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Pateros City Council grants third amendment for downtown construction project

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
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PATEROS – The Rock Garden Holdings construction project involving eight lots in downtown Pateros received a third amendment to its agreement for development by the city council on Feb. 20.

Rock Garden owner Chris Anderson was present at the council’s Feb. 21 meeting to update the council on project progress and explain his plans regarding a third extension.

City clerk/treasurer Kerri Wilson

reviewed the project history and pending motion for council members.

“The original agreement for development was dated Nov. 8, 2017, for the project to be completed within two years,” said Wilson.

An amendment to the original agreement expired on June 1, 2022.

“We did a second amendment (expired Dec. 20, 2023) and then a third amendment,” Wilson said, “We are at an area of default, and a new contract has to be reinstated.”

Wilson and city administrator Jord Wilson met with city attorney Scott Detro and drafted a new

timeline for the third amendment, extending it to Nov. 22.

“It’s actually for eight months, because the contract actually was in default last December,” Wilson said.

As Anderson reiterated from his remarks delivered at the Jan. 16 council meeting, tenant commitments to the new commercial building have been an obstacle to securing construction financing.

“Unless we get a tenant for one of those buildings, we’re going to have a hard time getting construction loans for the first building,” said Anderson.

Anderson did commit to civil preparation measures.

“Site improvements can start right away,” said Anderson. “Those site improvements include power, site drainage, some retaining wall work, water hookups, sewer connections, all underground work.”

Anderson estimated his personal investment to get that site work completed to be in the ballpark of \$300,000.

“What we want to see if progress,” said council member Frank Herbert, “because the initial agreement was seven years ago,”

Following an exchange between council members and Anderson agreed on conditions for a third amendment.

Wilson read the modified resolution to stipulate “completion of the civil components of the contract by Nov. 22, 2024. With completion of the civil components another year extension would be granted to the developer by the council.”

Council members voted to approve.

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Bridgeport schedules town hall to address law enforcement funding

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
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BRIDGEPORT – A town hall meeting has been approved for 7 p.m., Thursday, March 14, in the Bridgeport Elementary gym to gather public input about future law enforcement services for the city. The city council voted to schedule the event at its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Mayor Sergio Orozco said he would ask Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris to be present to answer questions from the public. The city is investigating options for a new contract that it can afford for law enforcement protection.

At the end of 2023, Douglas County Sheriff Kevin Morris advised every city that contracts with the Sheriff’s Department for law enforcement services that a recalculation of those costs was going up. The new contracts are too high for small cities like Bridgeport to pay. The issue has prompted a scramble for those cities to find alternatives that they can afford.

Orozco and city clerk/treasurer Judy Brown, together with other representatives of other Douglas



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

The Bridgeport city council discusses a town hall meeting scheduled for March.

County cities, met with the County Commissioners on Feb. 6 to discuss the dilemma many are having to secure affordable law enforcement coverage.

“They were under the impression that the cities didn’t want the help,” said Brown.

Once the commissioners learned that cities like Bridgeport, Waterville, Mansfield, and others want law

enforcement coverage but cannot afford to pay the higher costs of the new contracts, the discussion became more productive toward finding a solution.

Both Orozco and Brown said the meeting was informative because it exposed the commissioners to details involving contract components, cost calculations, negotiations with the sheriff, and much more that had

escaped their attention.

The commissioners would like to hear more public feedback so town hall meetings like the one Bridgeport scheduled in March are being held to provide that component.

- The council voted to purchase a sewer inspection camera system. Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem secured three bids for a system to fit the city’s

needs. He received bids ranging from a high of \$81,674 to a low of \$47,880 from Inspect AI. The city had earlier budgeted \$75,000 in sewer reserve funds to purchase a setup and approved Dezellem’s recommendation to acquire the Inspection AI unit.

- Appointed volunteers to serve on the following committees:
 - Fire & EMS – Zeke Martinez
 - Parks & Public Works – Mike Bjornstad
 - Finance & Personnel - Jackie Hentges, Matthew Schuh
- Approved Bridgeport High School ASB President Esteban Martinez as school representative on the council.
- Tabled discussion of right-of-way, public event, and private event amendments to the Bridgeport Municipal Coded to a future meeting.
- Approved council member Matt Schuh as Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Dezellem completed demolition work of Berryman Park structures prior to upgrades that will be financed by Recreation and Conservation Office funds.

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Bridgeport Council member earns prestigious Municipal Leadership Certificate

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
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OLYMPIA – Bridgeport city council member Matthew Schuh recently earned an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC).

AWC’s Certificate of Municipal Leadership program recognizes city and town elected officials for accomplishing training in five core areas:

- Roles, responsibilities, and legal requirements.
- Public sector resource management.
- Community planning and development.
- Effective local leadership.
- Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

Those earning the advanced certificate have continued to strive for excellence by attending conferences and training, serving their community, and developing leadership skills.

“Being a city leader in Washington is a complex job,” said AWC CEO Deanna Dawson. “Through our Advanced CML program, we are



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Matthew Schuh



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Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership

Pateros eyes grant boost for Commercial Avenue revamp

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city received notice to resubmit its Commercial Avenue project to the state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for additional funding that has become available for TIB’s Complete Streets program.

City Administrator Jord Wilson reported to the regular monthly meeting of the city council on Feb. 20 that the funding is available for city projects that can be completed by the end of 2024.

“If funded this would be a 100 percent grant funded project,” said Wilson. “Good planning allows us to take advantage of unexpected grants. Great opportunities that we should not pass up.”

Wilson conferred with Ben Varela, Kurt Holland, and Ken Van Vorhes of city engineer Varela & Associates to quickly review the Commercial Avenue project and redraft a concept plan that can meet the 2024 completion deadline Holland explained to council members.

The proposed \$970,000 project will get \$100,000 in design funds from the city.

“Those are ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds originally

earmarked for the construction of landscapes along Commercial Avenue,” Wilson said.

Following Holland’s presentation, the council voted to approve the TIB application and the dispersion of ARPA funds.

In other business, the council:

- Amended the solar grant with the state Department of Commerce (DOC) to allow one full year of measurement and verification data and apply for the tax rebate through the IRS.
- Accepted a contract with the Public Works Board for a \$100,000 grant award to assist the city with updating its water system plan. The city is responsible for 50 percent of the cost.
- Approved an application to the Water Environment Federation for a grant to replace the city’s sewer autosampler and flowmeter. The grant would replace both with a zero match from the city. It would also allow- but not require – the Department of Health to test the effluent for diseases.
- Applied for a \$565,000 grant through the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

to repair large cracks in the city tennis courts.

- Adopted a Professional Services Agreement with Okanogan County for building inspection services. The county will assist the city building inspector during commercial construction projects.
- Accepted a \$23,837.70 quote from Dick’s Heating & Air Conditioning in East Wenatchee for installation of a new HVAC system for the city library. The library’s system failed, prompting the city to request replacement quotes from five vendors. Dick’s was the lowest.
- Awarded the project to purchase and install doors on the winter barn to Door Tech of Wenatchee. Door Tech’s quote of \$21,545.24 was the lowest of three vendors.
- Accepted a \$100,000 grant from Okanogan County .09 funds for the design phase of the Pateros Mall Improvement project.
- Amended the professional services agreement with city planner Highlands Associates of Okanogan to include an update to the city park and recreation plan.

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Leap Year Loop

Celebrate leap year in downtown Chelan with the Leap Year Loop on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Mark this special four-year event in Downtown Chelan," the event page states. "Pick up a Leap Year Loop passport and any of the 15 participating retailers in downtown Chelan. Just get your passport stamped at each business for a chance to win a fantastic grand prize basket valued at over \$750. Come downtown to see what's new for Spring and enter to win."

No purchase is necessary.

Crafternoon

The Okanogan Library will host a Crafternoon on

Thursday, Feb. 29 from 3-5 p.m.

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

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Crochet for beginners

The Okanogan Library will host crochet for beginners in a three part series on Saturday, March 2 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Adult Corner.

"In this series for beginners, we will learn how to make basic crochet stitches and read crochet patterns," the event page states. Our goal is to have a few very small projects completed by the end of the series.

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Firefighter fundraiser

Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards in Manson will host a Firefighter Stair Climb Fundraiser on Saturday, March 2 from 2-5 p.m.

"Join us at Hard Row to Hoe, from 2-5 p.m. as we help Chelan Firefighters raise money for Leukemia and Lymphoma for the Columbia Tower firefighter stair climb," the event page states. "Music by Ally Paige, silent auction, and local firefighters and fire trucks."

For more information visit hardrow.com.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Leap Day

The Pateros Library will host a leap day themed At The Library After School or ATLAS on Thursday, Feb. 29 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.

Brewster students recognized for high standards

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – A bunch of Bears have been singled out as exemplary students for their adherence to the highest standards of conduct during the school year.

"Our motto for the school year is 'No excuses: Pursue challenges, overcome obstacles, solve problems and expect more,'" said superintendent Todd Phillips. "We recognize students each quarter who live up to this motto."

First Quarter Bears

Salvador Cardenas-Martinez (World History), Gabriel Trejo-Ronquillo (Academic English and Transitional Skills), Andres Corona-Orozco (Agricultural Science), Bryan Santos (Algebra I), Demian Garcia (Paraeducators' Pick), Alexis Dominguez-Castro (DigiTools and Business Law), Christopher Piechalski (Aerobics), Natalie Uvalle (Culinary Arts), Kash Vandelay (Superintendent's Pick), Maritza Ochoa-Calderon (Superintendent's Pick), Coraley Forsberg (English 9), Zicli Avila-Arredondo (Spanish II), Abigail Pamatz-Garcia (Principal's Office Pick), Victoria Contreras-Ruiz (Band), Sherlyn Guzman-Rodriguez (English 10), Alex Talavera-Olvera (Alternative School), Allison Valdovinos (English 3D), Kenya Pineda-Vargas (Biology), Gerardo Rodriguez (Algebra II) and Denise Lopez (Plant Science and Metal Shop I). Not pictured: Leslie Saucedo-Medina (Journalism and Multimedia) and Yuliana Pacheco-Hidalgo (Counselors' Pick).

Second Quarter Bears

Blake Burgett (Metal Shop II), Daniel Castilla-Buenabad (Band), Samuel Arevalo-Rosario (Algebra I), Mayra Garcia (Principal's Office Pick), Abigail Pamatz-Garcia

(Multimedia), Denise Lopez (English 9), Bronson Becker (Paraeducators' Pick), Bryan Rosales-Perea (Aerobics), Alexis Cortez (Civics), Engvel Ramirez Gomez (Freshman Seminar), Joselyn Ochoa-Carillo (DigiTools), Alexander Hernandez (Algebra II), Nicholas Isensee (Culinary Arts), Kimberly Diaz Garcia (Alternative School), Estephanie Duarte-Nunez (Academic Math and Academic English), Elisabeth Caamano-Olvera (Physical Science) and Juddyina Belz (Advanced Floral Design and Agricultural Science). Not pictured: Nayeli Lopez Pascacio (ESL I), Alan Pacheco (English 10) and Steven Baughman (US History).

Distinguished Honor Roll (4.0 GPA)

Seniors – Oscar Amador-Ortega, Kaydence Carrington, Mayra Garcia, Rae Marie Najera, Maritza Ochoa-Calderon, Yuliana Pacheco-Hidalgo, Kash Vandelay and Mareth Wright.

Juniors – Mareli Arevalo-Martinez, Grace Becker, Rafael Cruz-Lozano, Brisa Gutierrez-Arevalo, Morgan McGuire, Abigail Pamatz-Garcia, and Aubree Stennes.

Sophomores – Daniel Castilla-Buenabad, Lorenzo Garcia-Perez, Ava Mitchell, Julissa Najera-Medina, and Kayla Sanchez-Hernandez.

Freshmen – Bronson Becker, Emma Gamble and Yaneli Gutierrez.

High Honor Roll (3.67 GPA or better)

Seniors – Victoria Arellano, Isabella Benson, Blake Burgett, Victoria Contreras-Ruiz, Yadhira Fregozo-Medina, Giselle Hernandez, Gimena Hurtado, Leslie Saucedo-Medina, and Brady Wulf.

Juniors – Amy Alvarez-Garcia, Yazmin Garcia, Rosario Olvera-Pamatz, Rebeca Ornelas-

Gutierrez, Emily Pulsifer and Madelyn Sandoval-Trejo.

Sophomores – Sinai Angel-Pio, Stephanie Arreola-Garcia, Diana Barrera-Ramos, Salvador Cardenas-Martinez, Marcus Contreras-Ruiz, Vanessa Garcia-Esquivel, Sherlyn Guzman-Rodriguez, Antonia Hernandez, Cristian Hurtado, Yajahira Lopez-Herrera, Astrid Martinez-Cazares, Ximena Martinez-Garcia, Isabel Olvera-Velazquez, Alan Pacheco, Neiliann Pamatz-Tinoco, Jonah Rains, Bryan Rosales-Perea, Kara Schertenleib, Kenia Tinoco-Solorio and Nick Thompson.

Freshmen – Fatima Arevalo, Juan Corrales-Aparicio, Alexis Dominguez-Castro, Alexis Esquivel-Bello, Coraley Forsberg, Ibeth Lopez Torres, Henry Miller, Caleb Stennes, Preston Thompson, Adolfo Vargas-Reyes, and Paige Wulf.

Honor Roll (3.0 GPA or better)

Seniors – Diana Aguilar-Landa, Cole Aparicio, Karla Banda, Juddyina Belz, Mario Camacho, Briseyda Campos-Cuautle, Nichole Carrasco, Arlando Chacon-Gonzalez, Alexis Cortez, Joseph Erickson, Francisco Garcia, Alicia Guzman-Mosqueda, Dane Hampe, Jose Hernandez, Melani Hernandez-Orozco, Alexis Lugo, Christopher Piechalski, Julio Perez-Lopez, Agustin Perez-Orozco, Graciela Prado-Valverde, Mariana Ruiz-Moliner, Monserrath Sahagun-De La O, Valerie Reyes-Santillan and Esdras Villanueva Garcia.

Juniors – Miguel Aparicio-Martinez, Lynette Apolar, Zicli Avila-Arredondo, Connor Bach, Steven Baughman, Tristan Esquivel, Cinthia Flores-Trujillo, Bryan Gallaga, Alexander Hernandez, Leslie Hernandez, Gabriela

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These first quarter Bears were standout students in the classes noted.



COURTESY BREWSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

These second quarter Bears are recognized examples of the school motto.

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Sophomores – Hyleah

Aparicio, Emily Castro-Quiroz, Briana Camacho, Jennifer Churape-Ruiz, Estephanie Duarte-Nunez, Mitzi Flores, Adrian Gomez-Pantoja, Diego Guzman, Kray Hampe, Alan Hernandez-Solorzano, Diana Jimenez-Lopez, Faustino Maceda-Herrera, Angel

Madrid, Alejandra Pacheco-Hidalgo, Kenya Pineda-Vargas, Yiaritzi Pineda-Vargas, Karla Razo-Rodriguez, Magaly Rojas-Rodriguez, Elisa Romero-Badilla, Fatima Rosario-Aparicio and Natalie Uvalle.

Freshmen – Mia Arellano, Payton Baughman, Pepper Boesel, Kayleen Bucio-Lopez, Alexander Dominguez-Castro, Avery Harrison, Jenifer Huerta-Soto, Uriah Marcille, Ashtyn Martinez, Melina Mendoza, Joselyn Ochoa-Carrillo, Elmer Perez, Luz Perez-Cortez, Heidi Perez-Torres, Matthew Pulsifer, Engilver Ramirez Gomez, William Reynolds, Anthony Sanchez-Medina, Bryan Santos, Yahir Silva-Negrete, Alivia Smith, Rubi Reynoso-Trejo, Rosaura Temoxtle-Hernandez, James Tolen, Allison Valdovinos, Giovanni Valdovinos, Natalee Vandelac and Rodney Yallup.

Excellent Attendance Award (<10 missed periods, 0 truancies)

Seniors – Mario Camacho, Yadhira Fregozo-Medina, Cort Gebbers, Christopher Piechalski, Kash Vandelac and Brady Wulf.

Juniors – Amy Alvarez-Garcia, Grace Becker, Skyler Covington, Isaac De La Cruz-Montes, Serenity Merchant, Fabian Nava-Medina, Alan Perea-Ortiz, Gerardo Rodriguez, Aubree Stennes, and Derek Tinoco-Heredia.

Sophomores – Hyleah Aparicio, Stephanie Arreola-Garcia, Marcus Contreras-Ruiz, Antonia Hernandez, Edwin Huerta-Soto, Diana Jimenez-Lopez, Yajahira Lopez-Herrera, Josue Ochoa-Carrillo, Isabel Olvera-Velazquez, Neiliann Pamatz-Tinoco, Jacob Piechalski and Magaly Rojas-

Rodriguez.

Freshmen – Pepper Boesel, Andres Corona-Orozco, Alexis Dominguez-Castro, Abigail Hull, Ashtyn Martinez, Andrew Pamatz, Fatima Pamatz-Oros, Elmer Perez, Heidi Perez-Torres, Anthony Sanchez-Medina, Yahir Silva-Negrete, and Preston Thompson.

Superior Attendance Award (<10 missed periods, 0 truancies and 0 tardies)

Seniors – Blake Burgett, Francisco Garcia, and Martiza Ochoa-Calderon.

Juniors – Miguel Aparicio-Martinez, Jair Benitez, Yazmin Garcia, Alexander Hernandez, Morgan McGuire, Rosario Olvera-Pamatz, Rebeca Ornelas-Gutierrez, and Abigail Pamatz-Garcia.

Sophomores – Lorenzo

Garcia-Perez, Cristian Hurtado, Faustino Maceda-Herrera, Ximena Martinez-Garcia, Alan Pacheco, Elisa Romero-Badilla, Kayla Sanchez-Hernandez, Yadhira Saucedo-Pamatz, Kara Schertenleib and Natalie Uvalle.

Freshmen – Yaneli Gutierrez, Ryan Lopez, Henry Miller, Alivia Smith, Rosaura Temoxtle-Hernandez, Allison Valdovinos, Natalee Vandelac and Paige Wulf.

Perfect Attendance Award (0 absences and 0 tardies)

Sophomores – Daniel Castilla-Buenabad

Freshmen – Juan Corrales-Aparicio and Alexander Dominguez-Castro.

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Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept Report

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Douglas County February 16

13:47:19 Miscellaneous, 1400 Tacoma Ave; Bridgeport
16:21:39 Animal Problem, 2400 Tacoma Ave# 20, Bridgeport

February 17

7:40:32 Harass/Threat, 211 S Central Ave, Waterville
17:15:09 Harass/Threat, 607 21st St, Bridgeport
21:44:03 Burglary, 405 W Beech St, Waterville

February 18

0:57:00 Domestic Distur, 2400 Tacoma Ave# 41, Brio
17:22:38 Vehicle Theft, 2024 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport

February 20

19:55:05 Harass/Threat, 531 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

February 21

10:19:21 Civil, 16344 Us Hwy 2, Waterville
12:39:34 Trespass, 1300 Douglas Ave; Bridgeport
15:46:42 Suspicious, Rd C Nw & Rd 13 Nw, Mansfield
18:21:25 911, 440 10th St, Bridgeport
21:59:54 Animal Problem, 1809 Raymond Ave, Bridgeport

February 22

15:40:38 Suspicious, 200 E Birch St; Waterville
16:28:18 Animal Problem, 2308 Foster Creek Ave, Bridgeport
22:26:54 Domestic Distur, 608

Eash St, Waterville
23:20:45 Miscellaneous, Sr 17 Mp 135, Bridgeport

Brewster Police Department 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

February 17

23:59:58 Agency Assist, Highway 97

February 18

13:11:29 Suspicious, S Bridge St; Brewster

February 20

11:44:45 Theft Automobile, Highway 97, Brewster
12:43:42 Theft Automobol Highway 97, Brewster

February 21

12:59:48 Welfare Check Highway 97; Brewster

Okanogan County Sheriff February 15

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

February 17

18:33:40 Accident Noninj, Old Hwy 97 & Pioneer Rd; Brewster

February 18

14:10:55 Suicidal Person Hacienda Ln, Brewster
20:06:05 Suspicious Eagle Rd, Brewster

New Okanogan Quilt of Valor group seeks members

By MIKE MALTAIS
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OKANOGAN – A new Quilts of Valor group has formed in Okanogan and the members are working toward two goals: attracting more members and finding veterans to be quilt recipients.

Group spokesperson Laurie Morgan said OK Quilts of Valor #95848 wants to serve

Winthrop, Twisp, Methow, Pateros, Brewster, Bridgeport, Riverside, Omak, Coulee Dam area, and Okanogan.

“We want to invite any quilters who would like to join us to please come to our meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, at Coulee Farms Restaurant at 96 Pine St. in Okanogan, or they can call me at 509-322-3063,” said Morgan. “They can also friend

us on Facebook at OK Quilts of Valor #95848.”

Quilting groups have presented their honorariums to veterans at many events around the area, including Veterans Day observances, the Pateros Apple Pie Jamboree, and last year’s Okanogan County Fair.

Morgan said the mission of OK Quilts of Valor is to cover service members and

veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

For more information about Quilts of Valor visit govf.org online.

“To become a member of our group at govf.org, put in our group number and become a member for \$10,” Morgan said.

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POINT OF VIEW

My “Walking Start to Running Start” bill will provide more options for students and families

The Washington State Legislature is quickly approaching its adjournment date of March 7. I'm pleased to share that my Senate Bill 5670, expanding the state's Running Start program, is successfully moving through the process. It was unanimously approved by the Senate on Feb. 2 and received a public hearing on Feb. 15 in the House Education Committee.

Running Start is a “dual credit” program

Running Start is a free tuition “dual credit” opportunity for 11th and 12th graders, which was first implemented in Washington in the 1990s. The program allows students to earn tuition-free college credits while in high school. The credits earned count towards a student's high school and college degree requirements.

Students can participate in Running Start as part-time or full-time students, dedicating some or all of their school days to their college courses. This program provides students a “running start” to college by allowing them to accumulate credits during their high school years. State funding mostly follows students to their Running Start college, but some funding is retained by their high schools.

Senate Bill 5670 approved by Senate

My Senate Bill 5670, first introduced during the 2023 session, would expand Running Start opportunities for high schoolers by allowing students who have completed 10th grade but haven't yet begun their fall term in 11th grade to earn up to 10 credits during their summer term. The bill took a major step forward on Feb. 2. As amended, the Senate approved the bill unanimously.

I'm a member of the Senate's Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee and support the Running Start program because students can complete their two-year degrees while also earning high school diplomas. This opportunity saves the students money, reduces their likelihood of debt, and advances them closer to earning a four-year degree.

Bill advancing in House of Representatives

My bill received House Education Committee hearing on Feb. 15. It was great to return to the committee room, as a former committee member, to advocate for my Senate bill. Wenatchee Valley College President Faimous Harrison



SEN. BRAD HAWKINS

testified in support of the bill along with Running Start seniors Ella Crawford from Eastmont and Anthony Zavala from Cashmere.

The bill would make permanent a summer term funded temporarily in the 2023-2025 budget. I strongly support the Running Start program as an option for students and families, especially for students of middle-class families who may not otherwise qualify for financial aid. The program provides a proven way to build credits and put students on a degree path.

For new Running Start students starting the program as juniors, a full load of college classes can shock the system and be very stressful. Allowing students to gradually begin the program during the summer months would help ease them into college and help them experience success. You have to walk before you run, so I'm calling my bill a “Walking Start to Running Start.”

Brad Hawkins is State Senator for the 12th District. He serves on both the Senate's Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee and the Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee.



PHOTO BY ASPEN ANDERSEN

A handful of foster moms and foster kids came to the state capitol's north steps in Olympia, urging legislators to put foster children first.

Foster parents rally for change in state law amid rising fentanyl crises

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - As the prevalence of fentanyl rises, so too does the frequency of critical incidents related to parental substance abuse among foster children, often resulting in fatalities or near-fatalities. This alarming trend spurred foster mothers from across the state to gather and protest on the steps of the capitol.

They say a recently adopted state law makes it harder to remove children from homes for the evidence of substance abuse alone, and that is putting children in danger. They are backing a new law that would allow children to be removed from homes where the use of high-potency synthetic opioids like fentanyl are used.

“The bill's goal was to keep families together, said foster parent Tristan Fujita, referring to the current law. “But you are permanently severing the ability for a family to be together.”

The Keeping Families Together Act went into effect in July 2023. Known by its bill number 1227, it prevents the state from removing children from their families due to substance abuse alone. The law was adopted with strong bipartisan support and was vetted by foster parents on both sides of the aisle and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCYF).

“Before 1227, there have been child fatalities, and after 1227, there will be child fatalities,” Prime sponsor of the act, Lillian Ortiz-Self (D-Mukilteo), said. “And that is a shame on us.”

Fifteen foster parents and two foster kids came to the capitol steps in Olympia with their umbrellas, rain jackets, and colorful signs that said things like, “HB1227 belongs in the grave, not our kids,” and “It's a grown-up's job to keep kids safe.” They were always planning to testify against HB 1227, but felt after several tragedies, they needed to act now.

According to Fujita, the

recently adopted bill's goal was to reduce the removal of children in foster care by 25%, and it was successful in doing that. However, she said that the number of “critical incidents,” where there is a near fatality or fatality, has increased by 54%.

According to DCYF's 2023 report on the Keeping Families Together Act, since 2018, there has been a 35.6% decrease in the number of children in foster care. However, since 2020 they have reported an increase of high-risk cases, with 48 fentanyl related critical incidents in 2023, compared to 41 cases in 2022.

Ortiz-Self said a disproportionate number of Black, brown, and Native American children are removed from homes statewide, and that's another reason to be careful about removing children from families.

“The generational trauma that has been caused to families is irrevocable,” Ortiz-Self said. “We cannot continue to operate on a 100-year-old child welfare law that removes children without proving they are in danger.”

Fujita said race is not the issue. Individuals of any race or economic status can safely parent their children if they aren't using drugs. However, she emphasized that if parents are using drugs, they cannot safely care for their kids.

Fujita noted that while Ortiz-Self argued the newly adopted law didn't alter everything, after attending all of the training sessions from DCYF, she said she believed it “changed everything.”

Fujita usually picks up children and babies from hospitals while their parents are getting help for substance abuse and has had the delight of returning them to their biological parents when they are ready. She says sometimes this can take days and other times years.

“Imagine trying to parent a newborn that is not sleeping, when you do not have any healthy coping mechanisms – when your coping mechanism

has been [drug] use,” Fujita said.

Ortiz-Self argues that removing children from homes without proving imminent danger constitutes government overreach. She highlights that one-third of the children removed from home are returned within 30 days. That suggests there was insufficient danger initially. She said it is not the government's role to predict potentially dangerous situations.

Tracie Jefferson, a foster mom and key event organizer, opposes family separation but said families are not being kept together when kids are dying.

Jefferson reports that in the past six months, DCYF documented 45 critical incidents, mostly linked to substance abuse, placing children under two, our most vulnerable, in high-risk situations without advocacy.

Stacy Hulse, a foster mom of 15 years and protestor, recently adopted a little girl after a two-and-a-half-year case. The girl, sporting a pink puffer coat, held a sign that read: “Kids first every step.”

“Habitual illegal drug use plus parenting equals not safe for kids,” Hulse said. “It's like a math equation. You add those two things together, and it's a disaster waiting to happen.”

Ortiz-Self admits judicial ambiguity exists regarding the dangers of fentanyl, prompting the drafting of a new bill this legislative session to provide clarity on when children should be removed from families due to this drug.

SB 6109 clarifies child removal procedures for high-potency synthetic opioids, linking child abuse and neglect to parents using opioids to assess imminent physical harm. It mandates services for affected children, with a 90-day enactment period after passage. Having passed the Senate, it awaits a public hearing in the House.

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Holocaust education bill dies

More work needed with stakeholders to define issues

By MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - An effort to make Holocaust and genocide education mandatory in Washington public schools has failed to win enough support to pass in this year's Legislature.

“We've been trying diligently to reach out to stakeholders to get agreed upon wording that would make this workable and fundable,” said Sen. Lisa Wellman, D-Mercer Island, Chair of the Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. “This bill just needs more time to be worked through.”

Sponsored by Rep. Travis Couture, R-Allyn, HB 2037 and its companion bill in the Senate received a lot of testimony during public hearings.

Over 2,000 people registered to testify in its early days. Survivors of genocide, activists, and students spoke in general support of the idea but voiced concern about a lack of inclusivity.

On Feb. 10, the bill was debated on the floor of the House, and an amendment was introduced by Democrats, which caught Couture and his Republican counterparts off-guard.

The amendment called for collaboration from non-profit groups beyond the Jewish community and the inclusion of other genocides.

The bill said any curriculum should include “diasporic communities with lived experiences of surviving, being made refugees by, or otherwise being directly impacted by genocide.”

“Jewish people were already removed from their homeland

when they were in Europe and then systematically destroyed during the Holocaust,” Couture said, referring to Israel. “So, they were not ‘made refugees by’ anything.”

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, said that while he supports the goal of inclusivity by Democrats, he worried this could unintentionally have negative impacts, presumably referencing current events.

“I'm concerned about the potential politicization of the concept of the bill,” Stokesbary said. “My concern is that the policy contained in the bill could inadvertently lead to folks being accused of genocide who have not actually committed genocide.”

After the amendment was adopted, Stokesbary urged a vote yes on the bill but re-emphasized his opinions about the amendment.

“Jewish people deserve a homeland, but the Holocaust is not what drove them from that and my concern is that this amendment detracts from that

important and historical fact,” Stokebary said.

Wellman said many people did not feel comfortable voting in favor of the bill without “agreeable language.”

“I tried to shut down any discussion of current events relating to the bill,” Wellman said. “When you get into politics that may happen in the classroom, that was not the intention of running this bill.”

Wellman said that she spoke with Sen. John Braun, R-Centraillia, who introduced the Senate version of the bill. She said lawmakers intend to continue this work.

“We intend to work through it, and hopefully bring back a solution that better addresses the issue,” Wellman said. “Part of the problem with a bill that is both an important topic to be discussed in education, but it's also something that is very much happening in the moment. And getting those conflated can be challenging, dangerous and uncomfortable.”



Prime Sponsor of HB2037 Rep. Travis Couture, R-Allyn, speaks on the House floor.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jada Freels Waterville- Mansfield Girls Basketball Senior - #5 Post



Jada has been invaluable to the team's success this season. After not playing the past two years Jada turned out for her senior season. With the team experiencing multiple injuries

Jada stepped in and filled "big shoes" to help win league and district championships. In the past game she drilled a big three-point shot to help us take the lead in the second quarter.

Bears' playoff hopes dashed in last-second thriller against Crusaders



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From left, Brewster seniors, Mario Camacho, Jr., Brady Wulf, Kash Vandelac, and Cort Gebbers formed the leadership nucleus of the Bears varsity basketball team.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – The Bears varsity basketball team saw its road to the state playoffs end, 51-50, in a thrilling crossover game against Northwest Christian Colbert in Wenatchee on Feb. 17.

The Crusaders opened the game with a four-point lead before Brewster hit its first basket and led by three, 10-7, at the end of a low-scoring first quarter. Playing an aggressive physical defense, Northwest gave the Bears few opportunities for shots close to the basket and tried to force turnovers. The heavy defenses of both teams at each end of the court held each side to less than 20 points at halftime, with the Crusaders up 18-16.

Down by as many as 10 points in the third quarter, the Bears slowly chipped away at the lead and finally tied the game 46-all with 2:19 left in the fourth quarter, forcing the Crusaders to call a timeout. Led

by its junior shooting guard, Avi West, Northwest regained the lead, 49-48, until Bears' freshman sub, Sam Arevalo, found an open spot inside the key for a jump shot that put Brewster up, 50-49, with 8.6 seconds left on the clock.

Northwest called a timeout when the Crusaders returned to the court and went again to West for their final shot. West's driving jumper from the left side of the basket took a couple of bounces before dropping through for the one-point win.

The Bears end their season in third place in District 6 with a 7-6 league record and 13-11 overall. It was the final game for seniors Cort Gebbers, Brady Wulf, Mario Camacho, Jr., and Kash Vandelac. Wulf was named to the 2B Central Washington All-League First Team. Gebbers was a second-team pick, and Camacho an Honorable Mention.

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Lady Bears advance to state quarterfinal round

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – The Lady Bears varsity basketball team survived a rough-and-tumble game against a physical Warden team, 67-63, last Friday, Feb. 23, at Richland, to advance to the quarterfinal round of state tournament competition in Spokane.

After a slow start that found them trailing the Lady Cougars, 0-7, early in the first quarter, the Lady Bears found their rhythm, quickly tied the game 7-all, and led 14-12 at the end of the first. Warden tied the game at the start of the second quarter and

again midway through before scoring by Paige Wulf, Kara Schertenleib, and Jimena Hurtado put Brewster up, 31-22, at the half. Fortunately for Brewster the Lady Cougars missed many open shots from three-point range.

The Lady Bears built their nine-point halftime lead to 17 early in the third quarter and appeared to be on the road to an easy win. That's when the Lady Cougars dug deep, took advantage of turnovers, and went to their post player under their rhythm, quickly tied the game 47-42, at the end of the third quarter.

Warden closed within three early in the fourth before

Pepper Boesel hit several key buckets to keep the Lady Bears up by two points. With the score at 53-51, Schertenleib drilled a sideline three-pointer to put Brewster by six.

Again, Warden threatened. Morgan McGuire found openings for a pair of jumpers around the key and took a heads-up bounce pass from Pepper Boesel for an easy layup to give Brewster a 62-59 lead with time running down.

Warden hung in with a basket to come within one, 62-61. A Schertenleib trey was answered with another basket by the Lady Cougars, 65-63.

Brewster called a timeout.

With 43.8 seconds remaining Hurtado's turn-around shot near the basket in heavy traffic put Brewster's lead beyond three-point range. A free-throw by Schertenleib with 11 seconds left closed the door.

McGuire takes home the game's sportsmanship award.

On Feb. 17, the Lady Bears defeated Liberty Spangle, 49-41, in Wenatchee, to reach the regional playoffs.

The Lady Bears' next opponent will be Tonasket, Mabton, or Napavine at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 29, in the Spokane Arena.

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Final votes put Bridgeport school levy over the top

Brewster aims for April ballot

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – "We passed!" said Bridgeport School Superintendent Scott Sattler last Friday evening, Feb. 23, upon learning the final certified results of the Feb. 13 levy measure.

The Bridgeport measure ended with 51.26 percent from the 199 Douglas County voters and 57.4 percent from the seven from Okanogan County.

The latest figures were a welcome boost over the 50.99 percent from the previous Douglas County results released on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Brewster falls short

Following disappointing results from the Feb. 20 counts, the Brewster school board held a special meeting to discuss future options.

"Our meeting was a success, the board wants to rerun the levy if it does not pass, it is so close," said Blackburn. "Everything is ready for us to re-run the April levy."

The final count for Brewster was 51.05 percent approval from Okanogan County but only 40 percent from Douglas County.

Blackburn issued the following comments last Friday, followed by the final count.

Dear Community Members, I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to address the recent outcome of the replacement levy vote and share some thoughts about where we go from here.

Firstly, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who participated in the vote. Your engagement and commitment to our schools are truly commendable, and it's evident that each vote cast was done so with the best interest of our students in mind.

While the result may not have been what we had hoped for, it's essential to focus on the positive aspects of this situation. The fact that the count was so close speaks volumes about the dedication and support within our community. We lost by only nine votes, and this demonstrates that every single

vote truly does count.

It's also important to acknowledge that the decrease in participation by 130 plus members from the community had an impact on the outcome. Moving forward, we must all recognize the significance of our involvement in the voting process. Our voices matter, and we must do our part to make them heard.

Parents, it's crucial that we remain positive and united during this time. It's understandable that emotions may be running high, but we must remember that fear

can sometimes manifest as resistance. Let's approach any challenges with empathy and understanding, knowing that we are all in this together.

Looking ahead, we have an opportunity to regroup and come back stronger. We will rerun the levy in April, and I encourage each and every one of you to participate once again. Let's continue to spread the word and have meaningful conversations with other community members about the importance of supporting our schools.

Despite this setback, there

are countless good things happening at Brewster Schools every day.

I want to express my appreciation to the entire community for your involvement in this process. Together, we can overcome our challenges that come our way and ensure a bright future for our students.

A registration party was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, in the elementary lab.

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Matthew Schuh

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providing our elected officials with the knowledge they need to effectively operate within the law, plan for the future, secure and manage funds, foster strong relationships, and work to build more equitable communities."

To earn the Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership, Schuh completed more than 60 hours of training and demonstrated local community service.

Schuh, a council member for the past 12 years, is currently

mayor pro-tem and serves on the council's Finance and Personnel Committee. He previously served on the city's Planning Commission.

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Feb. 28, March 1, 5

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 donations have increased. For those over age 60 is now \$5. For those 60 and under the cost is now \$12. Feb. 28: Italian Rice & Beef, Caesar Salad, Apple Slices, Dessert; March 1: Salmon with Dill Sauce, Pesto Pasta, Chalet Vegetable Blend, Garden Salad, Waldorf Salad, Dessert; March 5: Scalloped Potato and Ham Casserole, Buttered Peas, Pineapple, WW Roll, Oatmeal Cookie, March 6: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Venetian Veggies, Greek Salad, Fruit Salad, WW Roll, Dessert.

Feb. 28-29, March 1-2, 4-9

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.

Feb. 28-29, March 4-7

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CHELAN - At Chelan Valley Hope donations are a gracious and essential support to our programs. With your help, we can provide locals in crisis with fuel cards, cold weather gear, non-food essentials, snack packs, and much much more. Your donations have been a significant help with the recent increased need for rental assistance, shelter for houseless families, and food and hygiene packs. If you wish to make a donation we are currently in need of travel-size toiletries, diapers (all sizes), and feminine hygiene products. Donations are welcome and can be left during business hours, or give us a call and we'll gladly make arrangements. For monetary donations please visit our website chelanvalleyhope.org/donate. Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more information [@ChelanValleyHope](http://chelanvalleyhope.org).

March 6, 20

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. 29, March 1, 3, 23

American Legion events - Crab dinner March 23

BREWSTER - Mark your calendars for March 23, 5-8 p.m., they will be offering a Crab dinner. You will get approximately 2 1/4 pounds of Dungeness Crab with coleslaw and roll. For people that would like to join their family, but don't want crab, there will be a steak dinner available as well. Or you can add a steak to your crab dinner. Presale Tickets Only: Only 75 crab dinner tickets. Purchase from one of the board members or at the Legion Hall. You can also purchase online - online purchases can be picked up at the American Legion day of the event. Please bring your receipt. Crab dinner \$50.00: <https://square.link/u/bAmBZZlg>; Crab dinner add 8 oz Sirloin \$62.00: <https://square.link/u/hRbb0oqh>; Steak dinner \$15.00: <https://square.link/u/Vtzb2vtq>. sBrewster 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.

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.

March 13

Brewster Chamber to meet

BREWSTER - The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, March 13, 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.

Okanogan Ladies quilting club

OKANOGAN - Okanogan Ladies quilting club, the "Ok Quilts of Valor", are having a meeting March 7th 11am at the old flour mill, 96 pine street, Okanogan. The club meets in the basement. Contact Lori

Morgan 509-322-3063 for more information. These quilts are given to veterans. This is an all-volunteer club, and they are looking for other quilters to join.

March 11

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.

March 12, 26

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 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 resident to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is March 14. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Thursday of each month, March 20 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.

March 16

Shamrock Shuffle

CHELAN - The Shamrock Shuffle is coming. Get your green on and walk, run, or shuffle along with the Lake Chelan Lions Club on Saturday, March 16. This 5K event supports the Lake Chelan Lions Club program to send kids with Type One Diabetes to Camp Stix and promote local awareness about Diabetes for all ages. There will be Best Dressed prizes for male, female, child and dog. All ages are welcome on Saturday, March 16 just prior to the Top Dog Parade in downtown Chelan. Registration will be 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the covered area at Riverwalk Park, with the run starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring your Kelly Green Beanie you received if you participated last year and receive a 2024 pin to wear on it.

DEATH NOTICE

Charles Mathew Hull

Charles Mathew Hull, 54, of Brewster, Washington and formerly of Pateros, Washington passed away on February 17, 2024. No public services will be held. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

OBITUARY

George (Joe) Edward Riggan

George (Joe) Edward Riggan passed away peacefully on January 7, 2024, in Battle Ground, Washington. Joe, as he was affectionately known, was born on July 3, 1934 in Ivy, Arkansas to Roy and Laura Mae Riggan. He moved with his family to Brewster, Washington in 1945 and graduated from Brewster High School in 1952. Out of high school, Joe joined the Air Force and served in the Korean Conflict. Joe worked for over 30 years in the banking

industry, retiring in 1985. Joe's love of sports led him to coach and umpire baseball and referee high school basketball games. Joe was also an avid and accomplished golfer, scoring several hole-in-ones during his golfing career.

Joe is survived by sisters, Reba Gebbers of Brewster, Washington and Sue Lubash of Brier, Washington, brothers Bob Riggan of Wenatchee, Washington and Jerry Riggan of Brewster,

Washington, children Cinda Wright (Michael) of Battle Ground, Washington, Dale Riggan (Joanne) of Endicott, Washington and Karla Shute of Baker City, Oregon, 17 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter Becky Locke (David) of Battle Ground, Washington.

A graveside burial service will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver, Washington.

New Beans and pins will also be given out. Register now at EVENTBRITE.com and search Shamrock Shuffle 5K.

March 18

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

March 20

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. All are welcome. Please join them for coffee and cake. For more information: Contact Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

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Employment

Help Wanted

Maintenance/Grounds person needed!
Darnell's Lake Resort \$20 - \$23 per hour DOE. Maintain pool, hot tub, courts, and general yard/room maintenance. Two positions available mid March through November. Contact 509-682-2015, visit www.darnellsresort.com to complete an application.



School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- Icicle River Middle School Head Track Coach
- Icicle River Middle School Asst. Boys Soccer Coach

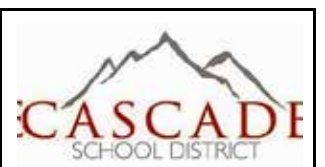
Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at www.cascadesed.org EOE



Douglas PUD has an opening for:

Student Trainee – Natural Resources

Details at www.douglaspud.org <http://www.douglaspud.org



School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

- Cascade High School Asst. Track Coach

Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at www.cascadesed.org EOE

Help Wanted



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".



Douglas PUD has an opening for:

Seasonal Fish Counter

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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.

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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Rentals

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Legals

Public Notices

The Brewster School District has declared the following as surplus:
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(Vin# 1BA8NBXA3AF271180)
The minimum bid is \$5,000. This item will be available to the public or private schools for 30 days. March 20, 2024, after that, the surplus item will be offered to the public/destroyed or given to non-profit on March 21, 2024. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3pm on March 20th, 2024. Bids will be opened March 20th at 3:30pm. Bids are to be delivered to the Brewster School District Office located at 520 W Main Street Brewster, WA 98812. Published in the Quad City Herald on February 28, 2024. #7322

Public Notices

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of M. TERESA PUYEAR, Deceased. No. 24-4-00057-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:
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Date of First Publication: February 28, 2024
Personal Representative: Patrick S. Puyear Attorney for the Personal Representative: Russell J. Speidel Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 24-4-00057-04 /s/ Patrick S. Puyear PATRICK S. PUYEAR Personal Representative Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP By: /s/ Russell J. Speidel RUSSELL J. SPEIDEL WSBA No. 12838 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807 Published in the Quad City Herald on February 28, March 6, 13, 2024. #7330

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to time management.

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Answers: Events

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to time management. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = A)

A. 11 13 9 4 22 14 17 4
Clue: Intended timelines

B. 13 3 17 4 23 22 3 8
Clue: System of organizing days

C. 5 17 3 23
Clue: Proposal to do something

D. 22 7 11 2 8 3 13 2
Clue: Pull attention away

Answers: A. schedule B. calendar C. plan D. distract

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on February 9, 1987. I made my first TV appearance in an episode of "The Sopranos." I rose to prominence on "Friday Night Lights" and I was propelled to fame after a string of high-profile roles, including the antagonist in Marvel's "Black Panther."

Answer: Michael B. Jordan

SUDOKU

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!

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

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!

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

ANSWER:

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Kid Scoop Together

High-Flying Frogs

Felix and Finn Frog are seeing who can jump highest. Color in the spaces that add up to an even number. The frog with the most colored spaces is the winner.

FELIX FINN

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

Fun With Money!

Finley, Fabian and Fiona Frog each have \$30 to spend at the Spring Blossom Festival. They each made a list of things they want to spend money on at the Festival.



Take a look at the prices of the items each frog wants to buy. Then, use your math skills to answer the following questions:

1. Which frog will have the most money left over after buying everything on their list?

2. Which frog won't have enough money to buy everything on their list?

3. What items could this frog remove from their list to stay at or under \$30?

How many blossoms can you find on this page?

The Spring Blossom Festival is lots of fun, but you have to watch your spending! Help your froggy friends!

Fiona's List	Finley's List	Fabian's List
Lily Pad Launch \$5.00	Lily Pad Launch \$5.00	Tulip Train \$4.00
Honey Cookies \$3.50	Dragonfly Hat \$4.50	Honey Cookies \$3.50
Tulip Train \$4.00	Puddle Coaster \$6.50	Daisy Wheel \$6.50
Pond Popcorn \$2.75	Muddy Maze \$5.25	Pond Popcorn \$2.75
Swamp Cocoa \$2.50	Leafy Boats \$6.50	Dandelion Shake \$4.50
Buggy Balloons \$3.25	Pond Popcorn \$2.75	Petunia Chips \$3.25
TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$

Muddy Money Maze

Do the math to find out which path has the highest value.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Spending Spree

Frankie Frog LOVES munching on pond popcorn at the Spring Blossom Festival. A box of it costs \$2.75. Circle the coins that add up to that amount.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

Look-Alike Ladybugs

Faye Frog won a bunch of cute stuffed toy ladybugs at the Spring Blossom Festival. One of them is different from the rest. Can you find it?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Signs of Spring

Look through the newspaper and find five things that let you know it is springtime. Write the name of each in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow written instructions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Frieda Frog wants to buy a treat at the Spring Blossom Festival, but she can't remember how much is in her piggy bank. Can you count it for her?

Frieda has \$ _____ in her piggy bank.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate money amounts.

Double Double Word Search

- BLOSSOM
- BOATS
- BUY
- DANDELION
- FROG
- HAT
- HONEY
- LIST
- MATH
- MONEY
- MUDDY
- PRICES
- SPRING
- TULIP
- USE

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

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

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: **SPEND**

The verb **spend** means to pay out money to purchase items.

I plan how much money I'll **spend** before I go shopping.

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

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