

Brewster Council gets water update, welcomes new member



Emmanuel "Manny" Hurtado is the newest member of the Brewster City Council.

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Representatives from J.U.B. Engineers in Spokane updated city council members concerning the final stages of the reservoir renovation project...

Engineer consultants Michelle Johnson and Steve James said the renovated reservoir - for which the city won the annual Drinking Water Award from the Infrastructure Assistance Coordination Council - is all operational and came in under budget.

Tackling the manganese content in the city water is the next challenge.

"We're getting ready to drill a couple of test wells and we'll look at water quality in a couple places around town," said Johnson. "Probably in the next five to six months."

Johnson and James said the hard part is acquiring the property for drill sites.

"That's the hard part," James said.

There are limited open areas available," Johnson said.

Following the requisite public hearing council members approved the 2018 city budget.

Council members also approved a resolution authorizing the city clerk to pay bills that cannot wait the 30 days between council meetings. The formal resolution is necessary for the city to comply with new grant requirements.

Public Works Director Lee Webster said Bonney Lake tree carver Jacob Lucas is expected to begin work transforming two tree trunks in Columbia Cove Park sometime after the Christmas holidays.

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Christmas Shoppe, Cops and Kids captures the holiday spirit



Ayden Walsh, 8, of Brewster looked over the selection of dollar gifts as he shopped for his mother and grandmother.

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - It took a space the size of the Brewster Boys and Girls Club to hold all the gifts, games and guests at the Brewster Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Shoppe for Kids and Brewster Police Department Cops and Kids snow safety poster competition held last Saturday, Dec. 16, at the BBGC.

Included were Christmas shops, a police booth, children's crafts, Santa and Mrs. Claus, children's games, hot chocolate, cookies and lots of

good cheer.

Shoppers by the hundreds descended on the BBGC Saturday afternoon where youngsters up to 12 years of age were able to purchase \$1 gifts for family members for Christmas.

After selections were made and paid for, volunteers were on hand to custom wrap each gift so they would be ready for the tree Christmas morning.

When the final numbers were tallied, almost 650 gifts were bought during the three-hour event and there were lots

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Sophia Duarte, 4, left, Elih Hough, 10 months, and Kysten Hough, 3, all of Brewster, pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Christmas Shoppe/Cops and Kids event last Saturday.



Photo courtesy of Brewster Police Department

Winners of new sleds in the Cops and Kids Snow Safety Poster Contest held at the Brewster Boys and Girls Club last Saturday included, Bray, 5, Bennett, 8, Ashtyn, 9, Brian, 5, Brewster Head Start, Malaya, 9, Gabriel, 7, Cristian, 8, Xittlali, 9, Bailey, 7, Havanna, 8, Hyleah, 10, Ayden, 8, Giovanni, 8, Larry, 4, Kritzel, 5, Jenny, 13, Tajanai, 11, Adilsah, 11, and Liz, 12.

Bridgeport Council approves new member, across-the-board wage increase

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - Council members unanimously approved the appointment of Anthony Jenkins as the newest member of the city council at its rescheduled monthly meeting last Monday, Dec. 18. Jenkins will fill the seat being vacated effective at the end of the year by Eric Schmidt.

Jenkins, a former Marine, who was raised in Bridgeport and is the grandson of County Commissioner Steve Jenkins, returned from residency in Spokane to the small-town atmosphere in Bridgeport about five years ago.

Jenkins said that while in the Corps he studied avionics "but my passion is welding." Jenkins has worked for various agricultural and technol-



Council members voted to approve Anthony Jenkins as the new council member to replace Eric Schmidt.

ogy companies such as Wilbur Ellis, Maf Industries, Gebbers, Chelan Fruit and Blue Bird, Inc.

Council members also unan-

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Driving awards remind students of new distracted driving law.

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Brewster High School senior Jennifer Perez got caught last week by Police Chief Nattalie Cariker - for safe driving.

Cariker and Brewster High School staffers were on the lookout for a safe driving student they could recognize as a reminder to all student drivers of a new distracted driving law going into effect in 2018.

They found their candidate in Perez, a licensed and insured driver who met all the criteria of a vehicle operator driving safely, legally and observing 2N2: 2 eyes on the road and 2 hands on the wheel.

Much to her surprise, Perez was given a small award and thank you gift by Cariker

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Photo courtesy of Brewster High School

Brewster High School senior, Jennifer Perez received a student safe driving award last week from Brewster Police Chief Nattalie Cariker and State Farm Insurance. Remember: 2N2. 2 eyes on the road, 2 hands on the wheel.

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Students create colorful Christmas scene



Photos by Mike Maltais

The Pateros Middle and High School Art Department created this colorful backdrop as one of two for the Pateros Century 21 Real Estate office. An acknowledgement in the corner of the window acknowledges the effort with the words: "A very special thank you to Pateros Middle and High School art department for painting our wonderful 2017 Christmas backdrop."

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thanks to an auto safety grant provided by State Farm Insurance to bring student drivers' attentions to the new Distracted Driver Law that went into effect last July.

As part of the award presentation, the new cell phone law is recited over the school intercom.

Eveline Roy, Safe Kids Coordinator for the Wenatchee Police Department, came up with the award idea for North Central Washington student drivers.

"I was thinking about good ways to get the new cell phone law to students," said Roy. "I thought hearing the law over the intercom would reach all students and we would have their undivided attention."

Roy received a grant from State Farm Insurance to help educate high school students about the new cell phone law. As the Target Zero Manager for Okanogan, Chelan, Doug-

las and Kittitas counties Roy visits schools in the four-county area to present awards with local law enforcement and familiarize students with the new driving rules.

Among the new restrictions are:

- NO hand-held cell phone use while driving, even when stopped in traffic or at a traffic light. This includes all use of electronic devices: tablets, laptops and video games. Using a phone behind the wheel compromises more than a third of your brain power.

- NO text messages, accessing social media, videos or internet searches. Taking photos or video while operating a vehicle is also prohibited.

- You may use your smart device if you are: Hands-free and can start it with a single touch or swipe of your finger, parked out-of-the-flow of traffic, or contacting emergency services.

- If you have an intermediate driver's license you may not use a cell phone even hands-free while driving.

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of gifts left over, thanks to the donations and generosity of community citizens and businesses in the area.

One of the shoppers was

eight-year-old Ayden Walsh of Brewster, who lives with his family in Indian Dan Canyon. Walsh said he was looking for just the right gifts for his mother and grandmother.

The Snow Safety Poster contest organized by the Brewster Police Department had no lack

of entries as children competed for one of the coveted 20 new sleds given to the winners. Chief Nattalie Cariker called it "a great success."

Among groups that helped make the weekend celebration a success were the Brewster Police Department, Brewster

High School ASB and FFA, Catholic Church youth group, Log Church Christian School, Brewster Boys and Girls Club, Brewster Fire Department, several Brewster City Council members, and Websters Furniture for donating the use of Santa's chair.



LEFT: Victoria Garcia, 3, of Brewster shows off her craft table creation with help from Brewster High School senior volunteer, Zulema Sotelo.

LEFT MIDDLE: Bridgeport High School junior Luis Cevantes, left, Brewster High School freshman Cassandra Rosas, and Bynce Lopez, a Brewster eighth grader, wrap a gift for Araceli Lopez of Brewster.

LEFT BOTTOM: Brewster Elementary second grader, Adrian Tinoco, 7, takes his turn at the Bean Bag Toss. He put two of four bags through the round target.

BELOW: Angel Lopez, 4, with putter, gets some help from sister, Gabby, 10, at the Golf Putt game.

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Pateros City Council gets good news on new well water quality and quantity

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

PATEROS – Engineering and management consultant Ben Varela of Varela & Associates of Spokane updated council members on the water quality and quantity of the city's new well project during the regular monthly meeting of the city council last Monday, Dec. 18.

Varela had good news in the form of very low manganese readings – well below current well numbers – at both new well sites at Pearl Street and Lakeshore.

“We don't have all the water quality results back yet,” said Varela “but that part of it is looking really good.”

Varela said the water quantity is high and estimated volume at around 2,000 gallons per minute from each well, “better than anyone could have hoped.”

The results so far show the potential to double the city's water capacity with little or no issues or costs associated with manganese content.

Varela said some extra time and work was required to address fine sand in the initial water withdrawals and recommended further pumping by the contractor, Blue Star, to remedy the condition.

Work on the storage reservoir near the cemetery has been shut down for the winter and should resume next spring, Varela said.

In response to a question from councilman George Brady about finances, Varela said the project is both on budget and



Photo by Mike Maltais

Engineering consultant Ben Varela addressed the Pateros city Council last Monday.

on schedule.

In other business Mayor Carlene Anders explained the process of reviewing and rating county infrastructure projects with the Economic Development District.

“We rate projects here in Okanogan County through Economic Alliance and all the projects are streamlined through the county here and then move on to the North Central Washington Economic Development District,” Anders said.

The 2018 Okanogan County

Prioritization List includes the Pateros Starr Road Business Development that is ranked third among the six projects on that list.

City Administrator Jord Wilson reported on calculated savings of the city's Relight Project.

Wilson said the 2016 street light rate was \$813. The 2017 rate increase raised that to \$938. The new Relight project brought the cost down to \$709 for a savings of about \$148 from the previous rate.

being made to the park facilities but remain reasonable for users.

Council also welcomed its newest member, Emmanuel “Manny” Hurtado who was presented with his official council nameplate that will designate his position when he attends his first council meeting in January.

Hurtado, who won his seat over two-term incumbent

Ramiro Villagrana by three votes in the November general election

Hurtado has already attended Open Government Training in Olympia. The training has been a requirement for many public officials since mid-2014.

“It was a great experience,” said Hurtado who recommended the course as a refresher for anyone serving in government.

right direction,” said Mayor Janet Conklin, “but we do have to get a handle on these junk vehicles.”

Council member Matthew Schuh recommended additional time to review the ordinance provisions drafted so far and suggested the issue be taken up at next month's meeting.

The city has been unsuccessful in finding and hiring

the right person to act as the Marina Park host. Mayor said she has interviewed several candidates and requested authorization from the council to hire a suitable candidate without first bringing the person before the council for approval so that the post can be filled quickly.

The next regular meeting of the Bridgeport City Council is January 17, 2018.

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Webster also presented the 2018 city fee schedule for council approval noting that there are some changes “most notably RV park rates.”

Webster said his department tried to find a middle ground where the new fees would cover improvements

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imously approved Resolution 17-11, tabled at the November monthly meeting, which increases city staff salaries by fifty (.50) cents an hour across-the-board starting next year.

Council members also set a public hearing for costs related to the cleanup of a property at 440 10th Street. The hearing was set for its next regular meeting on Jan. 17, 2018.

An agreement being negotiated with the Douglas County PUD for the expansion of the RV park facilities at the Bridgeport Marina RV Park was tabled while the mayor and legal counsel study the issue further.

Ordinance 17-683 addressing the numbers of junk vehicles within the city limits also came before the council for further discussion.

“I have been getting good feedback on what the town is beginning to look like so I think we're moving in the

Message?



Photo by Mike Maltais

Hm-m-m-m. There appears to be some sort of message implied in this simple yet eye-catching Christmas display outside a house along West Warren Avenue in Pateros.

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Sincerely, Alexa



Dear Santa,
How are you? Merry Christmas! I hope you are well. I have been good this year. I have been kind to others. I also helped my sister with her chores. In addition, I have been good at my house and done what I was supposed to. I have been a good girl. I also would like to see you. I will clean my room. I also will make my bed. Another thing I will do is study very hard at school. Thank you for your time and merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Alexa



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Sincerely, Alexa



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Sincerely, Camilla



Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year with my mom and dad. I make my brother's bed. I have to make the bed for my brother. Could you please get me an American girl doll and a toy? How old are you? How can you eat the cookies in one second? Have a nice Christmas giving presents.

Your friend,
Diana



Dear Santa, Brewster Elementary
I have been a very good boy because I help my mom clean up all the rooms for Christmas. I want a teddy bear, tablet, computer, phone, Pokemon cards, Spider Man, namecheap, movie, computer, guy books, all dolls, toys, and candy. Please come soon for Christmas.





Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have been kind to others. I also helped my sister with her chores. In addition, I have been good at my house and done what I was supposed to. I have been a good girl. I also would like to see you. I will clean my room. I also will make my bed. Another thing I will do is study very hard at school. Thank you for your time and merry Christmas!

Sincerely, JESSY

I would use many special ingredients to make Santa's the perfect cookie. The first ingredient I would put in the cookie would be glitter to make it sparkle. Next, I would add Hubba Bubba to make it chewy. The next ingredient I would put in the cookie is a sugar free to make it sweet. Another ingredient I would put in the cookie is a candy cane to make it crunchy. The last ingredient I would put in the cookie is McDonald's coffee so he can stay up giving presents to the children.

for Santa
from Vicky

Dear Santa,
How are you? Merry Christmas! I hope you are well. I have been good this year. I have been kind to others. I also helped my sister with her chores. In addition, I have been good at my house and done what I was supposed to. I have been a good girl. I also would like to see you. I will clean my room. I also will make my bed. Another thing I will do is study very hard at school. Thank you for your time and merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Michael



Dear Santa,
My favorite time of year is here. I can't wait for Christmas morning. What is your favorite kind of cookie? Do you want strawberry milk? What is your favorite reindeer? I have been good this year and I want a baby doll, a baby, a I hope you fly safely Santa. Merry Christmas!

from,
Milan




Dear Santa,
How are you? Merry Christmas! I hope you are well. I have been good this year. I have been kind to others. I also helped my sister with her chores. In addition, I have been good at my house and done what I was supposed to. I have been a good girl. I also would like to see you. I will clean my room. I also will make my bed. Another thing I will do is study very hard at school. Thank you for your time and merry Christmas!

your friend, Cruz Martinez

These are the special ingredients for Santa's Perfect Cookie. First, I would put MOM'S to make it delicious. That is the first ingredient. I would put to Santa's Perfect Cookie Next, I would put summer waves so that it would be happy. Then I would put united clean and a little cany care next to the cookie. I would leave some letters for Santa. Last I would put out some chocolate chip cookies and with some milk.

from
Aidan




Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been good this year. I have my mom do dishes. I help my Dad take the trash. Please bring me a big book and a Nintendo Switch. How is Mrs. Claus this year? What are your favorite books? Are you ready for Christmas? It is cold at the North pole. Have a nice Christmas.

LOVE,
LIZET



Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas. What is your favorite kind of cookie? Do you want strawberry milk? What is your favorite reindeer? I have been good this year and I want a baby doll, a baby, a I hope you fly safely Santa. Merry Christmas!



Dear Santa,
How are you? Merry Christmas! I hope you are well. I have been good this year. I have been kind to others. I also helped my sister with her chores. In addition, I have been good at my house and done what I was supposed to. I have been a good girl. I also would like to see you. I will clean my room. I also will make my bed. Another thing I will do is study very hard at school. Thank you for your time and merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Eric

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Making Cookies for Santa

from Jen Peart's
Fourth Grade
Bridgeport Elementary School

First I would put cookie dough in the cookie I would put candy canes on the cookie to make them sweet. I would put sugar to make the cookie sweet for Santa. I would put gummy bears to make it colorful. Last I would put on sprinkles to make the cookie taste.

Those are the special ingredients I would use for Santa the perfect cookie.

From: Salandra
Age: 9 1/2

The ingredients I would use to make Santa the perfect cookie are flour then eggs. Next I would add some magical sparkles to the cookie so Santa could be magical and I'd put in some candy canes. Then I'll put the chocolate syrup in my cookie. Then when I am done putting the chocolate syrup I will put gummy bears and some star sparkles or hearts on top. Last I'll put chocolate chips so it could be a good and glitter and chocolate cookie to be the perfect cookie for Santa. So those are my ingredients to make the perfect cookie to Santa.

Name: Ruby Age: 10 years old

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The ingredients I would use to make Santa the perfect cookie are: The first ingredients I would use are flour and butter, and then I'll mix it in a bowl. Then I would put vanilla, vanilla and a pinch of salt. Then I'll put out eggs. Next I would put in sugar. First I will mix all the ingredients to make the cookie dough. I will keep stirring until it is all creamy then I will put stuff that will give Santa energy. I would put stuff like coffee waffles, candy canes, sour cream, kids and yep! I also a chocolate then I would put Red Bull so Santa can stay awake! Another ingredient I would put in Santa's perfect cookie are sprinkles! Also I'd put Gummy Bears and gummy worms, so Santa can go all around town, so he can give away candy for the kids every single child, and so he can fit through all different chimneys! Jesus age 9

I would use many ingredients to make Santa the perfect cookie. First I would get a bowl put flour and sugar to fill up Santa's energy and to make him stay awake all night. Next I would put milk in the bowl with chocolate and candy and put sparkle to make Santa shine. Then I'd get gummy bears to make the cookie more delicious. Then I'd get a Red Bull and put a little bit of Red Bull on the cookie so when he eats the cookie he will get stronger and his shoulder won't hurt when he carries the bag it won't hurt. Last I'd bake the cookies, and when it gets done put the cookies next to the Christmas tree with a Pepsi near it.

Max Age 10

The ingredients for the perfect cookie for Santa Claus I would use chocolate to make it more magical which would give the power or making it taste better so magical. I would put all the candy in the world then I'll mix it in a pan and boom so much sugar you might be but Santa is not gonna die. You need sugar to make it taste better. Ice cream would make it taste more expensive, and it will melt in your mouth. I would give him an energy drink, so he can go faster delivering presents. I would use flour because that way you could fit the cookie. I would use eggs to make it taste weird and also better for the cookie.

I would use a flower to make it more colorful and to keep the color. The world's biggest gummy worms would need for the world's biggest cookie to fit the world's biggest gummy worm. You would need glitter to make the cookie more colorful and better. Plus it will taste better.

First I would pour the flour into a bowl. Then I would crack the eggs and put it in a different bowl to mix it. When I'm done mixing the eggs, I'll put it in the bowl that has the flour and mix. Then I'll add the vanilla sugar and some Red Bull for energy so Santa can give kids their presents. Then I will mix and put them in a cookie shape and put them in the oven for 350°. Then when they are done I will decorate them with mini pieces of chocolate chip butter to make it sugary and rounder. Candy to make it extra sugary. Then I will add tiny pieces of jelly to make his belly jump up and down and glitter sprinkles to brighten up his eyes. And make pink vanilla frosting and put it on top of the cookie.

After that I'll get a glass of milk and go to sleep so Santa could deliver his presents. Hopefully when I wake up there will be five more cookies and he will have drunk all the milk. And I also hope that he dropped off my presents.

From Lindsey

Ingredients and steps for making Santa a magical cookie.

First I would use original ingredients like flour, sugar, eggs, vanilla, and I would use some magic. Then mix the ingredients.

Next I would put vanilla in the dough. I would put some chocolate chips and a little red and white candy cane on the cookie can be sweet. I would mix in food coloring. The colors would be red and white so they can be Christmas colors.

Then for Santa's cookie I would put them in the oven for 12 minutes. Watch for the temperature. After it's out of the oven I would add green magical sparkles, a white, red, and green magical sparkles on the frosting. It can be colorful. I'd add one half of a strawberry just so it can make it look good.

Last, I would add a drink to the side. What drink you may ask? Hot cocoa with three little marshmallows. To make it I would put water and chocolate to melt and then I would add Velveeta sugar. I would add three little marshmallows so the cocoa can look cute.

That's how I will make Santa a perfect cookie.

From Andrei

In order to make Santa the perfect cookie I would use many ingredients. First I would use the ingredients to buy the ingredients. Then I would get up a bowl and the ingredients like chocolate, Hershey's Kisses and 2 large bottles of Red Bull. Ha Ha. The next thing I would do is get up chocolate chips, glittered sparkles, gummy worms, and a little vanilla. The thing is that he's magical and I'm going to make a little magic for him. So that's why I'll make the magical dough. I'll take a little bit of the whole thing. I'll mix it in the oven. Okay so there's a magic. I have to say the magic words. Here we go. "Magical words in the oven go to the cookies. If you dare." The magic is finished and it's gotten in. Well, the 2 red bulls. I'll drink one, and I'll leave one to Santa. Ha Ha. I'm not kidding I don't drink red bull. Make a little JK (joke). Well, any when then I put you 10 dollars that I'll get extra bonus points on being good. Whooooo! I'll probably get a extra present too. When you will!!!!

From: Samantha

To make Santa the perfect cookies, I would use flour, eggs, sugar, milk, vanilla, and half a cookie cutter to make the cookie dough. Then I'd add 3 tiny drops of sparkling, 1 drop of carrot juice, and 1 drop of coffee. Then I'd put it in the oven for 350°. They would come out good. They would smell really good. I'll put them on the table and decorate them and let them dry. In the meantime, I would decorate the tree for Santa. I would get one cookie and eat it in case Santa doesn't eat them all. Then I'd put them all in a plate and add the last ingredient my love for Santa in case he eats to much cookies.

for Santa
from: Nathaniel

The first ingredient for Santa's perfect cookie would be gummy worms to make it more colorful. Next I would add sugar to keep him awake all night long.

It will be better with candy dough to use dark chocolate to make the cookie darkish with Santa's face. To make it better we can put red ball with a sour patchy candy canes.

To make it more yummy, he can sip up some hot cocoa with colorful marshmallows. To make it more better, I'd put in magic sparkles so he can get magic to deliver presents faster by being happy. That's how to make a perfect cookie for Santa.

for Santa
from: Jose

These are the special ingredients that I would use to make Santa the perfect cookie. First I would put M&M's in the cookie so Santa is more delicious. That is the first ingredient that I would put in to Santa's perfect cookie. Next I would put sugar in to the cookie to make the cookie sweeter. That is the second ingredient that I would put to Santa's perfect cookie. Then I would put in jelly beans to Santa's cookie so it would have more candy. That is the third ingredient I would put to Santa's perfect cookie. Finally I would put gummy bears in to Santa's cookie. So Santa's cookie would be more yummy. That is the fourth ingredient I would put to Santa's cookie. The last thing is a paper next to the cookie that says: For Santa. For him to know it's his. That is the final touch. And those are the ingredients I would use to make Santa the perfect cookie.

From: Mariana Silva-Luna

I'd use special ingredients to make Santa the perfect cookie. The first ingredients I'd need are flour, sugar, vanilla, candy canes to make them sweet. Then I'd use glitter and gummy bears to make them more colorful. Next I'd add in some Red Bull to give him more energy to go to all the houses. Other ingredients to make the perfect cookie are chocolate, Hershey's Magic Sparkles, and milk. After that I'd shape Santa into a circle with a heather, arm, and leg. I'd put the cookie in the oven. Then after that I'd put it in for a special time and then cook it.

When it's done, I'd sit and wait until it's cooked off. I'd put it on a plate next to the Red Bull and milk. And last I'd go to sleep and wait until tomorrow.

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Bridgeport boys rebound to defeat Shockers down the stretch



Edgar Alcantara, 15, fights for the ball with the Shockers' Johnny Mullen. RIGHT: Bridgeport's Ronaldo Ubaldo attempts a layup against Waterville-Mansfield's Jordan Davis.

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The Mustangs boys' varsity basketball team made a determined last half rebound to defeat the visiting Waterville-Mansfield, 53-60, after trailing most of the game by as much as 15 points.

During the first two quarters of the contest the Shockers seemed to be able to penetrate the Mustangs' defense at will and, using their height advantage, get close-in baskets to take an early lead in the game.

"I believe we drew close at the end of the third quarter," said coach Pat McFadden, "simply by persevering in the things we strive for every game - pressure D, disciplined offensive

looks, and pushing the ball up the floor."

McFadden said his team hit a couple of key three-point shots when it counted and combined with a couple of defensive stops early in the fourth quarter, pulled ahead by eight points near the end of the game.

"A couple of mistakes enabled Waterville to pull back to within three," said McFadden, "but we held on for the win in the end.

The coach said his team is learning how to finish games now, and not straggle through to the buzzer as in the past.

Bridgeport was scheduled to meet Republic on the road, Wednesday, Dec. 20, before hosting Entiat on Wednesday, Dec. 27.



Undefeated Bears topple Trojans, stomp Soap Lake

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – The Bears varsity basketball team remains undefeated, 6-0, in Central Washington 2B League competition heading into the holiday break with wins over Manson, 62-37, and Soap Lake, 79-44.

Against the 2-1 Trojans on Manson's home court last Thursday, Dec. 15, Brewster took a five-point 14-9 lead into the second quarter but could not shake the Trojans who remained within five points at the half.

The Bears pulled away in the second half behind the double digit scoring of Corey Jarrell, Joe Taylor and Kade Kelpman. Jarrell let the way with 15 points including several late-game three-pointers.

At home Dec. 12 against the Soap Lake Eagles, who have not been having a stellar season so far this year, Brewster jumped out to a 10-point first-quarter lead, extended that to nearly 20 points at halftime and cruised to a 79-44 final. Taylor led all scorers with 24 points.

The Bears will face Toutle Lake and Hoquiam at the 28-team Wilbur-Ellis Sun-Dome Shootout in Yakima, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 28-29. The Bears will take on Toutle Lake at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, and Hoquiam at noon on Sunday.

The Bears will be back in action at Tonasket on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

TOP: Freshman Cade Gebbers gets by Soap Lake's Wesley McCrady.

BOTTOM: Joe Taylor goes up for two of his game-high 24 points against the Eagles.

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Fillies lose to second-place Waterville-Mansfield, 39-22

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT – The Fillies varsity basketball team dropped to 2-3 and sixth place in the Central Washington 2B League after a 39-22 loss against a tough 5-2 Waterville-Mansfield team that moved into second place behind Brewster.

The Fillies hosted the Lady Shockers last Friday, Dec. 15, and fell behind early as Waterville-Mansfield took a 12-point lead into the second quarter before stalling and allowing Bridgeport to close the gap slightly by halftime.

The Lady Shockers scored single-digit quarters in the last half of the game but managed to edge ahead of Bridge-

port another six points to win by 17.

The Fillies were scheduled to play at Republic on Wednesday, Dec. 20. They will host Entiat on Wednesday, Dec. 28, and play the Nannies at Pateros on Thursday, Dec. 29.

The Lady Shockers are off until Dec. 29, when they travel to Almira-Coulee-Hartline.

Bridgeport: 4-10-6-2 22
W-M: 16-9-5-9 39

Fillies stats

Karla Torres: 6
Erika Santana: 4
Kaiden Morris: 3
Bianca Torres: 3
Monica Trejo: 2
Emily Saucedo: 2
Karina Craig: 2
Shockers stats
Alyssa Hansen: 9
Brooke Willms: 7
Lexi Deishl: 7
Sarah Mullen: 6
Elizabeth Katovich: 4
Alex Poppie: 2
Ali Mires: 2

Kaiden Morris controls the ball against Waterville-Mansfield.

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Porfirio Orozco Arredondo

Porfirio Orozco Arredondo was born on September 7, 1960, in Miguel Silva, Michoacán, Mexico. He passed away on December 13 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee after fighting leukemia for over a year.

He survives through his children Ana Laura Orozco (Burbank) and Abraham Orozco-Zamudio, and also his beloved, wife María Leticia Orozco.

He moved to the United



States in 1986. He enjoyed working as an orchardist for Gebbers Farms for over twenty years. After marrying

Leticia in February, 1996, they continued to build their family and friendships in Brewster, Wash.

A gift Porfirio gave those around him was the willingness to smile in difficult circumstances.

His family will hold a viewing and a Rosary at Barnes Chapel from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20. The funeral service will be held Thursday, December 21, at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bridgeport.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at www.barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Arthur Nordang

Arthur Nordang passed away in Spokane on December 17, 2017 surrounded by his loving family and friends. Art, the eldest of two children, was born to Arthur S. and Ada Nordang. He was born in Snohomish, Wash. on February 7, 1930.

Art grew up on the family orchard on McFarland Creek. He would spend a lifetime with the joy, kinship, and abundance of stories from those who shared their Norwegian roots. He loved the history and the land which had been part of his family for so long.

He attended the one room schoolhouse in Methow until transferring to the Pateros school. Upon entering the new school, he met Grace Brownlee and the path to the rest of their lives was set. He graduated from Pateros High School in 1947. Following graduation, Art attended Central Washington State College before returning home to marry Grace and



take over the management of the orchard full-time. Art and Grace were married on December 12, 1948 in Pateros. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2013. Grace passed away on April 27, 2014.

Art ran the orchard until 1961, then left briefly to pursue his interest in trucking. The family moved to Tekoa, Wash. and lived there until 1963. Returning to Methow, Art worked for Munson Nash for a short time before starting Nordang Trucking in 1968. He continued to work on the ranch and with Greg in the business

he loved, for as long as he could. Art was active and working on projects right up to the end.

Art is survived by his three children: Greg (Judy) Nordang, Twisp; Suzan (Richard) Turner, Reardan; Martin Nordang, Methow; his two grandchildren: Brandon Turner and Kristen (Turner) Tyson, and three step-grandchildren: Joel Spencer, Jeffrey Spencer, and Jennifer Rogers. He is also survived by his sister, Maribeth Foust and numerous nieces and nephews.

In his last days, Art and the family were blessed with the amazing compassion and care at Spokane Hospice House. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, December 30, at the Pateros Methodist Church, at 11 a.m.. Any memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Spokane, PO Box 2215, Spokane, WA. 99210-2215.

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

Brewster girls ride win stream into Christmas break

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER – Taking a page from last year, the Brewster girls varsity basketball team is riding a six-game win streak going into the Christmas break with wins over the Lady Trojans at Manson, 60-26, and Soap Lake at home, 57-10.

The Lady Bears led Manson from the opening basket to a near-20-point halftime lead and used tough defense to hold down the Lady Trojans' second half scoring to just 13 points through the final two quarters.

Maret Miller was the game-high scorer with 23 points.

Soap Lake barely broke double digits in the 57-10 loss at Brewster, Dec. 12. A five-point third quarter equaled the Eagles' scoring in the other three as the Lady Bears cruised to 11, 17, 20, and 9 points in their four quarters of play. Marlisa Garcia led all scorers with 14 points

The girls have the holiday off and will return to play at Tonasket on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

Brewster: 11-17-20-9 57

Soap Lake: 2-2-5-1 10

Brewster stats:

- Marlisa Garcia: 14
- Sammi Emigh: 10
- Maret Miller: 7
- Michaun Kelpman: 7
- Yvette Sanchez: 7
- Kimberly Nila: 4
- Cynthia Sanchez: 4
- Mikenna Kelpman: 3



Photos by Mike Maltais

Brewster's Kelsey Ochoa, 20, passes off to a teammate during last week's win over the Lady Eagles.



Kimberly Nila, left, puts the pressure on Soap Lake's Sophie Janikowski.

Billygoats, Nannies lose to Shockers on the road

By MIKE MALTAIS
STAFF WRITER

WATERVILLE – The road was not kind to the Pateros varsity basketball teams last Thursday, Dec. 14 as both the Billygoats and Nannies came up short against the Waterville-Mansfield Shockers

"Pateros lost a tough one," said boys' varsity coach Marcus Stennes of his team's eight-point, 58-50 loss to the Shockers. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds (17) and struggled from behind the arc (6-23).

Junior Andrew Gonzalez and sophomore Ethan Freels both scored in double digits to lead Pateros with 11 points each. Senior Logan Robinson pulled down seven rebounds and junior guard Tag Easter had six steals.

After trailing from the opening tipoff and being 12 points down at halftime, the Billygoats battled back to take the lead late in the fourth quarter with two minutes remaining on the clock. However, costly turnovers and a couple of key baskets by Waterville-Mansfield

turned the momentum back in the Shockers' favor.

"We learned some valuable lessons about time management and using the clock to our benefit," Stennes said.

The Nannies lost to the Lady Shockers, 59-21

Pateros was scheduled to host Central Washington 1B league rival Riverside Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 19, and travel to Oroville to play the Hornets on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Pateros will host Bridgeport on Thursday, Dec. 28, with the girls' varsity starting at 6 p.m. and the boys at 7:30 p.m.

Pateros: 7-20-37-13 50

W-M: 15-24-38-20 58

Billygoat stats

- Ivan Ceniceros: 7 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists.
- Tag Easter: 5 pts, 5 re, 6 st, 7 a.
- Andrew Gonzalez: 11 pts, 4 re, 4 st, 2 a.
- Sam Larsen: 7 pts, 3 re, 2 st.
- Logan Robinson: 2 pts, 7 re.
- Ethan wall: 2 pts, 2 re.
- Ethan Freels 11 pts, 2 re, 2 st.
- Jeremy Piechalski: 5 pts, 4 re.

Getting ready for a new year causes all of us to take stock and look at what we need to change. The same is true for our business. Carol and I will be starting our 18th year as owners of NCW Media in 2018.

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