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Okanogan County advances broadband expansion with \$500K ARPA funding, targets 2025 completion

By Mike Maltais
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OKANOGAN – Representatives of the Economic Alliance, Okanogan County PUD, and PUD Board of Commissioners met with the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners (BOCC) on Jan. 29 to discuss the funding and timeline extension for the Conconully phase of broadband installation in the county.

The Commissioners have allotted \$500,000 of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to the PUD for the Conconully broadband built. Some

details in the current contract raised concerns over how the funds would be applied – for planning or construction – and how much time the PUD would have to complete the project.

“In the current contract it states that the funding must be used by October 2024,” said Holder-Diefenbach. “That’s a very fast turnaround for the PUD, especially with supply chain issues. But it also says the BOCC can extend the date.”

Hover explained that ARPA required a commitment deadline.

“We did that because by the end of this year, we needed to have all of

this allocated,” said Hover. “It has to be spent by the end of 2026.”

“If you are willing to extend us to 2025, we will we have it done,” said Ron Gadeberg, the PUD’s Director of Power Resources and Broadband Services.

The PUD also prefers that the ARPA funds be applied to construction materials rather than planning, a welcome change for the BOCC.

“We plan to do the design—full, bid-ready documents, permits, everything we’d need, and we plan on it being done this year,”

said Gadeberg. “We will probably be ready to purchase things for the projects in the fall of 2024. I’m worried we may not receive it until the next spring.”

Hover said the BOCC would make changes and extend the project as the PUD requests.

“We just need the verbiage in the contract and if you need an extension,” Hover said.

“We’re going to get to Conconully and all the people along the road,” said PUD Board of Commissioners Vice President Scott Vejraska.

“We got two estimates: \$3,550,000

and \$3,800,000, close to each other and that reassured us that it’s in the ballpark,” said Gadeberg. “Materials are coming in at about \$416,000-plus for poles. \$616,000 for materials, which should cover the \$500,000.”

Gadeberg added that the PUD also has applied for public works grant/loan combos, 30 percent grant, 70 percent loan with a low .46 percent interest rate.

“We’ll have it all by 2025,” said Gadeberg.

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Brewster launches flood study in response to FEMA’s elevated risk mapping

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BREWSTER – This week, the city will embark on a study of past flooding issues and how to resolve them in response to an updated FEMA mapping report that claims the potential is greater than previously thought.

At its regular monthly meeting last Thursday, Feb. 15, the city council was advised that city engineers, the city planner, and representatives from the National Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) will begin an analysis of drainage from the Rat Lake/Swamp Creek drainage north of Brewster.

The FEMA map projects a worst-case, 100-year flood event that would affect a large swath of city residences and businesses if unchallenged.

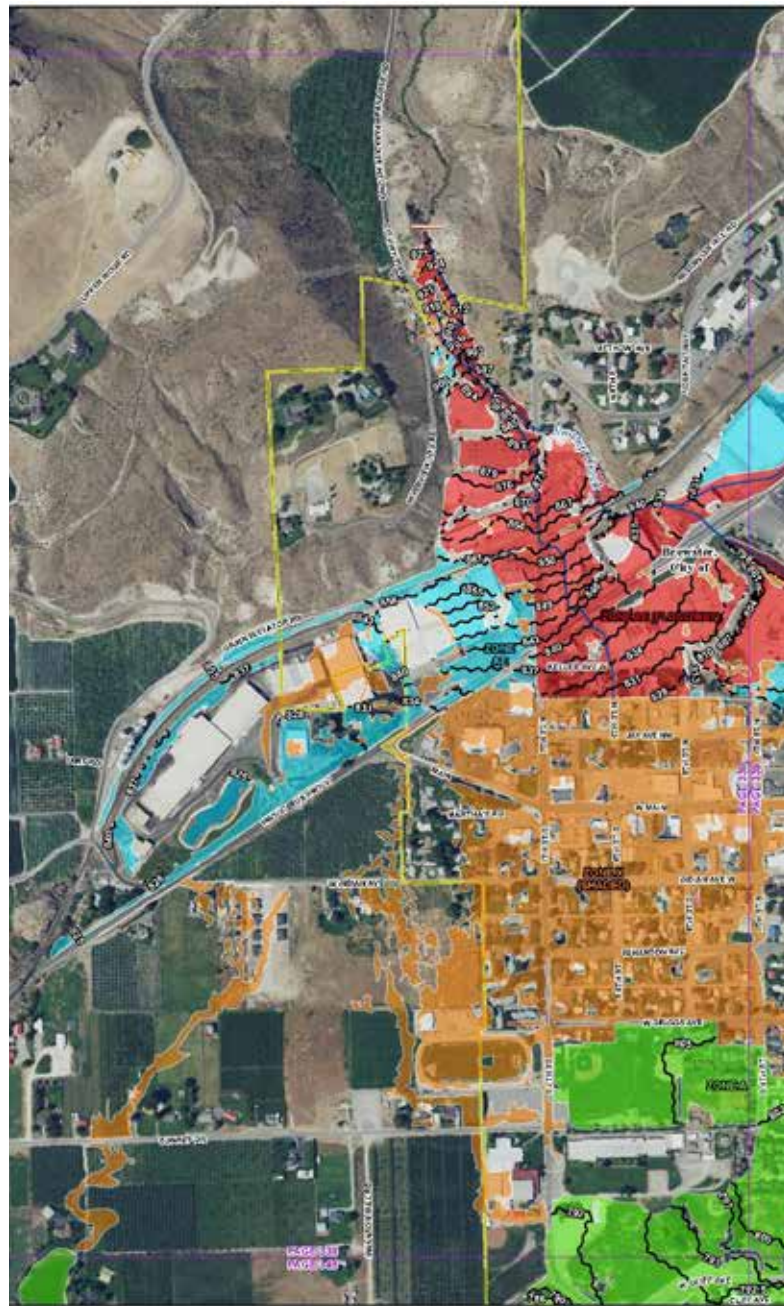
“All that (property) in the floodway would no longer be able to get a building permit for new construction,” said public works director Lee Webster. “If something happens to their building and they want to get a building permit to repair it, they can’t get one.”

Webster said the FEMA scenario projects as much as 1,260 cubic feet a second of flood water rushing over Highway 97.

The Okanogan PUD substation is also located within the FEMA flood model, so the PUD has been invited to participate in the Brewster study group.

“In the past, we have had some rain events that have caused some flooding,” said city finance director Misty Ruiz of water from the Rat Lake/Swamp Creek drainage. “There is drainage that goes under some of the businesses and the highway, so it floods right there.”

In August 2022, FEMA sent its updated flood map to the city showing a greatly expanded flood zone outlining new areas where



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This color-coded FEMA map shows areas where no construction or building permits would be allowed (red), and areas where flood insurance would be required (blue/orange).

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Mobile pantry supports cities without food banks



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BRIDGEPORT – The Chelan-Douglas Community Action Center (CDCRC) mobile pantry returned for the second of three scheduled visits this month at the 1400 Columbia block of Bridgeport (behind Epic Early Childhood) last Friday, Feb. 16. It will return on Thursday, Feb. 29, from 1:30-3 p.m.

The Bridgeport food pantry closed in March of 2023 after serving local families since April 2020. The previous food pantry was in existence for about 25 years before closing its doors in October 2017.

“Our mobile pantry will typically go to areas that do not have a food pantry,” said CDCRC Executive Director Alan Walker. “Orondo has been without a food pantry for quite some time.”

The Pantry on Wheels will also be at 8396 Main Street in Peshastin on Monday, Feb. 26, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

“There is one in Waterville that we support,” added Walker. “There are, I believe, 12 different ones in the

Chelan-Douglas two-county area that we support.”

Walker said that with its one mobile pantry, CDCRC supports about 20 sites comprised of meal sites, senior citizen facilities, or food pantries.

Walker said CDCRC receives food shipments from Second Harvest in Spokane and, in turn, distributes that food to around the two-county area with help from AmeriCorps volunteers.

“We serve as a placement for AmeriCorps members in Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant counties,” said Walker. “We have the program here and do recruitment of the host site, the recruitment of the AmeriCorps members, and typically anywhere from 20 to 25 members serving at any one time.”

One of those members, Francisco Vargas, is the current tech center specialist at the Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center in Pateros.

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Brewster, Bridgeport school levies too close to call

Brewster and Bridgeport await final tally

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BREWSTER – The second count of election results from the Okanogan

and Douglas County auditors’ offices for Friday, Feb. 16, show all but two of the school levies on the ballots passing with 50-plus-1 percent or better.

BREWSTER

Following the preliminary results

on Feb. 13, Brewster, with 50.13 percent approval, needed some help from Okanogan voters to reach the required 50-plus-1 passing margin. While Brewster picked up some support from Okanogan voters (51.83%), it lost support from the Douglas County contingent. The first

Douglas results showed 55.7 percent of those voters opposed the Brewster measure and 44.3 percent in favor. The second count now shows that the margin has widened to 60-40. That loss more than offsets the Okanogan gain and puts Brewster below the required winning margin.

“We remain cautiously optimistic as our voters usually pull through for our students at levy time,” said Brewster school district superintendent Lynnette Blackburn.

Following an assessment of last

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Crafternoon

The Okanogan Library will host Crafternoon on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 3-5 p.m.

"Drop in after school for a fun family craft," the event page states.

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Open mic night

Sigillo Cellars in Chelan will host open mic night on Wednesday, Feb. 28 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.

Clay craft

The Pateros Library will host the after school activity clay creations on Thursday, Feb. 22 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.

Toddler Rhyme story time

The Bridgeport Library

will host Toddler Rhyme story time on Friday, Feb. 23 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

"Join us for a fun hour of stories, songs, rhyming and crafts," the event page states. "This program is geared towards toddlers and pre-school ages, but everyone is welcome."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Pub Trivia

Stormy Mountain Brewing in Chelan will host Pub Trivia on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m.

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"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. So come on down and spin the Big Prize Wheel, now in our 5th year of fun."

For more information visit stormymountainbrewing.com.

Celebrating six months of growth and gratitude at the Quad City Herald

As we mark the six-month milestone of Ward Media's stewardship of the Quad City Herald this month, I find myself reflecting on the journey we've embarked upon since that pivotal day on August 11, 2023. It's been a period of growth, learning, and, most importantly, community engagement. I am immensely grateful for the warm welcome and unwavering support we've received from you, our readers and advertisers. Your positive notes, encouraging phone calls, and emails have been a

source of inspiration for our team each week. Furthermore, the steady increase in new subscribers and the loyalty of those renewing their subscriptions have solidified our belief in the value of community journalism.

The past six months have been transformative for the Quad City Herald. We embarked on a redesign of the print newspaper,



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modernizing its look while preserving the essence that makes it a cherished part of our community. This refresh was not just about aesthetics but also about improving readability and enhancing the overall reader experience.

In addition to the newspaper's redesign, we launched a new website, offering a more dynamic and user-friendly platform for our readers. This digital

expansion aims to complement our print edition, providing immediate access to local news, features, and community events. The website underscores our commitment to keeping our community informed and engaged wherever they are.

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to intensely local news coverage. We believe in the power of local journalism to inform, educate, and unite communities. Our dedication to covering the stories that matter most to you, from local government and school

board meetings to community celebrations and individual achievements, remains unwavering.

As we look to the future, we do so with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. Our journey thus far has been incredibly rewarding, and it's a journey we don't take for granted. The success of the Quad City Herald is a testament to the strength and support of our community.

Thank you for being an integral part of our story. Here's to many more milestones together.

Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Region encourages winter recreation safety and preparedness

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PORTLAND – As the winter recreation season continues and parts of the Pacific Northwest Region remain

blanketed with snow and ice, the Forest Service is urging all visitors to prioritize their safety and preparedness when participating in outdoor activities.

The allure of snowy

landscapes, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and other winter sports draw countless individuals to the picturesque lands managed by the Forest Service in Oregon and Washington. Amidst the excitement of winter adventures, it is crucial to be aware of the potential hazards and take proactive measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

"Winter recreation in the Pacific Northwest offers breathtaking scenery and thrilling adventures, but it also presents unique challenges and risks," said David Ilse, Assistant Director of Recreation for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service. "We want everyone to make the most of their outdoor experiences while staying safe and prepared."

To promote winter recreation safety, the Forest Service emphasizes the following key tips:

Know Before You Go: Research your chosen destination thoroughly. Understand the terrain, weather forecasts, closures, and any potential hazards. Weather conditions can vary greatly, especially in the mountain passes. Review forecasts prior to heading

out – the National Weather Service or NOAA websites are great places to start. SNOTEL can be used to view daily and seasonal snow data, by station or basin. Not all Forest Service roads are maintained for winter travel. Check road conditions in advance using Oregon's tripcheck.com or Washington's real-time travel data.

Dress Appropriately: Dress in layers and wear moisture-wicking clothing to stay warm and dry. Don't forget essential winter gear such as hats, gloves, and waterproof boots.

Carry Essential Gear: Pack essential safety gear, including a map, compass, first-aid kit, flashlight, multi-tool, extra food and water, and a communication device. Do not rely solely on navigational devices. Consider carrying an emergency kit with extra food and water in case you become stranded or avalanche safety equipment if you're traveling in avalanche-prone areas. Bring traction mats, sand, or cat litter in case you get stuck.

Travel in Groups: Whenever possible, travel with companions. Stay together and communicate your plans with someone who isn't joining your

outing. In case of emergencies, having others with you can be a lifesaver.

Respect Wildlife and Environment: Be mindful of wildlife habitats and environmental regulations. Stay on designated trails to minimize damage to delicate ecosystems and respect wildlife by observing from a safe distance.

Be Avalanche Aware: If you plan to ski, snowboard, or snowshoe in avalanche terrain, undergo avalanche safety training and carry appropriate equipment such as transceivers, probes, and shovels. Always check avalanche forecasts using resources like the Northwest Avalanche Center and be prepared to adjust your plans accordingly.

Practice Leave No Trace: Always leave the area cleaner than you found it. Pack out all trash and dispose of it properly. Respect wildlife and natural features by avoiding unnecessary disturbances.

Following these guidelines and exercising caution will allow outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the beauty of the Pacific Northwest's winter wonderland safely and responsibly.



Lithium-Ion battery safety advisory issued

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OLYMPIA – The ubiquity of lithium-ion batteries in devices such as smartphones, laptops, e-scooters, and even vehicles brings convenience alongside a risk of fire or explosion if mishandled or damaged. A concerning report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission highlights the potential dangers, citing 208 fire incidents related to these batteries from 2021 to November 2022, leading to 19 fatalities.

An uptick in such incidents across the nation correlates with the surge in battery-powered devices entering the market amid the push for clean energy. In Washington State, these incidents are tracked under the "Heat Source" category in the National Fire Incident Reporting System, with more than 1,200 battery fire incidents reported from 2022 to 2023.

To mitigate risks, the State Fire Marshal's Office recommends adhering to the

following safety guidelines:

- Utilize devices and batteries certified by reputable testing laboratories.
- Employ only the charging cables provided with the device.
- Avoid charging devices in potentially hazardous locations, such as under pillows, on beds, or sofas.
- Cease charging once the battery reaches full capacity.
- Use only the manufacturer-recommended battery for each device.
- Store batteries away from flammable materials.
- Insert batteries correctly into devices.
- Maintain batteries at room temperature, avoiding charging in extreme temperatures.

For additional safety information, the State Fire Marshal's Office can be reached at 360-596-3929, offering guidance on safe lithium-ion battery usage.

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Douglas County February 9

1:46:38 911, 290 Rd 21 Ne, Mansfield
 9:01:49 Trespass, Rd F Nw & Rd 15 Nw, Mansfield
 10:52:04 Cps/Aps Refer, 1419 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
 12:59:47 Cps/Aps Refer, 604 N Adams St, Waterville
 16:16:04 Welfare Check, 13 Richards Ave, Bridgeport
 17:51:05 Suspicious, 408 Sr 173 # 10; Area, Bridgeport
 19:40:42 Court Order Vio, 19 Gun Club Rd, Bridgeport
 23:31:48 Traffic Offense, Sr 173 Mp 8, Bridgeport

February 10

15:03:30 Suspicious, 5th St & Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
 16:10:58 Prowler, 540 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

February 11

2:49:22 Domestic Distur, 17th St & Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport
 11:35:02 Graffiti, Fireman Park, Bridgeport
 14:32:17 Civil, 1830 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport
 16:21:50 Court Order Vio, 1709 Fisk Ave, Bridgeport
 17:57:40 Accident No Inj, Sr 172 Mp 14, Mansfield
 22:12:17 Noise, 629 15th St, Bridgeport

February 12

2:20:09 911, 1013 16th St; City Of Bridgeport
 11:23:35 Miscellaneous, 575 Rd 2 Nw, Waterville
 12:07:56 Vehicle Theft, 575 Rd 2 Nw, Waterville
 18:51:18 Weapons Violation, 2nd St & Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

February 13

10:23:10 Harass/Threat, 1300 Douglas Ave; Bridgeport
 12:26:48 Accident No Injury, 1220 Kryger St; Bridgeport
 17:01:46 Court Order Violation, 417 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
 17:57:12 Animal Problem, 1809 Raymond Ave, Bridgeport

February 14

5:20:13 Traffic Offense, Sr 173 Mp 9, Bridgeport

February 15

7:50:25 Trespass, 417 Eash St, Waterville
 10:00:50 Warrant, 1400blk Douglas Ave, Bridgeport

14:42:18 Harass/Threat, 1206 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
 20:31:47 Domestic Distur, 415 N Greene St, Waterville

Brewster Police Department February 9

20:43:59 Threatening, S 2nd St, Brewster

February 10

17:03:56 Animal Vicious, S Bridge St, Brewster

February 11

17:54:36 Mal Mischief S Bridge St & W Cliff Ave, Brewster

February 12

00:02:08 Mal Mischief, S Bridge St & W Cliff Ave, Brewster
 08:45:07 Mal Mischief, S 4th St, Brewster
 11:13:36 Mal Mischief, S Bridge St, Brewster
 13:03:33 Information, S 7th St, Brewster
 15:18:57 Mal Mischief, S Bridge St, Brewster

February 13

15:33:58 Threatening Gun Club Rd, Brewster
 17:04:13 Disorderly Hospital Way
 18:24:15 Accident Injury, Libby Creek Rd & Highway 153, Carlton

February 15

15:01:12 Animal Stray Sr 97 & Old Hwy 97, Brewster
 16:44:16 Parking Problem, N Bridge St & E Main Ave, Brewster

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10:22:24 Suspicious Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster

February 10

09:43:29 Citizen Assist Starr Rd, Pateros

February 12

09:03:45 Civil, Valley Rd, Brewster
 16:22:53 Suspicious, Monse River Rd, Brewster

February 13

06:55:23 Theft Automobile, Pariseau Rd, Bridgeport

February 15

07:51:46 911 Abuse, Michel Rd, Brewster

How to make medicine taste better

Have you ever had to take a liquid medication that tasted awful? Sometimes, a medicine NEEDS to be taken, but you dread swallowing it. Or, your 5-year-old is fighting you on taking a liquid antibiotic.

Many years ago, I had just clocked into my night shift when I was paged to the Emergency Department. A four-year-old had swallowed some of his grandmother's sleeping pills, and they had just flushed out his stomach.

I found Betty, the charge nurse, trying to entice her pint-sized patient to swallow some black sludge. He was having none of it.

"I added water to the activated charcoal the doctor ordered to make it more liquid, but he refuses to drink it. We need to get this into his stomach ASAP. Can you do something to it to make it taste better?"

"Betty, I'll be right back," I reassured her.

Returning to the pharmacy, I opened the refrigerator and grabbed a dark brown squeeze bottle from inside the door. Hustling back to the ED, I showed Betty my secret weapon for making gritty, gross medicines easier to swallow: Hershey's Chocolate Syrup. The two of us eventually coaxed her patient to swallow enough charcoal to neutralize the dangerous drug.

Every few years, I set up a "Taste Test" for family medicine doctors in training to give them an appreciation of the challenges parents and caregivers face in administering liquid medications.

I prepared 5 antibiotics and 5 commonly prescribed medicines, labeled them, and then handed out scoring sheets to each resident physician to use on each one.

The first time we did this, everyone had a stomach ache afterward, so ever since then, I kept a big trash can nearby as a spittoon, warning my evaluators to "Spit, don't

swallow."

Each liquid medicine was evaluated on its smell, texture, taste, and aftertaste. In the spirit of wine tasting, I renamed the 4 qualities as Bouquet (smell), Body (texture), Gustatory Merit (taste), and Finish (aftertaste). Each scorecard had a scale of 1 to 5 for each attribute, with a score of 1 score being the most negative, 3 as neutral, and 5 as the most positive.

On the table were 10 bottles of liquid medication, each

dilute the taste and texture. Most foods will improve the taste, but my favorite is Hershey's chocolate syrup. The squeeze bottle is inexpensive and can mask a bitter taste and gritty texture. Other flavors, like caramel and butterscotch, are now available as sundae toppings.

2. Chill it.

Try storing the bottle in the refrigerator between doses, even if it doesn't



with a small clear plastic medicine cup filled about halfway in front of it.

The first aspect assessed was the medicine's smell. The judges were instructed to pick up the cup holding the liquid drug, swirl it a few times, and inhale to get the "Bouquet." Once they marked their scorecard, they moved on to Taste and Texture.

The judge dipped a clean plastic spoon into the liquid, then put it in their mouth to evaluate its texture ("Body") and taste ("Gustatory Merit"). Once those were scored, the final element considered was the aftertaste left in the mouth by the medicine ("Finish").

As my judges bravely worked through all 10 liquid samples, there were plenty of photo ops of scrunched-up faces, tongues sticking out, and gagging. You could hear comments like:

"I had NO IDEA this stuff tasted like THIS!"

"Gaaaah!"

"I remember this one when I was a kid..."

Afterward, we brainstormed ways to help parents reduce the "Yuck" factor of the sampled medicines. Some were already parents and shared what worked for them to help mask the taste and texture of bitter, gritty liquid medications.

Here Are 4 Tips to Help Liquid Medicines Taste Better:

1. Mix it.

Add it to something else to

have to be refrigerated. The taste and aftertaste will be less noticeable when cold.

3. Chase it.

Follow up quickly with a spoonful of a favorite food or beverage; the thicker, the better. Ice cream, pudding, fruit jams, jellies, or sundae toppings can be used. Avoid soft drinks as chasers. When I offered gin-

School levies

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Friday's updated count, Blackburn released the following advisory to school staff.

The recent replacement levy vote results came in at 2:30 today. The auditor's office told us we are at a 49.82 percent not passing. We had a total of 139 less voters than usual. There is a discrepancy in three of our votes, so the auditors are saying that even if they came in as a yes, we would be about 50 % yes and 50 % no on the vote. This is a close race, and I am receiving all kinds of advice to run the levy again in April.

As we look ahead to the upcoming April vote, let's remember why this levy matters. It's about maintaining the quality of education that our students deserve. It's about ensuring they have the resources, support, and facilities needed to thrive and reach their fullest potential.

Every vote counts, and every voice matters. Let's come together once again to show our unwavering commitment to our children's future.

By voting on the Brewster Replacement levy, we are not just investing in buildings and programs; we are investing in the promise of tomorrow. Please vote again in April as the levy is crucial in maintaining the current level of support we have for



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.

4. Hold Your Nose.

If you can pinch your nose closed while swallowing a spoonful of medicine, it helps you avoid tasting it. Unfortunately, the taste will "bloom" when you start breathing again through your nose. I suggest having a chaser ready nearby.

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our students. Encourage your coworkers and parents of students to have their voice heard.

Together, let's continue to support our students, our schools, and our community. Please vote in April and let's keep Brewster schools moving forward.

BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport's 53.42 percent approval after the preliminary count has dwindled to 50.77 percent as of the Friday, Feb. 16, second count.

In Okanogan County, the margin is 57.14 percent in favor and 42.86 percent among seven votes counted.

"We are being cautiously optimistic about the levy results," said Superintendent Scott Sattler after the initial counts were released. "When you look at the combined county results, we are sitting at 53.5 percent passing and only ahead by 11 votes. I think we will wait until Friday (Feb. 16) before we decide to celebrate. Bridgeport has a long tradition of supporting the school levy, so I am very hopeful the favorable vote holds."

The combined county votes have reduced the 11-vote lead to three.

Levies for Mansfield, Nespelem, Waterville, Omak, Methow Valley, Tonasket, and Oroville are all at or above 55 percent passage.

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Chelan County launches short-term rental monitoring system

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE - Chelan County has launched a 24-hour monitoring system for short-term rentals, contracting with Deckard Technologies, a San Diego-based company specializing in real estate data analytics and technology. This new system aims to improve regulation and address community concerns by offering a 24/7 complaint hotline and an online reporting platform.

The initiative, set under a five-year contract worth \$60,000 annually with Deckard Technologies, is designed to enhance short-term rental oversight in conjunction with existing Code Enforcement services provided by the Chelan County Sheriff's Office. This move introduces a comprehensive approach to managing noise, parking, and illegal rental activities, particularly in the county's unincorporated areas.

Kirsten Ryles, assistant director of Community Development, emphasized the significance of this development. "Establishing a

short-term rental monitoring service for better regulation has been a long time coming - and one Community Development has been working on for over a year," Ryles remarked. "This addition to our toolbox provides citizens another avenue for reporting issues around the clock."

Residents facing issues with short-term rentals now have three reporting options: an online complaint form that allows for the upload of supporting evidence, a hotline staffed by Deckard Technologies, and direct engagement with the county's Code Enforcement. These tools streamline the complaint process and ensure rental owners uphold community standards.

Ryles also urged residents to use the designated reporting channels for non-life-threatening complaints rather than emergency services. "With three options for reporting short-term rental violations, I encourage people to use these tools," she stated. "The tools are in place to encourage short-term rental owners to be good neighbors."

Three options for reporting a short-term rental violation

Online: Go to the online Short-Term Rental Complaint form at <https://complaints-str.deckard.com/chelan-ward-complaints>. Fill out the form and submit up to five photo, video or audio files to support the complaint. The complaint will be forwarded to Community Development and Code Enforcement and a record of complaint is made on the property.

Hotline: Call the hotline at 509-293-4577. The hotline is monitored by a Deckard staff member who will reach out to the short-term rental's local contact and ask that the complaint be addressed. If the issue is not abated within an hour, people are encouraged to call the hotline again so it can be documented that a

verified complaint was not addressed. The matter then will be turned over to Code Enforcement. In addition, a hotline report is sent daily to Community Development. **Code Enforcement:** Complaints can be made directly to Code Enforcement at www.co.chelan.wa.us/community-development/pages/code-enforcement. From the county website, download and complete the fillable PDF and then email it to cd.code.enforcement@co.chelan.wa.us. Or call Community Development at 509-667-6225 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Chelan County has three Code Enforcement deputies who work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays

Upper Valley Scholarship now open for applications

Ward Media Cashmere Valley Record

LEAVENWORTH - P.E.O. Chapter JF, Leavenworth, is now accepting applications for the Upper Valley Scholarship to support women seeking higher education. This needs-based scholarship is designed for women in Chelan or Douglas County who are returning to an accredited university, college, or technical school in Washington.

The scholarship targets women aged 30 or above, especially those resuming their education after a gap of at least two years. It will cover school expenses and be paid directly to the educational institution in the Fall of 2024.

Eligible institutions include any fully accredited colleges, universities, or technical schools in Washington. The scholarship is also open to those attending out-of-state online accredited schools. Successful applicants must confirm their enrollment for the funds to be released to the school's financial department.

Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2024. Recipients can reapply annually until they complete their education programs.

For more information and to request application forms, interested applicants should contact the Scholarship Committee at peoleavenworth@nwi.net.

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WDFW launches beta version of Fish Washington 2.0 application and invites public feedback

Quad City Herald Ward Media

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is launching an updated version of the Fish Washington app, Fish Washington 2.0, and invites the public to share feedback on the changes.

Fish Washington is a mobile application designed to convey up-to-the-minute fishing regulations for every lake, river, stream, and marine area in the state. Fish Washington 2.0 addresses issues reported by users on both iOS and Android platforms.

Fish Washington 2.0 has been completely rewritten and is less than half the size of the previous version. It is designed to run more smoothly while using less data and device

memory. The new app has one code base for both iOS and Android platforms, reducing the frequency and size of updates. Other improvements are location enabled USGS river gauges and tide charts, more consistent emergency regulation delivery, and map upgrades. The new version is ad-free.

WDFW is in the final phases of beta testing and invites the public to share feedback on the new app. The application development team will use the feedback to fix issues and improve app features. Fish Washington 2.0 is currently available for users to download on the WDFW website for both iOS and Android devices. The public can leave comments at MobileAppDev@dfw.wa.gov. Fish Washington 2.0 will officially launch in spring 2024.

Washington halts fox trapping in National Forests to protect endangered Cascade Red Fox

Quad City Herald Ward Media

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife announced an immediate closure on fox trapping within the boundaries of several national forests to safeguard the endangered Cascade red fox. Effective immediately, the temporary rule will last until March 31, 2024, and applies to all fox species in the Mount

Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot national forests.

The urgent measure aims to prevent the incidental capture of the Cascade red fox, a species recognized as endangered within the state of Washington. Officials underscored the necessity of the temporary regulation due to the lack of time for implementing permanent rules.

LEGISLATIVE Coverage

Inslee reflects in his final year as governor

By **ASPEN ANDERSON**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - On the second level of the white and gray marbled Capitol building stands the Governor's office, guarded by a State Patrol trooper stationed outside. On the interior walls are portraits and paintings showcasing past Washington Governors.

In the heart of the conference room stands a grand dark wood

table surrounded by twelve bulky wood and brown leather chairs, and the one at the head of the table, where Jay Inslee sits, has leather detailing of Washington's State seal at the top. The oval table is empty except for a caffeine-free gold and red Diet Coke can.

"We don't need any more caffeine in here," Inslee joked.

Inslee, the longest-serving current governor in the nation, is overseeing the last weeks of

his final legislative session and eyeing the end of his third and final term.

He said he feels like "one of the luckiest people in the world," looking forward to finishing strong and passing the torch as he celebrates 52 years of marriage to his close partner in work and life Trudi and prepares with her and his three sons and six grandchildren for their next adventure.

Reflecting on the path that got him to Olympia, Inslee said it may not have been possible without Trudi.

"That took courage," he said, in the way she supported him through the career changes, election campaigns and the relocations — leaving the apple orchards in Selah for meet-and-greets in Washington D.C., and back again.

A graduate of the University of Washington and the Willamette University College of Law, Inslee began his political career in the Washington State House of Representatives and served from 1989 to 1993. In 1993, the Inslees left behind the deep snow of Selah, Wash. where they raised their children and headed to Washington D.C., where he served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 1995. He served only one term representing Eastern Washington's 4th

Congressional district. He made his first run for governor in 1996 but lost in the primary to fellow Democrat Gary Locke. Under President Bill Clinton, Inslee then served as regional director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Having relocated to Western Washington, he returned to Congress from 1999 to 2012, representing King, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties. He was successful in his second run for governor in 2012.

None of it would have happened, he said, if Trudi didn't believe as much as he did in the policy changes; they have worked side by side all along to advance. It has been a decades-long partnership. The Inslees became a pair when they were just 16-year-old high school students.

"I feel closer to her than I have at any other time in my life," Jay Inslee said. "I don't

know how she feels about it. You would have to ask her," he laughed.

In Olympia, Inslee said he loves that he gets to see Trudi almost every day. Trudi has been active in supporting gun safety, early childhood education, and child homelessness. She was instrumental in establishing the first childcare facility on the Capitol campus in Olympia.

"No spouse has ever been more resilient and courageous in American political history than Trudi Inslee," he said. Inslee has been a champion of the fight against climate change for decades, and it was his central focus when he campaigned for the presidency. Just a few days ago, he said he tracked his passion back to 1988 after coming across an old junk box that housed his very first political flier that he

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COURTESY OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE
Jay and Trudi Inslee wear red for #WearRedDay to support women's heart health in 2022.

Condom use requires partner consent, proposal says

By **MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Testifying before lawmakers, Mina Hashemi recounted how, three years ago, she was shocked to see that the condom she had explicitly asked for during sex had been removed.

"I felt deeply violated," Hashemi said. "While I was lucky not to get an STI or pregnant, there are many stories of women who did. Stealthing is a very specific type of sexual violence that does not neatly fit within existing definitions of sexual assault in Washington. We must close the loophole on assault."

"Stealthing" refers to tampering with or removing any kind of sexually protective device without the consent of a partner. It is commonly referred to as a form of sexual assault.

HB1958 could make this practice punishable by law in Washington State. It has already passed the House with bipartisan support in a 64-33 vote.

The bill also stipulates that action can be taken when stealthing is done purposely, but also when a partner has knowledge of a condom breaking during intercourse and continues without informing their partner.

California and Maine are the only other states to have already passed legislation on "stealthing," but no other states have included devices outside of condoms, such as dental dams or spermicide.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline categorizes stealthing as a means for "control" and explains that "unexpected pregnancy could be a way for a partner who is abusive to manipulate their partner into staying in the

relationship," using a possible child as leverage.

The addition of long-term birth control devices in the bill has sparked debate.

"I think the underlying principle we can all agree is positive for everyone," Eric Pratt, concerned citizen, said. "But what I don't like is that it doesn't go far enough in that it doesn't encompass oral contraceptive birth control and diaphragms."

Rep. Michelle Caldier, R-Gig Harbor, agreed, explaining women sometimes stop taking oral contraception or remove an IUD without telling a spouse.

"The sad part is I actually wanted to vote for it," Caldier said. "I agree that for a man to remove a protective device and inadvertently get a woman pregnant, that is awful. That is absolutely awful. But at the same time, we also have to think about the other side."

To this argument, prime sponsor Rep. Liz Berry, D-Queen Anne, said a large part of this bill's goal is to protect from sexually transmitted diseases. Non-physical forms of birth control, like birth control pills, do not offer disease protection, which is outside the scope of the bill.

Berry also said the bill's main goal is to protect women, and changing the bill could undermine that effort.

"Broadening the definition to beyond a physical barrier device would open up unintended consequences -- where this would be weaponized against victims of this nonconsensual act," Berry said. "This is a very intentional definition that has been stakeholdered with key community advocates to protect people, particularly women, from this type of behavior."

Critics also noted concerns with "establishing intentionality" and proving allegations in court.

"I have been involved in litigating some of these cases, and sometimes it comes down to somebody poking a hole in a condom to get pregnant," said Rep. Peter Abbarno, R-Centralia. "It goes both ways in terms of how you can tamper, but a lot of this is unfortunately 'He said, she said,' or we don't have any proof, or the proof has already been disposed of."

Elizabeth Hendren, a Seattle-based attorney at the Sexual Violence Law Center, explained this is not a new issue in sexual assault litigations.

Hendren said that under Washington law, testimony is a valid form of proof, as is considering the credibility of both parties. Hendren said proof can also sometimes be in emails, text messages, and photos.

Yet, concerns regarding the 'He said, she said' dilemma carried over into the floor's debate.

"When we pass laws, we need to be careful that they are enforceable and not ambiguous," Rep. Cyndy Jacobson, R-Pullyap, said, as she urged a no vote. "I think that what this may create, unintentionally, is a morass of he said, she said and things that we can't prove in court."

Penalties for those convicted of stealthing could result in statutory damages of up to \$5,000 per violation, and prevailing plaintiffs would be awarded costs and compensated reasonable attorney fees.

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Clergy members could become mandatory reporters of child abuse

By **MARY MURPHY**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - When Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, learned how Jehovah's Witness elders in Spokane had covered up child sexual abuse for years, she looked to the law for answers.

Frame found that, under Washington State law, clergy members have no responsibility to report what they suspect to be child abuse. Washington is one of five states that has yet to change this rule.

Frame says she experienced abuse as a child, and it was only once after her teacher, a "mandatory reporter," said something to her guardians that the abuse stopped.

If SB 6298 passes, clergy members will be required to report their suspicions to either the Department of Children, Youth or Families (DCYF) or law enforcement. Teachers, law enforcement, medical

professionals, therapists, and more are already designated as mandated reporters in Washington.

Following objections from Catholics, an amendment was made to the bill that now exempts clergy members from having to report information obtained "solely" during confessions. If they learn of abuse outside of confessions, they are required to report.

In committee, Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, said she was not able to support the bill until that amendment was added.

"We don't want to encourage people to hide behind the clergy cloak, but we are taking steps to protect our children," Warnick said.

Sen. Mike Paddon, R-Spokane, and Phil Fortunato, R-Auburn, as members of the Catholic Church, pleaded for additional changes that remove the consideration of information obtained during

professionals, therapists, and more are already designated as mandated reporters in Washington.

"This is a big deal to me personally, and a big, huge deal in the Catholic church," Fortunato said. Additional changes were not adopted. The bill passed with a 44-5 vote.

Only seven of the 45 states that regard clergy members as mandatory reporters have mandated that information obtained from confession must be reported.

"I am wildly uncomfortable with this compromise, with the exemption for penitential communication," Frame said. "But I am doing it because I have been asked by survivors to not let perfect be the enemy of good."

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Mansfield chapter is busy on FFA Week

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSFIELD – “We are currently in the middle of a huge project,” said Mansfield FFA advisor Jamey Jo Steele. “We decided to sell our wooden American flags that we build in shop class.”

As it turns out, many FFA fans and followers wanted one. “We had to finally put a freeze on new orders when we reached 55,” said Steele. “Each flag takes approximately 6-8 hours start to finish. So, we are very busy!”

Fair projects are also well underway.

“This year we have five members raising market steers, five raising hogs, and three raising market meat goats,” said Steele. “We are currently expanding our school farm to include a second steer



COURTESY OF MANSFIELD FFA
Mansfield 2023-2024 FFA chapter members are back row from left, Tiera Miller, Evalee Shafer, Max Murison, George Murison, Lukas Fletcher, and Eva Cooper. Middle row, Hailey King, Mitchell Wall, Joyce McGraw, Dade Holmes, and Noah Sadler. Front row, Miss Steele (Advisor), Megan Wick, Michael Webster, Jada Bodah-Freels, Aspen Farrington, Austin Asmussen, and Kim De Los Santos.

pen/shelter to accommodate the increase in steer projects.”

An annual fundraiser is also in the works.

“We are planning and

organizing our second annual dinner and auction to be held on March 24,” said Steele.

“This dinner is a way to serve our loyal supporters as well as

earn some money from auction items.”

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COURTESY OF MANSFIELD FFA
Orders quickly piled up for the FFA version of the American flag rendered in wood

Brewster FFA plans full FFA Week

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – Ag instructors Todd Dezellem and Natasha Hemmings have a roster full of projects, competitions, and field work to keep Bears Ag/FFA students engaged and learning. From welding and livestock competitions to floral subscriptions and community service there is little room to squeeze in FFA Week observances. But squeeze them in they did with events for every day of the week.

- Monday, Feb. 19 was movie night in the high school commons.
- Tuesday, Feb. 20, was an

ice cream social at lunch in Hemmer’s room.

- Wednesday, Feb. 21, featured a BBQ at lunch in Dezellem’s room.
- Thursday, Feb. 22, includes a welding competition in Wenatchee plus Barnyard Olympics at lunch in Hemmer’s room and on the softball field behind the shop room after school.
- Friday, Feb. 23, starts with breakfast from 7:15-7:45 a.m. in the culinary room.
- All week there is a food drive competition for each Ag class.

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Brewster FFA participates in district apple judging competition at Manson.



COURTESY OF BREWSTER FFA



FFA Creative materials cutting looks suspiciously like it might have something to do with cutting boards.

COURTESY OF BREWSTER FFA



These decorative Cornhole game boards came from the Brewster school shop.

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Brewster FFA students display a project at welding competition in Cashmere.

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Brewster FFA livestock exhibitors compete at the North Central Washington Fair in Waterville.

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Feb. 21

Death Cafe Chelan

CHELAN: The Death Cafe is a national organization started by Jon Underwood, and the Chelan organization meets the Third Wednesday of the month at the Chelan Public Library on Emerson Street, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This month, on Wednesday, Feb. 21. All are welcome. Please join them for coffee and cake. For more information: Contact Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

Feb. 21, 23, 27-28

Senior meals are served Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at the 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 on those same days. Please call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. Suggested donations have increased. For those over age 60, it is now \$5.

Feb. 21, March 6

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. 22, 23, 25

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: 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. 21-24, 26-29, March 1-2

Senior Center Thrift Store

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

Feb. 21-22, 26-29

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CHELAN - February is the month of love. Hope would like to take a moment to celebrate the love that binds our community together. This month is not just about romantic love; it's an opportunity to appreciate the bonds we share as neighbors, friends, and community members. In January, there were over 450 visits to the Little Essentials Pantry. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the community and their generosity in keeping the pantry stocked. February is a month full of love, laughter, and treasured memories. May you always be surrounded by the people and things that bring you the most joy. Visit Chelan Valley Hope at 417 S. Bradley Street Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). You may also call Hope at 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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Feb. 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

March 5, 19

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

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.

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 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.

March 11

Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee

OKANOGAN - The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meets on the second Monday of the month and always looks 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.

March 12

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

March 14, 20

Brewster bus trips

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee on the second

DEATH NOTICE

Isabel Garcia Mercado

Isabel Garcia Mercado, 54, of Bridgeport, Washington passed away on February 8, 2024.

The service is Friday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Bridgeport Apostolic Church. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

National FFA Week



COURTESY OF BREWSTER FFA
Brewster FFA students conduct a range evaluation at Leader Lake near Okanogan.



COURTESY OF BREWSTER FFA
Can you tell which is the "before" graffiti FFA cleanup?



COURTESY OF BREWSTER FFA
Brewster FFA students offer a floral subscription service for customers who can purchase student custom-made floral arrangements like these roses. To maintain their skills, students participate in school floral competitions.



COURTESY OF BREWSTER FFA
These starts will be among the stars at this spring's Brewster FFA plant sale.

Inslee

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handed out when going door to door. "We need to defeat climate change," it read.

And when he spends time with his grandchildren, he said it re-ignites his fire to beat the threat of a warming climate.

"I have always felt in my life and my family's life, that we have always been connected to the natural world," Inslee said. "Whether it's hiking, biking, skiing...or just looking at a bird in the backyard. Things that were so important to my life... deserve to be protected."

He said he is committed to continuing work to expand the clean energy economy after he leaves office. He said his motivation will only increase as the damage of a warming climate becomes more apparent. His Twitter bio reads: "On a mission to defeat

climate change. Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell, and organize."

"I will still be pushing the ball up the hill," Inslee said.

Inslee's Climate Commitment Act, which took effect in January of 2023, has a goal to reach "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The act was recently targeted by Initiative 2117, a proposal that seeks to repeal parts of the act to lower taxes and business expenses.

Inslee believes state residents from across the political spectrum want to protect the state and its natural resources and ultimately will come to celebrate the results the act delivers.

"They do not want their families to breathe in pollution, kids getting emphysema. They don't want to see us ravaged by forest fires," Inslee said.

Inslee advises the next governor, whoever that is, to build a great team and

preserve what the state has already accomplished.

"You have to be willing to constantly try to improve, which is also a recognition that you are not perfect from day one," he said. "You have to accept that you are going to improve, which also recognizes there are some things that need improvement."

Inslee said he and Trudi are happy to pass the keys to the next residents of the governor's mansion.

Being governor is "the best job in public life," Inslee said, "because it is such a rare opportunity to know your whole state and become engaged in your whole state. You get to know people's lives like you have never known before."

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Flood study

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no construction or building permits would be allowed and others where flood insurance would be required.

"We are required to adopt what they call a floodway, and we don't want to," Webster said then. The city quickly went into action, contacted NRCS, and requested funding for a Preliminary Investigation and Feasibility Report (PIFR) to perform its own watershed and drainage study.

"We are lucky because we can control it. We can do something about it because we chose to do something about it," said Ruiz. "We have the money, and we are moving forward."

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Announcements

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Wanted

Leavenworth Mosquito Control District Board member opening
The Leavenworth Mosquito Control District was founded in 2002 with the goal of controlling mosquitoes in the Leavenworth area by using bacterial larvicides. These larvicides are harmful only to mosquito larva and are harmless to other aquatic organisms, mammals, and humans. The five member volunteer board sets a yearly budget, oversees the seasonal district manager who carries out the larvicide applications along with a couple assistants, review and approval of program expenditures, policies and procedures. To be on the board you must:
1) live inside the Leavenworth Mosquito Control District - see the map on our website 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, or mail to PO Box 34, Leavenworth WA 98826

Employment

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED
Responsible Animal Lover to occasionally feed 2 mini donkeys and 1 outside cat. Lower Brender Canyon area Cashmere. For more information please text or call 509-860-4665.



We Are Hiring!
The new and trending Crêpe Café located in the Obertal Mall is seeking teammates to join us in offering an authentic crêpe experience. Develop within the café while learning kitchen, customer service, cashier, and barista responsibilities with the goal of becoming a crêpe specialist, leader, and lifelong learner. Entry-level and management positions are available. Visit us in person or at CrepeCafeSisters.com/Leavenworth and complete an application by clicking on "Apply Now".

Advertise in the Classifieds
509-689-2507

For Sale

Furniture



Antique Monterey stamped,
Full bed, mattresses, chest of drawers, night stand, vanity/ mirror /bench, \$4,900, OBO, needs restored, (chest restored online \$4k), must pick up in Moses Lake, 509-750-2801.

Real Estate

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Legals

Public Notices

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST
In accordance with RCW 29A.12.130 and WAC 434-335, a Logic and Accuracy test will be conducted on the Okanogan County vote counting equipment. The test will be held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office 2:30 PM, February 27th, 2024. At that time a "test deck" of ballots will be run through the vote tabulating equipment. The test is designed to check the ballot tabulating and precinct programming. A test deck will be scanned and resolved at the time of the Logic and Accuracy Test. The test is open to the public. Published in the Quad City Herald on February 21, 2024. #7229

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the library. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = O)

A. 4 9 19 9 14 13 23
Clue: List or itemized display

B. 8 13 13 26 15
Clue: Recorded written information

C. 13 11 23 9 22 18 10 20
Clue: Sort

D. 15 3 20 14 25 20 15
Clue: Racks

Answers: A. catalog B. books C. organize D. shelves

Read it your way ... Print or Online

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Public Notices

Legal Notice
Ballots for the March 12, 2024 Presidential Primary Election are in the mail.

If you have not received your ballot by Friday, March 1 st, 2024, 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 February 23rd - March 12th, 2024. Drop boxes will be open until 8:00 PM on March 12th, 2024. Drop box locations open for the March 12th, 2024, Presidential Primary Election:
 - Okanogan County Auditor- 1-3rd Ave. N, Okanogan
 - Oroville - Police Station, 11 Main St., Oroville
 - Tonasket - City Hall/Libra Complex, 209 S Whitcomb Ave., Tonasket
 - Omak - Next to Police Station N Ash, Omak
 - Omak - 12 Tribes Casino, 289 Hwy 97, Omak
 - Pateros - 180 Pateros Mall parking lot, Pateros
 - Brewster - Library 108 S. 3rd E Brewster
 - Twisp - City Hall, 110 E 2nd Twisp
 - Coulee Dam - City Hall, 3 Lincoln Ave, Coulee Dam
 - Nespelem - Outside Agency, Colville St., Nespelem
 - Winthrop - Library, 112 North Rd, Winthrop
 - Riverside - 101 1st St, Riverside

Ballots require no postage and must be postmarked no later than the day of the election. Check with your local Post Office for deadlines to have your ballot postmarked properly. If you need to find out information about the issues you can use the following sources.

- On line voter's guide - votewa.gov
- 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 March 4th, 2024 and registered to vote and be able to vote in the Presidential Primary Election. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Auditors Office. (509) 422-7240 Published in the Quad City Herald on February 21, 2024. #7230

Public Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION
OKANOGAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON
TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2024

A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE BELOW MENTIONED DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION THE FOLLOWING.

- DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- REPUBLICAN PARTY

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATIONS, MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS IS MARCH 4TH, 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 MARCH 12TH, 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
FEBRUARY 23RD - MARCH 11TH, 2024
ON ELECTION DAY ONLY, MARCH 12TH, 2024, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

DROP BOX LOCATIONS AROUND THE COUNTY FOR THIS ELECTION.

- OKANOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR- 149 3RD AVE. N, OKANOGAN
- OROVILLE - POLICE STATION, 1105 MAIN ST., OROVILLE
- TONASKET - CITY HALL/LIBRARY COMPLEX, 209 S WHITCOMB AVE., TONASKET
- OMAK - NEXT TO POLICE STATION, 8 N ASH, OMAK
- OMAK - 12 TRIBES CASINO, 28968 HWY 97, OMAK
- PATEROS - 180 PATEROS MALL IN PARKING LOT, PATEROS
- BREWSTER - LIBRARY 108 S. 3RD ST., BREWSTER
- TWISP - CITY HALL, 110 E 2ND ST, TWISP
- COULEE DAM - CITY HALL, 300 LINCOLN AVE, COULEE DAM
- NESPELEM - OUTSIDE AGENCY, 21 COLVILLE ST., NESPELEM
- WINTHROP - LIBRARY, 112 NORFOLK RD, WINTHROP
- RIVERSIDE - 101 1ST ST, RIVERSIDE

DROP BOXES WILL CLOSE AT 8:00PM 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 NO LATER THAN 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. VOTE.WA.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 3RD AVE N, ROOM 104, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN OKANOGAN.

MONDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2024 AT 11:00 AM AND THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2024 TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF ANY PROVISIONAL OR CHALLENGED BALLOTS
FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND, 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 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

CARI HALL, OKANOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR AND EX-OFFICIO SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
JAMIE GROOMES, CHIEF DEPUTY/ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
PUBLISHED IN THE QUAD CITY HERALD FEBRUARY 21, 2024. #7205

SUDOKU

6								4
	1				5			2
2		9					3	
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5	2							3
		3						
6	1							8
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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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!

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

ANSWER:



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Kid Scoop Together

The Science of Oobleck

Replace the missing words.

FLOW SHAPED RUNNY
HARDENS WATER LARGE

The corn flour doesn't dissolve in the _____. Instead, it becomes "suspended" in the water.

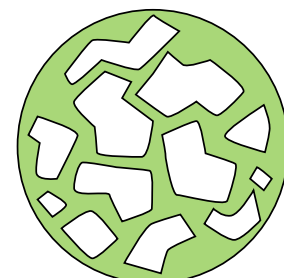
Corn flour is made up of billions of tiny, irregularly _____ grains of starch.

When water is added, the liquid flows around each grain of starch, and the little grains _____ around each other.

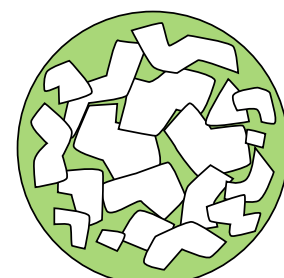
This makes your mixture runny as particles slip over and around each other.

When a sudden _____ force is applied, the starch particles lock together, and the mixture _____ and acts like a solid.

As soon as the force is removed, the water surrounds each of the grains again, and the mixture becomes _____ once more.



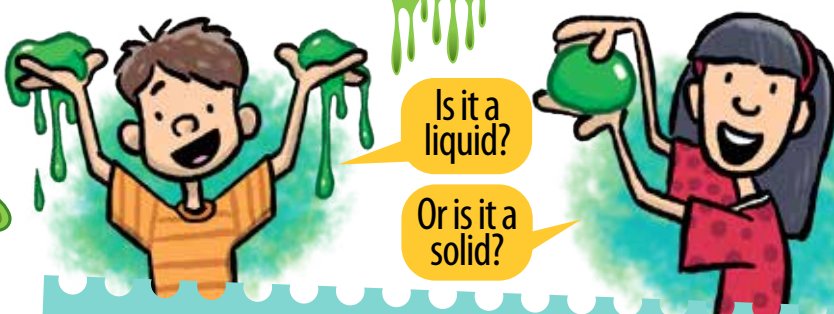
Particles without force.



Particles when Oobleck is squeezed together.

Oobleck

Oobleck acts like both a liquid *and* a solid! Make some yourself and feel this crazy substance!



Scientist's Notebook

What to do with your goo?

TRY THIS:

After your Oobleck is well mixed, gently feel the top.

What does it feel like?

Next, pick up a handful of Oobleck and squeeze it into a ball. What does it feel like now?

Can you pick up any other liquids and make them into a solid ball?

Open your hand with the Oobleck ball sitting on your palm. What happens?

Scientist's Notebook

Make Goopy Oobleck

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 cup of cornstarch
- ½ cup of water
- Food coloring (just for fun)
- A bowl
- Your hands



DIRECTIONS:

1. Measure ½ cup of water and pour into a bowl. If you have food coloring, add a few drops to the water.
2. Measure 1 cup of cornstarch. Pour into your bowl.
3. Mix the water and cornstarch for 10 minutes to make it just right. You might want to take turns with a partner.

Standards Link: Conduct simple science experiments; understand suspensions.

Can you find your way through this slimy Oobleck maze?



It's raining Oobleck!
Can you find at least 10 differences between these two pictures?

Extra! Extra! Oobleck Advertisement

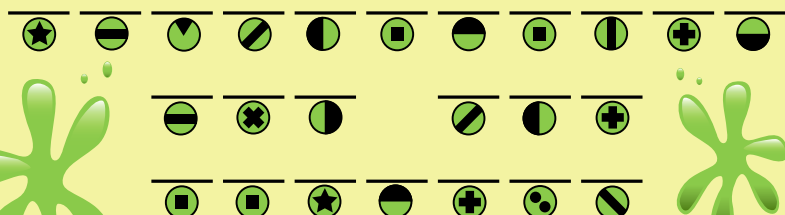
Look for an advertisement in the newspaper that you like. Rewrite the advertisement to make an ad to sell Oobleck.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write persuasively.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Oobleck gets its name from a book by Dr. Seuss. In the book, sticky green gobs of goo fall from the sky. They call it Oobleck.

Use the code to discover the name of the book.



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|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| A = [Symbol] | E = [Symbol] | M = [Symbol] | R = [Symbol] |
| B = [Symbol] | H = [Symbol] | N = [Symbol] | S = [Symbol] |
| C = [Symbol] | K = [Symbol] | O = [Symbol] | T = [Symbol] |
| D = [Symbol] | L = [Symbol] | P = [Symbol] | W = [Symbol] |

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTS
- BALL
- BOWL
- CRAZY
- CUP
- DROPS
- FEEL
- HAND
- LIQUID
- MIX
- OUBLECK
- OPEN
- POUR
- SOLID
- WATER

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



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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **FORCE**

The noun **force** means the use of power, energy, or strength.

It took **force** to open the door on a windy day.

Try to use the word **force** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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