support from both parties.

"We've obviously had a series of high-profile shootings across the country," Pedersen said. "This is a small step to take."

But Dave Workman, senior editor of TheGunMag, said he doesn't find such a ban necessary, arguing that large capacity magazines haven't proven to be a problem. Workman said he expects a flurry of opposition from gun owners across the state, many of whom own firearms that would be affected by the ban.

Workman's sentiments were echoed by Joe Waldron, legislative chairman of the Washington State Rifle and Pistol Association, who said his organization is firmly against the potential legislation.

Waldron said the bill

emphasizes the role of guns, while legislators should be taking a look at potential societal problems that lead to mass shootings.

The legislative chairman pointed out that many pistols carry large capacity magazines, but the bill doesn't differentiate between handguns and the assault weapons Waldron believes the bill is targeting.

Waldron called the bill "meaningless" and "unenforceable," and said it would force Washington citizens to give up private property that is arguably protected by the Second Amendment.

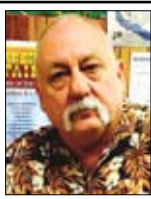
"The bottom line is we oppose the bill because it's a waste of time," Waldron said. "They focus on the inanimate object; what they need to be focusing on is the behavior."

The senate plans to hear SB 6049 on Jan. 15.

**Publisher's Comments:**  
Will anyone ask how this will make any of us safer? Many of these tragedies have occurred in "Gun Free Zones" with weapons that were purchased legally. The only ones who are safer are the criminals and metally imbalanced individuals who do not have to worry about an honest law abiding citizen who might be carrying a weapon and know how to use it.

# The world needs another Russian Revolution

About 100 years ago the Czar of Russia (is there any other kind?) and his entire family was murdered by a firing squad by the new boys on the block - the Communists as led by Lenin. The era of brutal Communist rule and rulers had begun - worldwide.



APPLES TO APPLES  
Gary Bégin

He was founder of the Russian Communist Party, leader of the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, and first head of the Soviet state and the Soviet Union. Ironically, Lenin's first name was also Vladimir. He was succeeded by the murderous Joseph Stalin, who killed more of his own people in purges and pogroms and prison camps than the Nazis.

Now we have Vladimir Putin, also murderous and also the leader of the former Soviet Union (now Russia) and he doesn't like that one bit. He wants to gather the old puzzle pieces back together and re-establish the glorious empire as it once was.

He is well on the way to anointing himself for life as the latest incarnation of the Russian Czar just like Stalin and Lenin before him. The ultimate and unquestionable ruler of all he surveys and much, much more.

Putin is not your grandma's dictator. He is thoroughly modern in the guille-lish arts he learned and perfected during the Cold War of his youth.

There's only one problem with that scene, the young people of Russia will eventually rebel against the old guard as the status quo is just that, old, immutable relics of a bygone era. Strong-arm and strongman tactics can only last so long before the "young and the restless" get tired of being that way.

They will soon become the wiser and the politically savvy and will start raining on Putin's parade with new ideas and rebellious actions against the Soviet state.

Throwing rocks at tanks isn't the wisest thing one can do to make a point neither is merely standing in front of them. Unfortunately the ballot box is just as impractical in Communist countries and there's the rub. How does

a nation of people yearning to be free get rid of tyrants when those tyrants control the military and indeed have created a police state upon those they rule?

Violence through armed insurgence worked 100 years ago, but now there's a better answer - cyber-warfare. The Russians have been monkeying around with various countries and the election process with some success. Putin was in the secret police and has learned to be a master manipulator on a world stage.

American spies are not chopped liver either. Give the Russians, Cubans and Chinese some interesting quirks in their internet and other state controlled services and watch the fireworks happen when the central authority can no longer push a button to control the outskirts of town or the countryside far, far away.

The repressed peoples of the world need a spark of hope to get the party started and an occasional flash mob would certainly shake the status quo. When Putin comes up for the inevitable reelection and is mysteriously and unexpectedly in second place all hell will break loose. As much as some Republicans may hate Democrats, the losing party and its minions didn't riot when Trump beat Clinton.

Putin and his cronies won't be as chivalrous. I have hoped most of my adult life for several things on the world stage: A free Russia is one of them. What I am describing above is the opportunity of a lifetime. America must be careful because the Russians could go in the other direction and, after Putin, choose an even more dictatorial tyrant who fancies outright kinetic action (physical warfare) even more so than Putin.

of our youth (ages 4-40).

In the days of WWI and WWII the entire nation banded together to defeat the enemy. The computer industry of today ought to join the cause of chasing the Russian Communists into extinction so that the dreams of all Russians can be realized.

I do fear my idea of Silicon Valley, et al, joining the cause for a free Russia may fall on deaf, overly-Liberal ears. Our PC environment is likely to negate reality in favor of naiveté, but I hope not.

As a staunch fiscal and patriotic Conservative, I know in my heart a free Russia will lead to untold billions more in profits that, I am sure, Liberals and Conservatives alike will be happy to spend, invest and trickle down funds the world over. That new found fortune would include the chance for "feed the world" programs as well as 50 new ships for the Navy meant to protect American interests well into the new century and maybe even a new interstate system for our grandchildren.

Despite the current extreme polarization of American politics, a free Russia will benefit from both sides of the same coin we call Democracy. We should all work towards that end.

## DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

in Bridgeport.  
Medical incident at 215 13th St. in Bridgeport.

**Jan. 4**  
Welfare check at 185 Dezellem Hill Rd. in Bridgeport.  
Agency assistance at 637 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.  
Civil incident at 1624 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Public assistance at 94 Dezellem Hill Rd. in Bridgeport.  
Non-injury accident at Bridgeport Hill Road in Bridgeport.  
Domestic disturbance at 14 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Harassment/threat at 1624 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

**Jan. 5**  
Agency assistance at 474 State

Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.  
Civil incident at 108 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Agency assistance at 704 Plaza Way in Brewster.  
Alarm at 670 Edson St. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Warrant at Mansfield High School, 491 Rd. 14 N.E. in Mansfield.  
Public assistance in Bridgeport.

**Jan. 6**  
Warrant at 700 Fairview Ave, 8A, in Bridgeport.  
Agency assistance at 505 W. Ansel in Brewster.  
Suspicious incident at M & R Supermarket, 1203 Columbia Ave. in Bridgeport.

**Jan. 7**  
Public assistance 609 Fairview

Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Alarm at 16 Elite Drive on Bridgeport Bar.

**Jan. 8**  
911 at 415 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Parking/abandoned vehicle at the 200 block of 12th Street in Bridgeport.  
Suspicious incident at 335 E. Railroad Ave., 23, in Mansfield.  
Trespass at 1222 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.  
Domestic disturbance at 104 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar.  
Traffic offense at 17th Street and Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.  
Warrant at the 400 block of Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.



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# Bears varsity basketball teams remain undefeated in CW2B



By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** – The Bears varsity basketball teams continue their new year juggernaut through the Central Washington 2B League roster of opponents with wins over Tonasket and Bridgeport during the first week of 2018, but were derailed at non-league Okanogan last Saturday.

The boys' varsity doubly outdistanced Tonasket, 72-35, at home Tuesday, Jan. 2, but the Lady Bears had a tougher battle as the Tonasket girls came within six points, 56-50, of ending Brewster's undefeated league run.

On the road at Bridgeport, Thursday, both Bears teams won easily though the Mustangs, losing by 19 points, 72-53, put up more of a fight than the Fillies who fell to the Lady Bears, 62-25.

It was a different story on the court in Okanogan where the Bulldogs boys, leaders in the 1A Caribou Trail League, stopped the Bears 76-59, in a non-league encounter that gave Brewster its first still competition since Toutle Lake at the SunDome in Yakima over the Christmas holidays. The Okanogan boys are 4-1 in the five-team CTL, one game ahead of Omak.

The Lady Bears gave the Okanogan girls all they could handle with a toe-to-toe, 55-53 loss to the Lady Bulldogs who aren't dominating the CTL like the boys are. The Lady Bulldogs have a 2-3 league record and are in fourth place behind 3-3



Photos by Mike Maltais

**Kade Kelpman sinks two points during a home game. LEFT: Yvette Sanchez (24) puts on the pressure on defense.**

Chelan. Brewster was scheduled to host Waterville-Mansfield last Tuesday, Jan. 9, and play Lake Roosevelt on the road Thursday, Jan. 11. Brewster will host Chelan in non-league action on Saturday, Jan. 13, and take on the Hornets at Oroville next Tuesday, Jan. 16.

# Mustangs, Fillies have tough opening year with one win in six games

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**BRIDGEPORT** – The Mustangs started the new year off with two losses in the Central Washington 2B League before pulling out a win on the road last Saturday.

Bridgeport got the upper hand on Liberty Bell in the Mountain Lions' home gym last Saturday, Jan. 6, with a 62-55 win that put the Mustangs at 3-5 in the CW2B and in seventh place behind 4-4 Lake Roosevelt.

Earlier in the week on Thursday, Jan. 4, the Bridgeport boys lost at home to undefeated Brewster, 72-53, in a one-way contest that the Bears led from the first quarter to the closing buzzer.

Against Lake Roosevelt on the road Tuesday, Jan. 2, the Mustangs had a shot at moving up the CW2B ladder and came within three points of a three-way tie for fourth place with 4-4 Manson and Waterville-Mans-

field. However, the Raiders held off Bridgeport, 77-74, to become the third team in the nine-rival roster with a 4-4 league record.

Mustangs varsity coach, Pat McFadden suffered serious burns in a home fire last Friday, Jan. 5, and is currently in Harborview Medical Center in Seattle undergoing treatment for his injuries. In his absence, junior varsity coach Mike Osborne is filling in, while former Bridgeport basketball coach, Henry Austin takes the reins of the JV team.

The Fillies could not seem to break out of the 20-point range as they lost to all three of their league opponents. The Bridgeport girls dropped their game to the Lady Raiders, 73-23, on the road Tuesday, Jan. 2. Two days later at home against the unbeaten Lady Bears, the Fillies lost 62-25.

It didn't get much better on the road at Liberty Bell Saturday, Jan. 6, as the Lady Lions made it three-for-three with a



Photo by Mike Maltais

**Edgar Alcantara drops in two points during a recent Bridgeport home game.**

66-22 win over Bridgeport. Bridgeport was scheduled to play at Soap Lake Tuesday, Jan. 9, and at Cascade, Thursday, Jan.

11. The Mustangs and Fillies will host Manson on Saturday, Jan. 13, before heading off to play Tonasket on Tuesday, Jan. 16.



Photo courtesy of Bridgeport supporter

**Fillies' junior Esmeralda Garcia, with hand up, tries to stop a Liberty Bell player looking for the basket.**

# Pateros rolls over Easton; Devils stay home



Photos by Mike Maltais

**Ethan Freels drives against a defender during the Pateros Holiday Classic.**

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

**PATEROS** – Both the Billygoats and Nannies varsity basketball teams had an easy road trip against the Tigers at Easton last Thursday, Jan. 4. A Saturday home game against the Wilson Creek Devils was postponed.

The Nannies took a commanding eight-point lead in the first quarter and never surrendered the advantage as they cruised to a 57-24 win over league-rival Easton. Pateros led 32-12 at halftime with the second of three consecutive 16-point quarters and throttled back to a nine-point fourth quarter to win going away.

The Billygoats won by an even larger margin, 80-23 over the hapless Tigers. It was all over by the end of the first quarter as Pateros took a 17-point 24-7 lead into the second period and led 42-14 at halftime. The Tigers never broke out of single digits in any of the four quarters of play and remain 0-1 in league play.

A scheduled home game on Saturday, Jan. 6, with Wilson Creek was rescheduled after icy road conditions convinced the Devils to call off their trip north.

Pateros was scheduled to host Entiat on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and Cascade Christian Academy on Thursday, Jan. 11. Friday, Jan. 12 will find the Nannies and Billygoats on the road at Moses Lake Christian. They return home to host



**Jillian Piechalski controls the ball at the recent Pateros tournament.**

Soap Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 16. All game times start at 6 p.m.

for the girls' varsity and 7:30 p.m. for boys' varsity.




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 Bridgeport School District issued a determination of non-significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC) for the following project:  
 The full renovation to the Middle School located at 1300 Douglas Ave., a 12,000 sq ft addition to the Elementary School located at 1400 Tacoma Ave. and a 6,000 sq ft addition to the High School located at 1220 Kryger Ave., Bridgeport, Washington. The project is proposed by Bridgeport School District No. 75. After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the agency, Bridgeport School District has determined this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Copies of the DNS are available at no charge from Scott Sattler, Bridgeport School District, 509.686.5656. The public is invited to comment on this DNS by submitting written comments no later than February 26, 2018 to Dolly Ramming, Bridgeport School District, PO Box 1060, Bridgeport, WA 98813. Published in the Quad City Herald on January 11, and 18, 2016 #80862

**BEFORE THE OKANOGAN COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD OKANOGAN COUNTY WASHINGTON**  
 Notice of an Application for Change of Water Right to Change Point of Diversion, Change Place of Use, and Change Season of Use  
**TAKE NOTICE:** That on September 6th, 2017, Martin Wick of Brewster, WA filed an application number OKAN-17-05 with the Okanogan County Water Conservancy Board to Change Point of Diversion, Change Place of Use, and Change season of Use  
 That said Surface Water Claim diverts water at 200 gpm, 120 acre-feet per year for seasonal irrigation of 30 acres within Section 17, T. 34 N., R. 27 E.W.M. That the claimed season of use is April 15 through September 30.  
 That the authorized point of diversion is located in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 17, T.34N. R 27 E.W.M.  
 That the applicant proposes to change the point of diversion to an existing diversion located as follows: S1/2SE1/4 of Sec. 22, T. 31N., R.25 E.W.M. That the applicant proposes to irrigate 20.5

acres within Section 8, T31N, R25E.W.M. from April 15 through October 31.  
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## 72nd Lake Chelan Horticulture Day

### January 15, 2018

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## Lake Chelan Horticultural Day reemerges for 72nd year in Chelan

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – Chelan Future Farmers of America (FFA) and WSU Extension will be co-sponsoring the 72nd annual Lake Chelan Horticultural Day, Monday, Jan. 15 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. and presentations commencing the day's activities beginning at 9 a.m. at Chelan High School. Chelan FFA will be hosting the annual Trade Show with nine various vendors in attendance, along with a "Sloppy Joe" lunch and PowerPoint presentation on events that have taken place this year.

Throughout the day, there will be eight different presentations provided by specialists in varying fields of expertise.

Starting off the agenda items will be an educational presentation by Tianna DuPont of WSU Extension at 9 a.m. DuPont's presentation will focus on the management of Fire Blight in Season in Young Trees and prevention of infection. Following the Fire Blight presentation at 9:30 a.m. will be an update on one of the newest apple varieties, the WA38 "cosmic crisp". Presenters Kevin Brandt and Kathryn Grandy of PVM will discuss and explain marketing plans, grading standards, grafting and planting of the hybrid apple with parentage from the Honeycrisp and Red Delicious. Following a brief break, Stefano Musacchi, with WSU Horticulture, will

provide a horticultural update for the WA38 at 10:20, immediately followed by a Question & Answer session on the topic. Just before a lunch break, WSU Entomologist Robert Orpet will conduct a presentation of the Woolly Apple Aphid. Lunch break will take place from noon until 1 p.m. with "Sloppy Joes" and an opportunity to meet with some of the FFA officers, members and the newest advisors to Chelan FFA, Breaune Hanson and Randy Gleasman.

Resuming the presentation agenda at 1 p.m. are WSU Entomologists Adrian Marshall and Betsy Beers discussing management of the Native Stink Bug, followed by a presentation on the identification of common weeds in Washington by Lynn Sosnoskie, with WSU Weed Science at 1:30 p.m. Concluding the day's presentations will be Gwen Hoheisel with WSU Extension on the reduction of spray drift and improving spray efficacy at 2:00 p.m. and Molly Darr and Elizabeth Beers with WSU Entomology on Spotted Wing Drosophila Management Recommendations at 2:30 p.m.

The event is open to the public, especially those interested or specializing in the tree fruit industry with any proceeds going toward academic scholarships, loans, grants and support for student activities.

**Jan. 15**  
**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**Chelan High School**  
**215 Webster Avenue**

**Vendors will set up shop as part of this year's trade show**

**See full agenda on page B2**



Photo by Erin Rossell

Don and Ruth Van Wechel's blueberry farm in Manson. A 'berry' successful shot in the dark

## Thinking outside the crops

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

MANSON – Blueberries in the Chelan Valley? While the preconceived notion for fruit production is all vineyards and apples, blueberries are surely earning their place among the other prized fruits produced in valley.

Don Van Wechel and his wife, Ruth, began brainstorming ideas nearly 20 years ago. Starting as a field man for local apple orchards, Van Wechel realized the downward pressure on profits being seen throughout apples

produced in the valley, namely the Red Delicious variety. "We started thinking," he explained, "what could we provide using the same type of equipment and techniques as apple farming?" A few short years later, the Van Wechels stumbled into the prospect of blueberries. Start-up costs for

*"It's really easy to drop the acid level in the soil, our water (from the lake) has no buffering system."*

-Don Van Wechel

blueberries was quite a bit cheaper than what it takes for apple farming Van Wechel explained. "Looking around it was really easy to find some plants here and there," he said. They began by planting a few blueberry bushes in the garden to

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LCM File Photo

WSU Extension Regional Specialist, Tianna DuPont, speaks with a fellow attendee in the lunch line at the 71st annual Horticulture Day at Chelan High School in 2017. DuPont delivered a lecture on North Central Washington soil quality during the one-day event.

## Airstrike falcons target bird pests' hard-wired fear of raptors



Photo by Mike Maltais

Airstrike Bird Control President and CEO Brad Felger brought some of his falcons to the Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival in Pateros last September.

By MIKE MALTAIS, STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Last September, Brad Felger, brought falcons from his Skagit Valley home to the Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival to acquaint raptor lovers with an aspect of falconry with which few are familiar.

Felger, owner of Airstrike Bird Control, Inc. headquartered in Atascadero, Calif., is reintroducing a natural dynamic that is older than

the practice of agriculture itself: the predator-prey relationship. Felger employs various species of falcons to discourage bird pests such as starlings from preying on fruit crops.

Airstrike works with agriculturalists throughout Washington State and the western U.S. who raise everything from cherries to wine grapes. Felger's team of falconers use the birds to harass and haze pest birds that present a constant challenge to ripening fruit crops.

A cherry orchardist in Wenatchee who recently tried Airstrike expressed both surprise and satisfaction over the effectiveness of falcons to address his bird pest problem, Felger said.

Airstrike was founded in 2002 and employs about 25 falconers in capacities both as independent contractors with their own abatement permits or as sub-permittees under Felger's permit. Many have their own falcons while some use Airstrike birds.

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## 72nd Annual Lake Chelan Horticultural Meeting January 15, 2017 Chelan High School

Co-sponsored by: WSU Extension and  
Chelan High School FFA

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration, Announcements, FFA Introduction
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Fire Blight: Preventing Infection, Managing Fire Blight in Season in Young Trees\* Tianna DuPont, WSU Extension.
- 9:30 – 9:55 a.m. WA38 updates Kevin Brandt, Kathryn Grandy, PVM. Marketing plans, grade standard, grafting and planting info.
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:20-10:50 a.m. WA38 Horticulture Update Stefano Musacchi, WSU Horticulture
- 10:50-11:15 a.m. WA 38 Questions and Answers
- 11:15 -11:45 a.m. Woolly Apple Aphid\* Robert Orpet, WSU Entomology, TFREC
- Noon-1 p.m. Lunch – Support Chelan FFA – Join us for Lunch!
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. Native Stink Bug Management\* Adrian Marshall, Elizabeth Beers WSU Entomology
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. Identifying Common Weeds in WA\* Lynn Sosnoskie, WSU Weed Science
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Reducing Spray Drift and Improving Spray Efficacy\* Gwen Hoheisel, WSU Extension
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Spotted Wing Drosophila Management Recommendations\* Molly Darr, Elizabeth Beers, WSU Entomology
- 3:00 p.m. Pesticide Credits and Closing

Agendas are draft and time are subject to change.

2 to 3 pesticide education credits will be awarded for program attendance based on WSDA approval.

Extension programs and employment are available without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

If you are interested in joining the trade show contact: Breanne Hanson hansonb@chelanschools.org (509) 860-1950. Proceeds benefit the Future Farmers of America Scholarship.

## BLUEBERRIES

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determine how well the fruit would grow, and not long after, planted a few more of different varieties.

Blueberries are not very common in this area due to the fruit preferring a cooler climate and acidic soil to grow Van Wechel explained. But, in Chelan “it’s really easy to drop the acid level in the soil,” he stated, “our water (from the lake) has no buffering system.” With a simple switch from the calcium nitrate used in apple and pear orchards to ammonium nitrate for the berries, the Van Wechels have been successful in the quality of berries produced. Switching over was easy to do, he explained, “and the cost per acre investment was better than apples.” Along with the simple conversion process, the need for other pear and apple production tools are also non-existent. Trellises and ladders, for example, are unnecessary in the production of blueberries, he added, although, you could use “very short ladders,” he joked.

As they began testing various crops for not only appearance, but taste also, “I knew I didn’t want to make the same mistake the apple industry made,” Van Wechel said referring to the Red Delicious apple variety commonly found in the valley. They’ve settled on two varieties so far, one a mid-season bloomer, harvesting early to mid-July and the other a late-season blooming variety, ready for harvest late July to early August. We’re still trying to find an early-season bloomer Van Wechel explained. “You can compete on volume or quality,” he



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The Van Wechel’s have settled on two varieties so far for their farm, one a mid-season bloomer, harvesting early to mid-July and the other a late-season blooming variety, ready for harvest late July to early August.

explained, “quality has always been this area. We need to get back to our roots.” The same applies to blueberries, he explained, “other areas will have to continually acidify the soil, here we don’t have to,” he stated, adding, “even though blueberries generally do better with the cooler weather from the coast, things just generally do better with sunshine.”

While one of the qualities sought out for blueberries is the suitability for mechanical harvesting, Van Wechel doesn’t take part in the machinery for harvesting,

he said. He prefers the personable method of utilizing labor crews, “this is what I’d like to see,” he explained, “I’d like to see the guys come out in the morning for thinning, then have them come back later with their families and pick.” He explained that he encourages the kids to eat the blueberries from a plant before the parents harvest it, “they’re like my little quality control,” he laughed, “if it didn’t taste good then I’d tell them to tell mom and dad to skip that plant.” As of right now, harvesting doesn’t happen

until the product is ordered, leaving berries intact longer allowing for maximum freshness. “We’re not very big right now,” Van Wechel stated, “only about three acres and we market locally ourselves.”

The mom-and-pop business didn’t start expanding their crop until around 2007, when they made the commitment and pulled up their pear trees to replace with the berries. The business started by word of mouth, and “started with 10-pound orders, then the next year it was 20 pounds, then 50 pounds, I just couldn’t grow my berries fast enough,” he joked. “Everything pretty much stays here in the valley and we deliver,” he added, “so if you order you’re going to see either me or my wife.”

If you’re interested in ordering next season’s crops, call Don or Ruth at (509) 687-3981.

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-Don Van Wechel

## Loans available to farmers from FSA

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Direct farm loans are made by FSA. FSA also services these loans and works with the direct loan borrowers so they have a better chance for success. Farm ownership, operating,

emergency, and youth loans are the main types of loans available under the direct program. Loan funds may be used for annual operating expenses, such as feed, fertilizer, chemical, labor expenses, and other annual farm expenses. Non-real estate farm debt may be refinanced. Loans may also be taken out to purchase livestock and equipment. Farm ownership

loans not only can be used to acquire, purchase or enlarge your farm, but also for capital improvements. These improvements may include building necessary buildings, facilities, and/or renovating your farming operation, such as replanting a portion of your orchard.

All applicant’s will be required to meet all qualifications, which some include the inability to get credit elsewhere, farm management experience, good credit history, ability to repay the loan, and adequate collateral.

Farmers interested in applying for a direct operating or farm ownership loan should contact their local FSA office. Funds may be limited this year, so we encourage you to call soon.

For more information about these and other types of loans, visit the FSA’s home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on “Farm Loan Programs”, then click on the type of loan program you are interested in.

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# USDA offers targeted farm loan funding for underserved groups and beginning farmers



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**In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans.**

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Wenatchee – USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Senior Farm Loan Officer Jose Limon, reminds producers that FSA offers specially-targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

"Each year, a portion of FSA's loan funds are set aside to lend to targeted underserved and beginning farmers and ranchers," said Limon. "Farming and ranching is a capital intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations."

During fiscal year 2017 (Oct. 1, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017), Washington FSA obligated \$36,534,154 in loans to underserved borrowers and beginning farmers and ranchers.

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members

must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation. For farm ownership purposes, the applicant must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county at the time of application. All direct farm ownership applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least three years out of the last 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage and all entity members must be eligible beginning farmers.

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn, promote

soil and water conservation and development and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans depend on the collateral securing the loan and usually run from one to seven years. Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the Government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, please contact your local FSA Office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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"Nobody does this without a falconer's license," said Felger, who holds a Master Falconer designation and has been involved with the raptors for 47 years.

Falconry in Washington State is licensed and enforced by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife which mandates several requirements to achieve the rank of Apprentice Falconer. Among those requirements are apprenticing with a General or Master Falconer, passing the falconry written exam with an 80 percent or higher score and passing a falcon housing (mews) inspection.

The field of bird abatement with falcons involves a wide variety of practices that depend upon the type of crop grown, species of bird(s) targeted, topographical factors, coverage area, and extent of canopy cover, to name a few.

An expanse of fruit trees, for example, offers more opportunities for bird pests to find cover from falcons than a more open vineyard does.

Felger's company also uses a variety of falcon species that come with their own brand of effectiveness depending upon what type of pest bird needs abatement and the kind of vegetation and terrain being considered.

"Each type of bird offers a specialty," said Felger. "We make a decision when we fly our birds based on the unique characteristics of each site; it's kind of like having a tool box."

Felger pointed out that the goal of his service involves driving pest birds away as opposed to lethal measures.

"Our objective is to haze the birds, not kill them," said Felger.



Photo by Mike Maltais

**An expanse of fruit trees offers more opportunities for bird pests to find cover from falcons than a more open vineyard does.**

Felger said that while Starlings are the number one pest bird for all crops, birds in general seem to have a well-developed taste for the most valuable of fruit species. Blueberries are a favorite and certain varieties of apples such as Honeycrisp attract more than their share of bird bites.

For viticulture, Felger said one advantage of natural bird abatement is helping vineyards

get their sustainability certification which informs consumers interested in the environmental benefits of sustainable production.

Airstrike Bird Control, Inc. has sponsored a vendor booth at past Lake Chelan Horticultural Day presentations. Felger can be reached at [bfelger@airstrikebirdcontrolyusa.com](mailto:bfelger@airstrikebirdcontrolyusa.com) or by calling (805) 391-0444 or (360) 982-1401.



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# Apple crops in Chelan Valley just shy of record-breaking



Photo by Erin Rossell

The bulk of the apples left on trees were of the Red Delicious variety, Washington State's most acclaimed variety of the fruit.

## King of Apples future at stake?

By ERIN ROSSELL, STAFF WRITER

CHELAN - The apple production nearly reached an all-time high for the 2017 season with an estimated crop at 142.3 million 40-pound boxes, according to reports through Washington State Tree Fruit Association. The yielded amount surpassed the Aug. 1 forecasted crop by a hefty 8.7 percent, placing it effectively as the second highest crop, just below the 143.6 million boxes produced in 2014.

The greater supply, however, creates a smaller profit margin for orchardists, explained retired WSU agricultural economist Desmond O'Rourke in an article on Washington Farm Bureau. The surplus supply generates a "marginal downward pressure on prices," he stated, resulting in less profit per pound. Light fruit productions overseas for the season, however, are anticipated to help with expanding profits as exports to these areas are projected

to increase with the higher demand for Washington apples.

The abundant supply of Chelan Valley's treasured fruit wasn't the only anomalous feature for the season. The warmer temperatures lasted well into the fall season allowing harvesting to continue through the end of November, and, largely due to a lack of pickers, resulted in marketable apples left hanging on several rows within various local orchards. The bulk of the apples left on trees were of the Red Delicious variety, Washington State's most acclaimed variety of the fruit. The Red Delicious, historically perceived as the "king of apples," is nearing the end of its reign as sweeter varieties, such as the Ambrosia and Honeycrisp, are becoming increasingly popular among consumers and absorbing the demand once seen for the reds.

As of early December 2017, as reported from a USDA price tracking report, extra fancy (standard) Red Delicious sold for \$14 to \$17 for medium sized 80 and 88 apples per box. The price has been stable through October and

November while remaining one of the lowest cost varieties available according to an article written by Dan Wheat, titled "Washington apple crop estimate nears record," on Washington Farm Bureau. On major varieties, a price of \$17 to \$18 is almost required to break even for Washington growers, the article explained. Red Delicious averages at \$15.50 per box, less than the break-even amount, while varieties such as the Honeycrisp are selling at an average of \$48 per box on premium sized 80s and 88s.

The vary narrow profit margin on reds makes for an easy answer as to why that variety was left hanging, but also raises the question as to what the future holds for the "king of apples."

**Who would've thought?**  
• There are more than 7,500 known apple varieties grown around the world, eight of which are primary varieties grown right here in Washington.

• 10 - 12 billion apples are harvested in Washington State each year.

• Each Washington apple is picked by hand. There are no harvest machines to pick

apples.

• If you put all the Washington State apples picked in a year side-by-side, they would circle the earth 29 times.

• Apples originated in Kazakhstan and were carried east by traders on the Silk Road.

• The only apple native to North America is the crabapple.

• Apple seeds are like people; you will never get the exact same type of apple from a planted seed.

• Eating one large apple provides 20 percent of the recommended daily value of dietary fiber, 8 percent of the antioxidant Vitamin C, and 7 percent of your day's potassium, all for only 130 calories... with no fat, no sodium, and no cholesterol!

These fun facts and more were located on Washington Apples at [www.bestapples.com](http://www.bestapples.com).

Sources: Dan Wheat, Capital Press, "Washington apple crop estimate nears record," web, Dec. 13, 17. <http://wsfb.com/washington-apple-crop-estimate-nears-record/>



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# Wilbur-Ellis faces challenges

By MIKAILA WILKERSON, STAFF WRITER

CASHMERE - Wilbur-Ellis Co., an Agricultural Product Wholesaler that works to provide valuable resources to help customers reduce loss, grow smart and increase productivity, has had a location at 404 Mission Avenue in Cashmere for many years and has faced some tough challenges this last year.

According to Kevin Kenoyer, a Wilbur-Ellis fieldman, their production and quality in 2017 were down due to weather conditions.

"We're fighting a lot of pest pressure as well," Kenoyer added.

Wilbur-Ellis had to deal with Pear psylla, which is one of the most serious insect pests of pears.

Cork, which is a physiological disorder in pears that occurs when pears are not at their best quality,



Photo by Mikaila Wilkerson

Wilbur-Ellis Co., located at 404 Mission Avenue, has dealt with pest pressure and weather conditions affecting production last year.

is another big challenge that workers at Wilbur-Ellis have had to face due to weather conditions.

How this year's production and quality will be affected will also be dependent on the

weather and pest pressure Kenoyer said.

Another concern that the business faces is labor issues and finding enough workers for everything to go more smoothly.

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# Women in Agriculture mentors a growing group of feminine farmers



Graphics courtesy of Margaret A. Viebrock

By MIKE MALTAIS  
STAFF WRITER

WATERVILLE – More than a decade ago, Margaret Viebrock, Director of the WSU Extension County Director for Chelan and Douglas counties, had an idea: create an avenue for women involved in agriculture to interact and share knowledge, resources, and opportunities with like-minded peers in their field of endeavor.

The seed Viebrock planted in 2005 that began with a small meeting in Wenatchee's Eastmont High School has today sprouted into a multi-state program with dozens of outreach locations where women gather to participate in video conferences.

Prior to 2005 Viebrock was involved in a three-state effort dealing with risk management education for farm families that included risk-related topics such as finances, insurance, legal issues and more.

"During these workshops I noticed only a small number of women who were involved," said Viebrock. "They learn differently from men."

Women were not comfortable in the traditional male-dominated meetings typical of the time, so it was determined that a change in the dynamic was needed.

"Together with a couple of colleagues we decided to develop a program for women in agriculture," Viebrock said.

Under the banner of Women, Farms and Food, Women in Agriculture was born, and each year holds an annual conference that focuses on a different theme. Last November's gathering in Nespelem entitled "We Can Do It" addressed topics related to leadership on the farm and in the community.

The 2015 conference "Put Your Best Boot Forward" focused on the marketing aspects of agriculture and drew more than 650 participants.

Last fall's conference, themed "Power Up Your Communication Style, Power Up Your Farm" attracted more than 600 women who participated by video link from some 40 locations in five states, said WSU's Colville



Reservation Extension Director, Linda McLean. Women in Ag has also adjusted its format based on client feedback to accommodate more participation.

"We moved the meeting from March to November to allow more women to participate at a less busy time of the year," said McLean.

In 2009 women involved in the annual conference said they could not leave their operations for extended periods and requested meeting sites closer to their homes. Accordingly, in 2010 the conference was delivered at four locations in the state. To further accommodate participation, webinar technology has been enlisted for the past six years to bring the program to a wider audience. Now, women in five states – Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska – spanning three time zones network simultaneously and this year, Wyoming and Nevada plan to link up.

During and after each conference the Women in Ag project follows the progress of participants through comprehensive surveys and outreach to determine how women are applying the information and techniques they learned in

USDA statistics reveal that more than a third of Washington State farmers are women responsible for more than 4.75 million acres and generating a nearly quarter-



Margaret Viebrock, Director WSU Extension Chelan and Douglas Counties in Waterville, founded the Women in Agriculture program in 2005.

billion-dollar economic impact. The good news is that the current trend indicates that influence is growing with more younger women entering the agriculture field than older women are leaving it.

Viebrock acquired her undergraduate degree in Family and Consumers Sciences and Education from North Dakota State University and her masters in Adult Education and Nutrition from Central Washington University.

To learn more, check out the website [www.womeninag.wsu.edu](http://www.womeninag.wsu.edu) or contact Margaret A. Viebrock, Director WSU Extension Chelan and Douglas Counties, Courthouse Box 550, Waterville, WA 98858, (509) 745-8531 or email [viebrock@wsu.edu](mailto:viebrock@wsu.edu).

# City officials struggle with apple maggot quarantine

By IAN DUNN, STAFF WRITER

In June (of 2017), Leavenworth city officials were made aware of the city was part of an Apple Maggot Quarantine Area. The Washington State Department of Agriculture restricts the removal of brush and solid waste from the quarantine area, which is the greater portion of the city limits.

Dumping outside the quarantine area or at the Dryden Transfer Station was in violation of the ban. On June 14, City Administrator Joel Walinski and Public Works Director Herb Amick met with the DOA to discuss the possibility of getting a permit so the city could continue dumping solid waste at Dryden.

"In order to continue our garbage dumping at Dryden, we had to agree to several points. One was to continue our spring and fall yard cleanup program. Continue having the recycle center collecting brush. We have to dispose of that brush within the quarantine area. Do education to try to keep the green waste out of the garbage," Amick said, at the Aug. 8 study session.

Councilman Elmer Larsen asked if the city could burn the brush from inside the city.

For the Department of Ag., that is the preferred method, Amick said, but not for the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Amick said they were looking for some direction from the council.

"We have some options. The county opened their pit. We can take it there. The big question, we're not sure they'll take our bags. We can rent their chipper at \$600 an hour. We can petition to get a special burning permit," Amick said.

Larsen suggested the city buy its own chipper. Mayor Cheri Kelley Farivar said a new chipper costs around \$100,000.

"I think our path forward is we put in a request to get a burn permit from the DOE, which opens the door to them providing some type of

funding for a chipper. One of the problems they have with the county, in terms of their chipper, they do allow people to come in and dump without inspecting.

At least in our unit, we can see what goes in," Walinski said.

The chips will have to stay within the quarantine area, Amick said.

As of July 31, the city was forced to cease hauling brush and green waste to Stemilt. As of Aug. 1, the city public works crew began preparing a site in the open space located at the cemetery for the stockpiling of yard waste to be chipped or burnt.

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Photo courtesy Laudan Espinoza, Washington State West Mathison of Stemilt Growers and agriculture students attending the WSTFA luncheon pose with Sen. Brad Hawkins (center).

## Hawkins recognized as agricultural leader with inaugural award from State Tree Fruit Association

SUBMITTED BY LAUDAN ESPINOZA, WASHINGTON STATE MEDIA CONTACT

OLYMPIA - Sen. Brad Hawkins was recently named the 2017 Legislative Champion by the Washington State Tree Fruit Association for his work supporting the tree fruit industry across the state.

Hawkins represents the 12th Legislative District, which is renowned for its tree fruit production. He introduced legislation this past session to address challenges for growers presented by a 2015 court decision.

"Agriculture is a huge part

of the 12th District and state economy," said Hawkins. "I am honored to be recognized by the Tree Fruit Association for my work to ensure a strong and vibrant industry."

Hawkins' work includes bipartisan legislation aimed at improving compensation and settlement negotiations for the tree fruit industry.

"We need to ensure that workers and producers are able to resolve issues fairly," Hawkins added. "My bipartisan bill provided a way for the industry to fairly compensate workers and protect producers who are working in good faith. Although it did not become

law, it raised awareness of the issue that was hanging over the tree fruit industry and led to improved outcomes for all involved."

The State Tree Fruit Association presented the inaugural award at its annual luncheon. "This award recognizes Senator Hawkins' active leadership in support of the state's tree fruit producers," said WSTFA President Jon DeVaney. "Our members greatly appreciate the senator's understanding of and support for our industry's issues, and this is an opportunity to publicly thank him."

## \$1 million in WAEF scholarships to be awarded this spring

SUBMITTED BY WASHINGTON APPLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WENATCHEE - The Washington Apple Education Foundation will award \$1 million in scholarships to students raised in tree fruit industry communities in the spring of 2018. Recipients of these awards are pursuing two- and four-year college/university degrees and technical degrees at accredited vocational/technical colleges. Awards are open to graduating seniors and current college students.

All awards are generously funded by individuals and businesses with ties to Washington's tree fruit industry.

### Who qualifies?

Students raised in families with ties to Washington's tree fruit industry are eligible to apply. Ties to the industry are created through immediate family member or personal employment in an apple, cherry or pear orchard or warehouse in Washington, immediate family ownership of an apple, cherry or pear orchard or warehouse in Washington or immediate

family employment in a company directly serving the apple, cherry or pear industry in Washington. Additionally, students with a desire to work for the tree fruit industry may also qualify.

### How do you apply?

Students pursuing a two- or four-year degree at a college or university should be complete the WAEF Universal Scholarship Application. Completing this one form allows you to apply for all WAEF scholarships, except those identified under the WAEF Technical/Vocational Scholarship Application. WAEF Universal Scholarship Application

The WAEF Technical/Vocational Scholarship Application is for students pursuing a technical/vocational certificate or a two-year technical/vocational degree in one of the following fields: auto repair/mechanic, automotive technology, computer application, construction building and trades, diesel mechanic, electrical, electronics, HVAC, industrial systems technology, information technology, instrumentation, logistics control, machine programming, machine

technology, mechanized irrigation systems, network administration, project management, refrigeration, welding, or other technical agriculture related. WAEF Technical/Vocational Scholarship Application

Please refer to the qualifications for each application. Applicants that complete the incorrect application will be disqualified from consideration. If you have questions about which application is right for you, please contact the foundation office at (509) 663-7713 or scholarships@waef.org.

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2018. In addition to completing the application form, letters of reference and transcripts are required. These, too, must be submitted by the deadline.

### Need help?

For assistance, contact the WAEF office at (509) 663-7713 or scholarships@waef.org. Your questions are welcome.

You should also check out our scholarship tips. This list of tips reflects lessons learned reviewing hundreds of scholarship applications over the last 20 years. Scholarship Tips at [www.waef.org/scholarships/](http://www.waef.org/scholarships/)

## Local Farm Act feeds rural economics

BY CORA FOX, CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Where our food comes from matters - for our health, for the vitality of our communities, for our wallets, and for the environment. One of the Center for Rural Affairs' goals is to connect the local people who grow and make food with the local people who eat it.

We work to bring together farmers and consumers through community food systems and farm to school projects, providing workshops, webinars, and technical support. We have long supported local foods as an economic development tool in rural communities, working with community leaders to build healthy, sustainable, local food systems.

Recently, the Local Food and Regional Market Supply Act (The Local Farms Act) was introduced in both the Senate (S. 1947) and the House (H.R. 3941). Through an investment in programs and policies that spur economic development, the act prioritizes the development of new markets for farmers and expanded healthy food access for American families.

Findings from the Agricultural Census in 2007 and 2012 show that farmers who market food directly to consumers have a greater chance of remaining in business than similarly sized farms that market through traditional channels.

In 2015, more than 167,000 U.S. farms produced and sold food locally through food hubs and other

intermediaries, direct farmer-to-consumer marketing, or direct farm to retail. Those sales resulted in \$8.7 billion in revenue for local producers.

We stand with Congressional sponsors in calling for this critical investment in our food and farm future. The Local Farms Act should be included in the 2018 farm bill.

To contact Cora Fox, email [CORAF@CFRA.ORG](mailto:CORAF@CFRA.ORG)

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# Join WSU Extension for 2018 Winter Tree Fruit Programing in Central Washington

SUBMITTED BY TIANNA DUPONT, WASHINGTON STATE TREE FRUIT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

NCW - Tree fruit producers and industry professionals are invited to WSU Tree Fruit Extension Programs in Central Washington on January 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, and February 6. Co-sponsored by Northwest Cherries, Pear Bureau Northwest, NCW Fieldmen's Association, Chelan Future Farmers of America and the Okanogan Horticultural Association. These events provide the latest research based information on horticulture, pest and disease management. We hope you will join us to network and learn this winter. For agendas and additional information visit [treefruit.wsu.edu/events](http://treefruit.wsu.edu/events). Pesticide update credits will be awarded for program attendance.

**Cherry Institute**  
Friday, January 12, 2018  
Yakima Convention Center  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by NW Cherries

Seasonal Timeline for Achieving Superior Cherry Fruit Size, Assessing Cherry Fruit Size Tools, Sweet Cherry Varieties, Gum Acacia, Cherry Viruses and more.

**North Central Washington Stone Fruit Day**  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
8:15 a.m. registration  
Co-Sponsored by WSU

Extension and NW Cherries  
Topics include: Record Crop, Record Challenges, Looking Back and Moving Forward; Managing for Bigger High Quality Fruit; Grower Experiences with Cherry Training Systems; Spotted Wing Drosophila; Cherry Virus Update; Cherry Powdery Mildew Management Questions and Answers; and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/new-stone-fruit-day-2018/>

North Central Washington

**Pear Day**  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
8:15 a.m. registration  
Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and Pear Bureau Northwest  
Topics include: Optimizing Pear Physiology, Handling Trees at Planting for Medium Density Demonstration, Novel Avenues for Increasing Pear Consumption, Farm Bill and Labor Issues Update, Tree Survey, Perennial Weed Control, Fire Blight, Conserving Natural Enemies in Pear Orchards: A Basis for Pear IPM, Choosing the Right Tools for Successful Pear IPM, Singing Psyllids, Attract-and-kill, and Landscape-wide tracking of Dispersal, and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/new-pear-day-2018/>

**North Central Washington Apple Day**  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
8:15 a.m. registration  
Topics include: Can Deficit Irrigation Be Used as a Tool to Improve Fruit Quality in Honeycrisp?, Adoption of Protective Netting in WA Apple Production, Bitter Pit Prediction Models, Woolly Apple Aphid, Codling Moth, Managing Fire Blight in Young Trees, Update on Apple Powdery Mildew Control, Factors Affecting Glyphosate Efficacy, and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/new-apple-day-2018/>

**Okanogan Horticultural Society Annual Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
Omak Agriplex  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
8:30 a.m. registration  
Co-sponsored by WSU Extension and North Central Washington Fieldmen's Association  
Topics include: Fire Blight Common Questions and Answers, Cosmic Crisp™ Marketing and Frequently Asked Questions, Managing WA 38 for High Quality Fruit, BMPs for Managing Nitrogen

and Carbon Dynamics in Perennial Horticultural Crops, Pear Psylla: Everything you Wanted to know but were Afraid to Ask, Apple Leaf Curl Midge, Apple Maggot, and more. <http://treefruit.wsu.edu/event/okanogan-horticultural-meeting/>  
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Wednesday, January 24, 2018 -  
Pasco Holiday Inn Express  
NWW Omak Organic/Conventional Meeting—  
Thursday, February 1, 2018 - Omak Agriplex  
NWW Royal City Organic/Conventional Meeting—  
First week of February  
Pear Research Review—  
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