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Initial tour of Swamp Creek drainage proposal shows promise

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – Director of Public Works Lee Webster addressed the city council’s regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21, regarding the latest developments with the city’s campaign to study the Swamp Creek drainage to Rat Lake along Paradise Hill Road.

FEMA has focused on that drainage as a flood threat to Brewster on its updated preliminary flood plain map and has designated about half of the city as various degrees of floodway.

Left unchallenged, that would impose onerous development restrictions in some areas and require property owners to carry flood insurance in others.

The city is answering FEMA’s advisory with its own study to demonstrate that Brewster can control and mitigate any potential flood danger coming from Swamp Creek with measures to reroute or impound any excess water and convince FEMA to remove its floodway label.

Webster said he had a very productive meeting on March 14 with representatives of the National

Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA, and DJ&A engineering, surveying, and environmental consultants from Missoula, Montana. The visit sets the stage for a Preliminary Investigation and Feasibility Report (PIFR) where specialists will examine the drainage to evaluate workable options that best meet the city’s goals.

“This will be a pretty good-sized project, probably \$10 million-plus,” said Webster. “It’s not a done deal yet, but I’m liking what I’m hearing.”

Webster said that over and

above the drainage area there is some additional watershed funding available.

“The folks from NRCS would like to go further up the draw toward Rat Lake to do more stream rehab work,” said Webster. “The whole goal is to keep water in that drain, so it filters through and recharges our aquifer. There is a very large trails component in this program as well and I would love to see a trail that goes up there and ties our trails together.”

“This is huge for our citizens if we can keep from having to have flood insurance,” said Director of Finance

Misty Ruiz. “I’m really proud of what the city is doing.”

“I might mention, too, that the PL-566 program for Swamp Creek is 100 percent federally funded,” Webster said.

The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention (WFPO) Program through the NRCS helps units of federal, state, local and federally recognized tribal governments (project sponsors) protect and restore watersheds.

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Pateros City Council approves community events, reviews infrastructure projects

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city council approved a facilities use request from the Pateros/Methow volunteer fire organization to close off Lakeshore Drive from 9 a.m. to noon on March 30 for kids’ safety during the second annual Easter Fair. The group also reserved the entire Memorial Park and Riverview Pavilion for its Easter egg hunt, scavenger hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, and other activities. The request was among the topics discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the city council on Monday, March 18.

Hog wild

The Columbia River Hog Chapter requested the use of Memorial Park from 10 to 11 a.m. for its Run for the Border Charity Motorcycle Ride

In his report to the council, city administrator Jord Wilson gave a progress update on several projects funded by government grants.

Pateros Mall Renovation

The Focus Committee for the Pateros Mall Renovation Planning Study met earlier this month. Ken VanVoorhis of SPVV Landscape Architects submitted a recommendation for



COURTESY OF CITY OF PATEROS

This old donated well house, damaged by a recent windstorm, has been removed by city maintenance staff.



COURTESY OF CITY OF PATEROS

Where the well house stood, a concrete ring has been installed with a lid that can serve as a picnic table.

Resolution dedicates Ives Landing Park for George Brady



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George Brady was a tireless advocate for Pateros. He served as mayor and city council member from January 2002 to June 2023. Ives Landing Park was Brady’s vision after the construction of Howard’s Hotel displaced a popular RV park next to the Super Stop. Ives Landing Park is one of the many projects Brady worked on as mayor and council member to make Pateros a better place to live, work, and visit. Brenda Brady served on the Pateros Tree Board and was a faithful Arbor Day volunteer for more than 10 years. The Bradys were strong advocates for the Tree City USA program and the community celebration.

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city council honored an outstanding example of one if its own at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 18, when it approved a resolution to dedicate Ives Landing Park in honor of mayor and council member George Brady for his services to the city for 22 years.

The resolution honoring Brady will be observed in a special ceremony at 190 Lakeshore Drive on Arbor Day, April 26, with a proclamation, guest speaker, tree planting, kids’ crafts and activities, and a BBQ.

The Arbor Day agenda for the day’s two-hour program features:

3:30 p.m. Hot dogs on the BBQ.

3:45 p.m. Welcome and Arbor Day Proclamation by Pateros Mayor Kelly Hook.

Ives landing park dedication to George Brady.

Mayor and council resolution.

Guest speaker: Roni Holder-Diefenbach, Executive Director, Okanogan Economic Alliance.

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Bridgeport council continues discussion on law enforcement contract

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – Citizen response from the March 25 public meeting held to discuss the steep cost increase for a 2024 law enforcement contract with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) kicked off the regular monthly meeting of the city council last Wednesday, March 20.

“In my opinion the city should not agree to the currently proposed interlocal agreement for law enforcement services,” said resident Leslie Robb. “It felt like the county is pressuring a small proportion of county residents to pay for an increase in countywide law enforcement costs. The increases need to be paid for by all the county residents.”

Robb’s comments mirrored an earlier one by council member Mike Bjornstad that drew the most applause from the audience at the public meeting.

“I said we needed a countywide

tax to fund the sheriff’s department,” Bjornstad told the Quad, “The commissioner stated that the county would be subsidizing the small towns for law enforcement. I stated that the small towns are subsidizing the county because of the extra fee they are paying over and above their property taxes.”

“I was excited to see the amount of people we had from the community,” said Mayor Sergio Orozco. “The feedback we got was very helpful and I’d like to see if we can more.”

Douglas County Commissioner Mark Straub, who attended the public meeting, told Orozco he learned new information about the issue from citizen input and heard several key points that he wants to take back to the other commissioners to help resolve the differences between the DCSO and the cities.

Council member Matt Schuh

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Bridgeport resident Leslie Robb

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Easter egg hunt

The Lake Chelan Eagles and Chelan Lions Club will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Don Morse Memorial Park. The egg hunt is for toddlers to Middle Schoolers. There will be a bike raffle and an Easter Basket and stuffed animals raffle. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 11 a.m. Pictures are \$5. The egg hunt is at 12 p.m.

For more information visit lakechelan eagles.com.

Easter brunch buffet

Lone Point Cellars in Brewster will host an Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Celebrate Easter with family and friends at our festive brunch buffet," the event page states. "Indulge in an array of delightful breakfast favorites."

For more information and to purchase tickets visit lonepointcellars.com.

Lost mummy escape room

The Omak Library will host the Lost Mummy Escape Room on Monday, April 1 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Pioneer room. "Join us the week of spring break for an exciting adventure to Egypt where you have discovered a lost mummy never before seen," the event page states. "Solve puzzles and riddles before the time runs out."

Mini piñata making

The Pateros Library will host a mini piñata making event on Wednesday, April 3 from 2-6 p.m. "Make your own mini piñata with us at the library," the event page states. "This is a two-day program; we will be creating the base one day and decorating it the next."

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Dog-Man party

The Okanogan Library will host a Dog-Man party on Wednesday, April 3 from 3-5 p.m. "Calling all Dog-Man fans," the event page states. "We are having a party celebrating the Dog-Man series by Dave Pilkey. Join us for games, crafts, snacks, and a chance to win a copy of the new release "Dog-Man: The Scarlet Shedder.""

For more information visit ncwlibraries.org.

Grizzly Bears one step closer to returning to North Cascades

NCW News
Ward Media

SEDRO-WOOLLEY - Federal agencies have taken a major step towards reintroducing grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystem in Washington state, where the bears have been functionally extinct for decades.

On Thursday, the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released their final environmental impact statement (EIS) evaluating options for restoring a grizzly bear population to the 6 million-acre North Cascades region. The agencies identified translocating a small number of bears from other populations to kickstart a new population as their preferred alternative.

"Today we celebrate our national parks as places where wildlife thrives and ecosystems are made whole," said Theresa Pierno, president and CEO of the National Parks Conservation Association.

"For years, NPCA has worked tirelessly to bring grizzlies back to their historic homeland. The planned return of the grizzly bear to North Cascades National Park is a symbol of the power of perseverance."

Under this proposed plan, biologists would capture grizzly bears from healthy source populations and release them gradually in remote areas of the North Cascades over several years until an initial population of around 25 bears is established. The reintroduced population would be designated as an "experimental" population under the Endangered Species Act, giving wildlife managers more flexibility in bear management.

"After years of advocacy the Upper Skagit Tribe looks forward to the day the great bear returns to the rugged North Cascades which our people previously shared with grizzlies for thousands

Award-winning Shea-Kim Duo to perform in Omak

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OMAK—The Shea-Kim Duo, comprised of violinist Brendan Shea and pianist Yerin Kim, will perform at the Omak Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m.

The husband-and-wife musical duo was formed in 2014 and has since won major accolades, including a Gold Medal from the Manhattan International Music Competition and the Ackerman Chamber Music Award. They have an extensive performance history, having played concerts in Belgium, Italy, South Korea, Canada, and across the United States.

Shea and Kim have released two critically acclaimed albums: "The Sounds and the Fury," featuring Dvorak and Grieg compositions, and "All Roads," which includes pieces by Beethoven, Schmittle, and Bach. International Piano Magazine has praised Yerin Kim for her "beautiful finesse and golden tone."

Brendan Shea began his career as a child prodigy, performing with orchestras and making his Carnegie Hall debut at just 11 years old. He is a highly sought-after violin soloist.

Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$10 for students, and free for children under 5. They can be purchased at Rawson's in Okanogan, Kelleys Printing in Omak, Tonasket Interiors, the Omak PAC box office, or online at omakpac.org. For more information, call 509-846-4773.

Studded tires must come off by March 31 deadline

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA – Springtime in the Pacific Northwest often signals blooming flowers and warmer days ahead. It also means Washington's deadline to remove studded tires is fast approaching.

Studded tires must be removed by the end of the day Sunday, March 31, to avoid a potential fine of \$137. The removal date falls on a holiday this year which could mean some shops are closed, so the Washington State Department of Transportation urges travelers to plan ahead now.

Studded tires are legal in Washington from Nov. 1 to March 31. There is no individual exception or "out of state waiver" to the studded tire dates. Tickets could be issued by the Washington State Patrol as soon as Monday, April 1. WSDOT does not issue tickets.

State law gives WSDOT the authority to extend the deadline when circumstances call for it, most commonly when a forecast indicates widespread snow and ice. While late season storms are possible in the mountain passes, there are no forecasted statewide conditions that would call for an extension to the deadline this year. For mountain travel, WSDOT recommends drivers use approved traction tires and carry chains to have handy if necessary. WSDOT crews will also watch weather closely and respond quickly to any scattered spring snow to keep travelers moving.

"We know that studded tires cause between \$20 million to \$29 million in damage to state-owned roads in Washington each winter and also damage city and county roads," said WSDOT Maintenance Operations Manager James Morin. "We urge travelers to explore all their traction options, including non-stud, winter-tread tires which are different from all-season tires. These tires are legal year-round and don't damage our highways."

Washington and Oregon share the same studded tire removal deadline. Other states may have different studded tire removal dates, but the Washington law applies to all drivers in the state, even visitors.

Speak Up for Grizzly Bears!

Grizzlies roamed Washington's North Cascades for thousands of years, but now none remain. Hunted, trapped, and poisoned, the bears were exterminated. We now have a plan—and a responsibility—to bring them back.

SCAN ME

Rural communities have coexisted and thrived alongside grizzly bears. Let's help bring back this iconic native species to the North Cascades.

Grizzlies Need our Help to Bounce Back

Bear recovery won't happen without us.

Remote Source Populations

Grizzlies are critically endangered in southern British Columbia and the population there is not healthy enough to expand on its own.

Habitat Fragmentation

Human development and geographical features block movement routes between Canada and North Cascades National Park.

Female Home Range

Female grizzlies stay close to their mother's home range, making it very unlikely they'll move back into the North Cascades on their own.

Relocation Works

Wildlife biologists have already successfully relocated grizzlies and are recovering bears in western Montana.

Learn more at:
www.northcascadesgrizzly.org/action

Brady

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4:15 p.m. Kids crafts and activities (seed planting, tree life cycle sheet, cotton swab tree planting, yard games).

5:30 p.m. Program concludes.

A special Saturday Service Day event at 4 p.m., May 4, will plant flowers in front of the

Pateros public library in honor of Brenda Brady.

Brady, 76, was running for reelection to the city council when he was diagnosed with and succumbed to cancer in June 2023. Brady's wife, Brenda, 77, succumbed to cancer on Dec. 17, 2023.

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How to Use Melatonin for Sleep

Several years ago, then-Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson shared his work ethic with the media: “The Separation is in the Preparation” and “No Time 2 Sleep”.

Preparation is a vital part of success, but when it comes to sleep, Russ got it wrong. You need to sleep!

Arianna Huffington, founder of the successful news website The Huffington Post and author of the books Thrive and The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time, has credited getting adequate sleep as the key to her success: “When I get enough sleep, I am better at everything.”

According to Ms. Huffington, Russell Wilson isn’t the only one who devalues the need for sleep. Many Americans consider the time spent sleeping as time NOT well-spent. And Amy Myers, M.D., physician and author of the book The Autoimmune Solution, insists, “Sleep is medicine.”

How much sleep should you get? According to the Sleep Foundation (www.sleepfoundation.org), most adults should get between 7 and 9 hours of sleep every

night. Like many Americans, I am guilty of not getting even.

According to a recent Pharmacy Times survey, the non-prescription sleep aids recommended most often by pharmacists contain diphenhydramine. However, for many older adults, diphenhydramine and its close relative, doxylamine, have significant drawbacks.

Agents like diphenhydramine are called sedating antihistamines. They help relieve allergy symptoms but are also used to encourage sleep because they cause significant drowsiness in most people. Sedating antihistamines may also cause dizziness, lightheadedness, blurred vision, urinary retention, dry mouth, constipation, and confusion.

If you have constipation, prostate problems, urinary retention, or take prescription sleep medicine, you should avoid diphenhydramine and doxylamine as sleep aids entirely.

A safer option is melatonin. Melatonin is a hormone that helps regulate sleep. It is produced by a tiny gland called the pineal gland in the center of your brain. Darkness stimulates its secretion, while

light inhibits it.

Your pineal gland is connected to certain nerves in your eye that sense light and dark. Epinephrine and norepinephrine carry these signals to the pineal gland. Melatonin secretion increases soon after dark, peaks between 2 and 4 a.m., and gradually falls during the last half of the night.

Your body makes melatonin made from tryptophan and serotonin.

Melatonin has been studied and found to be helpful in delayed sleep phase syndrome (trouble falling asleep) and reducing jet lag when traveling eastward through at least five time zones.

Unfortunately, melatonin is less effective in addressing jet lag when traveling westward and through fewer than five time zones.

When we hear the phrase “sleep like a baby,” we assume it refers to sleeping soundly. However, children younger than 3 months old and the elderly produce the least melatonin!

As we age, we also produce less melatonin. This may contribute to problems getting to sleep (sleep latency) or staying asleep. People with

though their equipment can look and sound scary.

- **When you hear a smoke alarm, get outside, and stay outside.** A smoke alarm will let you know if there is a fire in the home and make a loud ‘beep, beep, beep’ sound if there is smoke. Get outside until a grown-up says it is safe to go back inside.
- **Parents are also advised to practice fire drills using smoke alarm sounds and tell kids:** Stay away from hot things. Do not touch matches or lighters, or any other items that can be hot, as they are dangerous. Walk away and tell a grown-up if they see them.

For more fire safety information for families, contact the SFMO at (360) 596-3929.

Keeping preschoolers safe from fire dangers

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA—Young children, with their curiosity and limited understanding of risks, face particular dangers from fires and burns in the home. Local fire officials are urging parents and caregivers to take proactive steps to protect preschool-aged kids.

“It is important to have a plan when there are children in your home, because during emergencies children sometimes need help getting out of the house. Their ability to escape may be dependent on other occupants,” advised the State Fire Marshal’s Office

(SFMO).

While the relative risk of children 14 and under dying in a fire was 70 percent less than the general population in 2020 according to a U.S. Fire Administration report, officials say continued education is crucial. In Washington state last year, three children under age 10 perished in fires, accounting for 3.7 percent of fire fatalities.

The SFMO offers these messages for preschoolers:

- **Firefighters are community helpers** – They wear special clothes and equipment to help them stay safe from smoke and fire. Do not be afraid of firefighters even

Forest Service seeks nominees for Pacific Northwest Recreation Advisory Committee

NCW News
Ward Media

PORTLAND, Ore. – The U.S. Forest Service is seeking nominations for its newly formed Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC). The nomination period opened on March 18 and will remain open until May 17, 2024.

The 11-member advisory committee will provide recommendations to the Forest Service on recreation fee programs for federal lands in the Pacific Northwest region. This includes guidance on implementing or eliminating fees for amenities, special recreation permits, and other aspects of the fee program.

“The Pacific Northwest Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will play a

vital role in shaping the future of recreation fee programs for federal lands,” said Sally Butts, Director of Recreation, Lands, and Minerals, for the Forest Service’s Pacific Northwest Region. “This committee will contribute to the development of inclusive and impactful recommendations that reflect the interests of our diverse communities.”

The Secretary of Agriculture will approve committee members to represent various recreation and environmental interests, including motorized and non-motorized users, hunters and anglers, outfitters and guides, tribes, tourism officials, and local governments. Members will serve two—or three-year terms.

The Forest Service is encouraging self-nominations

and recommendations for qualified candidates representing underserved communities. Nominees should have experience with collaborative groups, working with diverse populations, and unique expertise related to their interest area.

Nomination packages can be submitted electronically to sm.fs.r6_rrac@usda.gov or by mail. Complete details and the nomination form can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/recreac.

The RRAC is being established under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Forest Service says it is committed to equal opportunity and non-discrimination in all committee appointments.

Here are 5 Tips on Using Melatonin:

1. Match the dose and formulation with your insomnia type.

Try an extended-release form of melatonin for trouble staying asleep. The short-acting form seems best for people with trouble falling asleep (sleep latency).

2. Think ahead.

Take melatonin 30-60 minutes before bedtime to give it time to work.

3. Consider taking melatonin if you are on a beta blocker medicine.

Drugs like metoprolol, propranolol, atenolol, and carvedilol often interfere with the signaling between your eyes and pineal gland, suppressing melatonin secretion.

4. More is not better.

Start with a dose of 3mg or 5mg of melatonin daily. Doses greater than 5mg are not usually effective. To minimize side effects, avoid using



melatonin with other sleeping pills.

5. Take the lowest dose that works.

I suggest starting with half a dose of any new sleeping pill in case it affects you more than you expected it to. If you’re not sleepy within 30 minutes, go ahead and take the other half.

We all need 2 sleep. Sweet dreams!

Dr. Louise Achey, Doctor of Pharmacy, is a 45-year veteran of pharmacology and author of Why Dogs Can’t Eat Chocolate: How Medicines Work and How YOU Can Take Them Safely. Check out her website TheMedicationInsider.com for daily tips on how to take your medicine safely. ♥2024 Louise Achey

Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept Report



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Douglas County March 17

0:57:24 Domestic Disturbance, 945 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
17:06:39 Accident No Inj, 2 Moe Ct, Bridgeport Bar
20:09:40 Civil, 2400 Tacoma Ave# 7, Bridgeport

March 18

17:41:21 Sex Offense, 501 Eash St, Waterville
18:10:37 Assist Public, 2400 Tacoma Ave# 11, Bridgeport
18:35:22 Harass/Threat, 501 Eash St, Waterville

March 19

19:08:23 Animal Problem, 8 Moe Ct, Bridgeport Bar

March 20

2:35:41 Animal Problem, 98 Grange Rd, Bridgeport

12:43:43 Traffic Offense, Sr 17 Mp 133, Bridgeport
12:50:54 Welfare Check, 415 N Greene St, Waterville
19:58:12 Suspicious, 100blk E Birch St, Waterville

March 21

14:09:34 Assault, 109 13th St, Bridgeport
Brewster Police Department

March 15

08:27:33 Civil S 3rd St, Brewster
18:00:14 Hemorrhage W Griggs Ave, Brewster
19:05:17 Vin Inspection Lakeview Way, Brewster

March 18

09:05:41 03/18/24 Alarm Burglary Highway 97; Brewster

March 20

11:21:11 03/20/24 Alarm Other

Hospital Way
14:02:19 03/20/24 Agency Referral
19:47:46 03/20/24 Violate Order Selkirk Pl, Brewster

Okanogan County Sheriff March 15

15:32:47 Civil Pioneer Rd Brewster
17:06:42 Welfare Check Jack Wells Rd, Bridgeport

March 16

14:53:46 03/16/24 Noise Complaint North Star Rd, Brewster

March 17

15:06:06 03/17/24 Accident Hitrun North Star Rd, Brewster

March 21

22:20:48 03/21/24 Domestic Disput Riverside Dr, Pateros

THINK HAM AND EGGS, ONLY WITH BANKS.

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Governor signs bill expanding property tax exemption for seniors and disabled

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA - Governor Jay Inslee signed House Bill 2375 into law on Friday, expanding a property tax exemption to senior citizens and disabled individuals living in detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The legislation, introduced by Representative Keith Goehner (R-Dryden), aims to increase affordable housing options for vulnerable populations in Washington. Under the new law, qualified seniors and disabled persons residing in detached ADUs will now be eligible for the same property tax exemption previously available only to those living in attached ADUs or the primary residence. “Washington state has an affordable housing issue. This new law increases housing options for those who may be struggling to find affordable housing,” said Rep. Goehner. “It is important to note it does not affect property taxes. This also makes the exemption policy more uniform. Attached ADUs already receive a property tax exemption.” The bill was inspired by one of Goehner’s constituents, who is on a fixed income and providing housing to a relative with limited financial means. Goehner emphasized the importance of acting on such proposals from constituents to address pressing issues like the state’s housing crisis. “Many of the best ideas for legislation come from our constituency,” he stated. “I am pleased the Legislature took action and is giving those who may be struggling with finances or housing costs some additional options. If we have the opportunity to provide more affordable housing for low-income individuals, we need to take action given our state’s housing crisis.” The property tax exemption expansion under House Bill 2375 will take effect on June 6, 2024, 90 days after the legislative session adjourned.

Counties required to adopt security system

By MARY MURPHY
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Under a bill Secretary of State Steve Hobbs endorsed, all counties are required to install “Albert Systems,” a technology that notifies counties when there is an attempted cybersecurity attack. Even though ballot-counting machines are not connected to the Internet, election data is often circulated on Internet communication channels. Technology like the Albert System can help protect the security of county records by monitoring any attempt to manipulate, intercept, or tamper with data transmitted through these channels. While 36 of 39 counties across the state already use this system, the counties that don’t have expressed concern about requiring this technology. Lincoln County officials, for example, spoke to its use of the Albert System and its potential flaws.

“Lincoln County became a victim of a ransomware attack in 2020,” Rob Coffman, Lincoln County Commissioner, said. “At the time, it had Albert Systems monitoring the county network. That attack brought the county to its knees for months, costing tens of thousands of dollars.” Coffman said the third-party non-profit which runs Albert Systems, the Center for Internet Security, never notified the county of the attack. The version of the bill that passed requires counties to install the Albert System specifically. “We all want secure elections,” Tom Gaines, Grant County Commissioner, said. “We all want to make sure that the people in our communities know that their data is safe, but we shouldn’t be forced to put something into our data center that sits outside our firewall, that we’re not allowed to ask about, and that we don’t get a dashboard to

see what’s going back and forth.” Others, however, say this legislation is necessary and timely. “We are under threat from seen and unseen vulnerabilities within our election systems, and in Washington State,” prime sponsor, Sen. Joe Nguyen, D-White Center, said. “Thanks to the leadership of our secretary of state, we figure by example. But we are not immune to the dangers that cast a shadow over the safety of our own votes.” Nguyen described an instance last fall when an attempt was made across our state to compromise the systems. “Not all of these attacks are as obvious, but it’s a stark reminder of the fragility of our democracy,” Nguyen said. Hobbs, as well as his office personnel, added that attacks happen on a daily basis, more than we know, and that outside threats like “Russia and China” must be considered.

Washington state law states that counties are given power to decide how they handle their internet security, but this law tweaks that. “Part of it is ensuring that the fortification of our election security systems is consistent across Washington state, and that we have a centralized area for us to review some of the protocols and testing the equipment as well,” Nguyễn said. “Oftentimes, I think local jurisdictions for a variety of reasons are able to have their own methodologies, but in certain cases, it’s good to make sure that there’s an extra level of check.” Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall spoke in support on behalf of the Washington State Association of County Auditors, stating that Washington’s election security is “only as good as our weakest link.” Hall said a portion of the bill she appreciates puts counties on a timeline to certify their election results. While no counties in Washington State have ever done this, lawmakers, Hobbs and Hall recognized that this has been an issue across the country in the past, specifically as it relates to “stolen elections.” “There are a lot of disinformation campaigns that are targeting election officials, but it’s a sobering reality that bad actors have been elected to positions like mine,” Hall said. “So, this bill will ensure that valid election results will be certified and that there are consequences for someone trying to disrupt our election process.” The bill requires election results to be transferred from counties to the secretary of state by certification deadlines. Deadlines can vary for each election cycle.

Blending education and technology a goal for Wellman



COURTESY OF SENATE DEMOCRATS
Sen. Lisa Wellman, R-Mercer Island, speaks on the floor of the Senate in Olympia.

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - On the last Monday morning of the 2024 legislative session, Washington State Sen. Lisa Wellman’s office brimmed with sunlight, an early peek at spring, as she sipped tea from a white mug. Her office is full of her macro photography. As a creative outlet, Wellman likes to go to junkyards and photograph bolts and screws that have rusted. On her website, she calls this nature’s revenge of rust. It is a hobby inspired by her career in technology and an embrace of creativity. “I think it’s interesting to find beauty in unexpected places,” Wellman said. Although she seems at home in the Legislature, this Democrat from Mercer Island never planned a career in politics. Wellman said she always thought of herself as a corporate wife, supermom, and “hostess with the mostess.” Raising a family, she sewed all the drapes in her house, made a canopy bed, and was a Girl Scout leader. As a homemaker, she also frequently volunteered in her children’s schools and was referred to as a “room mother.” One day, she told her husband that all she had heard from their kids was, “Hi Mom, bye Mom,” and that she was ready to get a job. Her husband worked in tech, and she became an assembly programmer until Apple eventually recruited her. “It was not cheek to be a geek,” Wellman joked. She worked in technology for 25 years, but her first job was as a public school kindergarten teacher. Much of her work during her eight years in the Senate lies at the intersection of education and technology. “I really think that we’re in the midst of this transformation of the education system,” Wellman said. “As of this year, I can also tell you that it is the paramount duty of the state.” Wellman said the state is not fully funding education. She is a proponent of keeping up with AI in the classroom so that when kids graduate, they will have what they need to thrive in a 21st-century digital economy. Wellman suggests that teachers can learn a lot by thinking critically about how students use AI. Teachers can understand their students’ thinking patterns by checking what students search for and the questions they ask. She highlights the increasing number of tech jobs, particularly in Washington, and emphasizes that failing to adapt would disadvantage children. One of her bills a number of years ago re-created the Broadband Office service, which provided internet access to rural communities.

“I can’t think of practically anything that I am not seeing that will not require us to have a very clear concept of what computers do and how they do it,” she said. Wellman characterizes herself as a systems-oriented individual. She explained that her work during the legislative session was not just about one specific bill or priority for this session. Instead, she said all aspects of working together, much like how a computer functions smoothly, is what truly makes a difference. This session, one bill about competency-based education was introduced but failed to pass. She said that is a shame. Competency-based education focuses on students mastering specific skills and knowledge at their own pace rather than progressing based on traditional grade levels or time spent in the classroom. She points to a wildly successful alternative high school in Issaquah that used a competency-based system. “More and more kids want hands-on education,” Wellman said. And it’s not new. I mean, it’s the way humans have learned from the very beginning.” She says books are what’s new, and kids don’t want to read a book and take a test. They want experience-based learning. Wellman attended a conference in Finland a few years ago about Ed Tech and AI. She talked to teachers and principals visiting schools and went to a teacher preparatory college, and she found the preparatory college is constantly in communication with schools to see what their needs are. The teacher-preparation college can adapt and evolve to address the evolving needs of students. Through this process, they discovered a greater demand for specialized training in teaching children with special needs. She highlights March 2020 as a turning point when every child had access to a computer at home, and education moved online. She emphasized the importance for teachers to adapt to such changes. She said she believes this shift is mostly beneficial and will enable Washington children to remain in their home state and secure employment opportunities. “No matter where in the world I have ever gone, I can tell you that I have never met a mother who did not want their children to get married and stay in the community,” Wellman said. “People would love to have their kids find jobs in the state of Washington, and more and more jobs are in tech.”



COURTESY OF SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE
Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, who backed legislation to require additional security systems for county elections, speaks before an audience.

Officers will soon be allowed to work part-time

By ASPEN ANDERSON
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Washington remains 51st in the nation for police officers per capita, and one answer to that problem might be allowing officers to work part-time. SB 5424, sponsored by Sen. John Lovick, D-Mill Creek, awaits the governor’s signature. “The idea behind these flexible work schedules is... intended to increase the diversity in Washington law enforcement,” Lovick said. “To increase the presence of female officers and to retain senior officers who have a lot of value to provide but cannot maintain a standard 40-hour work week.” His goal is to have a 30% increase in female officers by 2030. Not all officers will qualify for flexible work schedules. This law applies to general and limited authority law enforcement officers and requires an officer to have an unspecified number of years of experience before qualifying. To protect the workforce from becoming part-time, the flexible work-hour program is available for only 3-5 years for each officer. Until now, officers had to work full-time to maintain a position title, but many argue that this is an outdated requirement. “This would have been valuable to my family,” said

the police chief for the City of Algona, James Schrimpscher. “This has been a long time coming, and this is something that is needed for our profession.” Chief Michelle Bennett from the Edmonds Police Department said she was forced to retire in 2021 when she became a single parent to four young children. Six months later, she returned to the department after finding childcare. “I desperately wish I did not have to take that six months of time away from the retirement system, as it had pretty negative ramifications,” Bennett said. “I know a number of officers who have babies or just had babies who are trying to come back to work. I have folks that are retired that are looking for something to do.” Sue Rahr, the previous executive director of the Criminal Justice Training Center, said she came to testify to put a “human face” on the experience of being a police officer and trying to raise a family. After having her second son, she said she was exhausted all the time and became a lousy employee until she rebounded when her children entered grade school. “I worried about keeping my job because I did not know what the rules were. There really weren’t any,” Rahr said. “I have been waiting 38 years to see my profession evolve so that it becomes more manageable for all police

officers who are managing family responsibilities.” No one testified against the bill, but some raised concerns about officers’ collective bargaining rights. Collective bargaining covers things like pay, benefits, hours, time off, workplace safety, and finding a balance between work and personal life. Monica Alexander, the current executive director of the Criminal Justice Training Center, said the bill language should be amended to protect these rights. “We have single fathers, single mothers, raising children, and maybe this is a great opportunity for them. They can still do their job but have a flexible work shift,” Alexander said. “There is a lot of stress in the law enforcement

community, and being able to maybe cut their hours down sometimes can give them the break that they need to take care of their wellness.” No police training requirements will change for part-time officers. This bill will take effect 90 days after the session has ended. “It’s time we look at different ways of doing things,” Lovick said. “With the current recruitment and retention difficulties our departments are experiencing, we shouldn’t be forcing good officers to retire because of inflexible work schedules.” The Washington State Journal is a non-profit news website funded by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation.



COURTESY OF SENATE DEMOCRATS
Sen. John Lovick studies a proposal at his desk on the floor of the Senate.



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GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Mar. 19:	Brewster 13, Tonasket 16; Loss
Mar. 19:	Bridgeport 24, Manson 5; Win
Mar. 19:	Waterville-Mansfield 18, Quincy 18; Win
Mar. 21:	Brewster 15, Bridgeport 0; Win
Mar. 21:	Bridgeport 0, Brewster 15; Loss
BOYS SOCCER	
Mar. 19:	Brewster 1, Okanogan 2; Loss
Mar. 21:	Brewster 2, Bridgeport 3; Loss
Mar. 21:	Bridgeport 3, Brewster 2; Win
Mar. 21:	Pateros 0, Tonasket 2; Loss
BASEBALL	
Mar. 18:	Bridgeport 0, Omak 32; Loss
Mar. 19:	Brewster 14, Tonasket 0; Win
Mar. 21:	Brewster 30, Bridgeport 0; Win
Mar. 21:	Bridgeport 0, Brewster 30; Loss
Mar. 21:	Waterville-Mansfield 2, Cascade 16; Loss

Schedule

BOYS BASEBALL	
Mar. 28:	Brewster vs. Oroville; Away, 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport vs. Lake Roosevelt, Home, 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 28:	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Quincy; Away, 4 p.m.
Mar. 30:	Brewster vs. Okanogan; Home, 11:30 a.m.
Mar. 30:	Brewster vs. Okanogan; Home, 1 p.m.
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Home, 11 a.m.
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Home, 1 p.m.
Mar. 30:	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Riverside Christian; Away, 11 a.m.
Mar. 30:	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Riverside Christian; Away, 1:30 p.m.
Apr. 1:	Brewster vs. River View, Home, 1 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Mar. 28:	Brewster vs. Oroville, Away, 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport vs. Lake Roosevelt, Home, 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 28:	Pateros vs. Soap Lake, Away, 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 29:	Brewster vs. Tonasket; Home, 3 p.m.
Mar. 29:	Brewster vs. Tonasket; Home, 5 p.m.
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Home, 11 a.m.
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Home, 1 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER	
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport vs. Pateros; Home, 4 p.m.
Mar. 28:	Pateros vs. Bridgeport; Away, 4 p.m.
Mar. 30:	Brewster vs. Bridgeport; Away, 4 p.m.
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Brewster; Home, 4 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK	
Mar. 28:	Waterville-Mansfield at Bridgeport 4 pm
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport League Meet, Home, 3:30 p.m.
Mar. 29:	Brewster at Cashmere, 4 p.m.
Mar. 28:	Pateros at Bridgeport, 3:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS	
Mar. 27:	Pateros vs. Tonasket; Away, 4 pm

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Roman Martin
Boys Track Senior

Pateros

Pateros High School senior Roman Martin shined in his first ever track and field meet at the March 14th Bridgeport Jamboree. The multi-sport athlete placed second in the 400-meter dash (56.15) and third in the 800-meter run

(2:21). Martin's coach, Edgar Guzman, praised his "incredible work ethic" and respectful attitude. Though new to the sport, the senior's dedication has teammates excited about his potential this season.



COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF/
BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bridgeport's Alfredo Rivera, 3, receives a throw but not in time to beat the Omak runner on base during early season action on March 18 at the Mustangs' home field. The 1A Pioneers won the non-league game.



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Brewster's Cole Aparicio crosses home plate while in the background a teammate beats a throw sliding into second base during a 30-0, five-inning league game against visiting Bridgeport last Thursday, March 21. The Bears defeated the Tigers at Tonasket, 14-0, in six innings in their season league opener March 19.



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Brewster's Grace Becker, No. 4 right, receives a team welcome after bouncing a home run over the fence during a 15-0 three-inning league win against visiting Bridgeport last Thursday, March 21. The Lady Bears have split their two early season league games, including a close 16-13 loss at Tonasket on March 19.



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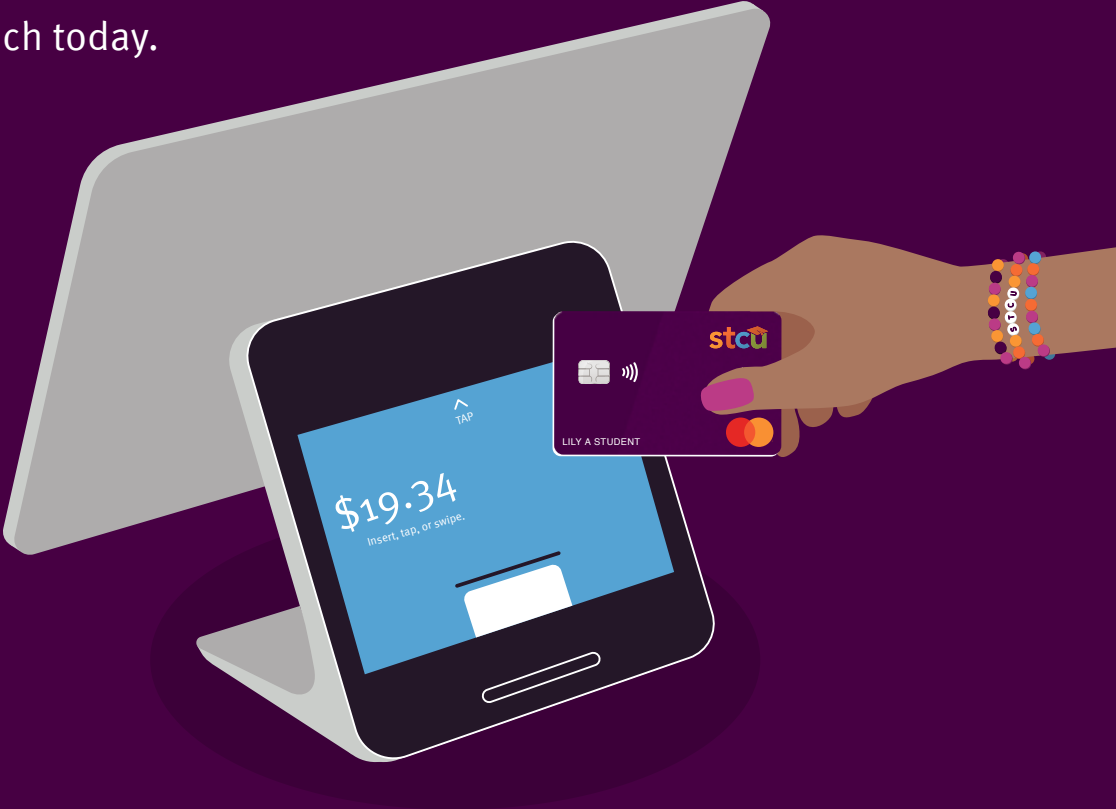
Brewster senior Dave Hampe, left, hands the relay baton to freshman teammate Bryan Santos during practice last week. Hampe's results in the March 14 season opening Bridgeport Jamboree included first in the 400 meters and fifth in the 200M. Santos placed eighth in the 400M.

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Community Bulletin Board

Brewster March 27, 29

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March 27-30, April 1-6

Senior Center Thrift Store

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Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations accepted when they are open. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

March 28, 29, 31

American Legion events
Brewster American Legion Bingo holds 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 also offer daily lunch specials except for Mondays

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and Saturday when they are closed.

April 3

American Legion Auxiliary to meet

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

April 3, 17

American Legion meeting

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.

April 10

Brewster Chamber to meet

The next general meeting of the Brewster Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, April 10, 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.

April 11, 18

Brewster bus trips

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

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April 17

Death Cafe 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.

Douglas County PUD meetings

April 2, 16

The next meeting of

the Douglas County PUD Commission is at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. The commission now meets the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information douglaspubd.org

Okanogan

April 8

Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee

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.

April 9, 23

Okanogan County PUD meeting

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

Wenatchee

April 9

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

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

April 15

Family and friends Support Group

Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran

WDFW opens applications for Wildlife Diversity Grants

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announced that it is now accepting applications for Wildlife Diversity Grants to fund projects aimed at protecting the state's most vulnerable wildlife species.

With approximately \$1 million available for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, WDFW plans to award between 8 to 12 grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000 each. The grants are open to public, nonprofit, academic, and tribal organizations working on projects to benefit imperiled species in Washington state.

“WDFW’s new Wildlife Diversity Grant Program is an exciting step forward in our ability to support recovery actions for a suite of at-risk species in Washington,” said Jenna Judge, WDFW wildlife diversity assistant division manager. “We’re thrilled to have the opportunity to fund projects that accelerate our work with conservation partners to implement recovery actions for Washington wildlife

and gather necessary data to inform land use and habitat management decisions.”

Grant applications are due by May 5, and project work will take place between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. WDFW will host a virtual information session for prospective applicants on March 28.

The new grant program was made possible by funding from the Washington State Legislature aimed at restoring biodiversity. WDFW anticipates this will be an ongoing funding source for continuing the grant program in future years.

“By increasing the scope and scale of conservation actions, we can recover imperiled wildlife and may prevent the need to list a species as threatened or endangered,” said Hannah Anderson, WDFW wildlife diversity division manager. “Through this grant program, we’re excited to fund actions that will help stem the tide of biodiversity loss and contribute to healthier wildlife populations.”

The WDFW website provides full details on eligibility, the application process, and the March 28 webinar.

WSDA opens \$2 million grant program to boost local food infrastructure

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA - The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) announced it is accepting applications for \$2 million in grants to strengthen local food supply chains and market access across the state. The Local Food System Infrastructure grants will provide funding from \$10,000 to \$75,000 to farmers, ranchers, food businesses, and organizations working to expand Washington’s regional food systems.

“Small farms, ranches, and food business entrepreneurs play an important role in maintaining Washington’s vibrant and robust local food system,” said WSDA Director Derek Sandison.

Eligible projects include those focused on post-harvest handling, aggregation,


processing, manufacturing, storage, distribution, and sales of locally sourced food products. Grant funds can be used for physical infrastructure like processing facilities and business planning.

The state legislature approved the \$2 million funding pool to bolster collaboration and linkages across Washington’s local and regional food supply chains. An additional \$1.5 million in federal coronavirus relief funds is also available for specific meat processing projects.

Applications are open now through April 17. Full program details and application materials are available at agr.wa.gov/grants or by emailing localfoodinfrastructure@agr.wa.gov. The grant program is part of WSDA’s broader Focus on Food Initiative, which promotes safe, sustainable food production and distribution statewide.

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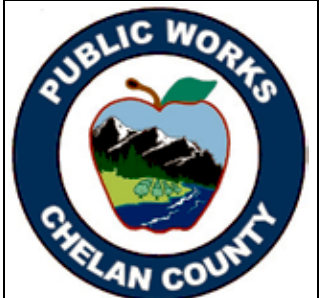
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Employment

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Public Works-Truck Driver/Laborer
The Chelan County Public Works Department seeks applicants for a Truck Driver/Laborer in the Leavenworth District. The duties include a wide variety of maintenance activities, such as flagging; performing manual labor; driving trucks with pups, sanders and plows; paving and chip sealing; and/or operating light and heavy equipment. The salary range is Step 4 at \$25.65 per hour up to Step 9 at \$32.44 per hour. Starting salary is Step 4 at \$25.65 per hour. Employees receive an ANNUAL progression of steps until reaching Step 9. Work includes opportunities for overtime. The position includes a state retirement system, with a deferred comp program available. Health insurance package includes Medical, Dental, Vision and county contributions to a personal health savings account. Typical work schedule is four 10-hour days during the summer and five 8-hour days in the winter. Includes 10 holidays and 2 or 3 floating personal holidays (dependent on hire date). This position requires a Washington State Driver's License, Class A CDL with Tanker Endorsement. We prefer candidates have current First Aid/CPR and flagging cards, but we will work with you to obtain within 4 months of employment. Applications and a detailed job description are available at the Chelan County Human Resources Career Opportunities page: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/human-resources/jobs>
The application, letter of interest and resume must be returned to the Chelan County Human Resources Department, 400 Douglas Street, Suite #201, Wenatchee, WA, 98801, or emailed to human.resources@co.chelan.wa.us no later than April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Help Wanted

Utility Maintenance Worker (Full-Time, Weekends Required)
The City of Leavenworth, an equal opportunity employer, is now accepting applications for the position of Utility Maintenance Worker.
This position is full-time/permanent, union covered, and requires weekends. Salary range is \$5,073 - \$5,713 per month.
Requirements:
Minimum 18 years of age and Washington State driver's license with record acceptable to the City. Position will require a pre employment drug/alcohol screening and physical evaluation. This position requires a CDL which means individuals will be subject to applicable federal regulations, including random drug testing.
Individuals must be able to work weekends, holidays, and required overtime. Duties involve assistance in basic maintenance and repair of, which includes but is not limited to, garbage and cardboard collection, streets and roadways, sidewalks, ROW maintenance, buildings and structures, municipal water distribution system, sewer and stormwater collection system, cemetery grounds, headstones, restrooms, and which includes but is not limited to the scope of functions and duties listed. The typical schedule is five days per week; although, schedules may vary to support requested needs of the City. Weekend work will be required to accommodate the work demands and service requirements of the City in order to ensure safety, cleanliness, and aesthetic appeal, as well as to meet public needs and standards. The full job description, job application, and instructions on how to apply are available at City Hall, 700 US Hwy. 2, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, online at www.cityofleavenworth.com, or by contacting us at (509) 548-5275. First review date for submitted application(s) is Friday, March 22, 2024. Position will remain open until filled.

Brewster School District is Hiring!
• HS Science Teacher
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Please see www.okanoganpud.org for job description and requirements; and submit application with resume. Okanogan PUD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Douglas PUD has an opening for:

- Hydro Electrical Engineer I

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

The Okanogan Co. Tourism Council is seeking a part-time Contractor.
Must be detail oriented and a self-starter with strong organizational and communication skills, and a team player who is comfortable in a support role. Must enjoy working on a variety of projects in a fast-paced positive environment and work closely with the Board of Directors to help complete the goals of the OCTC/DMO. Must be highly resourceful and have the ability to plan and implement requirements to achieve goals. Position requires the ability to work from home. Please call for a full job description 509 826-5107 or email to info@okanogancountry.com ask for Carolyn.

The City of Leavenworth is hiring for:

- Accounts Payable-PRSA Clerk
- Permit Technician
- Building Official
- Utility Maintenance Worker
- Seasonal Parks Maintenance Workers
- Seasonal Lifeguards and Swim Instructors

Details at cityofleavenworth.com/employment/. EOE

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Rentals

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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