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## Bridgeport faces steep law enforcement costs

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The increased costs of small-town law enforcement is a major issue facing Bridgeport and other Douglas County municipalities in 2024 that do not have their own departments to enforce non-felony issues that every city experiences.

The challenge became known in 2022 when the Douglas County Board of Commissioners requested county Sheriff Kevin Morris to review his small-town contracts to determine if

the county was covering its costs for law enforcement.

The answer Morris came back with was “No.” His review of call records over the previous five years showed an average cost of \$900 per response and those split about 50-50 between contract cities and other unincorporated parts of the county.

The upshot of that exchange is new five-year contracts called Law Enforcement Service Agreements (LESA) requiring cities without their own police forces – everyone besides East Wenatchee, it turns out – to pay more for their LESAs this year.

Estimates of those increases amount to about a 50 percent increase over what cities are paying now and that increase is more than many can afford.

To ease the burden the contract costs are being increased incrementally over multiple years. In the case of Bridgeport, by 2027 that city will be paying 53 percent more for its LESA.

State law requires law enforcement to respond to felony crimes regardless of a LESA, but that leaves everything else from city code violations, noise complaints, speeding, and similar

nonviolent offenses unaddressed.

Morris advised Bridgeport in late 2023 with what former mayor Janet Conklin termed a “take-it-or-leave-it” increased LESA. The city postponed a decision pending further study of its options. Bridgeport received a LESA termination notice at its December 2023 meeting. Per the terms of that contract, the agreement ends on June 20 this year.

Bridgeport’s new mayor, Sergio Orozco, said he is exploring options open to the city to find an affordable solution including consultations with other Douglas County city mayors,

including Mansfield.

“I attended their last city council meeting (Jan. 8),” said Orozco. “This was on their agenda for later this month,” he added about that town’s LESA.

Meanwhile, Bridgeport’s staff is researching the percentages that accrue to the county from residents’ property taxes to determine how much revenue it provides and if a portion of that might be allocated to its LESA costs.

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## Snowy Salute

Brewster’s American Legion snowman here today, gone tomorrow



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There is always enough snow to make a snowman. This one standing on the lawn of Columbia Post 97 of the Brewster American Legion is appropriately patriotic. But it was a brief appearance for this fellow who was here and then gone in the rising temperature a few days later.

## Broadband Action Team pursues countywide internet goal

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
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OKANOGAN – Meeting for the first time since October 2023, the Broadband Action Team (BAT) video-conferenced on Thursday, Jan. 25, to discuss the latest developments on several fronts for expanded internet service in the county.

The Okanogan County and Colville Confederated Tribes BAT was created in February 2019 when the Economic Alliance, Colville Confederated Tribes, and Okanogan County partnered to for the group that is working with government agencies and stakeholders to bring broadband service to unserved and underserved parts of the county.

### Need for download speed

Forty-five percent of Washington residents either have no internet service in their homes or have less than 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) download speed. At that speed, users can check email and browse a few internet sites but cannot stream a TV program or movie, participate in a video call, or have a reliable connection for more than one person at a time.

Jeff Rasmussen, Broadband Equity Engagement Coordinator with the Washington State Commerce Broadband Office (WSBO), delivered a status report on Volumes I and II of the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

“We are anticipating approval from the NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) of the draft Volume I,” said Rasmussen. “It will be a little time before we get the approval for Volume II.”

The NTIA focuses largely on expanding broadband internet access and adoption across the nation, expanding network access to all users, and ensuring that the internet remains an engine for continued innovation and economic growth.

BEAD Volume I reflects changes based on the public comment period that closed on November 10, 2023. It was then

submitted to NTIA for final approval.

BEAD Volume II includes a 30-day public comment period (closing on Nov. 30) for the Volume II initial proposal.

### Challenges for service

Rasmussen said that in the meantime, WSBO is preparing for the upcoming Volume I challenge process. This process provides a formal avenue to capture challenges to a broadband service location (BSL) status as either served, underserved, or unserved.

“What we are asking communities to do is... find out who within a community would likely be spearheading the challenges to this process,” said Rasmussen. “The actual challenge process is set to open up about April 8 and run through May 7, a 30-day window to submit the challenges.”

Meeting moderator Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Executive Director of the Economic Alliance, the challenge process.

“Entities can challenge whether an area is served or not served,” said Holder-Diefenbach with respect to who can engage in the process.

To learn more about the challenge process, visit the state Department of Commerce website at: [www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-statewide-broadband-act/internet-for-all-wa/bead/](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-statewide-broadband-act/internet-for-all-wa/bead/).

Joanna Bastain of Methownet related a case of unserved Carlton area residents residing in the Libby Creek drainage who want but do not have internet service. Their solution may be a community anchor building in Carlton where an internet connection would provide a local access hub.

### Stakeholders comment

Several stakeholders voiced the county’s need for more reliable and redundant broadband service.

Three Rivers Hospital CEO Scott Graham said TRH relies on a telemedicine site that uses a lot of bandwidth.

“We need a very strong internet infrastructure in our communities for the hospital to be viable,” said Graham. “The hospital needs to have a dual or triple system should there be some

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## Brewster moves forward with security cameras

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – The city council approved the purchase of a network of security cameras to improve security and document lawbreakers by the city’s police department.

During its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 18, the council acted on a request by Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz to purchase a network of fixed and moveable cameras from Flock Safety that has systems installed in more than 3,000 communities nationwide, including Omak.

The initial system will include six stationary cameras and one that is moveable.

“I targeted our problem areas as a starting point,” said Ruiz. “We came up with this to cover entrance and fleeing suspects...and it’s expandable.”

The problem area at hand was a report of shots fired near the hospital where Brewster PD officers found a spent shell casing in the street.

“There were no more shots fired and there were no fights,” Ruiz said.

“Nothing was hit and as of today no one has come forward to report

any damage,” Ruiz told The Quad on Wednesday, Jan. 24. “There are no suspects at this time.”

While the pole mounted cameras will be placed at the major ingress and egress routes around the city, they will not target drivers with expired tabs or other revenue-related infractions. Ruiz said they will be activated in response to reported criminal acts to record subsequent vehicle movement.

Mayor Art Smyth expressed his concern over the Three Rivers Hospital area.

“My concern is the very high

likelihood for an incident to happen at the hospital,” Smyth said.

“There are incidents at the hospital,” said Ruiz. “For the majority of those we have to go into the ER. It’s not vehicle prowling in the parking lot or graffiti up there; that’s where our issues are.”

Council member Jan May suggested the council review the system in three to six months to see if the city wants to add more.

Ruiz explained his preference to eventually have both fixed and moveable cameras for the best results.

“I believe the best money would be spent on moveable ones,” said Ruiz. “We can put those where we can address issues. The fixed cameras are

reactive; the moveable cameras are active.”

Previously, the city was expecting to receive two cameras from the federal government.

“Pre-Covid, Homeland Security was going to give us two cameras for free for Highway 97 only,” said Ruiz. “Covid started, that offer dropped, and now they are so busy at Oroville remotely processing border entries that they have no time to do anything else.”

In the absence of follow-through by the federal government, the city decided to proceed with its own system.

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# 5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

#### Pateros library craft

The Pateros Library will host a pipe cleaner flowers craft event for children and teens on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 4 - 5 p.m.

"Join us for a weekly after-school activity," the event page states. "We will cycle through crafts, STEM, board games, and more."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

#### Free matinees

The Omak Mirage Theater will offer a free winter kids' movie matinee showing of Minions Rise of Gru on Feb. 3 and 4.

Doors open at 11.30 a.m. and the movie starts at noon. Admission is free for all ages

with donations for the Omak Food Bank.

For more information visit OmakTheater.com.

#### Omak writing group

The Omak Library will host the Omak writing group for adults and teens on Monday, Feb. 5 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room.

"Join us every Monday starting at 3:30pm," the event page states. "Each week we will share our works in progress, challenge yourself with a story prompt, and talk about the different aspects of writing. This will be a great chance to improve your writing and to get constructive feedback from other writers as well."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

#### Swing dance lessons

Tsillan Cellars in Chelan will host swing dance lessons on Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the main pavilion.

"Grab your dancing shoes and join us for swing dance lessons with the spectacular Jen Phillips," the event page states. "Whether you are new to dancing, looking for a date night idea or just want something fun to do, get your tickets now."

Tickets are \$45 per couple. For more information and

to purchase tickets visit tsillancellars.com.

#### Open mic night

Sigillo Cellars in Chelan will host open mic night on Wednesday, Feb. 7 from 5 - 7 p.m. "You are welcome to attend

and listen to local musicians or get up on stage and perform," the event page states. "We will be offering happy hour prices during Open Mic every Wednesday."

For more information visit sigillocellars.com.

## POINT OF VIEW

# The legislative session is approaching its halfway point

The Washington State Legislature's scheduled 60-day session is progressing smoothly. My colleagues and I are approaching the halfway point of session. Senators will spend the majority of time during the middle days of session in the full Senate chambers, considering bills approved from committees. At this stage in the process, if bills have not been approved by their committees, they are likely unable to advance further. Also, since this is the second year of the biennium, the two-year legislative period, bills that do not advance will not be eligible again unless they are reintroduced next session.

#### "Floor cutoff" is Feb. 13

February 13 is the "floor cutoff" date, which is the deadline for the Senate to pass bills that were introduced in our chamber, except for budget-related bills. Once the floor cutoff has passed, my Senate colleagues and I will return to committee meetings to focus on bills approved by the House of Representatives. The House will similarly consider Senate-approved legislation in its committees as well.

#### Major session topics

This year's session is shorter since the legislature approved

the 2023-2025 budgets during last year's long session. Regardless of length, each session inevitably involves many items and key topics. Things have been very busy, with over 3,000 bills initially under consideration for this session. Here are some of the major topics of the session:

- State Budget Updates:** The legislature meets annually each January but alternates between longer sessions of 105 days when developing the state's two-year budgets and shorter sessions of 60 days when updating those budgets. This year, the Legislature is meeting for a 60-day session with a primary focus of updating the operating, transportation, and capital budgets. Modest updates, rather than major changes, are expected for each of the three budgets.
- Initiatives to Legislature:** Several initiatives have been filed to the legislature related to the capital gains tax, climate commitment act, police pursuits, long-term care, and other policies. These measures were a result



By SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

of citizen signatures collected in 2023. The legislature can either approve the initiatives as delivered or propose alternatives. If an alternative is approved, both measures advance to a statewide vote. If no action is taken, the initiative itself advances directly to the ballot.

- Special Education Funding:** Washington has a state constitutional obligation to provide ample funding to our educational system. Many school districts struggle with the increasing costs of special education staffing and compliance. The legislature took significant steps during the 2023 session to enhance funding for special education and more measures are being considered this session. Helping schools meet their special education needs continues to be a bipartisan effort.
- Transportation Cost Escalations:** The legislature approved a 16-year, \$17 billion transportation investment plan in 2022, known as "Move Ahead Washington." Since its approval, several major

transportation projects have experienced significant cost escalations due to recent inflationary factors, staffing shortages, and supply chain issues. Legislators are seeking solutions related to supplemental funding for its transportation plan and how to complete its timeline.

- Capital Gains Tax Revenues:** A new capital gains tax was approved in 2021, which is subject to repeal this November. The 7% tax applies to gains of more than \$250,000 in stocks, bonds, and certain real estate. The first year of revenues collected totaled nearly \$900 million. Approximately \$400 million was collected in excess of what was anticipated. The additional funds must be spent on school construction projects. Legislators are considering what to do, if anything, with these excess funds this year.
- Climate Commitment Act:** The legislature approved the Climate Commitment Act in 2021, which is also subject to repeal this November. It established an annual cap on greenhouse gas emissions and an allowance auction program.

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#### How to follow legislative activities

The Legislature provides resources at leg.wa.gov, which include voting calendars, committee schedules, bill tracking, roll call votes, and official agendas. For more information, you can contact the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Television Washington or TVW.org provides live and on demand access to committee hearings, press conferences, and floor debates. My office is also happy to assist with your questions. My senatorbradhawkins.org website offers contact information and details about my activities on your behalf.

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#### Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 6-7

**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. 31: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Greens Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert; Feb. 2: Fish & Chips, Cabbage & Apple Slaw, Fruit Cocktail, Rice Krispies Treats; Feb. 6: Honey Dijon Chicken, Wild Rice, Beets, Spring Salad, Banana, WW Roll, Dessert; Feb. 7: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,

Green Beans, Tossed Salad, WW Roll, Apple Crisp.

#### Jan. 31, Feb. 1-3, 5-10

**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.

#### Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 5-8

**Chelan Valley Hope**  
Serving Bridgeport, Mansfield, Waterville, Orondo, Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Entiat CHELAN - Chelan Valley Hope feels especially grateful to be part of such a wonderful and caring community. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Hope. During the recent cold front, volunteers, and other community members all worked hard to make sure the Little Essentials Pantry was filled with food, water, and cold-weather gear. Did you know Hope's Little Essentials Pantry is accessible 24/7? Hope stocks the pantry so families can have access to meals, blankets, water, books, and more. The pantry is located to the left of the building entrance. An estimated 100+ visitors access the pantry every month! Even more during extreme weather circumstances. If you would like to donate to the Little Essentials Pantry, we currently need food and meal items such as noodles and sauce, bread and deli meat, peanut butter and crackers, etc. Donations are welcome and can be left during business hours. Or call us at 509-888-2114, and we'll gladly make arrangements.

night at 6 p.m. Open to the public. Come early to buy your bingo cards and dinner. Upcoming dinners: 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.

#### 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 douglaspu.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

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#### Feb. 1, 2, 4

**American Legion events**  
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# Washington Outdoors Report



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**A very happy young angler with a big trout from Rainbow Lake**

## Looking Ahead To March Fishing

**By JOHN KRUSE**  
*Special to Ward Media*

It's hard to think of fishing for most of looking at iced-in boat ramps and/or iced-over lakes, but the ice will likely thaw by the beginning of March, and you'll have some great opportunities for fishing when it does. Looking for some early-season trout and walleye ideas? Here's a few for you:

### LATE WINTER WALLEYE:

The Columbia River is the place for walleye in February and March as the big females get ready to spawn. In fact, this is the time of year to land a true trophy walleye. Traditionally, the bigger females have been targeted near the Tri-Cities, but quality walleye can be found in The Dalles and John Day pools as well as the Upper Columbia near Hydro Park in East Wenatchee, and in Rufus Woods Reservoir as well as the upper end of Lake Roosevelt.

When it comes to catching late winter walleye, try trolling a small spinner worm harness like a Mack's Lure Slow Death Rig at a very slow speed (around 1 to 1.2 MPH). Once you find a school of fish, you can jig for them. In addition to jiggling for walleye with soft plastics on jig heads, you can also use metal blade baits or vertical jigs like a Mack's Sonic Baitfish.

### QUINCY LAKES TROUT FISHING:

The Quincy Lakes trout opener on Mar. 1 is either a boom or a bust depending on the amount of ice remaining on this chain of lakes between Quincy and George, which lie in a sizeable state wildlife area. The most popular lakes to fish are Quincy and Burke Lakes, which are both well-

stocked with rainbow trout. There are also several small walk-in lakes southwest of these bodies of water that are stocked with smaller numbers of trout but receive less pressure.

The opener often finds crowds of both day anglers and overnight campers congregated close to the shore of the main two trout lakes, many of them in a festive mood, especially when early spring weather and sunshine is present. That isn't always the case, though, The Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce, which has hosted an annual trout fishing derby with prizes for kids and adults in the first half of March, is hedging its bets this year (as to whether the lakes will be ice-free) and will wait until Mar. 22 and 23 to hold their event at Burke and Quincy Lakes.

### TUCANNON LAKES TROUT:

The Tucannon Lakes, nestled in the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area and the Blue Mountains of Southeastern Washington, offer another March destination. Speaking with Kim Andersen at The Last RV Resort (the closest resort to these lakes), I learned two small lakes (Blue and Spring) are actually open all year and have historically received plants of 24,000 and 15,000 trout, respectively.

Four additional lakes open on Mar. 1 (Deer, Watson, Rainbow, and Big Four), though Anderson says since the area flooded a few years ago, Big Four Lake doesn't really exist as such and should not be considered as a viable option. Asked which lakes fish best in early March, Anderson said Spring, Deer, Rainbow, and Watson Lakes all fish well when ice-free.



COURTESY OF WENDY BOYER

**Wendy Boyer, owner of Gorge Outfitters Supply, with a quality Columbia River walleye.**

The Last RV Resort near Pomeroy has cabins, RV, and tent sites available, along with a coffee bar. Anderson says they still have openings available for the popular Mar. 1 opening day of trout fishing. [www.thelastresortrv.com](http://www.thelastresortrv.com)

### SPORTSMAN'S SHOW REMINDERS:

The state's biggest sportsman show is taking place Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 at the State Fair Center in Puyallup. This year's focus will be not only on the hundreds of exhibitors present but also on seminars given by experts, the most impressive ones offered by Randy Newberg, a very well-known DIY, public lands elk hunter from Montana. Additional experts will be giving seminars about hunting, fishing, and survival, and I will also be giving a seminar about some lesser-known places to go fishing in

the Pacific Northwest in 2024. That seminar takes place on Saturday, February 3, in the Blue Adventure Theatre from 11 a.m. to noon.

Having said that, there will be plenty of attractions to draw your attention, including the Wall of Kings big game trophy display, the Head and Horns Competition, where you can see how your trophy measures up, the Mack's Lure Walleye Tank, the Fistful of Cheaters promotion/giveaway by Toyota, a free kid's trout pond and the premiere screening of a new film by Addicted Fishing, "Steelhead Alley." Find out more about the show, including information about show hours and discount coupons, at [www.thesportshows.com](http://www.thesportshows.com)

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## Chelan PUD Board approves purchase of nearly 5,000 acres of undeveloped land

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WENATCHEE — Chelan Public Utility District commissioners have greenlighted the purchase of a substantial parcel of undeveloped land, spanning 4,910 acres, in the foothills above Malaga for \$5.325 million from Ravenwing Ranch, LLC.

The deal, which breaks down to about \$1,100 per acre, is in the middle of a 90-day investigation period to fully assess the land's value. Following this due diligence, the transaction is set to be finalized within two months.

The land is not involved in a current dispute between the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife, Chelan County, and the seller, Ravenwing Ranch LLC.

Plans for the newly acquired acreage are still in the brainstorming phase as Chelan PUD begins a strategic planning process to navigate the district's direction over the next 50 years, focusing on long-term preparation for utility

services.

Several commissioners have publicly backed the purchase, pointing to the strategic plan's vision and the land's potential for future energy solutions and environmental conservation.

"It positions this utility for the long-term," said Commissioner Carnan Bergren. "It gives us a tremendous amount of options going forward."

Commissioner Steve McKenna weighed the purchase's significance against several factors: cost, future power requirements, environmental impact, and the potential for energy production.

"Are we setting ourselves up for 40 to 50 years into the future?" McKenna said. "What will it be used for? We don't know that. Just like our forefathers years and years ago, they took a risk but they took local control. As we talk about large entities coming in, we want to make sure we're doing the best we can to promote local control."

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](http://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 [brewsterchamber@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterchamber@gmail.com) or Mike Mauk, 509-449-0605.

### Feb. 19

**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](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.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.

## Board

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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 [okanoganpud.org](http://okanoganpud.org)

### Feb. 13

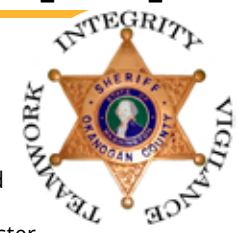
**Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee**  
OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets the second Monday of the month and is always looking for volunteers. The meetings are open to the public and begin at 6 p.m. in the Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave.,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

### Feb. 13

**Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group**  
WENATCHEE - Survivors of

## Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept Report

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### January 19

9:21:04 Assist Public, 228 Grange Rd, Bridgeport  
16:11:52 Cps/Aps Refer, 120 2nd St, Bridgeport Bar  
20:20:33 Suspicious, 2033 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport  
21:24:05 Welfare Check, 100 Rock Island Dr Rock Island

### January 20

5:06:39 Vehicle Theft, 211 10th St, Bridgeport  
8:26:10 Parking/Abandon, 911 Foster Ave, Bridgeport  
12:41:10 Civil, 1870 Rd 2 Nw, Waterville  
16:24:42 Rec Stolen Veh, Hideaway Lake, Rock Island  
16:35:08 Assault, 1870 Rd 2 Nw, Waterville  
18:57:42 Vehicle Prowl, 1142 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport

### January 21

0:16:55 Suspicious, 105 S Jefferson St, Waterville  
4:44:49 Vehicle Theft, 1905 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport  
15:07:23 Traffic Offense, Oblk McCormack St, Bridgeport

### January 22

7:47:02 Welfare Check, 321 1st

St Sw, Rock Island  
7:56:04 911, 1025 Jefferson Ave, Bridgeport  
9:04:34 Accident No Inj, Mcneil Canyon Rd Mp 1, Oro Dw20  
9:41:52 Theft, 405 Sr 173, Bridgeport Bar Db30  
10:45:59 Suspicious, 19 Church Rd, Bridgeport B Db30

### January 23

09:05 Assist Public, 700 Fairview Ave# 9a, Bridgeport  
10:32 Property, Foster Ave & 12th St, Bridgeport  
15:26 Juvenile Problem, 225 Arden Ave, Bridgeport

### January 24

03:03 Vehicle Theft, 500 26th St, Bridgeport  
13:22 Miscellaneous, 1400 Tacoma Ave; Bridgeport  
15:44 Miscellaneous, 1636 Fisk Ave# 4, Bridgeport Brewster Police Department

### January 18

14:02:43 Animal Vicious, W Cliff Av, Brewster

### January 19

20:35:56 Assault, S Bridge St, Brewster

### January 20

15:33:25 Child Abuse, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster

### January 21

00:54:39 Agency Assist Sr 173 Hwy, Brewster  
01:06:29 Domestic Dispute S 4th St, Brewster  
10:14:26 Agency Assist, 5th Ave, Bridgeport

### January 24

10:28:05 Mal Mischief, Columbia Cove, Brewster  
13:58:19 Mal Mischief, W Main Ave, Brewster  
16:15:08 Agency Assist, Whitlam Ave, Bridgeport

### January 25

03:11:32 Animal Noise, S Bridge St, Brewster  
Okanogan County Sheriff

### January 18

07:22:37 911 Transfer, Highway 97 & Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster

### January 19

08:36:45 Welfare Check, North Star Rd, Brewster  
20:09:38 Domestic Dispute,

East Raymond Rd, Brewster

### January 20

02:28:22 traffic Stop, Highway 97, Pateros  
06:13:03 Theft Automobile, Jack Wells Rd, Bridgeport  
15:33:25 Child Abuse, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster

### January 21

04:29:46 Sex Offense, Pedersen Rd, Pateros,  
16:30:15 Violate Order, Stennes Point Dr, Pateros

### January 22

13:10:49 Welfare Check, North Star Rd, Brewsterr  
21:25:05 Fire Structure, Whitlam Ave, Brewster

### January 23

14:18:48 Deliver Message, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster

### January 24

03:53:50 Suspicious, Jack Wells Rd, Bridgeport  
06:36:04 Theft Automobile, West Indian Ave, Brewster

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1) live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website [leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org](http://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org)  
2) regularly attend board meetings on the 1st or 3rd Mondays throughout the mosquito control season, March through October, with possibly a few meetings outside of this timeframe. Since 2020 the meetings have been held on Zoom and typically last about an hour or less. If you are interested in joining the board please send a letter of interest to [info@leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org](mailto:info@leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org), or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826

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### WORDS

- ATTIC
- BASEMENT
- BELONGINGS
- CATEGORY
- CHORES
- CLEAN
- CLOSETS
- CLUTTER
- DONATION
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- GARAGE
- GARBAGE
- HAZARD
- HOARDING
- LABEL
- MESS
- ORGANIZE
- PATTERN
- PROFESSIONAL
- SORTED
- STORAGE
- SYSTEM
- TASK
- THINGS

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to organization. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = E)

**A. 4 19 14 24 18 2 22 12**  
Clue: Put into an order

**B. 5 4 19 20**  
Clue: Cull

**C. 3 2 26 12 5**  
Clue: Storage devices

**D. 18 12 24 20**  
Clue: Orderly

## SUDOKU

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9			5	7	4	6	
7							2
	5		4	6			
		1	6	7			3
	8			3		2	9
							5
3				1	2		7
		8			9		
							1

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

8	1	9	3	2	4	6	7	5
2	7	9	4	6	3	8	5	1
1	5	6	8	2	7	9	3	4
3	4	8	5	1	2	6	7	9
4	3	2	1	9	8	6	7	5
6	8	4	7	5	3	9	1	2
9	6	7	5	3	4	1	2	8
5	9	1	6	7	2	4	8	3
8	2	5	7	4	6	3	9	1
7	6	4	3	1	9	8	5	2
9	1	3	2	8	5	7	4	6

ANSWER:



# Quad City Herald Sports

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## BRIDGEPORT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Cesar DeDios**  
Boys Basketball Senior

This week, Bridgeport High School proudly recognizes Cesar DeDios, a senior and standout basketball player, as the Athlete of the Week. Cesar showcased exceptional skills on the court during a game against Oroville,

achieving a remarkable double-double with 11 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 assists. Known for his dependability in defense and his ability to energize the team, Cesar is a vital asset to the basketball program.

His commitment, work ethic, and all-around contributions make him a well-deserving recipient of this recognition. Congratulations to Cesar DeDios on a fantastic week of athletic achievement.

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### Scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25:	Bridgeport 7, Tonasket 65; Loss
Jan. 26:	Brewster 82, Oroville 9; Win
Jan. 26:	Pateros 37, Curlew 42; Loss
Jan. 26:	Waterville-Mansfield 65, Entiat 24; Win
Jan. 27:	Bridgeport XX, Waterville-Mansfield XX; Win/Loss
Jan. 27:	Waterville-Mansfield XX, Bridgeport XX; Win/Loss
Jan. 29:	Waterville-Mansfield XX, Wilson Creek XX; Win/Loss
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Jan. 25:	Bridgeport 56, Tonasket 58; Loss
Jan. 26:	Brewster XX, Oroville XX; Win/Loss
Jan. 26:	Pateros 53, Curlew 86; Loss
Jan. 26:	Waterville-Mansfield 55, Entiat 44; Win
Jan. 27:	Bridgeport XX, Waterville-Mansfield XX; Win/Loss
Jan. 27:	Waterville-Mansfield XX, Bridgeport XX; Win/Loss

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## Wild charge ahead early in 7-4 win over Tri-City

**Shcherbyna Nets Two as Wenatchee Adds to Impressive Second-Period Haul**

By **AUSTIN DRAUDE**  
Wenatchee Wild



COURTESY OF RUSS ALMAN/WENATCHEE WILD  
**Wenatchee Wild forward Luka Shcherbyna displays a grin as he skates by the Wild bench after scoring his second goal in last Wednesday's 7-4 Western Hockey League win over the Tri-City Americans.**

WENATCHEE. – The Tri-City Americans may have had the stronger finish to last Wednesday's Western Hockey League game at Town Toyota Center, but the only concern the Wenatchee Wild had in the U.S. Division matchup was finishing the game in front. They did just that, riding a red-hot start to a 7-4 win, their league-best 18th victory on home ice this season. Wenatchee bumped its overall record to 26-15-4-0 for the season, while the Americans fell to 17-24-2-1.

past Kyle Kelsey just before the halfway mark of the first period. Luka Shcherbyna tallied the first of his two goals with 2:36 remaining, turning around on the right wing after a pass up the wall, and sneaking a shot past Kelsey to double the lead.

little over two minutes – Evan Friesen and Sam Ward both banged in second-chance goals at 7:17 and 7:41, respectively, for a 4-0 Wild advantage. Maddix McCagherty slipped a shot through at 9:28 of the period, putting the hosts ahead 5-0. Wenatchee now has 75 second-period goals this season, second only to

### Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Feb. 1:	Pateros vs. Wilson Creek, Home at 6 p.m.
Feb. 2:	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Riverside Christian, Home at 6 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Feb. 1:	Pateros vs. Wilson Creek, Home at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2:	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Riverside Christian, Home at 7:30 p.m.

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## Brewster beats Tonasket, Liberty, falls to Mountain Lions

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

TONASKET – For the second time this season, the Tonasket girls' varsity basketball team, ranked fifth in the state 2B division, managed to hold on to a narrow lead and hold off the eighth-ranked Lady Bears, 59-54, in an exciting game on the Tigers' home court Jan. 23. In an earlier game between the two teams on Jan. 2, the Lady Tigers won, 57-54.

Tonasket, and Brewster topped Okanogan.

**Bears trounce Tigers**  
The Bears took an early 22-4 first-quarter lead over Tonasket, was up by 20, 39-19, at halftime, and survived a fourth quarter Tigers' surge to win, 68-56.

**Liberty Bell tolls**  
It was a different story against Liberty Bell, ranked second behind undefeated Lake Roosevelt in the CW2B.

quarter, the Mountain Lions took a five-point, 28-23, halftime lead. They extended that lead to eight by the end of the third and won 53-47.

"Liberty Bell has a good team and is proving it this season." Said Taylor. "We have had some good games the last couple seasons and I knew they would be ready and excited to play us in our one league matchup this year. They can speed you out and attack from many areas which I thought they did well, and they really move well off the ball."

The Bears had three players in double figures led by Cort Gebbers with 14, Camacho with 13, and Wulf with 12.

"We didn't have a great performance overall and, in the end, they made more winning plays than we did," said Taylor. "We left lots of points out on the floor, whether it be close range misses or free

throws. We also gave up the ball too many times. This has plagued us all season."

- Brewster: 13-23-32-47
- Liberty Bell: 11-28-40-53

### Liberty falls in double O/T

Behind the 33 points of Wulf and 23 from Cort Gebbers the Bears managed to catch Liberty Spangle in the fourth quarter and win by five, 73-68, but it took two heart-stopping overtimes to get it done.

Following a 13-all first quarter the Lancers took a two-point halftime lead. Brewster turned the tables to lead by two at the end of the third and regulation ended in a 55-55 tie. The first overtime found both teams knotted at 61, before the Bears put it away by five. Other Bears' scorers were Karden Gebbers with 11, and two points each for Camacho, Baker, and Henry Miller.

- Brewster: 13-27-40-55-OT 61-OT 73
- Liberty Spangle: 13-29-40-55-OT 61-OT 68

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## Wild set new season-best with 9-3 win at Seattle



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**Eight Players Tally Goals as Wenatchee Dominates for First Win at Thunderbirds**

By **AUSTIN DRAUDE**  
Wenatchee Wild

WENATCHEE. – With the Wenatchee Wild trying to shake off home losses in their last three games, head coach

**Wenatchee Wild defenseman Sam Ward surveys the play at center ice in Sunday's 9-3 win over the Seattle Thunderbirds in Western Hockey League play. Ward was one of eight Wild players to post more than one point in the game, notching three assists.**

Roy Sommer had his eye on a total 60-minute team effort in their Western Hockey League game at the Seattle Thunderbirds.

He's no longer looking for it – he found it in Wenatchee's 9-3 win at access Showare Center that saw eight different Wild players send pucks to the back

See **WILD** Page **B2**

## Broadband

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sort of disaster. That doesn't always work. That's just a reality of the infrastructure that we currently have."

Carlos Antuna, Chief Technology Officer for North Valley Hospital, supports redundant internet service for the valley and cited an example that single-point internet failure has on patients.

"When the internet goes down, and somebody from

Oroville has to travel to Omak or Wenatchee in the wintertime, that's a full day," said Antuna, "not to mention the risk to the patient."

Antuna said the hospital's equipment vendors rely on a broadband connection to perform maintenance and repair work.

Omak School Superintendent Michael Porter echoed the need for more reliable internet service outside the school.

"There are a number of students who, when they go home, we have to give them paper packets because they

cannot access from their home," said Porter, "or they have to stay after school to make arrangements to get connected someplace."

Bastain spoke about a nurse she knows who works mainly from home and relies on reliable internet to video conference with her roster of patients.

"It prevents a lot of emergency room visits," said Bastain, "because there is a lot of preventative care that goes into being able to check on people with a visual connection."

### In other BAT developments:

- Bastain announced that OCEC (Okanogan County Electric Cooperative) has agreed to acquire Methownet in July. Bastain said the acquisition will serve to streamline an already effective relationship between the two entities.
- Holder-Diefenbach and Ron Gadeburg, Director of Power Management and Broadband for Okanogan PUD, were scheduled to meet

with the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners on Jan. 29. The pair planned to discuss the PUD's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding that the county has dedicated for broadband. OCEC received \$500,000; another \$500,000 is earmarked for the Okanogan PUD and its Concomly build project.

- Zipley Fiber will hold the Tonasket groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 13. Ziply's previous groundbreaking was held in Brewster last October.

The BAT meeting was followed by another with North Central Washington Digital Equity and Access. Participants discussed internet-related bills pending before the state legislature and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). ACP helps vulnerable families in rural, suburban, and urban Washington communities connect to affordable internet and obtain devices.

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# LEGISLATIVE Coverage

## End to daylight saving time in the sights of “Ditch the Switch” advocates

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Washingtonians may lose their cherished ultra-late-night sunsets in the summer if Washington state opts for permanent Pacific Standard Time (PST).

“If Congress had acted, we would not be here with this bill,” remarked Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley.

The U.S. Senate, in March 2022, passed the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 that would have made daylight saving permanent, but it has not been approved by the House.

The measure now under consideration in the Legislation would have Washington switch to permanent Pacific Standard Time with the stipulation that if the United States Congress adopts year-round DST, Washington state would switch.

Tired of waiting for action from the United States Congress on Washington’s 2019 proposal to adopt permanent daylight-saving time (DST), Padden urges the state to “Ditch the switch.”

“Spring forward, fall back. We have done that now, eight times since we were here in 2019 and voted for year-round daylight time,” said Padden. “The house has not acted, and from all indications, has no intention of acting in the foreseeable future.”

Transitioning to full-time PST would mean sacrificing an hour of summer evening sunlight while maintaining the status quo in winter.

Padden argues that Washington’s biannual clock adjustments are detrimental to the health of Washingtonians.

Various medical and sleep organizations, including the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, the American Medical Association, the National Sleep Foundation, the Sleep Research Society, and the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms, support the implementation of permanent PST.

Co-sponsor Manka Dhingra (D-Redmond) agrees it is time to stop switching times each year.

Under the Uniform Time Act passed in 1966, federal law prohibits states from

observing DST year-round. However, states can opt out of daylight saving and adhere to permanent standard time.

If the bill passes, Washington would join Hawaii and Arizona in adopting permanent standard time.

Horacio de la Iglesia, biology professor at the University of Washington, testified in favor of the bill, providing expertise on sleep and circadian rhythms. Over the last decade, he researched Seattle residents’ sleep, studying how daylight influences their sleep

quality. “Standard time is our natural solar time,” said de la Iglesia. “That is very beneficial for us because humans still use daylight to align their sleep and daily activities. Particularly for Washingtonians, it’s highly beneficial to be in PST.”

Jay Pea, grandson of farmers and president of the nonprofit Save Standard Time, urges the Legislature to pass this bill.

“Standard time is the real-time, defined as the sun’s position in the sky. Some call it God’s clock for its connection

to nature,” Pea said. “It’s the best clock for our mental health, our physical health, our safety, our well-being, our productivity, the economy, and our children’s education. There is broad bipartisan consensus for this.”

Steve Calandrillo, a law professor at the University of Washington, passionately pleaded for the Legislature not to pass this bill. Calandrillo studied DST for the past 20 years and testified in front of the U.S. Congress against permanent standard time.

“Right now, we have eight months of the year on DST and four months of the year on standard time,” Calandrillo said. While he agrees with sleep specialists that living by the sun would be ideal, he said the reality is different with modern technology and home lighting.

“If you pass this bill, the sun is going to rise at 4 a.m. in June in Seattle. I don’t know very many people who wake up at 4 a.m. Right now in January, some of the darkest days of the year, the sun is setting at 4:30 p.m., and the hour right after that sunset, from 4:30 to 5:30,

is now two to three times as fatal for bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers as it was before we went to the switch. Darkness kills, and darkness is two to three times more fatal at 5 p.m. than it is at 5 a.m.”

After Washington passed its original bill in 2019, California and Oregon have taken steps to align with Washington’s standard. Godlewski claims that if Washington switches to Pacific Standard Time, California and Oregon will likely follow.

Since 2019, 19 states have passed legislation in an attempt to adopt permanent daylight time, but Congress has not allowed the change.

“My preference and the preference of the Legislature would be to have year-round daylight time,” Padden said. “Unfortunately, that does not appear to be our choice because it requires Congress to act, and they have had four years.”

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A late-night summer sun sets over Puget Sound in West Seattle at 8:44 p.m.

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### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Light travels in a straight line from its source. When light reaches an opaque (solid) object, the light is prevented from moving through the object, leaving an area of darkness on the other side (a shadow).

Find the shadow for each of these shapes.

Standards Link: Science: Understand physical properties of light.

### Kid Scoop Together

#### How to Draw a Groundhog

1. Draw an oval for the head.
2. Add a small circle for the eye.
3. Draw the body and legs.
4. Add a tail.
5. Draw the front paws.
6. Add a small tuft of hair on the head.

### Make a Groundhog Weather Detector

Color and cut out this little groundhog. Glue it onto some heavier paper and cut out the groundhog again. Stand your little groundhog outside and see if it casts a shadow.

### Do Not Disturb!

Each August, the groundhog starts eating a lot. It eats and eats. A layer of fat forms under its skin.

As the weather gets colder in the fall, the fat groundhog goes to its little underground bedroom with its cushion of grass to curl up and sleep.

It falls into such a deep sleep that it appears dead. This is called hibernation.

### Double Double Word Search

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

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G	O	H	D	N	U	O	R	G	B
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### What is another name for a groundhog?

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Standards Link: Science: Identify different kinds of weather.

### News Photo Pose

Find a newspaper photo with one or more people in it. Mimic the pose of a person. Can you hold it for 10 seconds? Find another photo and repeat.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Apply syllabication rules.

### Write On!

#### Hello, Spring!

What does spring look like where you live? Write a description of some of the signs of spring in your area.

### How do animals know when to hibernate?

Scientists have found a special chemical in the blood of hibernating animals. The chemical is called HIT or Hibernation Inducement Trigger. Although scientists do not know what this chemical is, they do know that it appears when one of three things happen:

The days become shorter and there is less light.	There is a big drop in temperature.	Food is scarce.
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One summer day, blood with HIT taken from a hibernating groundhog was injected into a lively one. Result: **Hibernation!**

If you were the scientist—what would be your conclusion about this experiment?

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that humans and animals have structures that aid in survival.

### Weather Words

Look outside. What is your weather like today? Look through the newspaper for five words that describe your weather. Circle each word.

Standards Link: Science: Identify different kinds of weather.

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### Wild

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of the net, starting barely two minutes out of the gate, and covering all four of the team’s forward lines. Wenatchee has now won back-to-back games against Seattle, including a home win on December 31, and heads into the final three games of January with a 25-15-4-0 record for the year. Seattle slipped to 14-23-2-0, continuing their schedule at Town Toyota Center Friday against the Wild. The nine-goal game marks a

season-best for the Wild, and a new high-water mark for the WHL club’s brief history in Wenatchee.

Rodgers Bukarts opened the scoring 2:03 into the contest, zipping a shot past Spencer Michnik after a stop-and-start move in front of the net – two minutes later, Karter Prosofsky set Ty Fraser up for a left-wing one-timer, and Fraser hammered it in to double the lead.

Simon Lovsin sneaked a chance past Daniel Hauser from below the goal line and into the net with 8:09 left in the period to put the Thunderbirds

back within one, but it was the last momentum boost Seattle would enjoy. Jonas Woo caught Maddix McCagherty for a redirect on a right-point shot at 1:35 of the second period, bumping the Wild lead back to two goals.

That was only the beginning – Briley Wood hammered home a sharp-angle one-timer from Miles Cooper at 6:47 of the period, followed by a long-range snipe from Dawson Seitz two minutes later. Hayden Moore closed a brief power play for the Wild with 4:58 left in the period by banking in another Woo

shot from the point, and Ashton Brown picked up an orphaned puck in the right-wing circle and wired it to the top of the Thunderbirds’ net with nine seconds left in the stanza for a 7-1 lead at intermission.

Seattle changed goaltenders at the break, but Kenta Isogai still beat Scott Ratzlaff with a shot down the slot 7:43 into the third, and another Wood one-timer at 11:12 briefly made it an eight-goal game. Lovsin scored to break up the run 20 seconds later, and Jeremy Hanzel went coast-to-coast on the power play with 1:06 to go, closing out

the scoring for the night.

“From the opening drop of the puck, I thought we had a good compete in our game,” said Wild head coach Roy Sommer. “We went to the net, had some good zone time, and every single line contributed, which was a big part of it. We had one point in a three-game losing streak, but we weren’t scoring any goals, so hopefully that jump-starts us a little bit.”

Wood led the way with two goals Sunday, including the eventual game-winner, and an assist on a night that saw 14 of Wenatchee’s 18 skaters post at

least one point – eight would finish with more than one. He also extended his point-scoring streak to eight straight games, while Isogai extended his run to seven in a row. Hauser earned his 16th win of the season, stopping 32 of Seattle’s 35 shots on net.

The two sides were even on special teams, with each posting a power play goal on two chances. Michnik exited the game with 21 saves on 28 Wenatchee shots, while Ratzlaff took the no-decision in relief, going 7-for-9 in net in his 20 minutes of work.



# LEGISLATIVE Coverage

## Proposal allows deadly force cases to be handled by AG's office

By **MARY MURPHY**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Following the concerns over police brutality in 2020, Gov. Jay Inslee directed the Attorney General's office to form an Office of Independent Investigations to take on cases of death by law enforcement officers.

Now Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, is building on that effort with HB 1579, which gives the Attorney General's Office authority to handle the prosecution of police officers in addition to ordering investigations.

The primary goal is to avoid conflicts of interest at the county prosecutor level. Local prosecutors often have close connections to law enforcement agencies and their employees, and if conflicts are found, the Attorney General's office can step in.

"Transparency and process is really important for families to heal and for law enforcement officers to have confidence in that decision so it's not a question that is hanging over them as they leave the room after that decision," Stonier said.

Many Republicans oppose the bill, claiming it discounts

the credibility of county prosecutors. They also argue the bill is unconstitutional and conflicts are too infrequent to create a budget for the program.

"I don't think it sends the right message that we don't believe our county prosecutors can be impartial in prosecuting these cases," said Rep. Chris Corry, R-Yakima. "When we look at the numbers, they are so low, which not only speaks to the actions of our first responders, our police officers, but also the county prosecutors in handling these appropriately."

In response to Republican concerns, spending for the bill was trimmed to \$9 million for the years 2024-2027.

Twenty-three people were killed in Washington State by police officers in 2023, according to Mapping Police Violence, a non-profit research group founded in 2013. It is not clear how many cases might have conflicts and be forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

Stonier said constitutional worries by Republicans are addressed by a provision that says if no conflict of interest is found, county prosecutors can

still handle the case.

The Washington Coalition for Police Accountability, as well as families of victims of police violence, strongly support the bill.

"A young man was killed at the hands of law enforcement in Vancouver, just blocks from my house," Stonier said. "The county prosecutor at the time came to me and said: 'I think there could be a conflict of interest here, and prosecutors would be pressured by their local law enforcement.' I took that to heart, the fact that a county prosecutor is saying, 'we need to look more closely

at who is doing these cases.'" Stonier also said small counties often choose not to handle these cases and transfer them to larger counties with broader expertise and resources.

"Unfortunately, what that means is there is not an opportunity for the state to help spread the cost, and that has huge implications for a county budget," Stonier said.

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## Survivors speak out against child marriage



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Kate Yang (middle right in the first row) protested child marriages in Olympia, wearing a colorful wedding dress to honor her Hmong heritage.

**"We're here to remind people that girls matter"**

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Twenty women sporting wedding gowns and lustrous veils, with chains around their wrists and tape over their mouths, gathered in protest of Washington State law that allows children to be married if they have permission from their parents.

A bill now being debated in the state Legislature, HB 1455, would end child marriage in Washington State.

Between 2000 and 2021, 5,048 children were married in Washington, and 83% of these involved girls wed to adult men, according to a study by Unchained At Last, an organization that pushes for social and legal change. Most of these girls were aged 16-17, but some were as young as 13.

Fraidy Reiss, the founder of Unchained At Last, established the organization in 2011 after escaping her forced marriage. Reiss was coerced into a violent marriage with a stranger and forced to bear two children. When she finally escaped, her family retaliated, and the community shunned her.

Kate Yang was forced into a marriage when she was 12. For Sara Tasneem, it was 15. Fraidy Ross was 19 and trapped in an abusive marriage for 15 years.

"They declared me dead," Reiss said. "More than a decade later, they still consider me dead. That's why I founded Unchained At Last, to end forced and child marriage in the United States."

"I am a survivor, not a victim," Reiss said. "I was born in a very fundamentalist

religious cult where that [forced marriage] is the norm."

Women who are forced to marry often come from cultural communities where arranged marriages are common. Child brides often are tightly controlled by an abusive husband. Without bank accounts, credit cards, or even a driver's license, escape is nearly impossible.

"I really just wanted to be free," Yang said. "I did not want to be physically abused every day. I did not want to be raped. I called the police for the first time after a bad beating, and I left. A year ago, I decided to share my story. I found my voice."

Yang, married in middle school and was restricted from having friends outside the Hmong community. At 22, Yang had two sons, aged five and eight. Now divorced for 14 years with a restraining order against her ex-husband, she still struggles with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

"I kept myself in a bubble because that was the only way to survive. If I were to sit around and rehash my past every day, it would lead me to suicide," Yang said.

Yang no longer has a relationship with her parents or with the Hmong community.

Tasneem was forced into a child marriage with a 28-year-old man.

"My dad forced me to marry to control my sexuality," Tasneem said. "I was introduced to a man one morning, then I was forced to marry him that same night in a spiritual marriage. He started raping me from that night on."

Tasneem was showing a baby bump when she showed

up in court to get a marriage certificate at 16 years old.

"I was visibly pregnant," Tasneem said. "That was evidence of the rape that was happening, and instead of entering my abuser into jail, they put the handcuffs on me, and that's why we are here with chains on our hands because minors who enter into a marriage are basically entering them into a prison sentence because we cannot leave."

Tasneem, after a seven-year effort, left her marriage, bringing her two children. She is set to provide in-person testimony for the bill on Jan 31.

Reiss said no one has come forward to oppose the child marriage ban for religious or other grounds. She said she believes that ending child marriage aligns with modern religious views.

"Legislators are not accustomed to prioritizing girls' issues," Reiss said. "We're here to remind people that girls matter."

Rep. Monica Stonier (D-Vancouver) presented HB 1455 in 2023, gaining unanimous approval in the House. On the opening day of this session, the bill passed with a 98-0 vote through the House and is now in the Senate.

"Child marriages do not last and shouldn't exist," Stonier said in a press release. "If there are problems in the marriage, they can't file for divorce because they're not legally an adult. They can't seek a protection order, either."

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## Trump to stay on primary ballot

By **MARY MURPHY AND ASPEN ANDERSON**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - It was still dark outside when people with MAGA hats and anti-Trump signs gathered outside the entrance of the Thurston County Courthouse on Jan. 18.

A court filing that would push former President Donald Trump off the primary ballot in Washington State was the issue that drew them.

Alexis Wallace showed up early displaying a cardboard sign that read, "What happened to: 'Our democracy?' Ha Ha Ha." Wallace is a precinct committee officer from Thurston County.

"All the progressives and Democrats are always screaming, 'Our democracy, our democracy,' and here they are taking away our democracy," Wallace said. "We are here supporting our President, President Trump."

Neil Peck, an artist from Olympia, stood outside of the courtroom bright and early with a sign that displayed the former president's mugshot with a large red X painted over it. "Donald Trump is the greatest criminal that has ever set foot in the United States,"

Peck said. "No insurrectionist shall hold any office under the United States. This is the time to exercise what the Constitution says to follow the democratic framework. If enough people think it's OK, we should disregard the Constitution and allow an insurrectionist to run for president? No."

The issue in the case is similar to other actions brought across the United States. The 14th Amendment to the U.S. The Constitution bars from federal office any officer of the United States who participates in an insurrection. The amendment was adopted following the Civil War to bar people from the Confederacy from serving.

In the end, Judge Mary Sue Wilson made short work of the request by Port Orchard Middle School teacher Franky Ithaka. "The court is denying the request of the petitioner electors to take any action that would direct the Secretary of State to remove former president Donald J. Trump's name from presidential primary ballots," Wilson said in her ruling.

Explaining her verdict, Wilson cited arguments from GOP lawyer Joel B. Ard, who argued the 14th Amendment

is not applicable. Wilson also said the amendment could not apply to primary elections, only general elections. "The court is going to dismiss the case without prejudice today, reflecting that there is no dispute to go forward any further in this court, but that is subject to petitioners, or other petitioners when it is ripe potentially pursuing issues related to the general election ballot," Wilson said.

Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, speaking for the state GOP chair, called the lawsuit a "silly action."

"The spirit of this is bad," Walsh said. "This is antidemocratic and is an attempt to use an eccentric reading of the law and a lawsuit to mess with the democratic process, and we are very strongly opposed."

The suit filed here is similar to others filed around the United States. Two states have issued decisions to remove the former president from the ballot. Those decisions await a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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# LEGISLATIVE Coverage

## Tribal members confront fentanyl crisis

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Tribal members in Washington State are four times more likely to overdose and die on opioids than the state average, and advocates are pushing for state programs to address the crisis.

"A dark undercurrent, threatening the fabric of society, requires us to stand united and say, you're not alone," said Rep. Debra Lekanoff, D-40th District. "Tribal wellness centers are at the forefront of Washington healing for over a decade, offering a beacon of hope."

Lekanoff, the sole Native American woman in the Legislature, made the comments at a press

conference at the Capitol Jan. 22 with a response plan called "Heal One Washington."

Two task forces and one youth awareness campaign are proposed at a cost of \$1.65 million.

In 2022, the Lummi Nation declared a fentanyl crisis and brought tribal members together for the inaugural State Tribal Opioid Summit at Lummi.

"In our history, from our elders, from our ancestors, we have learned to take care of ourselves to stand up against any threat to our way of life, any threat to our well-being," said Chairman of Lummi Nation Anthony Hillaire. "This is the most devastating threat we have seen."

Makah Tribal Council

Member Nate Tyler observed the impact of addiction on himself, friends, and family. The Makah tribe declared a state of emergency last year, recognizing it as an epidemic. He added tribes in rural locations often have trouble getting access to behavioral health, mental health, and detox programs.

Nisqually Tribe Chairman Willie Frank III celebrates a decade of sobriety from opioids.

"Fentanyl does not discriminate on race, age, color, whatever you might be," Frank said. "Local governments and federal governments really can come together to help heal and bring this great state together."

State tribes are calling

on Governor Jay Inslee to officially recognize the fentanyl epidemic as a crisis. Officials say he is working closely with the Biden Administration on next steps.

"The tribes are standing forward and saying we are here to help," Lekanoff said. "There are over 17 to 21 tribal facilities in the state of Washington."

Lekanoff emphasized a comprehensive approach to address the crisis, advocating for prevention through public information campaigns, K-12 education, drug task force initiatives, and substantial investments in detox, recovery, inpatient/outpatient services, along with aftercare support encompassing housing, jobs, and counseling—an integrated strategy for healing.

In concurrence with Washington State tribal partners, four bills are proposed to address alcohol use disorder and substance use disorder among tribal members.

- HB 1877: Revitalizing Washington's Behavioral Health System.
- HB 2305: Enhancing Cross-Jurisdictional Cooperation
- HB 2372: Supporting Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services
- HB 2075: Streamlining Licensing for Indian Health Care Providers

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**Rep. Debra Lekanoff, D-Bow, addresses a crowd at a press conference in Olympia. With tribal leaders, Lekanoff is pressing for state help to counter the opioid crisis among tribal communities.**

## Demand for affordable homes near transit hubs faces hurdles, critics say

By **MARY MURPHY**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Washington cities could soon be required to block off zones near public transit for multifamily housing if new regulations are approved by the state Legislature.

Some regulation is necessary, backers say if cities want to provide affordable housing and make it easy for people to get to work.

"I ran for office because of the enormous challenges that people of my generation, people in their 30s and 40s, face in finding a home in this state," Rep. Julia Reed, D-Seattle, said.

As Reed spoke, city planners and real estate representatives in the audience grimaced and whispered to their counterparts. When they testified, they made their objections clear.



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**Pedestrians wait to board an Intercity transit bus in downtown Olympia. State officials say that affordable homes near transit hubs are needed, but regulations might cause developers to back away, critics say.**

"Our concerns with the bill include the fact that the zone density levels are lower than what a number of cities already have, and the affordability requirements are much higher," Bill Clark of the Washington Realtors said.

The proposed law requires

builders to make room for more people and keep rents on 10% of the housing units for the next 50 years affordable for lower-income wage earners through complex formulas that consider incomes and housing density.

Rep. Jake Fey, D-Tacoma,

co-sponsor of HB 2160, said many public transit users are low to middle-income demographic earners. By clustering affordable housing near transit centers it gives people a chance to build a life instead of being priced out of the market or forced to make long commutes.

The measure also reduces greenhouse gasses by making public transit convenient and cars unnecessary to get to work. The bill was requested by the governor's office and is a high priority this session.

"This bill ensures that newly zoned areas are truly building mixed-income communities so that transit and walkable communities are not limited to the preserves of the rich," Reed added.

"It's hard to hear 10% is too hard a number when we know how much farther we need to go," said Noha Mahgoub,

senior policy advisor for Housing and Homelessness from the Governor's office.

City administrators and planners agree there is a need for affordable housing and easy options for transit, but many said builders will balk at the long-term affordability requirements and not all cities have the same level of public transportation.

"We support the contention that there needs to be an affordability requirement," said Carl Schroeder, of the Washington Association of Cities. "We would like to see a goal of 50% of the units and we know we need 500,000 units, but we don't think that is realistic for the private market to fulfill all of that."

Redmond Mayor, Angela Birney, said her key issue was the need for flexibility from city to city. Development Director for City of Sumner,

Ryan Windish, added that he feels this bill "does not take into consideration smaller cities" that have limited public transportation.

"Some of us live in a rural area where we don't have a robust transit system, so it's really hard to gauge, and for us, it's not a one size fits all," Sen. Nikki Torres, R-Pasco, said.

Other development experts said the requirement of 10% affordability would stop construction altogether.

"The 10% requirement in my experience in working with developers, they won't build, is what you're going to find," Dan Bertolet, from Sightline Institute, said.

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## Students push bill to bring overdose-reversal drug to all schools

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**  
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Concerned about drug overdoses among teenagers, Lake Washington High School seniors Theodore Meek, Joanna Lymberis, Olivia Milstein, Sofia Lymberis, and Reilly Jones transformed a school assignment into a bill aimed at making opioid-reversal medication available in high schools.

"The first conversation we had was, we're gonna get this passed," Sofia Lymberis said.

Narcan, the commercial name for naloxone, is already available in Washington schools with student populations of 2,000 or more. The new legislation spearheaded by the students, Senate Bill 5804, extends the drug availability to include all K-12 public and charter schools across the state.

The bill requires all school districts to obtain and maintain at least one dose of opioid-overdose-reversal medication. Schools also are directed to develop an overdose policy.

The Lake Washington students were placed together as a group based on their shared interest.

"We really just wanted to make a change, to make an effect within the state and save kids' lives rather than just trying to get an A," Jones said.

Narcan saved 42 lives in schools in Washington during the 2022-23 school year. When an overdose occurs, minutes matter.

"In the time that it takes for an ambulance to get somewhere, a drug overdose can take someone's life in anywhere from 3 to 5 minutes," said Sofia Lymberis.

Joanna Lymberis said the legislation wouldn't directly impact Lake Washington High School. She knows exactly where the drug, which is administered as a nasal spray, is kept in her school.

"We are a more progressive district. We tend to have the money for something like this," Joanna Lymberis said. "Naloxone is only \$50 for a bag per school, meaning it is incredibly affordable."

Milstein's parents posed a question that resonates with many concerned parents: Does the availability of Narcan lead to an increase in drug use?

According to a 2023 study from the University of Cincinnati, Narcan availability does not increase drug use. "I think everyone feels like a life-saving drug is important to have everywhere," Milstein said. "Once people realize it does not increase drug use, I have yet to hear any other concerns."

The students' passion for the bill led them to present it to Sen. Patty Kuderer, D-Bellevue, who became the prime sponsor.

"This is a smart, strategic and needed bill during this time in our state's history. The fiscal note will be negligible," Kuderer said.

Milstein said the group was anxiously passing around a pen before they testified, deleting sentences in an attempt to trim down their testimonies.

"As a state it is inexcusable that we have the resources to give children another chance at life, but do not yet have the legislation to ensure that our students, my classmates, are protected," Lymberis told the committee members.

"We know this topic so well," Joanna Lymberis said. "When you are testifying about something you believe in deeply and worked so hard on, it's just exciting."

Meek's mother, a school

nurse, helped brainstorm ideas to advance the bill, popping into his room late at night to share thoughts.

"We want to make sure something we started gets carried all the way through," Milstein said.

Sofia Lymberis intends to pursue a career in law.

"You feel so powerless," she said. "I'm 15, I'm 16, what can I do? How can I make a difference? I feel like all I can do is doom-scroll through Instagram and complain about the state of the world to my parents."

Sofia Lymberis, currently in her local youth council, encourages other students to engage in civic activities. The experience of influencing legislation made the students realize that they can effect change without being eligible to vote.

"As a woman, as a female, it is really special to go up there and share your voice and feel so supported by the people around you," Sofia Lymberis said. "To be aware of your place in the world is something that can be really self-actualizing and give you a lot of personal empowerment."

The committee greenlighted the bill. It now heads to the Senate Rules Committee.

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**Students pushing for an anti-overdose drug for schools are, from left, Theodore Meek, Joanna Lymberis, Olivia Milstein, Sofia Lymberis, and Reilly Jones. Lake Washington High School is a public school in Kirkland and is home to the kangaroos.**

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- WED 2/7 6 PM: WENATCHEE WILD VS AMERICANS
- FRI 2/9 7 PM: WVC KNIGHT AT THE WILD VS EVERETT
- FRI 2/16 7 PM: HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER VS EVERETT
- TUE 2/20 6 PM: MULTICULTURAL NIGHT VS PATS
- WED 2/28 6 PM: WENATCHEE WILD VS PATS