

BRIDGEPORT

Council swears in new mayor, council member

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media

BRIDGEPORT - A new mayor and a pair of council members took their oaths of office at the final regular meeting of the city council last Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Brown also swore in new Position 4 council member Paul Anson, who is replacing Orozco, and Position 5, Zeke Martinez, who won unopposed reelection to his seat last November.

Revisions to the Bridge-

port Municipal Code (BMC) relative to city street rights-of-way, public events, and private events were all tabled until January.

Outgoing mayor Janet Conklin said one of her future projects will involve gathering records for the legacy of Berryman Park namesake Len Berryman who was an Army Corps of Engineers administrator during the construction of Chief Joseph Dam.

"That guy was outstanding, he was a visionary, and he loved the community," said Conklin. "I'm hoping to get that together, then I'm hoping I can talk the Revitalization Committee into dedicating the park to Len which should have been done a long time ago."

In the process of researching Berryman's history Con-

lin said she learned some new and interesting facts about both the man and the early community.

"Like, I did not know the Chief Joseph Dam started out as Foster Creek Dam," Conklin said.

City clerk/treasurer Judy Brown announced that utility customers can now pay their bills by credit card at city hall.

In other business the council:

- Approved the city's agreement with North Central Washington libraries.
• Approved a contract supplement with city engineer Gray & Osborne for the tree carving parking lot.
• Discussed granting utility

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PATEROS

Three council members take oaths of office

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS - The city council swore in three council members during proceedings at its final monthly meeting of the year on Monday, Dec. 18.

Mike Harding ran unopposed in the Nov. 7 general election and was re-elected to his Position 4 seat.

Frank Herbert was appointed to council Position 5 last May to fill the vacancy left by Meagan Sherrard who moved out of the area. He ran unopposed in the Nov. 7 general election.

Bruce Henne was appointed last July to the council Position 3 vacancy left by the passing of George Brady. Henne also ran unopposed

in the Nov. 7 general election.

The city received the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) draft plan of proposed changes to the three-way intersection at Warren Avenue and Riverside Drive. The project goal is to slow down traffic on Warren and make the intersection safer for pedestrians. The proposal changes the intersection at Riverside lower and Riverside with one-way entrance and exits and clearly defined parking for the adjacent tennis court.

City Administrator Jord Wilson explained that increased development accessed by Riverside and Warren has resulted in a higher volume of morning traffic that has heightened concerns

about vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety.

Wilson stressed that the plan is a concept and not a final plan and is among topics that will be discussed at a public open house scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. before the next council meeting on Jan. 16. Other topics for the community engagement session include:

- Downtown sidewalk improvements to increase pedestrian safety and ADA accessibility.
• Commercial Avenue improvements.
• Mall rehabilitation.
• Intersection improvements at North Street and Lakeshore Drive, and Dawson Street.

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COMMUNITY



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Brewster School District Superintendent, Lynnette Blackburn, left, and Anna Marie Dalbey of the Dalbey Team/Keller Williams Realty teamed up to provide more than two dozen Christmas blessing baskets for area families.

Blessing baskets

Baskets went to help local families who could benefit from a little extra help this holiday season

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER - A local real estate broker and a Brewster school administrator teamed

up to make the Christmas holiday a little brighter for more than two dozen area families this month.

Anna-Marie Dalbey, co-owner of The Dalbey Team and managing real estate broker for Keller Williams Realty set a goal to put together 25 Blessing Baskets for local families who could benefit from a little extra help this season.

Brewster School District Superintendent Lynnette Black-

burn came through with the names of 25 recipient families.

Last week an array of baskets decorated the festive offices of The Dalbey Team as Dalbey and helpers prepared to deliver the bounty to the designated families.

"I'm going to try to do it next year, God willing," said Dalbey, "and I think we can do more."

Dalbey said she sent out flyers to former clients and

others she knows, and responses began coming in. Dalbey went shopping to find the appropriate items to fill out each order.

Food for a meal, gift card, and items for kids bring each basket value to about \$50.

Dalbey said she hopes to at least double the number of baskets next year.

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SUPPORT CENTER BEGINS IN JANUARY

Services expand at Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS - The Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center (PBCRC) held its final board meeting of 2023 on Dec. 14 to discuss the current status of the many programs, services, and organizations it serves.

Interest and activity at the versatile Tech Center continues to grow as more customers learn of the resources available there.

"We are coordinating with several organizations that are working in the conference room to use our computers and the Zoom cart," said Dowers.

The Pateros Holiday Market piggy-backed on Christmas in the City on Friday, Dec. 1, and those two events together with the Donation-for-Donation sale held by the Okanogan County Long

Term Recovery Group, made for a busy day.

"We had nine vendors who brought some really nice products. A lot of people did Christmas shopping. They were there for Santa and the chili and cocoa the city provides," said Dowers. "It was a nice event all around."

Dowers said the AmeriCorps gathering he attended in Wenatchee on Nov. 17 and advertised as a dinner was actually a required two-hour training session with food provided.

"I got to see all the people in the area who sponsor AmeriCorps members and made some connections that way," Dowers said.

One of those connections that resulted in an arrangement with Brewster Middle School to allow its AmeriCorps volunteers to work at

the Tech Center during the holiday break.

"During the Christmas break they don't get to put any hours in when school is closed," said Dowers. "So they can pick up some hours at the Tech Center."

An earlier site visit and tour of both PBCRC and the Treehouse children's center by representatives from the Community Foundation of North Central Washington (CFNCW) was part of the evaluation process for a Regional Impact Grant (RIG). PBCRC applied for the grant last August and awards are scheduled to be announced this week.

The RIG is an annual grant program open to all nonprofit organizations and public agencies that address community needs in Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.

"We had RIG's before," said Dowers. "CFNCW has been just outstanding with us; we've got a lot of support from them."

WorkSource in Omak has provided a representative to work out of the PBCRC office one day a week for the past five years. That program ramped up in 2023 when those visits increased to twice weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays to be closer to clients in the South County.

According to its website, worksourcewa.com, WorkSource is a statewide partnership of state, local and nonprofit agencies that provides an array of employment and training services to job seekers and employers in Washington.

"They have people who live here in South County and

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Okanogan County Child Development Association among recipients of childcare grants

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OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Commerce has awarded over \$2 million in Child Care Partnership Grants to 18 local organizations.

The Okanogan County Child Development Association secured \$75,900 for the first year and \$60,300 for the second year. These funds are earmarked to enhance childcare capacity in Okanogan County.

This allocation forms part of a larger initiative aiming to fortify local planning and pre-design endeavors geared toward expanding childcare accessibility and quality in communities statewide. The

funding for these two-year awards, including contributions from the Ballmer Group, the Bezos Family Foundation, and state general funds, highlights a collaborative effort to combat the pressing childcare challenges communities throughout the state face.

With a response of 56 grant applications competing for a total of \$6.62 million in funding, the selection process was highly competitive.

“Access to affordable, quality childcare is an economic issue, and it looks different in every community,” said Commerce Director Mike Fong. “This grant program is one way the Department of Commerce is working to

support innovative public-private collaborations that help communities define and develop plans that address their unique and highest priority child care needs.”

“The market alone won’t fix child care without additional investments in community planning,” said Cheryl Smith, Commerce director of community engagement and outreach. “Our approach involves supporting local coalitions in identifying and pursuing childcare solutions that are most appropriate to them. We’re thrilled to have ongoing funding from Ballmer Group and the Bezos Family Foundation for this important local capacity-building program.”

Wenatchee Youth Baseball secures host role for 2024 Cal Ripken State Tournament

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WENATCHEE—Wenatchee Youth Baseball announced its successful bid to host the 2024 Cal Ripken State Tournament, encompassing competitions across all four divisions. The tournament is scheduled to kick off with the Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday, July 10, and will culminate on Saturday, July 13, showcasing the talent of young baseball players.

Morris Park, owned by Wenatchee Youth Baseball and maintained by a team of volunteers, will serve as the venue for the 9U and 10U divisions.

Simultaneously, the 11U and Major 70+ divisions will compete at Walla Walla Point Park, a four-plex facility owned and managed by Chelan County PUD.

Tyler Blakney, President of Wenatchee Youth Baseball, extended an invitation to tournament attendees,

encouraging them to explore the diverse attractions offered by the Wenatchee Valley beyond the event. “We want participants and their families to arrive early and stay longer, enjoying the rich offerings of Wenatchee Valley,” remarked Blakney.

For additional tournament details, interested parties are encouraged to visit Wenatchee Youth Baseball’s website at <https://wyb.sportngin.com/2024statetournament>.

Michelle’s Kitchen Table: Mother-daughter Cheese Plate

Caren and Rory decided to come visit and taste the flavor of our little town. Rory (Caren’s daughter) and Kat (our oldest) have been fast friends since high school. We all decided it’d be good to have a mother-daughter day rather than doing ‘our own’ things separately. Caren and I figured we’d have a good time; after all the girls are grown-ups now, I’m not sure the girls thought so; however, we raised them to be too polite to say otherwise.

Friday, we decided to enjoy the touristy delights Kat and I seldom indulge as we live here. The eye candy of our little Christmas town did not disappoint in the company of Caren and daughter.

We wandered around in the fresh air with the promise of snowflakes to come, rounded a corner and smelled popcorn. Caren was ecstatic, “you smell that?” she asked us as she started following her nose with us in tow. She came upon a gent calmly eating popcorn. From his stance and his attitude, I could tell, in that moment, he didn’t have a care in the world. He raised his head and made eye contact with me then glanced at Caren. “That looks delicious,” she gushed. The fellow without altering his chewing rhythm as if it were the most normal thing in the world, leaned the bag of popcorn towards her and offered her some of his popcorn. I was chuckling as Caren back pedaled. “That’s OK, but thank you,” she told the older gentleman. I grinned as the old fellow tossed a few popped kernels

into the air for us to catch. It was obvious to me he had

We wandered through Christmas themed stores buying items here and there that fit into our budgets. My purchases were secondary to the joy of spending time hanging with friends one of which happened to be my daughter.

Caren, Rory and Kat wanted to check out the cheese place. They had goats when our girls were in school; made their own homemade goat cheese and all three had a hankering for a nibble or two of a remembered taste of goat goodness. Not near as enthused as Caren and the girls, I navigated narrow stairs to the underground store where cheese is sold just in time to hear a young man behind the counter explaining to a lady customer across the counter about a fantastic cheese, as he carefully, gently, passed her a sample. From the shine in his eyes; the respect in his tone; the careful touch of his thumb and forefinger on the disposable sample spoon as he passed her a nibble of what I could only imagine was a rare and transformative substance that would tickle my taste buds and offer beneficial bacteria to my digestive tract I knew I had to have some of it. So, I waited in line for my chance to sample some of that cheese.

When it came my turn, I wasn’t disappointed. As Caren and the girls made a beeline for the exotic goat and sheep cheeses at the far end of the long glass display case, I sampled half the

spoonful of cheesy goodness the young man gave me and placed my order.

By that time Kat, eyes shining, just had to share a taste of some glorious goat cheese. I took a taste, wrinkled my nose and thought ‘yuck’ but didn’t say it. “You don’t like it?” she asked in a surprised tone. I shook my head ‘no’ and offered her the remaining half of my glorious sample.

It hit her tongue; her nose wrinkled; I could tell she wanted to spit it out. Well, I guess there’s no accounting for taste. All four of us left the shop with a couple of different cheeses then headed home to enjoy our purchases.

We never did find the popcorn stand.

Mother-daughter Cheese Plate

Got to the fridge and find the cheese. Set it on the counter to warm up a bit

Go to the cupboard and find some crackers, and maybe some canned olives if there are any.

Set them beside the cheese.

Go to cold storage room (unheated bedroom in the winter time) find some apples some pears, some oranges, any fruit that’s available in a fresh form that’s on hand and set them beside the cheese.

Go find the daughter. Ask her to put all the stuff on the plate.

While the daughter is making the plate of goodness call a friend with a daughter and invite them over for coffee or tea and surprise them with some cheese to nibble.

director Margo Amelong. As a result, the Support Center will begin offering on-site services every Thursday at the PBCRC in January.

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Embracing the spirit of community

A journey of shared stories and achievements

As we stand at the threshold of a new and promising year, I am humbled by the unwavering support and unwavering dedication of all those who have been integral to the Quad City Herald. With immense gratitude, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each individual who has lent their support and contributed to the rich tapestry of narratives that define our publication. Your stories, perspectives, and unwavering commitment have been the bedrock of our success, and we are sincerely thankful for that.

Since assuming the stewardship of the Quad City Herald in August 2023, our team has embarked on an ambitious journey aimed at elevating the quality and relevance of our content. We have taken deliberate steps to enhance the depth and breadth of our storytelling, striving to craft a publication that resonates deeply with our readers. Throughout this transformative period, we hope our readers have noticed and appreciated the positive changes that have graced our pages. Your

invaluable feedback and active engagement remain pivotal as we endeavor to tailor our offerings to align more closely with your evolving interests and aspirations.

A cornerstone of our renewed editorial vision has been the passionate dedication to spotlighting our community’s vibrancy, resilience, and myriad achievements. Our publication has stood as a beacon, illuminating milestones that celebrate the triumphs of remarkable individuals, noteworthy recognitions, and the uplifting initiatives undertaken by various groups. Through your generous contributions, we have had the privilege of shining a spotlight on the extraordinary accomplishments that enrich our community. Your stories serve as an inspiration, ensuring that the deserved recognition of these achievements resonates deeply within the hearts and minds of our readers.

As we embark upon this new chapter, I ask you to continue sharing your stories, milestones, and updates with us. Your contributions are the lifeblood that propels the Quad City Herald, transforming it into an authentic reflection of our vibrant community.



Terry Ward

From the Publisher

Together, let us persist in highlighting the achievements, successes, and profound spirit that defines our remarkable community.

Each narrative shared with us serves as a thread, intricately weaving the fabric of our community, connecting individuals, and inspiring others to aspire for greatness. Your contributions infuse vibrancy into our pages, serving not just as stories but as catalysts that inspire and resonate with our readership on a profound level.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to each individual who has entrusted us with their stories. We eagerly anticipate the privilege of continuing to showcase more of your triumphs, experiences, and the boundless spirit that epitomizes the essence of our community within the pages of the Quad City Herald.

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work in Omak,” said Dowers. “They would rather drive to Pateros rather than Omak.” The new Support Center

in Okanogan addresses the needs of battered individuals, sexual assault, and general crime victims. PBCRC board member Maria Escobedo is the financial manager for the Support Center and introduced Dowers to its executive

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Incoming mayor Sergio Orozco, left, takes the oath of office from city clerk/treasurer Judy Brown.



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Outgoing Mayor Janet Conklin served in her post for more than nine years.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
New council member, Paul Anson, center, and returning council member, Zeke Martinez, take their oaths of office from city clerk/treasurer Judy Brown.

COUNCIL

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connections for the Rosita View housing development that will eventually include 12 single family residential units.

- Approved authorized signers for the city's North Cascades Bank account.
- Approved a final contract supplement in the amount of \$105,700 with Gray & Osborne for additional

services on the wastewater treatment plant. The city's insurance company will cover the cost of the supplement amount.

Congratulatory letters were read acknowledging the ac-

complishments Mayor Conklin – a life-long Bridgeport resident - made to the community during her nine-and-a-half years as city leader.

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- Sewer system maintenance and upgrades.
- Park and recreation planning.
- Water system planning.

- Stormwater planning.
 - Pedestrian safety and access along Highway 97.
- Okanogan PUD has installed transformers and a meter at the new electric vehicle charging station (EVSC) on Commercial Avenue. The one remaining step is station activation.

The city approved a resolution to renew its agreement with contract city planner Highland Associates through Dec. 31, 2025, for city planning services.

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WDFW calls for fishing guides to join advisory committee

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OLYMPIA – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is on the lookout for experienced fishing guides to participate in an ad hoc fishing guide advisory committee.

This committee will play a crucial role by offering insights to Department officials on industry regulations, compliance measures, and enforcement strategies. To be eligible, committee members must currently work as an active fishing guide or have recently retired from the profession. Alternatively, ownership of a fishing guide business in Washington qualifies individuals for consideration. Moreover, those selected must commit to attending quarterly meetings scheduled for Feb. 21, April 10, June 19, and Sept. 17, from 3-5 p.m.

Selection criteria for advisors encompass a range of qualifications, including extensive experience in the fishery realm, a readiness to engage in the management process, diverse geographic representation, and effective communication skills to liaise with fishery managers and related organizations.

Individuals interested in contributing can apply by submitting a letter of interest to Raquel Crosier at Raquel.Crosier@dfw.wa.gov by Dec. 31. The application should include the candidate's name, address, contact details, and email address, along with a summary of relevant experience and motivations for seeking a committee role. Prospective members are also expected to demonstrate a commitment to constructive dialogue and collaboration with individuals holding diverse

viewpoints.

WDFW will provide compensation for the time devoted by advisory group members. Reimbursements cover expenses for childcare, adult care, lodging, meals, and mileage. Eligibility for compensation is extended to Washington residents who either possess direct personal involvement in the subject addressed by the advisory group or have incomes within 400 percent of the federal poverty level, adjusted based on family size.

Individuals engaged professionally in advisory group roles with existing compensation arrangements are ineligible for WDFW compensation. Rates for compensation range from \$45 per hour to a maximum of \$200 per day, while reimbursement rates are available on the Office of Financial Management's website.

Camp Fire extends invitation to new members

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WENATCHEE - Camp Fire welcomes new clubs, family clubs, and independent members of all ages throughout the year. The organization, dedicated to fostering learning and enjoyment in relaxed and interactive settings, invites youths aged 3 to 18 to embark on an adventurous journey.

With a focus on nurturing personal growth, Camp Fire offers diverse programs led by adult volunteers, employing nationally recognized materials tailored for different

age groups. These programs include Starflight (grades K-2), Adventure (grades 3-5), Discovery (grades 6-8), and Horizon & Youth United (grades 9-12).

The calendar features events such as the You & Me Camp, Group Camping Weekends at Camp Zanika, community gatherings featuring sledding adventures and wildlife nights, alongside exclusive celebrations designed for Camp Fire members.

For high school students (grades 9-12), the organization provides the opportunity

to participate in the Teen Leadership Retreat and engage in various year-round service projects focused on community betterment.

To become a member and unlock these enriching experiences, interested individuals can reach out via email at campfirencw@gmail.com or by calling the council at 509-663-1609.

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OKANOGAN & DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, BREWSTER POLICE DEPT

Douglas County Sheriff's Report

December 15
Time, Issue, Location
05:18 Vehicle Prowl, 250 McNeil Canyon Rd, Orondo
10:29 Cps/Aps Refer, 335 E. Railroad Ave, #15, Mansfield
11:29 Assist Public, 260 Brays Landing Rd, Orondo
12:44 Assist Public, 100 Rock Island Dr, Rock Island

December 16
06:06 Trespass, 100 Rock Island Dr, Rock Island
14:29 At/Atc, 1709 Fisk Ave, Bridgeport
18:29 Parking/Abandon, 20 S Garden Ave, Rock Island

December 17
04:59 Alarm, 23309 US HWY 97, Orondo

December 18
11:57 Trespass, 281 Lakeview Pl, Orondo
16:40 Suspicious, 162 Island Loop, Rock Island
17:13 Civil, 1450 Douglas St, Rock Island
19:23 Trespass, 100 Rock Island, Rock Island
20:42 Warrant, 300 BLK Birch St, Waterville

December 19
08:41 Welfare Check, 52 Richards Ave, Bridgeport
10:23 Cps/Aps/Refer, 115 E Railroad Ave, Mansfield
15:14 Alarm, 2422 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport
16:21 Fraud/Forgery, 1467 Denny Pl, Rock Island
16:41 Domestic Disturbance, 6030 Penn Ave, Rock Island
20:51 Traffic Offense, SR 173 Mp 8, Bridgeport

December 20
04:40 Hazard, McNeil Canyon Rd Mp 7, Orondo
06:53 Vehicle Theft, 1206 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport
07:30 Property, 1050 SR 28, Rock Island

09:51 911, 1300 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport
10:20 Theft, 13386 SR 17, Bridgeport
14:45 911, 1113 16th St, Bridgeport
17:57 Assist Agency, 120 2nd St, Bridgeport
19:11 Traffic Offense, Rd B NE & Rd 15 NE, Mansfield

Brewster Sheriff's Office

Brewster Police Department
December 13
08:27: Malicious Mischief - Report of vandalism to property. Location: S Bridge St
09:04: Alarm Burglary - Alarm triggered at a commercial property. Location: E Main Ave
09:38: Theft Other - Report of a theft incident. Location: Highway 97
10:36: Agency Assist - Assisting another agency. Location: Hospital Way

December 14
15:28: Citizen Ride - Providing assistance. Location: Hospital Way
16:18: Fraud Attempt - Report of an attempted fraud. Location: W Main Ave
16:27: Agency Referral - Referring to another agency. Location: Highway 97
17:12: Violate Order - Violation of an order reported. Location: Highway 97

December 15
20:16: Disabled Vehicle - Vehicle assistance required. Location: E Main Ave & S Bridge St
21:49: Domestic Dispute - Reported dispute. Location: W Cliff Ave

December 16
00:00: Welfare Check - Request for a welfare check. Location: S 1st St
22:42: Agency Assist - Assisting another agency. Location: Crane Orchard Rd

DEATH NOTICES

Brenda Brady

Brenda Brady, 77, of Brewster, and formerly of Pateros, Washington passed away on December 17, 2023. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.barneschapel.com

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OBITUARIES

Glodene "Glo" Lenora Cox

Glodene "Glo" Lenora Cox died peacefully on December 15, 2023 in Wenatchee, WA at the age of 77.

Glo is survived by her children Bryan and Kyle Thoren, and sister Janet Conklin as well as her brother Glenn, a half-sister, and four grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Arnold Cox, parents Forrest and Rowena Hart, two brothers, and a half-sister.

Glo was born in Walla Walla in 1946 and grew up on the Bridgeport Bar. She graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1964. Glo put herself through nursing school and worked in critical care centers across the country. Working in the Veterans Administration hospitals was especially fulfilling because she cared for veterans receiving organ transplants and other major surgeries. She was driven to always give the

best for her patients. Her children, family, and friends remember Glo as an incredibly strong person who beat terminal cancer twice. She loved fiercely, supported family and friends, and lived life on her own terms. At her request, a memorial service is not being held. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The American Cancer Society at <http://donate.cancer.org>.



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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 97

BROWSER - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 97, Brewster, will not be meeting in January and February, and will resume meeting the first Wednesday of March, 2024, commencing at 5 p.m.

Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and home delivery

BREWSTER - The Senior Center is now serving meals at noon at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Please call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$10. Dec. 27: Garden Chili, String Cheese, Cucumber Salad, Tortilla Chips, Cheesy Biscuit, Apple Crisp.

Senior Center Thrift Store

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Check out their great kids section. Donations accepted when they are open. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Dec. 27-28, Jan. 2-4 Chelan Valley Hope

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Dec. 28 Bingo

BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Open to the public. Be early to buy bingo packets and dinner.

Jan. 2, 16 Douglas County PUD meetings

EAST WENATCHEE - The next meeting of the Douglas County PUD Commission is at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. The commission now

meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information douglaspuud.org

Jan. 3, 17 American Legion meeting

BREWSTER - American Legion Post #97 current members meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Post. For information call Greg Wagg at 206-550-6474.

Jan. 8 Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee

OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

Jan. 9 Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

WENATCHEE - Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Jan. 10 Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com.

com or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

Jan. 11, 18 Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is Jan. 11. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Thursday of each month, Jan. 18 riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

Jan. 15 Family and friends Support Group

WENATCHEE - Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Jan. 16, 29 Okanogan County PUD meeting

OKANOGAN - The next meeting of the Okanogan County PUD Board of Commissioners is at 3 p.m. For more information okanoganpuud.org

March 6 American Legion Auxiliary to meet

BREWSTER - The American Legion Auxiliary #97 meets the first Wednesday of each month, at the American Legion Hall at 5 p.m.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Brewster Boys Basketball
Mario Camacho Jr
Senior Guard #22

Over the past few years, Mario has evolved into a key player on our varsity team. He has embraced a scoring role on the wing, a crucial position that helps us stretch the opposing defense. As he takes on this primary responsibility, he's also demonstrated a commitment to playing tenacious defense and contributing on the boards—a natural progression when assuming a central role. Mario's hard work has earned him a spot in the starting lineup, and I'm eagerly anticipating a successful senior year for him.

REBOUND, PASS, AND SLAM THE DUNK!



Bridgeport Boys Basketball
Ian De Dios
Junior Guard

During the initial two matches of the Bridgeport season, Ian maintained an average of 19.5 points per game

while significantly contributing to the team's defense. Notably, in the game against Oroville on December 11th, he scored an impressive 29 points. Ian continues to shine as a standout player on the Mustang team.

SCHEDULE

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 28	Pateros vs Bridgeport, Home at 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Brewster vs Zillah, Home at 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Pateros vs Republic, Home at 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Waterville vs Almira-Coulee-Hartline, Home at 6 p.m.
Jan. 2	Brewster vs Tonasket, Home at 6 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 28	Pateros vs Bridgeport, Home at 6 p.m.
Dec. 28	Brewster vs Seton, Home at 12:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Brewster vs East Valley, Away at 3 p.m.
Dec. 29	Pateros vs Republic, Home at 3 p.m.
Dec. 29	Waterville vs Almira-Coulee-Hartline, Home at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	Brewster vs Tonasket, Home at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Pateros vs Thorpe, Home at 5 p.m.
Dec 23	Brewster vs Rainier High School, Away at 1:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 19	Brewster 67, Reardan 42; Win
Dec. 20	Pateros 53, Manson 26; Win
Dec 22	Brewster 48, Napavine 58; Loss

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Dec. 19	Brewster 85, Reardan 50; Win
Dec. 19	Waterville 46, Soap Lake 53; Loss
Dec. 20	Waterville 49, Columbia 47; Win
Dec 22	Brewster 80, Napavine 84; Loss

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BASKETBALL

Bears take two from Reardan



Freshman Paige Wulf, 32, keeps her eyes on the ball against Reardan.

BREWSTER – The Bears varsity basketball teams played host to Reardan on Tuesday, Dec. 19, but their hospitality came at a price: wins for both home games, boys, 65-50, and the girls, 67-42.

“This was our first home win and it felt good to break the ice against Reardan,” said head coach Michael Taylor. “We started out well and built up a nice lead. We played at variable speeds and got some good looks on offense and some good defensive possessions in a row, helping build the lead.”

Reardan’s point guard controlled the game well, but Tay-

lor said he thought the Bears did an okay job guarding him. “It wasn’t until the second half that we really stepped up and kept him from scoring,” said Taylor.

Reardan got more offense in the second half from Rysen Soliday. “He had some really nice plays on his own and out of their offensive movement,” said Taylor.

Reardan started to dig into Brewster’s lead late in the third and fourth quarters. “We try to emphasize not getting bored with what works and starting the third quarter off well,” said Taylor. “For the most part we did those things,

but Reardan didn’t let up and took our 24-point lead down to 10 points or so.”

The Bears made some nice plays down the stretch and hit some free throws to seal the win.

“Karden Gebbers had a huge rebound and put back late in the game,” said Taylor. “Plays like that can happen any time during the game, but when they happen late, they can be game winning plays.”

Taylor said Brewster got the ball inside throughout the game but needs to be more efficient inside where the Bears can score on the initial play or get offensive rebounds and



Bears junior guard, Grant Baker, 24, confronts Reardan defenders.

score on second chances.

“Mario (Camacho) and Brady (Wulf) both had some outside shots go in and when we mix our transition play with some half court ball movement, they seem to shoot better,” observed Taylor. “When we get stagnant and struggle to move the ball, we don’t score. We didn’t go deep into our bench for this game, but Sam (Arevalo) and Henry (Miller) both had some good minutes.”

The Brewster girls established their dominance early, holding Reardan to single digits in the first quarter and winning the game by 25 points, 67-42.

Raiders split 1-1

The trip to Lake Roosevelt on Dec. 15 was made with hopes of seeing the Bears play well and keep pace with the host Raiders.

“That effort was quickly defeated when LR scored 27 and 21 in the first two quarters,” said Taylor. “We not only played poor defense, we gave up the ball multiple times and they got break away lay-ins.”

Taylor said it was a very clean game with limited fouling, but the Raiders still created turnovers and got clean fastbreak points by the dozens.

“The second half was not much better, and they continued to dominate the game,”

said Taylor.

When the coach looked at the game stats, he expected to see a high turnover rate, low shooting percentage, and minimal rebounding for the Bears and the opposite for the Raiders.

Girls head coach Kristina Gebbers figured her team would meet their first good match of the season against the Raider girls. Brewster again proved that the take-no-prisoners Lady Bears are the team to beat, outscoring Lake Roosevelt by nearly double, 65-34.

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Ask a friend to come up with three nouns (person, place or thing) and three verbs (action words like swim and walk). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some holiday humor!

NOUN 1: _____
 NOUN 2: _____
 NOUN 3: _____
 VERB 1: _____
 VERB 2: _____
 VERB 3: _____

Ricky Reindeer wanted to get a special gift for his friend Sadie Squirrel. He walked deep into the forest, and was surprised to find a shiny, new _____ in the snow.

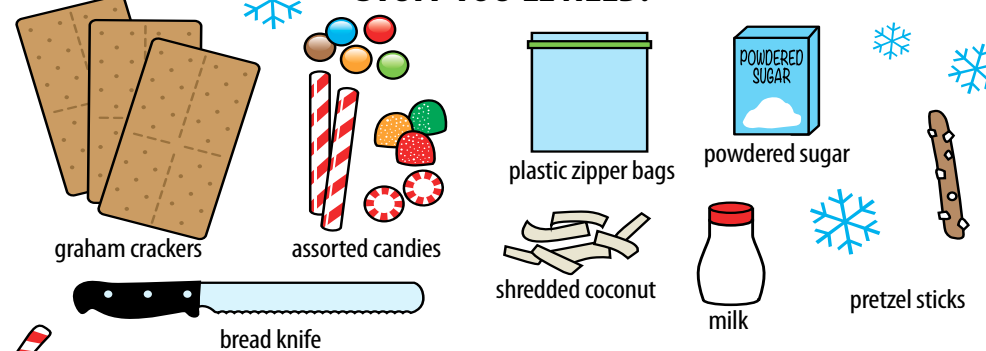
He picked it up and started to _____ back home. He wrapped the gift in _____ and put a nice big _____ on top.

Sadie was thrilled with the gift. She was so happy, she began to _____ around in the snow. Ricky was happy, too. So he began to _____ merrily while jumping for joy.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

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- Frost roof and sprinkle with coconut flakes.
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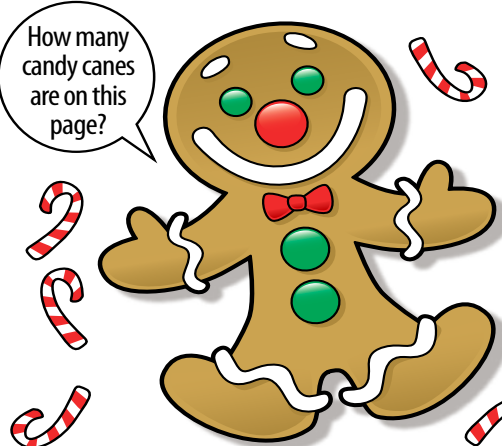


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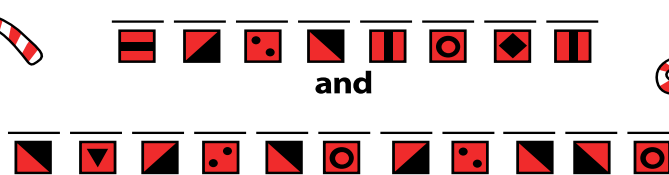
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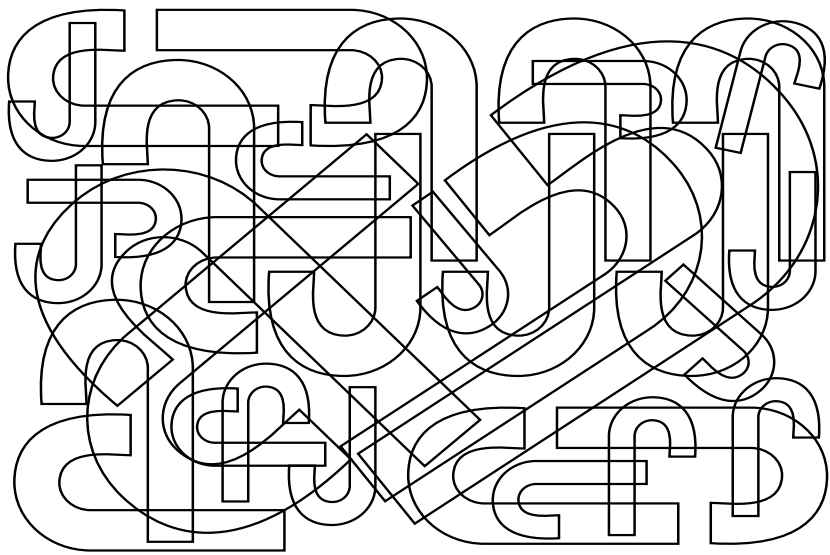
Use the code to discover the two most important ingredients in making a gingerbread house.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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ICING
SUGAR
CANDY
MILK
WHIP

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Winter Clues

Look through the newspaper for ten or more clues that it is winter in your town. Write a paragraph describing the winter holidays in your town. Incorporate words that you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas.

Who delivers Christmas presents to gingerbread men?

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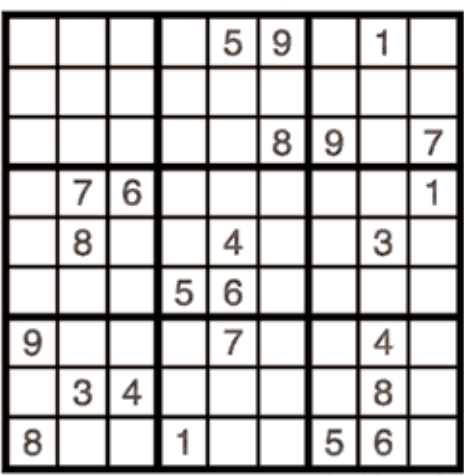
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Guess Who?
I am a musician born in Denmark on December 26, 1963. I played tennis as a young man, but gained an interest in music after receiving a ticket to see Deep Purple, which inspired me to become a drummer. I've been part of a metal rock band for many years.
Answer: Lars Ulrich

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Clue: A bit cold
C. 9 5 13 24 6
Clue: Pile of snow
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Clue: Frozen precipitation

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