

Chamber reaches out to Bridgeport city council

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – Officers from the Chamber of Commerce reached out to the city council at its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, to share its plans for 2024 events on its schedule and listen to comments from council members.

Chamber president, Jose Sanchez, and secretary, Lorena Lopez, distributed copies of the Chamber's schedule that includes the following events and possible events:

- Feb. 17: Valentine Dance
• March 31: Easter Egg Hunt (Bouska Square)
• May 31-June 2: Bridgeport

- Daze
• Sept. 28: Fall Festival (Fireman Park)
• November: Turkey Dinner Raffle
• Dec. 6: Here Comes Santa

Possible events:

- May 10: Mother's Day Dance
• July: Summer Fun Day
• Sept. 14: Mexico Independence Day

"In the past we haven't been working with you that much, but we would like to change that and work hand-in-hand with you on these events," said Sanchez. "It's nice to put a face to the people who run the town."

Sanchez was asked about

the possibility of scheduling Bridgeport Daze the weekend before Bridgeport's High School graduation ceremonies to avoid a conflict between those two events.

"We do it on graduation weekend because we have a lot of people who went to school here who want to come back for graduation and stay for Bridgeport Daze," said Sanchez. "If we do it the first weekend...I'm afraid we are not going to get as much traffic."

Sanchez said the chamber will be meeting to discuss that and other issues.

Among the other event possibilities addressed were bringing back the street

dance, fireworks over the river, and a beer garden.

New council president Sergio Orozco suggested that the council revisit a tradition that the council had in previous years of having an ASB member from the school participate in council meetings.

"I talked to Sattler (Superintendent Scott Sattler) about it, and he said it would probably be more than likely the ASB president that would be doing that."

Council members concurred so Orozco will follow up with Sattler and principal Tami Jackson.

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Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce president Jose Sanchez, right, and secretary, Lorena Lopez address the city council.

Public hearing highlights 2024 planned projects



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Pateros community residents gathered for the city council public hearing on Jan. 16.

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city council prefaced its regular monthly January meeting with a public hearing to update residents and hear input about the city projects planned for this year.

Mayor Kelly Hook opened the hearing by itemizing

recently completed city projects completed in 2023 including:

- The winter barn is now closed in with large doors
• Ives Landing Memorial Park trail by Douglas County PUD
• A new gazebo at Ives Landing installed by Douglas PUD
• Trees planted along War-

ren Avenue to complete sidewalk project

- Solar panels installed on the new reservoir on Cemetery Hill

"A lot of the things that go on in town are grant-based," said Hook.

2024 Projects

City Administrator Jord Wilson introduced the 2024

projects in their various stages of planning and funding.

Water system plan upgrade

Wilson said a study is needed to meet future growth demands and required improvements from the Department of Health.

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Rock Garden Holdings requests development extension

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – Chris Anderson, owner of Rock Garden Holdings, addressed the regular monthly meeting of the city council on Tuesday, Jan. 16, to explain the present development conditions and request an extension to complete his project.

Rock Garden Holdings has plans to construct a two-building complex with ground floor retail units and upper floor condominiums in downtown Pateros.

"The design phase has been completed for the project, but it was not approved until the building season was over," said Chris. "The point we're at now is getting funding. The appraisal that was done and came in low."

Chris explained that in Pateros there are no other projects like his new construction that can be used to establish comparable values.

"The retail rents and appraisal came out of Brewster," said Chris. "They are pretty low rents; they don't support brand new construction."

Commitments to occupy the new retail spaces would help.

"If we have leases, we're



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Rock Garden Holdings owner Chris Anderson addresses the Pateros city council.

fine," said Chris. "Right now, we have one of seven units spoken for."

Chris said the bank advised him that a letter of intent from one more person would clear the funding hurdle.

"That would be two out of three in the first building and then we're rolling," Chris said.

Chris issued a request to the council members for interested renters.

"If anybody knows of anybody who can even write help.

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New year, same challenges for Pateros Resource Center

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – It is a new year with all the hope and renewal that turning the calendar page implies, but for those like Gene Dowers, Executive Director of the Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center (PBCRC), it's just a new date on the same challenges to meet growing needs with fewer dollars.

The PBCRC did get some good news in its Christmas stocking. It received some funds from two sources. The Community Foundation of North Central Washington came through with a \$6,000 Regional Impact Grant and another \$4,508 from the Give NCW holiday season campaign. The no-strings dollars will allow PBCRC to cover operating costs for about two

months.

A significant funding source during the Covid pandemic came to a close at the end of 2023. The Recovery and Rescue Grants that Inatai – formerly the Group Health Foundation – provided to PBCRC for two years are no longer available.

"We knew that funding would be ending," said Dowers. "The first year was \$75,000

and the next was \$50,000."

PBCRC was budgeted through the end of December 2023.

"We've exhausted all the other funding that we had for assistance," said Dowers. "We have a little bit that we're working with folks who are having emergencies. Just in the last two days (Jan. 8-9) we have turned the lights on for two families and turned the

water back on for one family in Brewster."

A new partnership with the Okanogan-based Support Center began on Friday, Jan. 11, wherein a representative comes to the PBCRC all day every Thursday to be closer for work with south county clients.

"WorkSource has expanded their activity with us, too," said Dowers. "Through most

of last year they had a lady in our office just on Wednesdays and they have doubled that to Wednesdays and Thursdays."

Dowers said WorkSource dedicates every other Wednesday to skills like basic computer education and orientations for unemployment and job applications.

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Baby and Toddler Fun Time

The Omak Library will host Baby and Toddler Fun Time on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 10 - 11 a.m.
"Bring your young children for a day of fun," the event page states. "We will play, have tent crawls, activities, and sometimes a story as well. Each one will be different and encourage parents to have fun with their children with easy to do activities."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Live music with Carly Schoening

Alta Cellars in Manson will host live music by local musician Carly Schoening on Friday, Jan. 26 from 4 - 7 p.m.
"Join us for live music by Carly Schoening at Alta Cellars," the event page states.
Schoening is a Cashmere singer-songwriter.

Pregnancy, mother and baby support group

The Chelan Library will host the Pregnancy, Mother and Baby Support Group on Monday, Jan. 29 from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. in the community meeting room.
"This is a support group for pregnant mothers and babies, 0-12 months, led by Jen of Lakeside Baby," the event page states. "Share experiences, questions, and concerns about pregnancy, infant care and safety."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Lake Chelan Tanglers

The Chelan Library will host the Lake Chelan Tanglers on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the community meeting room.
"Tanglers meet to share the Zentangle® method, tangles, techniques, and challenges," the event page states.
For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.



5 THINGS TO DO This Week

Pub Trivia

Stormy Mountain Brewing in Chelan will host pub trivia on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 6 - 7 p.m.
"Join your friends and family for the local favorite

Stormy Mountain Pub Trivia," the event page states. "We have fun questions made for all ages, culture, history, sports, and more. Awesome prizes and as always free to play."
For more information visit stormymountainbrewing.com.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Jan. 24, 26, 30-31 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. Jan. 24: Chicken & Wild Rice Bake, Coleslaw, Tropical, Fruit, WW Roll, Dessert; Jan. 26: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, 4 Way Veggie Blend, Carrot Raisin Salad, Orange Quarters, Biscuit, Dessert; Jan. 30: Clam Chowder, Egg or Tuna, Salad Sandwich, Tossed Green Salad, Tropical Fruit, Dessert; Jan. 31: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Greens Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert;

tures have been low and there is still time to donate to the Chelan Valley Hope Coat Drive. We are accepting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and new socks. All sizes are needed. Donation bins can be found at the following locations; Chelan Valley Hope, Chelan Fire & Rescue, Manson Fire Department, Lake Chelan Eagles, Twisted Cork & Taphouse, North Shore Bible Church, Church of the Nazarene, Chelan Public Library, Cashmere Valley Bank, North Cascades Bank, CW Title Services, and Even Keel Roadhouse. If you are in need of warm winter wear please call or visit us at Chelan Valley Hope, open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest CVH news and updates. ChelanValleyHope.org.

Feb. 6, 20 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 douglaspubd.org

Feb. 7, 21 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.

Feb. 8, Feb. 15 Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is Feb. 8. 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, Feb. 15 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.

Feb. 13, 27 Okanogan County PUD meeting

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

Feb. 13 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.

Feb. 13 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

Feb. 14 Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information brewsterwachamber@gmail.com or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

Feb. 19 Family and friends Support Group

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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.

FORWARD THINKING The strength of kindness to strangers

In the beautiful regions of North Central Washington, our communities are known for their friendly nature and strong neighborly bonds. However, a worrying trend is emerging on social media, where anonymity seems to encourage hostility, especially towards those new to our area or considering moving here.



Terry Ward

The character of North Central Washington is built on inclusivity and friendliness. From the peaceful shores of Lake Chelan to the lively streets of Wenatchee, our region is renowned for welcoming everyone with open arms. As we increasingly interact online, it's crucial that we extend this same friendliness to our virtual conversations.

ForWARD Thinking

It's easy to overlook that there is a real person behind each social media account, often looking for guidance or connection. When someone shows interest in joining our communities, it speaks to the appeal and reputation of our region—a point of pride, not conflict. Each question about moving here should be seen as a chance to show what North Central Washington is all about - a community spirit, caring neighbors, and an unmatched quality of life.

Responding with kindness and helpful information not only casts our communities in a positive light but also upholds the values we hold dear. Imagine the difference when harsh words are replaced with useful tips, or criticism with a welcoming message. These simple acts of kindness can turn a stranger's uncertainty into excitement about becoming part of our community.

For those who are new or thinking of moving to our beautiful part of Washington, you are considering a region rich in history, community spirit, and natural beauty. And to our long-time residents, let's remember the impact of our words and their power. In a time where online conversations often lack the personal touch of face-to-face interactions, let's set a positive example.

Our communities are more than just a group of houses and businesses; they are a place where different experiences, backgrounds, and aspirations come together. Welcoming newcomers warmly not only adds to this community but also reinforces what makes North Central Washington a place we all love to call home.

Let's focus on being ambassadors of kindness and understanding in all our interactions, including online. By doing this, we ensure that the spirit of our communities is not only maintained but also strengthened, in both the virtual and real world.

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Jan. 30 American Legion events

BREWSTER - Brewster American Legion Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Open to the public. Come early to buy your bingo cards and dinner. Upcoming dinners: Pot Roast dinner will be served Tuesday, Jan 30, 4-6 p.m., \$12; Every Friday Steak Dinner starts at 5 p.m., 8 ounce sirloin, baked potato, garlic bread and salad, \$16.50. Every Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., order from the full breakfast menu. They also offer daily lunch specials except for Mondays and Saturday when they are closed.

Jan. 24-27, 29-31, Feb. 1-3 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.

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Newhouse building rises on Olympia's capitol campus



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The Newhouse building is currently under construction as part of the Legislative Campus Modernization for its replacement.

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Facing health and safety hazards and experiencing overcrowding, in May 2023 the original Irving R. Newhouse Building on the capitol campus in Olympia was entirely demolished and construction of a new building began.

Amidst rumors of a potential renaming, Rep. Bryan Sandlin, R-Zillah, representing the 15th District just like the building's namesake, introduced HCR 4405 to preserve the original name.

"We can take a page out of his career, each and every one of us to be a bipartisan member of this Legislature. He worked across the aisle very well. He represented his district very well," Sandlin said.

Irving R. Newhouse served for 34 years, holding office in the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1980 and in the Senate from 1980 to 1998. During his tenure, he took on various roles including Senate Republican Floor Leader

and Senate President Pro Tempore.

Sandlin presented the late senator's family with a biography, which was prepared by the staff.

"They appreciate the recognition and are honored to keep that name, as well as I am. And I hope everyone will support this."

The Newhouse tradition in politics continues. U.S. Congressman Dan Newhouse, the son of Irving, presently serves as a representative for Washington's 4th congressional district.

The building when completed will house Senate members and their staff.

Currently, the bill has 15 bipartisan sponsors. If approved, the new structure will bear the name Irving R. Newhouse.

Completion of the building is anticipated in late 2024.

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OBITUARIES

Dennis Robert Swanberg

Dennis Robert Swanberg, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend went to be with our Lord January 10th at age 75. He was born to Robert O. and Alice A. Swanberg on January 28th, 1948, in Yakima, WA. He grew up in Selah WA, where he attended high school, enjoyed jeep rides with his dad, fishing with his grandfather, and hunting with friends, while learning the in's and out's of farming and agriculture.

After graduation he attended Yakima Valley College before transferring to Washington State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Master of Science in Vocational Technical Education. He was also a member of the Alpha Tau Alpha honorary ag fraternity.

While attending YVC, he met his wife Judy. They later married on December 19th, 1970. Together, they have 3 children: Deanna, Lori, and David.

Following his time at WSU, he began teaching Vocational Agriculture at Brewster High School where he was also an FFA advisor and earned both the State and American Farmer Degrees; the highest honors given by the Future Farmers of America. He spent his entire 31-year career there. During this time, he also achieved the Ag Teacher of the Year award, Brewster Citizen of the Year, was the WVATA President, and was a member of Class IV of the WA State Ag Forestry Leadership Group. Once he retired from teaching in 2002, he opened Swany's Small Engines in 2003

where he applied his mechanical knowledge repairing various machines until officially retiring in the winter of 2014.

Family and faith were a top priority for Dennis. He soaked up every minute he could with his wife, kids, and grandchildren, passing on valuable life lessons and skills he learned along the way. He was also a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church in Brewster.

Dennis loved everything outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, fly tyer, trap shooter, and hiker. He loved photographing wildlife and was a lifelong NRA member.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Judy, daughters Deanna Swanberg (Okanogan), Lori and son-in-law Rick Hearron (Outlook), son David and daughter-in-



law Rachella Swanberg (Brewster), sister Kathy Muro (Portland), 7 grandsons, and numerous extended family and friends. Dennis was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and brother-in-law John Muro.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on January 20th at the Community Log Church located at 501 W Indian Ave. in Brewster, WA. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Dennis may donate to the Dennis Swanberg Memorial FFA Scholarship located at Umpqua Bank 601 W Main Ave, Brewster- account #3027

Rep. Dan Newhouse honors former Pateros educator

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Dan Newhouse, U.S. Representative for the state's 4th congressional district, stepped to the podium in the House of Representatives on Jan. 12 and delivered a one-minute speech honoring former Pateros educator Mike Hull.

The full text of Congressman Newhouse's statement follows:

Mr. Speaker,
Today, I rise to recognize a newly retired public servant from central Washington, Mr. Mike Hull of Pateros.

Mike has been an educator for 42 years and has taught some of the most important



subjects that engage our students to become better informed on the democratic process. It is more important than ever to instill this in our young people, and Mike

has done so by fostering an environment of inclusion, curiosity, and learning. In fact, it was not uncommon for former students to return to his classroom to visit with

him and to speak about the positive impact that he had on their lives. His work in education extended well beyond the classroom.

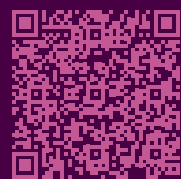
As those of us living on the West Coast know, wildfires significantly impact our daily lives and our safety. During the 2014 Carlton Complex recovery, Mike was the principal of the Pateros school, the central location for food distribution and temporary shelter, and was instrumental in coordinating recovery efforts and volunteer work. Mike led his community even when his own home was at risk from the flames. He is truly deserving of an honorable public service recognition.

I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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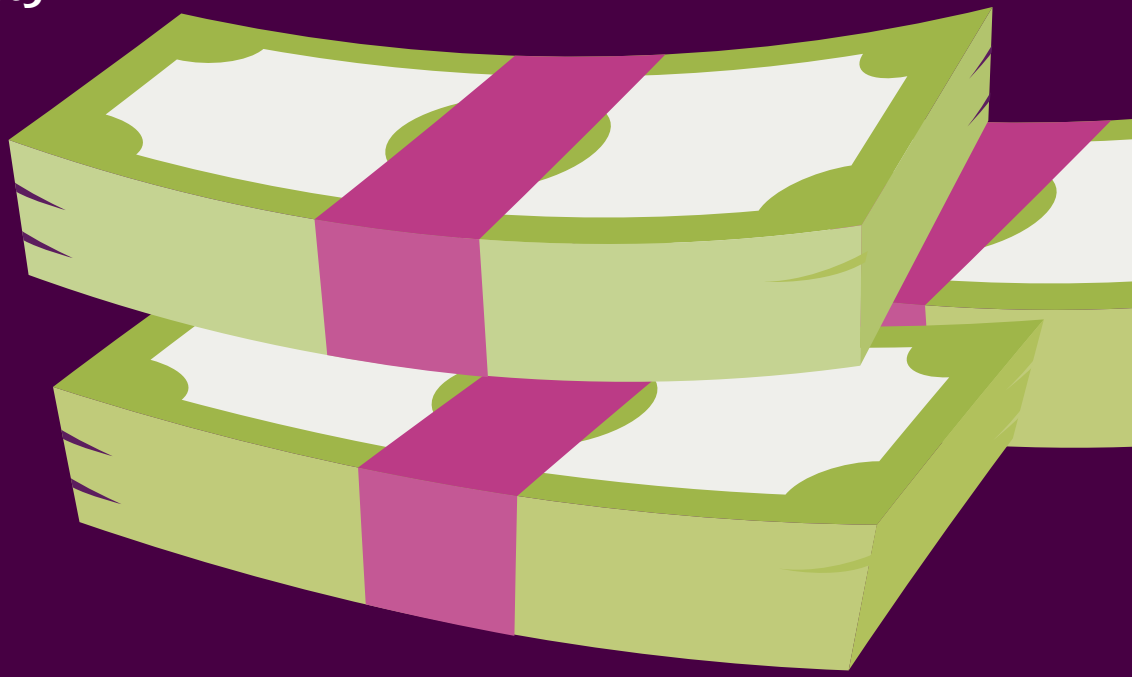
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AG Ferguson files lawsuit to stop Kroger-Albertson merger worth \$24.6 billion

By ASPEN ANDERSON & MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Kroger and Albertsons claim a proposed merger worth \$24.6 billion will result in better prices for grocery shoppers, but many fear food prices will go up and jobs could be lost as the stores eliminate competition.

Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed a lawsuit to stop the merger, which was announced in a Seattle press conference Jan. 15.

"Our job is to make sure there is a level playing field for Washington consumers and that means pushing back against the consolidation of power that destroys free enterprise and harms Washingtonians," Ferguson said.

Once they merge, Kroger and Albertsons propose to sell 413 stores nationwide, including 104 in Washington. That part of the proposal is meant to counter claims they will control the market if the merger goes through. Kroger and Albertsons alone have



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Safeway is among the major grocery chains in Washington affected by the merger.

more than 700,000 employees and nearly 5,000 stores across 49 states. Experts say Washington could be one of the most affected states.

"More than half of all supermarkets in Washington are currently owned by either Kroger or Albertsons," Ferguson said.

After reviewing hundreds of thousands of records, Ferguson's legal team uncovered internal chats among corporate executives and other employees.

Ferguson said a vice president of marketing with Albertsons wrote: "You are basically creating a monopoly in grocery with the merger."

"This makes no sense, prices will not go down," Ferguson said. "Grocery prices are already too high. These companies are merging so they can increase profits, not help Washingtonians with their grocery bills."

The official merger website claims the companies are keeping everyday prices

affordable on products customers love, want and need while making grocery shopping easy.

And they say the merger is necessary if the grocery companies want to compete against even larger competitors, like Amazon and Walmart.

If approved, the companies say they will develop a "zero hunger, zero waste," impact plan for hunger relief, donated meals and innovation fund grants.

Kroger owns QFC and Fred Meyer and is based in Cincinnati. It wants to acquire Albertsons, based in Boise, Idaho, which owns Safeway and Haggen grocery stores.

The merger is under consideration by the Federal Trade Commission. A decision is anticipated in August 2024.

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DR. LOUISE

What to rub on sore muscles

My 64-year-old friend Mark loves riding his mountain bike every weekend. In the winter he heads to our local ski area, White Pass, where he "shreds" with his son, Chris. Last week, he asked me, "What can I use for sore knees that isn't a pill?"

There are lots of products available without a prescription that Mark could apply directly to his skin to soothe sore muscles or aching knees. Natural compounds like wintergreen oil, camphor, menthol and capsaicin have been used for decades for muscle pain.

These plant-based compounds are called counterirritants. They stimulate the nerves in your skin, which blunts your pain sensation. When rubbed on sore muscles, they can create intense warmth, soothing coolness, or burning/tingling. Because they are not easily absorbed into your bloodstream, these topical agents can relieve discomfort with a much lower risk of side effects than pain pills.

Other options for Mark include lidocaine and diclofenac. These alternatives work very differently. Lidocaine is a local anesthetic, and diclofenac (Voltaren®) is an anti-inflammatory agent similar to naproxen (Aleve®) and ibuprofen (Motrin-IB®).

I recommend using a 4% lidocaine roll-on for nerve pain and diclofenac gel for arthritis pain. I avoid suggesting capsaicin because it causes burning and has to be reapplied 2-3 times daily to maintain relief.

Capsaicin is derived from chili peppers. It works by triggering a nerve messenger called Substance P to be released from the area you apply it to.

Substance P acts like a telephone line, carrying messages to your brain that you've got pain in your knee. Capsaicin releases even more Substance P, until it can't send any more messages until it builds back up. For example, when you flush a toilet, the water must be replaced before you can use it again.

When applied for the first time, capsaicin causes a moderately intense burning and tingling sensation, the result of Substance P being released. This is followed by a diminished sensation of pain that persists for up to 8-10 hours.

Eventually, as your body replaces Substance P, you'll feel tingling and burning start to come back. To maintain pain relief, you'll need to reapply capsaicin.

Because capsaicin is made from hot chili peppers, wash your hands immediately after applying it. Touching your eye with capsaicin on your fingers feels just like throwing pepper in it. I recommend using a roll-on applicator for capsaicin to avoid touching the stuff.

Many non-prescription topical analgesics contain at least one plant-based product, such as methyl salicylate (also called wintergreen oil), menthol, which is derived from peppermint

oil, camphor, eucalyptus oil, turpentine, and an odorless cousin of methyl salicylate called trolamine salicylate.

Some of the more potent formulations Mark could select from include Aspercreme® Heat Pain Relieving Gel, with 10% Menthol; Tiger Balm® Arthritis Rub, which has 11% each of menthol and camphor; and Ben-Gay® Ultra Strength Pain Relieving Cream, containing 30% methyl salicylate, 10% menthol, and 4% camphor.

What if Mark prefers methyl salicylate products but wants to avoid smelling like wintergreen? He could switch to the odorless Aspercreme® formula containing trolamine salicylate instead of methyl salicylate.

Bayer, the manufacturer of Aleve®, has recently introduced two topical pain relief products: AleveX® as a lotion, spray and roll-on, and Aleve Arthritis Pain® gel. What's confusing is that neither one contains naproxen, the active ingredient in the brand name Aleve®.

This is an example of "brand extension," which is capitalizing on the name recognition of a trademark to market a different active ingredient. My husband finds this misleading and frustrating.

Instead of naproxen, AleveX® contains 16% menthol and 5.5% camphor, similar to Tiger Balm®. Aleve Arthritis Pain® gel contains diclofenac, the same ingredient found in Voltaren® gel.

Tylenol Precise Cooling® cream is another example of brand extension. Instead of acetaminophen, this cream contains both 4% lidocaine and 1% menthol.

Here are 4 Tips for Using Topical Non-Prescription Pain Relievers Safely:

1. Apply only to intact skin.

Broken skin increases the amount of drug absorbed into your bloodstream, increasing the risk of side effects.

2. Alternate with different agents.

Using more than one topical analgesic roll-on may increase your relief, but applying them simultaneously can increase the risk of skin irritation. Try alternating them instead.

3. Reapply capsaicin without delay.

Replenish capsaicin when the tingling/burning sensation begins to return. Waiting longer makes the tingling and burning more intense when you use it again.

4. Use roll-on applicators whenever possible.

Roll-ons are more precise and less messy. They avoid getting capsaicin's pepper-based extract on your fingers and accidentally in your eyes.

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 44-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can't Eat Chocolate:

How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Get clear answers to your medication questions at her website and blog, TheMedicationInsider.com.

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15:26 Property, 607 21st St, Bridgeport
18:8 Property, 1809 Raymond Ave, Bridgeport

20:44 Assist Agency, Bridgeport
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02:15 Assist Agency, 1709 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport
09:44 Welfare Check, 410 S Harrison St, Waterville
19:55 Assist Agency, Sr 28 Mp 9, Rock Island
20:41 Assist Agency, 10 Tieton Pl; Area, Orondo
January 15
00:57 Traffic Offense, 800blk

Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
01:54 Alarm, 1106 Columbia Ave; Bridgeport
20:32 Suspicious, 929 Maple St# 135, Bridgeport
23:33 Warrant, 1450 Douglas St, Rock Island
January 16
2:14 Accident Injury, Rd 5 Nw & Rd K Nw, Waterville
11:12 Cps/Aps Referral, Po Box 761, Bridgeport

11:19 Fraud/ Forgery, 70 Corral Creek Dr, Orondo
11:58 Juvenile Problem, 5645 Rock Island Rd; Rock Island
12:16 Fraud/Forgery, 501 Eash St, Waterville
23:21 Trespass, 1255 Center St, Rock Island
January 17
02:55 Alarm, 302 Rock Island Dr

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Washington's Wildlife Wonders: A boon for recreation and economy

Ward Media
Quad City Herald

OLYMPIA - The 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, recently released, reveals that wildlife-related activities are not just a pastime but a significant economic driver in Washington State. The comprehensive survey, executed with the partnership of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, highlights a robust engagement in wildlife recreation among Washingtonians and visitors from other states, contributing significantly to the state's economy.

In 2022, 72% of Washington residents aged 16 and older, totaling 4.4 million people,

participated in at least one form of wildlife-related recreation. The state saw 1.2 million individuals engaging in fishing, 292,000 in hunting, and a remarkable 6.2 million in wildlife watching, including 4 million who traveled beyond their immediate locales for these activities. This widespread participation underscores the state's rich biodiversity and its appeal to outdoor enthusiasts.

"Activities made possible through WDFW's stewardship of fish, wildlife, and ecosystems have a significant impact on Washington's economy," said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Kelly Susewind. "Conserving fish, wildlife, and habitat and providing sustainable opportunities contribute to our way of life and identity while

providing jobs and economic opportunities to our residents and generating tax revenue for the state."

These activities have a profound economic impact. Participants spent over \$9 billion on equipment and trip-related expenses, injecting an estimated \$630 million in taxes into the State General Fund. This expenditure surpassed spending on major product categories such as telecommunication services, new motor vehicles, and hotel accommodations in Washington in 2022, reflecting the significant role of wildlife recreation in the state's economy.

The survey details the diversity of participants, mirroring the state's demographic spread. Fishers and hunters were more likely to engage in wildlife watching than non-participants in these activities. Fishing attracted 17% of state residents, while hunting, away-from-home wildlife watching, and around-the-home wildlife watching drew 4%, 35%, and 71% of residents, respectively. The hunting participation rate among women in Washington was double the national average.

In fishing, 812,000 individuals engaged in freshwater fishing, 388,000 in saltwater, and 222,000 in both. Anglers, predominantly male, spent 12.6 million days fishing, underscoring a youthful skew in participation. Hunting was also significant, with 291,000

individuals partaking, 75% of whom were state residents. A majority targeted big game, reflecting the rich wildlife habitat of the region.

Wildlife watching, defined broadly from observing to photographing wildlife, drew immense interest, with 4.3 million participants indulging in this activity around their homes and 4 million traveling for it. This activity not only fostered a connection with nature but also drew substantial tourism, with over 30% of watchers coming from out of state. Washingtonians, on average, engaged in wildlife watching around 1.4 times per week, highlighting its role as a cherished pastime.

These findings will inform the implementation of various strategic plans, including the Washington Hunting, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) Plan and the 10-Year Recreation Strategy for WDFW-Managed Lands. It underscores the multifaceted ways Washington residents enjoy the outdoors and the critical role of wildlife-related recreation in state conservation and economic strategies.

Washington's rich natural resources and diverse wildlife continue to be a significant draw, offering myriad recreational activities that contribute substantially to both the state's economy and the well-being of its residents and visitors.

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BREWSTER ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Henry Miller #14
Boys Basketball - Forward
Freshman -

Henry has demonstrated a commendable performance throughout the season, actively participating in both Varsity and JV games while showcasing versatility in the wing and forward positions. His confidence

and experience are steadily growing with each passing day. Henry is dedicated to improvement, putting in hard work during practice and striving to make the right decisions on the field. While he worries a bit about making mistakes, which can keep him from making the plays he knows to make, but that will come with more time. Henry exhibits proficiency both inside the paint and beyond, displaying the capability to navigate the interior and deliver successful outside shots. As the season unfolds, he is progressively securing more Varsity playing time, earning himself a pivotal role in the team.

BRIDGEPORT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Cameron Vitalich
Boys Basketball
Freshman

Meet Cameron Vitalich, a standout Freshman basketball player for the Bridgeport Mustangs. Last week, Cameron showcased remarkable skills on

the court, averaging an impressive 7 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 blocks per game. Beyond the statistics, what sets Cameron apart is his unwavering dedication and positive attitude. He is continuously striving for improvement, putting in the hard work both in practice and during games. Cameron's commitment to the sport and team, coupled with his positive demeanor, makes him a valuable asset to the Bridgeport Mustangs, and his future in the world of basketball looks incredibly promising.

PATEROS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Pablo Gonzalez
Boys Basketball
Senior

Pablo, a senior at Pateros has played basketball for the last four years.

Pablo is a student-athlete who works hard both in the classroom and on the court. He has a passion for the game and puts in a diligent effort every day he steps foot on the court. He works hard offensively to help create shots for his teammates and does a good job defensively to provide pressure and force turnovers. Watching him grow over the last four years and become a great young man has been a pleasure. As his coach, I wish him nothing but the best in all of his future

SCHEDULE

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25	Bridgeport vs. Tonasket, Away at 6 p.m.
Jan. 26	Brewster vs. Oroville, Home at 6 p.m.
Jan. 26	Pateros vs. Curlew, Away at 6 p.m.
Jan. 26	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Entiat, Away at 6p.m.
Jan. 27	Bridgeport vs. Waterville-Mansfield, Away at 4 p.m.
Jan. 27	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Bridgeport Home at 4 p.m.
Jan. 29	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Wilson Creek, Away at 6 p.m.
Jan. 30	Brewster vs. Okanogan, Away at 6p.m.
Jan. 30	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Away at 6 p.m.
Jan. 30	Pateros vs. Moses Lake Christian, Away at 6 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25	Bridgeport vs. Tonasket, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Brewster vs. Oroville, Home at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Pateros vs. Curlew, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Entiat, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Bridgeport vs. Waterville-Mansfield, Away at 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Bridgeport Home at 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Wilson Creek, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Brewster vs. Okanogan, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Away at 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Pateros vs. Moses Lake Christian, Away at 7:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 15	Bridgeport 37, Oroville 48; Loss
Jan. 15	Waterville-Mansfield 43, Davenport 59; Loss
Jan. 16	Brewster 70, Lake Roosevelt 45; Win
Jan. 16	Pateros 2, Riverside Christian 0; Win
Jan. 16	Waterville-Mansfield 71, Cascade Christian 10; Win
Jan. 17	Waterville-Mansfield 52, Moses Lake Christian 8; Win
Jan. 18	Pateros 60, Soap Lake 32; Win
Jan. 19	Brewster 61, Liberty Bell 15; Win
Jan. 19	Bridgeport 2, Okanogan 80; Loss
Jan. 19	Pateros 34, Waterville-Mansfield 55; Loss
Jan. 19	Waterville-Mansfield 55, Pateros 34; Win
Jan. 20	Brewster 65, Liberty Bell 42; Win
Jan. 20	Waterfield-Mansfield 70, Soap Lake 17; Win

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 15	Bridgeport 67, Oroville 49; Win
Jan. 16	Pateros 21, Riverside Christian 71; Loss
Jan. 16	Brewster 62, Lake Roosevelt 79; Loss
Jan. 16	Waterville-Mansfield 74, Cascade Christian 36; Win
Jan. 17	Waterville-Mansfield 37, Moses Lake Christian 62; Loss
Jan. 18	Pateros 69, Soap Lake 78; Loss
Jan. 19	Brewster 47, Liberty Bell 53; Loss
Jan. 19	Bridgeport 38, Okanogan 78; Loss
Jan. 19	Pateros 39, Waterville-Mansfield 65; Loss
Jan. 19	Waterville-Mansfield 65, Pateros 39; Win
Jan. 20	Brewster 73, Liberty Bell 68; Win
Jan. 20	Waterfield-Mansfield 46, Soap Lake 57; Loss

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THE WASHINGTON OUTDOORS REPORT

Outdoors Roundup

By JOHN KRUSE
Special to Ward Media

BOB BUGERT APPOINTED TO THE WASHINGTON RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD

Leavenworth resident Bob Bugert has been appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to the Washington Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. According to Joshua McKinney with the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), "The board awards about \$200 million in grants every other year to tribes, nonprofits and government agencies to create parks, trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities. The board also awards grants to conserve the state's natural resource heritage by protecting working farms and forests and wildlife habitat, including places inhabited by plants and animals found nowhere else in the world."

Bugert has quite a bit of experience in the field of conservation, previously serving as the Executive Director of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust which greatly expanded the trail system in the Western foothills of Wenatchee as well as enacting policies to protect mule deer in this area during the winter. Bugert also spent eight years serving on the Washington State Salmon Recovery Board and recently served as a Chelan County Commissioner. In his spare time, Bugert enjoys time in the outdoors hiking, biking and kayaking.

A TURKEY HUNTING OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS:

Craig Dowdy, the owner of YJ Guide Service near Davenport, is giving away six guided turkey hunts this April on the 20th and 21st to first responders as a way of showing appreciation for the work they do. These will be guided hunts, lasting two days, and all meals and accommodations are included. The only cost for participating hunters will be travel to and from Davenport along with the cost of a hunting license

and turkey tag.

This is open to both current and retired first responders. To apply, contact Craig and his wife Melodie by email at melodie@yjguideservice.com. Simply give your contact information (name, address and cell phone number) along with a very brief description of your service as a first responder to include whether you serve in law enforcement, the fire service or in EMS.

SPOKANE RIVER/LAKE ROOSEVELT FISHING REPORT

In other news, Craig Dowdy reports he was fishing the Spokane River until the cold snap froze things up to Porcupine Bay. Once the ice melts he'll get back to fishing for burbot and walleye. The fishing was very good right before the cold snap, especially for burbot. Book your trip at www.yjguideservice.com

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE FISHING

Catch and keep sturgeon fishing may be closed in the Bonneville and The Dalles pools of the Columbia River but as of Jan. 17 it remains open in the John Day pool east of Rufus. According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, "Angler effort was light because of inclement weather conditions in the John Day Pool most of last week. Anglers have landed approximately 45 percent of the annual catch guideline through Jan. 16. Sturgeon fishing is open seven days per week until the quota is achieved, but anglers should check weather and road conditions before planning a trip through the Gorge."

Catch and release sturgeon fishing continues to be open for anglers on the rest of the Columbia River. Checking in with Gorge Outfitters Supply in Rufus on the 18th, they reported nobody has come into the store with any fishing reports since the cold snap of Jan. 11. When temperatures moderate though, the walleye fishing below John Day Dam should be good.

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS IS HIRING

It's the time of year that Wash-

ington State Parks recruits for seasonal park aides. This year, they are looking to hire 300 park aides and senior park aides who will work in state parks from April through September.

Park aides perform a variety of duties ranging from registering campers, maintaining trails, cleaning campgrounds and maintaining facilities. They also staff park offices, assist visitors and help with interpretive and educational programs. Park aides work in one large park or cover an area with several small parks.

According to Washington State Parks, "This opportunity is ideal for recent high school and college graduates, retired workers looking for an encore, military veterans transitioning to civilian employment and mid-careerists taking time to reinvent themselves. Most park aides appreciate the flexibility of seasonal outdoor work and the mix of public interaction and physical labor."

Park aides earn between \$16.90 to \$20.33 an hour, depending on their experience. Senior park aides earn up to \$23.40 an hour. You can find out more and apply at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington. Type in the key word Park Aide into the search bar to find the available opportunities.

VISIT ME AT THE WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW - I'll be exhibiting at the Washington Sportsmen's Show at the State Fair Center in Puyallup from Jan. 31 through Feb. 4. We'll be giving away some knife sharpeners from Work Sharp to some lucky attendees and I'll also be giving a seminar about places in the Pacific Northwest you should be fishing at in 2024. That seminar takes place Saturday the 3rd in the Blue Fishing Theater from 11 a.m. to noon. You can find out more about Washington State's biggest sportsmen's show at www.thesportshows.com/shows/washington/

John Kruse -

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Bears edge 1A Omak, fall to undefeated Raiders

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER - The Bears' varsity basketball team took on a pair of tough opponents in the non-conference Omak Pioneers of the 1A Caribou Trail League (CTL) followed by undefeated Central Washington 2B leader Lake Roosevelt and came away with mixed results.

The Pioneers, ranked third in the CTL, gave Brewster all it could handle on Jan. 13, matching the Bears point-for-point to a 21-all first quarter. Behind the 12 first half points of their leading scorer, Taegan Mullin, Omak took a three-point, 36-33 lead into the halftime locker room.

Brewster turned the tables in the third quarter, edged ahead of Omak by three, 49-46, and set up an "anybody's game" scenario going into the final eight minutes of play. Solid defense held Omak to the second of its two lowest quarters while the Bears tacked three more points onto their third quarter lead to win 62-56.

Brady Wulf led all scorers with 23 points. Mario Camacho and Cort Gebbers hit double figures with 16 and 12 points, respectively. Other scores included Karden Gebbers, 5, Henry Miller, 3, and Sam Arevalo, 2.

Brewster: 21-33-49-62
Omak: 21-36-46-56

The league-leading Brewster girls easily managed their Pioneer counterparts, 68-34. Pepper Boesel led Brewster with 24 points and Morgan McGuire added 15.

Raiders take no prisoners

Lake Roosevelt showed why it leads the CW2B as it handed Brewster its second loss to the Raiders this season. Perhaps Bears' head coach Michael Taylor said it best when he observed: "Lake Roosevelt is proving to be a tough team to catch on an off night, because they don't really have any."

Taylor said the Raiders are solid on both ends of the floor with multiple playmakers.

"They mixed up their defenses and attacked us off the dribble on offense," said Taylor. "We gave up too many

points coupled with spurts of turnovers allowing them to build a 13-point lead in the second quarter."

The Bears battled back in the second half, but again a spurt of turnovers and quick, low-percentage shots allowed Lake Roosevelt to extend its lead.

"At no point did I feel the game was out of hand, but they were definitely in control from the second quarter on," said Taylor. "We had times where we got stops and decent shots on our end, but it takes a valiant effort and precise play to stay in the game with them, they have a good team."

While the Raiders had three players hit in double figures, Wulf again led all scorers with 28 points including six from three-point land. Cort Gebbers added 10 points, Grant Baker, 6, Miller, 5, Camacho, 4, and Arevalo, 1.

"Brady had a good scoring night for us, but we need to do a better job of getting him some easier looks at the hoop," said Taylor. "That usually means playing inside-out basketball, via drive and kick or post and kick out, which we didn't do enough of. A size or height advantage is only an advantage if you utilize it."

Taylor said the Bears need to sink more shots from the foul line.

"We will eventually need to make them in important games to pull out wins," said Taylor. "We have some big games coming up the next couple of weeks that we need to win. A first-round bye in districts should be enticing to our guys."

Brewster: 16-26-45-62
Lake Roosevelt: 16-39-59-79

Lady Raiders rejected

Once again, the hard-charging Brewster varsity girls made their case for the playoff brackets by sweeping aside the Lady Raiders by 25 points, 70-45.

Based on her earlier 24-point performance against Okanogan on Jan. 10, freshman Pepper Boesel was nominated for WaFd Bank Washington High School Player of the Week for Jan. 15.

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The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES: Daniel Munson
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jeffrey T. Fehr
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Okanogan County Auditor
Ballots for the February 13, 2024 Special Election will be mailed out on January 26 th , 2024.
If you have not received your ballot by Friday, February 3rd, 2023, please contact the Auditors Office at (509) 422-7240. Remember your ballot return envelope must be signed. The Auditors Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Okanogan, is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Election Day only from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following services.
• Voter Registration
• Drop off voted ballots
• Obtain replacement ballots
• Disability Access Voting Units
Drop boxes will be open January 26-February 13, 2024. Drop boxes will be open until 8:00 PM on February 13, 2024. Drop box locations open for the February 14, 2023 Special

Notice of February Special Election Okanogan County, State of Washington
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
A Special Election will be held in the below mentioned districts for the purpose of submitting to the voters for their approval or rejection the following:
Nespelem School District No. 14- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and operation Levy
Omak School District No. 19- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Bridgport School District No. 75- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Brewster School District No. 111/203J- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Lake Chelan School District No. 129- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Lake Chelan School District No. 129- Proposition No. 2- Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology and Safety Improvements
Methow Valley School District No. 350- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Methow Valley School District No. 350- Proposition No. 2- Replacement of Capital Levy for Educational Technology Improvements
Tonasket School District No. 404- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
Oroville School District No. 410- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
The registration deadline for online registrations, mail-in

Election:
Okanogan - Okanogan County Courthouse Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, room 104
Oroville - Police Station- 1105 Main St.
Tonasket - City Hall/Library Complex, 209 S Whitcomb Ave.
Omak - Police Station, 8 N Ash
Omak - 12 Tribes casino parking lot, 28968 Highway 97
Pateros - 180 Pateros Mall in parking lot
Brewster - Library, 108 S 3 rd Ave.
Twisp - Twisp City Hall, 118 S Glover St.
Winthrop - Library, 112 Norfolk Rd.
Nespelem - Lucy F. Covington Tribal Government Center, 21 Colville St.
Riverside - Town Hall, 101 1 st Street, Riverside
The state is providing postage-paid ballot return envelopes this year. Voters are encour-

registrations and transfers is February 5, 2024. Any qualified elector who is not registered to vote in the State of Washington may register to vote in person at the Auditor's Office up to and including February 13, 2024. You can register or obtain registration forms at the Auditor's Office, on line at www.votewa.gov, and Department of Licensing.
The Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, will be open so voters may obtain replacement ballots, drop off voted ballots, obtain provisional ballots, and use the Accessible Voting Units, at the following times.
Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM January 26th- February 12, 2024
On Election Day only, February 13, 2024, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
Drop box locations around the county for this election.
Okanogan - Okanogan County Courthouse Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, room 104
Oroville - Police Station- 1105 Main St.
Tonasket - City Hall/Library Complex, 209 S Whitcomb Ave.
Omak - Police Station, 8 N Ash
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Riverside - Town Hall, 101 1 st Street, Riverside
Drop boxes will close at 8:00PM

aged to mail in ballots prior to Friday, Feb. 9 th , to ensure the envelopes are postmarked by Election Day. Check with your local post office for cut off times.
If you need to find out information about the issues you can use the following sources.
• On line voter's guide – votewa.gov
• sos.wa.gov/elections/
• Newspapers and radio
If you are not currently registered in the State of Washington, you can appear in person in the Auditors Office until February 13, 2024 and registered to vote and be able to vote in the Special Election.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Auditors Office. (509) 422-7240. Published in the Quad City Herald on January 24, 2024. #7041

on Election Day
Voters needing additional information or assistance with voter registration forms or voting may call (509) 422-7240.
Voters unable to use the mail-in ballot may use the Accessible Voting Unit available at the County Auditor's Office. Ballots require no postage and must be postmarked by the day of the election. Check with your local Post Office for deadlines to have your ballot postmarked properly.
For additional information on the election or regarding voter registration. votewa.gov/okanogan
Local newspaper, radio, and TV www.pdc.wa.gov
Meetings of the Okanogan County Canvassing Board are open, public meetings and shall be continued until the activities for which the following meetings are held have been completed. Canvass Board meetings are held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, in Okanogan.
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM to determine the status of any provisional or challenged ballots
Friday, February 23, 2024 at 2:00 PM to canvass the votes cast and certify the election
This notice is in accordance with RCW 29A.52.
Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 5 th day of January, 2024.
Cari Hall, Okanogan County Auditor and Ex-Officio Supervisor of Elections
Jamie Groomes, Chief Deputy/ Elections Administrator
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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to bath safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = A)

A.	15	25	6	22	22	2	13	19
	<i>Clue: Slick</i>							
B.	14	13	12	11				
	<i>Clue: Hold onto</i>							
C.	12	5	5	6	21	2	24	3
	<i>Clue: Mishap</i>							
D.	11	12	3	8	13	23	23	7
	<i>Clue: Tiled room in house</i>							

Answers: A. slippery B. grab C. accident D. bathroom

GARDEN

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a letter of interest in commercial space it would be very helpful in getting that appraisal value back up," Chris said.

"The plan would be to get the whole site worked on and one building," said Chris. "If we get more interest in the project, we'd love to get both done this year."

That said, Chris is proceeding with a leap of faith to complete the smaller of the two buildings this year.

Chris said he is also exercising other options with the property.

"We've offered four of the lots for sale," said Chris. "Someone could purchase all

four of them, purchase them individually, or lease."

Chris said he is moving his real estate business to Pateros and has two agents who will start this spring.

For the interim, Chris's lender has requested a revision in the development agreement with an extension.

The city clerk advised Chris that the normal Pateros building permit is issued for two years. The extension request will be forward to the city attorney.

The next regular meeting of the Pateros city council has been changed from its normal third Monday of the month to Tuesday, Feb. 20, due to Presidents Day falling on Feb. 19.

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Legislation to bolster landslide preparedness and safety introduced in Congress

Ward Media
Quad City Herald

WASHINGTON, DC - In a move to enhance national preparedness and response to landslide hazards, U.S. Representatives Kim Schrier (WA-08), Suzan DelBene (WA-01), and Marie Gluskamp Perez (WA-03) have introduced the National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act (H.R. 7003). This bipartisan bill, if passed, will reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act through fiscal year 2028, building upon the foundation set by the original act enacted in 2021.

The 2021 legislation em-

powered the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to establish a National Landslide Hazards Reduction Program. Its core mission is to identify and understand landslide risks, mitigate losses, protect at-risk communities, and enhance communication and emergency preparedness strategies.

Washington state, a region with a history of devastating landslides, including the 2014 State Route 530 landslide — the deadliest in U.S. history — is particularly vulnerable. The increasing severity and frequency of wildfires across Washington and other western states exacerbate this

threat, leaving burn areas highly susceptible to landslides.

Congresswoman Schrier remarked on the urgency of the bill, recalling the 2014 landslide that claimed 43 lives. "Nearly ten years ago, our community felt the devastating impact of landslides firsthand as the SR 530 Landslide claimed 43 lives, making it the deadliest in U.S. history," said Rep. Schrier. "This bill will make crucial investments to further our understanding of landslides, improve our preparation for these natural disasters, and ultimately safeguard our communities."

The proposed legislation would enable the USGS to develop a national landslide strategy, a comprehensive hazard and risk inventory database, expand early warning systems for debris flow, and establish rapid response protocols for significant landslide events. It also aims to improve subsidence and groundwater resource accounting and establish a 3D elevation program.

The bill also provides for grants to support research, mapping, data collection on landslide hazards, and the National Science Foundation may offer grants for landslide research.

HEARING

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"It also makes us eligible for grant work," Wilson said.

Stormwater planning project

"We have a bunch of stormwater outlets into the Columbia River," said Wilson. "We don't know a lot about them or our pipes so we will be doing an inventory on that."

Wilson said once the survey is completed and funding secured to upgrade the system the city may be able to abandon some of those river outlets.

US97 pedestrian safety

Funded by the Department of Transportation, the project

will determine "how to get pedestrians safely from Peterson Road to the downtown, the school, and across over to the packing shed along U.S. 97 — the whole U.S. 97 corridor," Wilson said.

Park & Recreation plan

City planner Kurt Danison explained the importance of updating the six-year park plan to be eligible for grant funding from the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

"You are fortunate to have the Douglas PUD as a partner," said Danison. "You already have Douglas PUD doing really good projects in town."

Danison said that the RCO grants are usually 50 percent match but with the recent wild-

fire disasters in the region RCO grants have been 80 percent with just 20 percent match.

Wastewater planning

Dan Cowger, principal engineer with city engineer Varela Engineering and Management explained that in 2020 the city embarked on a project to improve the sewer collection and treatment components of its 65-year-old system. The city's treatment plant was last upgraded 23 years ago. Improvements are needed to both systems. A comprehensive evaluation of the system funded by the state Department of Ecology is underway.

Needed wastewater improvements include about \$4 million for the sewer collection system and \$7.5 million for

treatment plant upgrades. The city will be lobbying for state and grant funding to cover those costs.

Warren Avenue safety improvement

A brainstorming session between city officials and the state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) last fall about excessive vehicle speed and pedestrian safety on Warren Avenue resulted in a pilot project being introduced for the first time in the western U.S. at Pateros. Commonly used in many parts of the East Coast, the technique employs a colored resin-based compound applied to a street surface to direct traffic and narrow its flow as a speed deterrent. TIB is bringing the \$136,000 project to Warren

Avenue this spring.

Mayor Hook used a design display board to illustrate where the streets will be treated at the intersection corners of Warren and Riverside on the west end and North Warren at Dawson on the east end. The application will not harm vehicle tires, but its color and placement will act as a deterrent to drivers from using that portion of the street surface.

Downtown Mall improvement

"We have a whole bunch of planning projects wrapped up that are starting to come together in the downtown," said Wilson. "Right now, we have RDBG (Rural Development Business Grant) money to look at how to help businesses in the mall. We also have .09

money (\$100,000 Public Facilities Fund) from the county for economic development."

In other business, the council:

- Approved the \$136,000 grant agreement between the city and TIB for the Warren Avenue safety project
- Approved a \$15,000 grant from Okanogan County for capital or operating expenses for tourism
- Selected Varela Engineering and Management from among five candidates for city engineering services and Erlandsen & Associates for surveying services

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Kindness Is Healthy!

Most people agree that doing kind things for others makes them feel good. Scientists now believe doing kind things for others is also good for you!

Kindness is Catching!
When you do something kind for another person, it is catching. The person you are kind to will likely go out and do something kind for someone else.

Please help me deliver these donations to the food drive!

Five Weeks of Kindness Experiment

Two scientists at Ohio State University asked students who were feeling worried or sad to do three small acts of kindness twice a week for five weeks. The students did things like:

- Open doors for others.
- Smile at people they haven't met.
- Volunteer to help someone.
- Shovel a snowy sidewalk.
- Carry someone's groceries.
- Give compliments.
- Let someone cut in line in front of them.
- Give someone a cookie.
- Walk a neighbor's dog.

At the end of the five weeks, students reported feeling less worried and much happier. **Being kind makes people feel good!**

Standards Link: Language Arts: Read informational text.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How kind! Someone surprised the teachers at Main Street Elementary School with flowers. Can you find the two arrangements that are exactly the same?

Kid Scoop Together Kindness Quiz

Answer these questions after you've read this Kid Scoop page. Have a family member check to see if you answered them all correctly.

- A study at Ohio State University found out that doing acts of kindness made people feel
 - a. lonely
 - b. hungry
 - c. silly
 - d. better
- When you do a kind act, it often causes other people to do acts of kindness, too.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. FALSE
- A student at Ohio State University put these all around the campus:
 - a. flowers
 - b. apples
 - c. sticky notes with kind words
 - d. jokes
- Opening a door for someone is an act of kindness.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. FALSE
- To feel happier and less worried, it helps to help others. You can:
 - a. smile at someone new
 - b. carry someone's groceries
 - c. give someone a cookie
 - d. walk a neighbor's dog
 - e. shovel a snowy sidewalk for a neighbor
 - f. give compliments
 - g. volunteer to help someone
 - h. open doors for others
 - i. let someone cut in front of you in line
 - j. all of the above!
- Kindness is catching.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. FALSE

Standards Link: Write descriptively.

Notes of Kindness

One student at Ohio State spread kindness around the entire campus. She wrote positive and kind words on sticky notes and stuck them to doors, signs, mirrors, and walls around campus.

Fill in the missing vowels to discover some kind words to share.

Y _ U _ ARE
_ W _ S _ ME!

H _ V _ A
F _ NT _ ST _ C
D _ Y!

I _ M _ PR _ D
T _ BE _ Y _ R
FR _ ND!

Y _ U _ M _ KE
TH _ W _ RL D
A B _ TT _ R
PL _ C _ !

Y _ _ ARE
S _ P _ R
SM _ RT
_ ND
S _ P _ R
F _ NNY,
T _ _ !

D _ NT D _ BT
TH _ P _ WR
OF K _ NDN _ SS

TH _ NK Y _ _
F _ RB _ NG
Y _ _ !

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

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

S	E	I	K	O	O	C	F	S	T
I	F	E	D	I	T	O	R	P	G
G	J	K	H	A	P	P	I	E	R
N	T	B	I	Z	C	K	E	R	O
S	E	T	O	N	I	A	N	S	C
O	M	G	T	Q	D	V	D	O	E
L	Y	I	D	B	O	N	Y	N	R
S	S	E	L	O	O	V	E	O	I
O	I	H	O	E	G	B	H	S	E
V	O	L	U	N	T	E	E	R	S

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Helping Others

Look through the newspaper for an article about someone in your community who is struggling. How could you do something kind for this person?

Standards Link: Understand civic responsibility.

Write On!

Kind Things to Say

Write down three kind things you can say to others.

Standards Link: Write descriptively.

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Shift to even-year local elections proposed to boost voter turnout

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal



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Election turnout for local races would increase if they ran in even numbered years with state and national elections.

OLYMPIA - Low turnouts for local elections are leading some to advocate for moving those contests to even numbered years alongside national races.

"Young people are part of the communities that are being left behind," said Rep. Darya Farivar, D-Seattle. She is a co-sponsor of a bill in this year's legislative session to move elections to even-numbered years. She is also the youngest legislator in Washington and said this issue is very personal to her.

"This issue is about making sure that we have the best democracy we can possibly have and hearing the voices of absolutely everyone," Farivar said.

Currently, in even numbered years, federal, state, and county offices and state or local ballot measures are on the November ballot. In odd numbered years, state ballot measures, and most local government elections for cities, towns, and special purpose districts are decided.

Zoltan Hajnal, UCSD Professor of Political Science, self-proclaimed as the "world's foremost expert on election times," studied this topic for decades.

"Every study that has looked at this... has found that moving to even-year elections doubles or more than doubles voter turnout," Hajnal said.

Hajnal asserts this increase in voter turnout increases youth share of the vote by over 20 percentage points and this creates a more racially diverse voting population.

Chris Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, supports the bill. He points to a significant drop in voter turnout from 67% to 34% from 2022 to 2023.

Oregon is among the 26 U.S. states that either permit

or mandate city elections to coincide with statewide elections, resulting in double the voter turnout compared to Washington cities, according to Alan Durning from Sightline Institute, an organization devoted to policies that encourage diversity, equity and inclusion.

Critics, however, argue that moving elections to federal election years would cause local elections to get lost in the noise of bigger campaigns.

"I was at the very bottom of the ballot," Rep. Sam Low R-Lake Stevens said, reflecting on his 2016 county council race and the difficulty he faced in advertising amidst concurrent presidential and state office elections.

Rep. Leonard Christian, R-Spokane Valley, and Rep. Greg Cheney, R-Battle Ground, argue an off-year election can identify structural weaknesses in your election process and the state is able to justify full-time employees.

Rep. Mia Gregerson, D-Sea-Tac, acknowledges there are drawbacks, but asserts they cannot be the reason why this bill does not pass. "The people of Washington state have been very clear that even-numbered election cycles are something that they want," she says.

Andrew Villeneuve, from Northwest Progressive Institute, testified in favor of the

bill, noting: "This is the only electoral reform available that can as much as double turnout as well as greatly diversifying it."

In polling Villeneuve has found a ratio of 2-1 support in favor of even-year elections for localities.

Why has the seemingly impactful shift to even-numbered years for elections, a potential key to boosting voter turnout, been a long time coming?

"The Secretary of State staffer said this is a 50-year tradition. Why would you change it?" Gregerson asked. "I've been thinking about that a lot and trying to figure out, what does that mean? And it just really is pushing against change, right?"

Sponsors of the bill are primarily Democrats, but Gregerson said this is not a partisan issue. Conservative states like Montana, Arizona and Idaho have successfully shifted to even-numbered years.

HB 1932, if passed, mandates specific areas to transition to even-year elections if voter turnout remains below 40% for four consecutive odd-year general elections, starting from the 2025 general election.

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Washington State moves forward with Presidential primary ballot printing after court ruling

Ward Media
Quad City Herald

OLYMPIA - In a significant development in Washington State's electoral process, Thurston County Superior Court Judge Mary Sue Wilson ruled to proceed with the printing of ballots and voters' pamphlets for the upcoming March 12 Presidential Primary. This decision comes after a legal scrutiny involving the candidate lists submitted by the major political parties.

Judge Mary Sue Wilson's decision upheld the actions of Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, affirming the legality of moving forward with the candidate

lists as submitted. "An order directing the secretary of state to take different action is not supported by the statutes and not supported by the affidavit of the electors," Judge Wilson stated, emphasizing the statutory adherence in her ruling.

In compliance with state law RCW 29A.56, Secretary Hobbs had earlier provided county auditors with the complete lists of Presidential Primary candidates as submitted by the Democratic and Republican parties on Jan. 9. The Democratic Party's list includes Joseph R. Biden Jr., Dean Phillips, and Marianne Williamson, while the Republican Party's list features Donald J. Trump, Ron DeSantis,

Nikki Haley, Vivek Ramaswamy, and Chris Christie.

Thursday's ruling follows a series of legal challenges concerning the ballot listings, notably the inclusion of former President Donald J. Trump. A prior dismissal by a Kitsap County court on Tuesday set the stage for Judge Wilson's decision, which found that Secretary Hobbs had acted in accordance with his duties.

Unlike other elections in Washington, Presidential Primary voters are required to sign a party declaration on their ballot envelopes for their votes to be counted, a distinctive feature of the state's electoral system.

SHERIFF

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January 18

02:55 Burglary, 302 Rock Island Dr, Rock Island
08:47 Assist Agency, 1450 Douglas St, Rock Island

Brewster Police Department

January 12

12:24 911 Abuse, S Bridge St
19:23 Sex Offense, W Cliff Ave

January 14

02:30 Alarm Burglary, E Main Ave

January 16

09:01 Suspicious, E Griggs Ave
10:26 Alarm Other, S 1st St

January 18

14:02 Animal Vicious, W Cliff Ave

Okanogan County Sheriff

January 12

00:37 Disabled Vehicle, L Highway 97, Omak
00:38 Alarm Burglary, Omache Rd, Omak
00:44 Agency Assist, Cherokee Rd & Highway 97, Omak
02:19 Diabetic Problem, W Old Anglin Rd, Tonasket
07:14 Agency Assist, Omache Dr, Omak
07:52 911 Abuse, S 2nd, Okanogan
08:11 Animal Vicious, Okanogan St, Malott
08:16 Agency Referral, S 1st Ave, Okanogan
08:17 Agency Referral, Spur Rd, Tonasket
08:00 Animal Abuse, Epley Rd
09:01 Animal Abuse, Highway 97
09:09 Death Suicide, Grey Goose Rd, Omak
09:10 Agency Assist, Monse Bridge Rd
09:47 Accident Non Injury, E Methow Valley Hwy & Burton St
10:27 Citizen Assist, Cool Water Way, Tonasket
10:37 Civil, Old Riverside Hwy, Omak
11:09 Welfare Check, Kendall St, Riverside
11:16 Suspicious, Oneil Rd, Oroville
12:39 Citizen Assist, Canyon Creek Rd, Oroville
13:29 Threatening, Cool Water Way, Tonasket
13:36 Harassment, Seven Lakes Rd, Riverside
13:42 Civil, Pioneer Rd, Brewster
14:07 Recovered Vehicle, Omak-Riverside Eastside Rd, Omak
14:36 Other Calls, Aeneas Valley Rd, Tonasket
14:54 Agency Referral, Highway 7, Tonasket
15:07 Accident Non Injury, S Whitcomb Ave
15:18 Agency Assist, Highway 155, Omak
17:36 Traffic Hazard, N 2nd Ave & June St, Okanogan
20:03:29 Welfare Check, S 2nd Ave & Tyee St, Okanogan
20:59:30 Citizen Dispute, S 4th Ave, Okanogan
21:08:22 Juvenile Problem, Highway 20, Okanogan
22:08:53 Drug, S N 3rd Ave, Okanogan
23:17:01 Alarm Fire, S 4th Ave, Okanogan

January 13

01:31:40 Agency Assist, Highway 155, Omak
07:28:38 911 Abuse, S 2nd Ave, Okanogan
11:50:00 Fraud, Highway 7, Oroville
12:09:04 Threatening, Tyee St, Okanogan
12:58:57 Driving While License Suspended, Highway 97, Oroville
13:11:27 Death Unattend, Crumbacher Rd, Tonasket
13:12:16 Civil, Queen St & S 2nd

Ave, Okanogan

14:40:16 Accident Unkinj, Chesaw Rd; Area, Oroville
15:36:08 Animal Abuse, Weatherstone Rd & Epley Rd, Omak
15:48:01 Suspicious, Hess Lake Rd & Conconully Rd,
17:25:49 Domestic Dispute, S Antwine Ave, Tonasket
17:21:59 Trespassing, Pine Creek Rd, Tonasket
17:47:38 Citizen Assist, Old Hwy 97, Okanogan
19:36:28 Fire Structure, W 3rd St, Tonasket
19:48:46 911 Abuse, Hwy 20 E, Tonasket
19:49:03 Lockout, Honeybear Ln, Brewster,
22:17:19 Animal Problem, S 5th Ave, Okanogan
23:16:58 Alarm Burglary, S 2nd Ave, Okanogan
23:51:40 Accident Non Injury, 11th Ave, Oroville

January 14

02:28:26 Dwls Rodeo Trail & Armory Junction, Okanogan
03:02:00 Agency Assist, Shumway Rd,
07:39:29 Welfare Check, Canyon Creek Rd, Oroville
11:08:36 Mal Mischief, Hendrick Rd, Omak
12:28:50 Mal Mischief, S 5th Ave, Okanogan
14:40:30 Mal Mischief, S Ash St, Omak
15:22:18 Mal Mischief, S 7th Ave, Okanogan
15:51:15 Trespassing, N 5th Ave, Okanogan
16:05:04 Trespassing, S 3rd Ave
16:14:44 Citizen Assist, Tyee St & S 4th Ave, Okanogan
16:21:57 Domestic Dispute, Engh Rd, Omak
16:54:46 Mal Mischief, S 2nd Ave, Okanogan
16:58:06 Domestic Dispute, Westlake Rd, Oroville
21:41:01 Agency Assist, E Cherry Ave & N Juniper St, Omak
22:13:53 Harassment, S Antwine Ave, Tonasket
22:26:57 Harassment, Greenacres Rd, Riverside
23:24:50 Alarm Burglary, S 2nd Ave, Okanogan
23:58:02 Heart Problem, Old Hwy 97, Okanogan

January 15

07:29:20 Animal Stray, Oak St, Oak St & Rodeo Trail Rd
08:06:41 Test-Law, Training Way, Trainton
09:41:10 911 Abuse, Hwy 20 E, Tonasket
09:57:21 Trespassing, Longanecker Rd, Tonasket
10:38:22 Animal Vicious, Highway 20, Okanogan
10:56:35 Civil, S Tonasket Ave, Tonasket
11:17:31 Welfare Check, King Dr, Tonasket
12:02:14 Suspicious, N 2nd Ave, Okanogan
13:18:14 Death Unattend, Highway 20, Tonasket
13:32:38 Accident Unknown Injury, Bide-A-Wee Rd & Duck Lake Rd, Omak
13:27:42 Suspicious, Unknown
15:37:04 Welfare Check, Canyon Creek Rd,
16:08:35 Parking Problem, N 3rd Ave, Okanogan
16:21:57 Disabled Vehicle, N 2nd Ave & W Oak St, Okanogan
15:48:02 Death Unattend, North Star Rd, Brewster
16:54:11 Accident Non Injury, N 5th Ave, Okanogan
8:47:14 Animal Missing, East Cayuse Mtn Rd, Tonasket
20:11:13 Domestic Dispute, S Antwine Ave, Tonasket
20:42:47 Agency Assist, Omak Ave & Hanford St, Omak
20:51:17 Domestic Dispute, N Main St, Omak
21:33:39 Domestic Dispute, E Fig Ave, Omak
22:28:30 Trespassing, Highway 97, Oroville

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07:47:55 Assault, S 4th Ave, Okanogan
08:42:05 Accident Non Injury, Highway 20 & Cascade Condo Rd
09:23:48 Search Warrant, Rodeo Trail, Omak
09:18:54 Welfare Check, Pontiac Ridge Rd, Oroville
12:09:33 Warrant Arrest, Ed Louis Rd, Okanogan
10:18:05 Animal Stray, Okanogan St, Malott
11:50:14 Animal Vicious, N 2nd Ave, Okanogan
13:48:09 Violate Order, Highway 97, Tonasket
16:01:30 Agency Referral, S 3rd Ave, Okanogan
16:05:52 Agency Referral, Maple St, Okanogan
17:05:25 Suspicious, Unger Rd, Brewster
17:15:03 Disabled Vehicle, Highway 97 & Seahawk Dr, Omak
20:57:27 Domestic Dispute, S Tonasket Ave, Tonasket
22:07:19 Agency Assist, E Jonathan Ave, Omak
22:02:57 Civil, Crumbacher Rd, Tonasket
23:28:33 Agency Assist, E Jonathan Ave, Omak

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03:07:51 911 Abuse, Hwy 20 E, Tonasket
08:22:18 Theft Automobile, Ironwood St, Oroville
11:31:05 Domestic Dispute, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster
11:49:42 Deliver Message, Highway 20, Tonasket
11:25:58 Accident Non Injury, E Methow Valley Hwy
12:46:55 Civil, Pateros Mall, Pateros
13:24:14 Theft, Other Eastlake Rd, Oroville
14:33:51 Citizen Assist, Sqove Rd, Wauconda
14:50:31 Citizen Dispute, S 1st Ave, Okanogan
14:51:54 Death Unattend, Sand Flat Rd, Omak
16:24:21 Runaway Juvenile, S 5th Ave, Okanogan
16:59:47 Disabled Vehicle, Starr Rd & Highway 97
17:02:11 Accident Non Injury, North Cape Labelle Rd, Wauconda
18:15:19 Citizen Assist, Viewmont Dr, Okanogan
18:16:05 Welfare Check, S 2nd Ave, Okanogan
18:21:45 Disabled Vehicle, Havilah Rd, Tonasket
18:55:43 Domestic Dispute, Barker Rd, Tonasket
21:04:14 Warrant Arrest, Highway 153, Carlton
23:19:36 Agency Assist, Weatherstone Rd, Omak

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00:09:31 Domestic Dispute, Golden St, Oroville
07:21:13 Welfare Check, Dinosaurs Ln, Tonasket
07:22:37 911 Transfer, Highway 97 & Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster
06:19:11 Welfare Check, Ironwood St, Oroville
11:13:53 Accident Non Injury, N 2nd Ave & W Oak St, Okanogan
12:16:05 Traffic Hazard, Duck Lake Rd & John Peterson Rd, Omak
12:36:23 Agency Assist, Cougar Creek Rd, Wauconda
18:10:52 Driving While License Suspended, Riverside Dr, Omak
19:02:45 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Tonasket
19:20:45 Extra Patrol, N Orchard Loop, Tonasket
19:30:49 911 Abuse, Queen St, Okanogan
20:00:15 Fire Structure, W Deliculous St, Tonasket
21:21:13 Noise Complaint, S Antwine Ave, Tonasket,
22:49:49 Traffic Hazard, Conconully Rd & Root Ln, Okanogan

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