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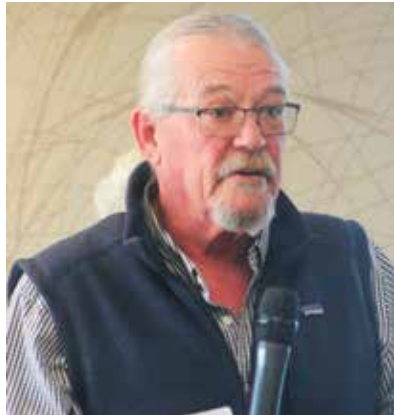
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Summit tackles shortage of affordable workforce housing



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By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OMAK – Adequate, accessible, and affordable workforce housing is a problem plaguing communities in Okanogan County and communities across the country. Businesses starving for employees, schools short of teachers, and understaffed medical facilities are daily reminders that the need for workers is proportional to their success in finding places to live.

To address this crisis, the Economic Alliance hosted a four-hour housing summit on March 25 at the 12 Tribes Casino conference room, bringing together agencies and specialists from state and local housing resources to

share ideas about what can be done locally to meet housing demand.

Representatives from the state Department of Commerce (DOC), USDA, Okanogan County Planning Department, Central Washington Homebuilders Association (CWAHA), CCT Tribal Planning, and Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) were among the panelists who brought their best to the discussion to the table. Economic Alliance Executive Director Roni Holder-Diefenbach opened the meeting.

“Back in 2017 we held our first housing summit post wildfire...and gathered a lot of great information on our housing market. Now we are back post-COVID,” said Holder-Diefenbach

“In a world where the cost of living continues to rise, it is imperative that we come together to find sustainable solutions for housing that are affordable for our workforce.”

Economic Alliance chair and contract planner Kurt Danison of Highland Associates shared his perspective.

“I work for a number of cities around Okanogan County and virtually every one of them has issues with housing – primarily workforce housing,” Danison said.

Methow Housing Trust (MHT) Executive Director Danica Ready, Chief Operating Officer Simon

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Salmon and Steelhead Advocates Celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Mid-Columbia Habitat Conservation Plans



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

The 20th Anniversary of the Mid-Columbia Habitat Conservation Plans was celebrated at Rocky Reach Dam, one of the three dams committed to the 50-year no net impact goal.

By TAYLOR CALDWELL
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – Senator Cantwell, Representative Schrier, leaders of Yakama & Colville Tribes, NOAA, U.S. and Washington State Departments of Fish and Wildlife, and Chelan and Douglas County

PUDs gathered at Rocky Reach Dam on Mar. 29 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Mid-Columbia Habitat Conservation Plans.

“I’m delighted to be here 20 years later, to see the progress, to see the measurable results, to see the collaboration and the friendships that have taken place in this

particular part of the United States. Trust me, a lot of people could learn from the example set by these agencies, by these organizations, by these people, all to work together for the betterment of salmon and our region,” said Sen. Cantwell.

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Pateros approves TIB grant for Commercial Avenue project



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

The city’s new array of charging stations are conveniently located along Commercial Avenue.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city council held a special meeting on Monday, March 25, to approve a significant grant from the state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to fund improvements to Commercial Avenue.

The \$881,239 grant—which includes \$100,000 of city match funds—has been in the planning, application, and approval stages for ten years.

Commercial Avenue is the delivery door to businesses, customer parking, pedestrian access, and the primary traffic

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Chelan, Douglas counties switching to new emergency alert system

NCW News
Ward Media

Chelan and Douglas counties are set to switch to a new emergency alert system called Everbridge. The new system, which is already in use by neighboring counties such as Grant, Okanogan, and Kittitas, will send emergency alerts via text, email, or voicemail in both English and Spanish.

Sgt. Jason Reinfeld of Chelan County Emergency Management emphasized the importance of the switch, stating, “By utilizing Everbridge, we will create emergency alert uniformity in the region, which will boost reliability in those circumstances when we need it the most.”

The Everbridge system will be used to send alerts for emergencies such as evacuations and potential safety hazards like boil water orders. Sgt. Tim Scott of Douglas County Emergency Management added, “This new system will help us send alerts more efficiently. It equips us with

the tools to effectively communicate important information with the public during emergencies and other critical situations.”

Users who were previously registered with AlertSense, the former emergency messaging system, will have their information automatically transferred to Everbridge on April 1. Citizens not registered to receive emergency alerts are encouraged to sign up online for Chelan County or Douglas County alerts or download the Everbridge mobile app.

With wildfire season approaching, Sgt. Reinfeld recommends that everyone keep their cell phone location turned on to ensure they receive emergency notices quickly, even if they are not signed up for Everbridge.

The switch to Everbridge is expected to improve the efficiency and reliability of emergency communication in Chelan and Douglas counties, helping to keep residents informed and safe during critical situations.

Salmon in the Classroom introduces students to fish life cycles

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

NESPELEM – Elementary classrooms in Pateros, Brewster, Bridgeport, and Pateros are among eight area schools where not only students but salmon thrive as well. It is all part of the “Salmon in the Classroom” program where the Chief Joseph Hatchery (CJH) is giving each school 150 to 200 fish eggs so students can learn about the life cycle of salmon.

Colville Tribes Fish & Wildlife Public Relations Specialist Michelle Campobasso describes the hands-on learning experience.

Under the supervision of teachers, students care, feed, and monitor the eggs as they watch them grow from fish eggs to fish fry. Once the fry are big enough the students get to release

them into Columbia River tributaries or the main stem Columbia.

“Salmon eggs were brought to schools when the students returned from their winter breaks,” said CJH senior fish culturalist Ricardo Angel. “Fish are placed in their respective tanks, and we provide some information about the salmon and a table where teachers and students can enter daily temperatures and record their temperature units. If the salmon absorb their yolk sac completely, we provide some feed to keep the salmon sustained until they are ready to be released.”

CJH, located below Chief Joseph Hatchery in Bridgeport, was completed in May 2013 to increase spring, summer, and fall chinook salmon in the Okanogan and Columbia

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COURTESY PHOTO

Joseph Hatchery introduces salmon into area elementary schools.

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Dungeons and Dragons at the Library

The Omak Library will host Dungeons and Dragons at the Library on Thursday, April 4 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

"Join others in your quest to seek out adventure and glory," the event page states. "Each week will be a new quest to challenge our young adventures. This program is designed for children and accompanying adults."

Live Music with Nic Allen

Sigillo Cellars in Chelan will host live music by Nic Allen on Saturday, April 6 from 6-9 p.m. "Join Sigillo Cellars for

live music in our dining room every Saturday from 6-9 p.m.," the event page states. "Enjoy wine flights, glass pours and light fare from our Public House while watching local artists perform."

Omak Writing Group

The Omak Library will host the Omak Writing Group on Monday, April 8 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room. "Each week we will share our works in progress, challenge yourself with a story prompt, and talk about the different aspects of writing," the event page states. "This will be a great chance to improve your writing and to get constructive feedback

from other writers as well."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Line Dancing at the Manson Grange

The Manson Grange Hall will host line dancing on Monday, April 8 from 5-9 p.m. "Add some fun to your life every Monday night by participating in Line Dancing at the Manson Grange," the event page states. The event has a \$5 attendee donation that is used to maintain the Grange facility. To find out more about the Manson Grange, visit their website at mansongrango.com.



5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Bridgeport Toddler Rhyme/Story Time

The Bridgeport Library will host Toddler Rhyme/Story Time on Friday, April 5 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. "Join us for a fun hour of

stories, songs, rhyming and crafts," the event page states. "This program is geared towards toddlers and pre-school ages, but everyone is welcome."

For more information visit nculibraries.org.

Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept Report

This report is compiled from records provided by the Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept. The publisher cannot certify the complete accuracy of the information provided.



Douglas County March 22

19:53:40 Traffic Offense, Sr 17 & Pearl Hill Rd, Bridgeport 20:22:08 Runaway, 106 Sunset Way, Waterville

March 23

13:05:56 Rec Stolen Veh, 204 S Rainier St, Waterville 19:15:32 Disturbance, Short St & S Mansfield Blvd 19:56:21 Domestic Disturbance, 30 S Mansfield Blvd, Mansfield

March 24

1:02:28 Domestic Disturbance, 1510 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport 1:33:40 Accident Injury, 1800blk Rd 4 Nw, Waterville 01:44:17 Suicide Threat, 1631 Raymond Ave, Bridgeport

18:19:32 Animal Problem, 27 Mccormack St, Bridgeport

March 26

00:02:44 Domestic Disturbance, 217 E Poplar St, Waterville 8:07:28 Domestic Disturbance, 331 16th St, Bridgeport 8:36:59 Cps/Aps Refer 1445 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport

March 27

06:28:28 Traffic Offense, Sr 173 Mp 10, Bridgeport

March 28

9:25:34 Parking/Abandon, 1400 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport 12:47:26 Sex Offense, 1220 Kryger St; Bridgeport Brewster Police Department March 24 01:07:23 Agency Assist

Douglas Ave, Bridgeport 14:40:48 Animal Stray, S 7th St, Brewster

21:22:46 Suspicious, N 4th Ave, Okanogan 21:31:21 Domestic Dispute S 4th St; Parking Lot, Brewster

March 25

06:43:12 911 Abuse, Hospital Way, Brewster

Okanogan County Sheriff March 22

16:28:34 Fraud, Highway 153, Pateros

March 23

15:22:15 Citizen Assist Starr Rd, Pateros

March 24

21:31:21 Domestic Dispute S 4th St; Parking Lot, Brewster

Pateros School District announces TK and Kindergarten registration

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PATEROS - The Pateros School District has announced that registration and screening for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year will take place on Thursday, April 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Pateros School Library. To be eligible for TK enrollment, children must be at least 4 years old by September 1, 2024. Parents of children who attended Pateros TK in the previous year do not need to re-register for the upcoming school year.

Parents are advised to bring their child, along with their immunization records, birth certificate (optional), and social security card (optional) to the registration. To schedule

an appointment, parents can call 509-923-2343 ext. 2.

In addition, the Pateros School District is conducting Child Find activities to identify, locate, and evaluate students with suspected disabilities within the district boundaries. These activities are designed for children not currently

receiving special education and related services. Parents who have concerns about their child's health, hearing, cognitive functioning, language, learning, movement, serious behavioral needs, speech, or vision are encouraged to contact Sheri Mortimer, Special Education Director, at 509-923-2343 ext. 342.

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NCW Libraries celebrates National Library Week April 7-13

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WENATCHEE - North Central Washington (NCW) Libraries is inviting everyone in its five-county service area to participate in National Library Week celebrations from April 7-13. The library system, which operates 30 branch locations across Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan, and Ferry counties, offers a wide range of resources, including books, movies, educational programs, book clubs, arts and crafts classes, author talks, movie nights, and weekly story times.

Executive Director Barbara Walters expressed her gratitude to the dedicated staff and volunteers who transform the libraries into vibrant centers of learning and connection.

In addition to its branch locations, NCW Libraries features a community bookmobile, a unique Mail Order Library, and Latinx and STEM outreach services.

National Library Week, first started in 1958, is an annual observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries nationwide. The week also includes celebrations for Right to Read Day, National Library Workers Day, National Library Outreach Day, and Take Action for Libraries Day. NCW Libraries will be highlighting its services and staff members throughout the week on its Facebook and Instagram pages. For more information, visit www.ncwlibraries.org.

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OBITUARY

Margaret Sue Riggan Lubash



Margaret Sue Riggan Lubash, known to family and friends as Sue or Susie, was born in Sheridan, Arkansas on January 22, 1941 to Roy and Laura Mae Riggan. Sue passed away peacefully in her home in Bothell on Friday, March 22, 2024. She lived a full life, guided by her faith and the love of

family, friends, and her community. Although born in Arkansas, at a young age she moved to Brewster, WA with her parents and 9 siblings, where the family began their successful apple business. She was always surrounded by a large, loving family, and her uncles doted on her as a baby, nicknaming her the "Rose of Sheridan." Sue graduated from Brewster High School before moving to Seattle to work, where she met Kay Cowan who would become Sue's lifelong friend. Sue married Frank Lubash on April 29, 1961 in Seattle, WA. They had 5 children, Bob, Kathy (Russ-deceased), Gin (Brad), Laura (Ciara), and Larry. Sue had 12 grandchildren: Brett (Kristin), Adam (Heidi), Kyle (Traci), Drew (Polin),

Lauryn (Jake), Marlene, Amanda, Luke, Jamie (Tallon), Karly (Jonny), Leah (Ryan) and Zack, 2 great-grandchildren: Kate and baby girl Lubash (arriving this Spring), and Piper, as well as her adored pups, Cinnamon and Belle. She is also survived by her beloved siblings, sister Reba and brother Jerry (Camille) of Brewster, and brother Bob (Margo) of Wenatchee. Sue's family was her pride and joy, especially her grandchildren. She stayed in touch with her relatives, calling, visiting, and travelling with them her whole life. She loved them with all her heart, and was loved by those whose lives she touched. Sue was community-minded, especially when it came to improving the lives of

children. She spent years coaching youth soccer and softball, acting as a Camp Fire leader, and was a board member of the Mountlake Terrace Youth Athletic Association. She spent countless hours in her children's schools and in PTA activities. She was passionate about education, particularly when her son, Larry, was born with a disability. She became active in promoting quality public education for all students, serving on the Edmonds School Board for 2 years and the State Educational Service District Board for 8 years. Her love of children and focus on education impacted the lives of many families, as she worked tirelessly as an advocate. What Sue loved most in her life was sharing experiences with

the grandkids. Special memories include "The Grandkids' Convention" which she held yearly. They travelled to places like the ocean, Birch Bay, or even her house, where the grandkids would be loved on, spoiled, taken on outings, and hold a talent show. For many years, it was the highlight of her and the grandkids' summer. As a mom and grandma, she also attended as many school programs, concerts, plays, graduations, and sporting events as she could, and was always our #1 fan. Sue worked as a grocery store clerk for Olson's, then QFC, for almost 20 years before retiring. She made many friends, co-workers and customers alike. Customers would actually wait in line so they could specifically talk to her. Sue's life touched so many. She leaves behind a legacy of love and

caring that will continue in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and other family and friends who knew and loved her. She is now at peace, having gone to meet her Heavenly Father and reunite with those who have passed before her.

A memorial and reception for Sue will take place at Bothell United Methodist Church at 2pm on Saturday, April 13. The church address is: 18515 92nd Ave NE, Bothell, WA, 98011.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Provail, an organization committed to supporting people with disabilities to fulfill their life choices, in which Larry is very active. Mom would be honored to have you donate to an organization so dear to her heart.

Link to donation page: <https://give.provail.org/campaign/575012/donate>

Federal court redistricting ruling shakes up Washington State legislative districts, faces Republican criticism

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA - In a development impacting Washington State politics, the Ninth Circuit Court has dismissed an emergency motion to stay a federal court decision regarding legislative district boundaries in Central Washington. According to a March 15 mandate from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, this move paves the way for immediate changes to the state's legislative districts. The controversy stems from a lawsuit, *Palmer v. Hobbs*, which led to a directive from the district court to redraw district maps, specifically citing violations of the Voting Rights Act. Judge Robert Lasnik's ruling last August highlighted discriminatory practices against Latino voters, prompting a reevaluation of district boundaries established

in 2021. The redrawn maps notably displace five Republican legislators, including Latina State Senator Nikki Torres, without affecting any Democratic lawmakers. The redistricting efforts focus primarily on districts 14 and 15 in Central Washington, where significant changes are expected to alter the political landscape. The Ninth Circuit's refusal to grant a stay means these adjustments will be enforced in time for the 2024 election cycle. Republican State Senate and House leaders have expressed frustration and concern over the decisions. Senate Republican Leader John Braun and House Republican Deputy Leader Mike Steele expressed profound disappointment with the Ninth Circuit Court's dismissal. They argue that the redrawn maps compromise the political representation of

Latino voters in the Yakima Valley rather than enhance it. Particularly contentious is the relocation of Senator Torres, the first-ever Latina senator in Central Washington, out of her district. The Republican leaders assert that the new maps contravene the principles of fairness and non-partisanship that are supposed to underpin redistricting efforts. They argue that the changes appear to favor partisan interests over equitable representation and call for the matter to be escalated to the United States Supreme Court. "We are profoundly disappointed by the Ninth Circuit Court's decision on the emergency motion to delay these district changes," Braun and Steele stated in a joint press release. "What's even more troubling is the district court's decision on March 15 to alter these maps doesn't seem

to address the claimed core issue, namely the dilution of the political voice of the Latino electorate in the Yakima Valley. The new map results in fewer eligible Latino voters in the area and moves their elected representative, the first-ever Latina senator in Central Washington, entirely out of their district. Braun and Steele continued, "Federal Judge Lasnik's new maps turn the principles of the federal Voting Rights Act upside down, and it should be appealed all the way to the United States Supreme Court. Redistricting should prioritize fairness and adhere to non-partisan principles while following constitutional and Voting Rights Act requirements. However, in this case, the district court's actions seem to contradict these principles. The extensive changes to legislative maps appear to prioritize partisan



COURTESY PHOTO
House Republican Deputy Leader Mike Steele (left) and Senate Republican Leader John Braun.

interests over fairness. It is imperative that our electoral processes promote fairness for all constituents. We believe these district map changes fail to meet that standard." The recent court rulings underscore the complexities and controversies surrounding redistricting, particularly

when it intersects with the imperatives of the Voting Rights Act and the political dynamics of state legislature compositions. As these new maps take effect, the discussions and debates they spark will likely influence Washington State politics for years to come.

Flywheel Investment Conference 2024 to showcase six promising startups competing for over \$250,000 in funding

NCW NEWS
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - The Flywheel Angel Network has announced the six finalists set to compete at the highly anticipated Flywheel Investment Conference from April 17-19, 2024, in Wenatchee.

These innovative companies will vie for a share of over \$200,000 in angel investment awards, with an additional \$50,000 relocation offer and a \$5,000 fan favorite prize up for grabs. The conference, now in its seventh year, offers a unique platform for education,

networking, and exploring support for emerging companies. Attendees can expect a jam-packed agenda featuring educational workshops, a diverse speaker line-up, and the conference's signature "shark-tank style" investment competition. The six finalists, selected

from a pool of 71 applicants, represent a wide range of industries and solutions: **Brief** Brief is a pioneering platform dedicated to simplifying everyday contracts for small and emerging businesses. By democratizing contract

data, Brief equips businesses with the insights needed to comprehend uncommon clauses, transforming the way agreements are understood and negotiated. With support and recognition from Techstars Boulder last fall, the University of Chicago Alumni New Venture Challenge,

and the San Diego Angel Conference, Brief has already welcomed pilot companies, demonstrating its efficacy in streamlining contract processes. Brief is poised to launch to new customers in Q2-24. **Dopl Technologies** Rural areas have a higher mortality rate than urban areas. A primary reason is

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Shortage

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Windell, and board member Don Linnertz, discussed community specific models to address unique housing needs in the Methow.

MHT grew out of the county Long Term Recovery Group organized in the wake of the 2015-16 state record wildfires. MHT began with the bold vision to build 100 new affordable homes in the Methow Valley in 20 years.

"I'm happy to say that we are ahead of schedule and will have 100 homes in 13 years," Linnertz said.

Ready explained the concept behind a community and trust home. The community invests in the land, stewards it in perpetuity, and builds homes on it that homeowners own. The resale restriction is 1.5 percent per year meaning the homeowner gains equity at that set rate. The equity rate does not increase or decrease with market forces. That means that at the end of a decade that homeowner may have about \$40,000 or \$50,000 in equity relative to the original cost of the home.

The MHT has a wait pool of 65 families needing homes

and it keeps growing every year.

"Part of what is important about that is when somebody wants to sell their house, we just go direct to the next person in the wait pool," said Ready. "There are no market forces determining the most eligible buyer."

MHT cashes out the seller for the accrued equity and the home becomes available for the next in line. The housing trust model is helping to meet Methow housing needs.

Ready explained a recent cost-share agreement with the Housing Authority of Okanogan County (HAOC) where both sides benefitted. HAOC needed apartment housing in the Methow. That required land and affordable infrastructure. MHT had the land and was able to provide the infrastructure at a lower cost than public funding sources mandated. The cost-share agreement allowed HAOC to reimburse MHT at cost for infrastructure.

HAOC Executive Director Nancy Nash-Mendez then secured an \$8.5 million grant from the DOC to build the apartments. Groundbreaking starts next year.

The Methow Conservancy recently purchased 1,200

acres of agricultural and riverfront land some of which is convenient to Winthrop. MHT's next project is working with the Conservancy to see what housing opportunities can work there.

To date MHT has:

- 49 homes in Mazama, Winthrop, and Twisp combined.
- 51 homes in the pipeline to be finished by 2029-30.
- Acquired properties "shovel ready" for contractor.
- A contractor relationship with an average building cost of \$230/sq. ft.
- Private funding to avoid development delays.

MHT has developed an approach that is answering its community housing needs. The challenge is whether that model can be applied to other parts of the county.

Conducting Needs Assessment, Planning and Feasibility panelists Anne Fritzel, DOC Housing Section Manager, Winthrop Planner Rockylyn Culp, and DOC Community Engagement Specialist and former Twisp Mayor, Soo Ing-Moody discussed state housing data, Housing Action Plans, and planning grants for local governments, tribes, and non-profits.

Ing-Moody encouraged a closer look at the diverse programs within the DOC that can help small communities with funding for planning, infrastructure, and other housing components.

Fritzel reported on results of a DOC 2022 housing survey in which most respondents wanted more state government help to provide diverse and affordable workforce housing and walkable neighborhoods.

How to get Project Ready panelists Char Schumacker, Okanogan County's Natural Resource Senior Planner, Haley Cohen, Colville Confederated Tribal Planning, and Danison, dealt with public infrastructure, zoning and permitting requirements, capacity building/technical assistance, and legislative advocacy.

"Infrastructure is not free," reminded Danison. "It's astounding - \$85,000 in public infrastructure for one single family home."

Danison touched on the many obstacles, costs, and players involved in housing construction that, despite available land and the demand for homes, make a project difficult to complete. He cited an example of a Moses

Lake developer who wanted to build a 250-home project in Omak. After penciling out the costs it proved to be unworkable.

"He couldn't afford the infrastructure, couldn't afford the cost of construction and, most importantly, he couldn't afford the local labor," said Danison who stressed the need for cooperation and support between builders, funders, and regulators.

"The best way we are going to solve housing problems in our county is through partnerships," said Danison.

Anna Marie Dalbey, managing broker of The Dalbey Team in Brewster, expressed her frustration over an Omak tract of 15 shovel-ready home lots in search of a contractor willing to build there.

Danison also mentioned the new updated FEMA flood maps that are designating more property, especially along the rivers, as 100-year floodplain.

Funding and networking panelists Robert Foster, managing director of Courage Housing, Trudy Teter Single Family Housing Director for USDA's Rural Development, and Darrell Lewis, managing director of Trio Residential,

discussed home loans for workers moving toward home ownership, federal and state government programs for development of workforce housing, and private financing and philanthropy.

Courage Housing (couragehousing.com) specializes in refugee housing and homes for new Americans.

Trio Residential (thinktrio.com) offers innovative ways to finance home ownership.

Teter discussed two USDA home purchase programs, the 502 and guaranteed loan.

Business Builds Okanogan panelists Andi Hochleutner (CWA) and Jay Roberts, owner of Cascade Homes and board member of CWA and the BIAW spoke about home construction from the contractor's point of view, and housing options for business.

"A lot of the best practices addressing workforce housing are being done right here in Okanogan County in the Methow Valley," said Holder-Diefenbach following the summit. "The rest of the communities need to tap into those resources; they are here, available, and willing to help."

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Anniversary

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20 years ago, Rocky Reach, Rock Island, and Wells Hydro Projects committed to a 50-year habitat conservation plan, or HCP, to achieve a no net impact on mid-Columbia salmon and steelhead runs.

HCPs are long-term agreements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, that guide the protection of threatened or endangered species through habitat conservation, rehabilitation, or habitat development.

Established in 2004, Mid-Columbia HCPs were the first hydropower HCPs in the nation.

The plans' efforts include bypass systems, strategic spill over dams, off-site hatchery programs and evaluations, and habitat restoration work in local tributaries. The plan was a result of collaborative effort by the PUDs, state and federal fisheries agencies, environmental organizations and tribes.

"Today is a celebration of the partnerships that were close to a decades old priority carried by the intent of the Habitat Conservation Plans... This intent means that the river systems and fishery that sustain Yakama people would be healthy and abundant, like they were with resources reserved under the Treaty

[of 1855]," said Christopher Wallahee, a Tribal Council Member of Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

Jarred-Michael Erickson, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and biologist, also spoke about the value and the success of the collaboration, as well carrying the work on to further efforts to hold federal dams to the same accountability as the local PUD standards, work on partnerships in Canada to add further protections on the Upper-Columbia.

Chelan PUD's HCP requires Rocky Reach and Rock Island dams to achieve 91 percent combined survival rates for adult and juvenile salmon. In a summary of the project survival, Spring Chinook Salmon had a combined survival rate of 93.85 percent at Rock Island Dam, and 92.52 percent at Rocky Reach Dam.

"Indigenous knowledge and perspectives that [the tribes] bring to the table with this agreement, make us smarter in our decision making, and it holds us accountable to work harder to fulfill our trust responsibilities," said Jennifer Quan of NOAA.

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The anniversary celebration hosted the agencies and organizations that pioneered the nation's first hydropower habitat conservation plan.



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Chelan PUD General Manager Kirk Hudson presents an award to Jarred-Michael Erickson, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Flywheel

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that specialists who diagnose and treat diseases are concentrated in urban areas, forcing rural patients to travel long distances, receive care late, or forgo care altogether. Dopl's solution is a telerobotic ultrasound system that enables specialists to perform non-invasive ultrasound exams on patients in a different location. Expected benefits include increased patient access to care, improved patient outcomes, and increased revenue and decreased costs for hospitals.

FlyX Technologies

FlyX has developed a patented wireless power charging system to enable drones to use existing powerline infrastructure and charge their onboard batteries. This enables drones to achieve unlimited range and true Beyond Visual Line of Sight flight. FlyX drones are able to tackle large-scale problems such as inspection and monitoring of powerlines, pipelines, roadways, railways and gather data to create a predictive maintenance and analytics platform. FlyX customers are infrastructure asset owners who are able to fix the issues and mitigate risks

before they pose any threat cost-effectively, safely, and more frequently than current methods.

OneCourt

OneCourt brings live sports entertainment to 250 million fans with visual disabilities by translating gameplay into trackable vibrations. Most fans today rely on the radio, but it's delayed and often fails to convey spatial detail like ball and player movement. We've worked with the community to design a haptic game-board that conveys gameplay in real-time. Whether in the stadium or at home, fans can watch the game with their fingertips.

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The SleepVibe

SleepVibe was created

to help a loved one who was struggling with health and sleep issues. It is estimated that one third of the adult population in the USA, about 70 million people suffer from sleep issues. SleepVibe is dedicated to helping people to get more deeply restful sleep so they can live lives with joy and connection.

Hundreds of attendees from across the Pacific Northwest, including angel investors, venture capitalists, startup mentors, business leaders, and professionals, are expected to converge in Wenatchee for this event. All-Access tickets, covering all three days of conference

activities, are available to the public for \$299.

The Flywheel Conference is presented by Ogden Murphy Wallace, Confluence Health, and Microsoft, and is organized by the non-profit NCW Tech Alliance, which also serves as a facilitator for the Flywheel Angel Network. The FLYWHEEL CONFERENCE 2024 FUND LLC, led by Jenny Rickel, will manage this year's investment awards.

For more information about the Flywheel Investment Conference, including the event agenda and ticket purchases, visit flywheelconference.com.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Scoreboard

Brewster
Victoria Contreras
Girls Track and Field Senior



Victoria set a personal best in both the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles at the Ray Cross meet on Saturday, March 23rd. She placed 8th in the 300 hurdles with a PR of 52.78. This time places her at #6 in the State for 2B athletes. Way to go Victoria!

Brewster

Cort Gebbers
Boys Track and Field Senior



Cort set school record in the shot and discus at the Ray Cross track and field meet, held in Ephrata on Saturday, March 23. His shot put performance of 56'3" set a meet record, a personal record and ranks him as the top shot put thrower in the State of Washington, all classification. His Discus throw of 168'10" also was a personal record as well as placing him at #2 in the State of Washington, all classification. Cort won the State shot put championships last year with a throw of 50'6"

Angei Valdovinos
Girls Softball Senior **Bridgeport**



Angei Valdovinos, a senior at Bridgeport High School and captain of the softball team. Valdovinos had a heroic performance in the March 26 game against Waterville, blasting a game-winning grand slam to lead her team to victory. Her clutch hitting and leadership on and off the field make Valdovinos a deserving

recipient of this honor as she wraps up an impressive high school softball career. Bridgeport High is proud to celebrate this talented student-athlete who has represented the school admirably through her dedication, sportsmanship, and performances like Tuesday's walk-off grand slam.



COURTESY BRAD SKIFF/BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgeport's Rosalinda Hernandez clears a hurdle on the way to fourth place in the 100-meter event during last Thursday's home meet with Pateros, Manson, Lake Roosevelt, and Cascade (Leavenworth).

BASEBALL	
Mar. 26:	Brewster 8, Okanogan 1; Win
Mar. 26:	Bridgeport 7, Waterville Mansfield 27; Loss
Mar. 26:	Waterville-Mansfield 27, Bridgeport 7; Win
Mar. 28:	Brewster 24, Oroville 5; Win
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport 0, Lake Roosevelt 7; Loss
Mar. 28:	Waterville-Mansfield 7, Quincy 22; Loss
Mar. 30:	Brewster 7, Okanogan 4; Win
Mar. 30:	Brewster 6, Okanogan 8; Loss
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Manson XX; Win/Loss
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport vs. Manson XX; Win/Loss
Mar. 30:	Waterville-Mansfield 1, Riverside Christian 16; Loss
Mar. 30:	Waterville-Mansfield 5, Riverside Christian 15; Loss
GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Mar. 26:	Brewster 0, Okanogan 17; Loss
Mar. 26:	Bridgeport 21, Waterville-Mansfield 5; Win
Mar. 26:	Waterville-Mansfield 5, Bridgeport 21; Loss
Mar. 28:	Brewster 22, Oroville 4; Win
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport 5, Lake Roosevelt 21; Loss
Mar. 29:	Brewster 9, Tonasket 7; Win
Mar. 29:	Brewster 14, Tonasket 24; Loss
Mar. 30:	Bridgeport 7, Manson 0; Win
BOYS SOCCER	
Mar. 26:	Brewster 5, Pateros 0; Win
Mar. 26:	Bridgeport 1, Okanogan 0; Win
Mar. 26:	Pateros 0, Brewster 5; Loss
Mar. 28:	Bridgeport 4, Pateros 0; Win
Mar. 28:	Pateros 0, Bridgeport 4; Loss
Mar. 30:	Brewster 2, Manson 1; Win

Schedule

BOYS BASEBALL	
Apr. 6:	Brewster vs. Tonasket; Home, 11 a.m.
Apr. 6:	Brewster vs. Tonasket; Home, 1 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Brewster vs. Liberty Bell, Home, 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Bridgeport vs. Moses Lake Christian, Home, 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Pateros vs. Waaterville-Mansfield, Away, 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Pateros, Home, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Apr. 9:	Brewster vs. Liberty Bell, Home, 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 8:	Mansfield-Waterville vs. Wenatchee, Away, 4 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER	
Apr. 6:	Bridgeport vs. Omak, Away, 1 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Brewster vs. Liberty Bell, Away, 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Bridgeport vs. Manson, Home, 4 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Pateros vs. Okanogan, Away, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACK	
Apr. 9:	Brewster @Cashmere, 4 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Bridgeport @Brewster, 4 p.m.
Apr. 9:	Pateros @Brewster, 4 p.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS	
Apr. 8:	Pateros vs.Oroville, Away, 4 p.m.

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COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF/BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgeport's Jonathan Montiel, right, heads the ball during a home game against Okanogan last Thursday, March 28. Both the Mustangs' varsity and JV teams won their games.

Wulf scores 1,068 career basketball points despite COVID

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER - Senior basketball standout Brady Wulf cleared the COVID-19 hurdle to join the elite rank of Bears' players who have scored 1,000 or more points in their high school career. The pandemic that cancelled much of the 2020-2021 basketball season was more effective than the best opposing defense at holding Wulf to only 50 points scored in an abbreviated eight game schedule.

Despite that first-year setback, Brady made up for it during his remaining three

years to end his high school career with 1,068 points.

- 21-22 - 233 points, 27 games
- 22-23 - 313 points, 28 games
- 23-24 - 472 points, 24 games

Total: 1,068 points, 87 games
It turns out that Wulf could have been benched for his entire first year and still reached the 1,000-point threshold with 18 points to spare. Head coach Michael Taylor presented Wulf with a commemorative ball at the basketball awards ceremony in the high school commons last week.

Wulf is the first Bears' player to score 1,000 points since 2019-20 when senior

Corey Jarrell and the late Cade Gebbers passed the coveted milestone.

Jarrell cleared the mark late in the season in a game against Tonasket.

At the end of an outstanding junior year, Gebbers punctuated his game-high 34-point performance in Brewster's state championship win over Life Christian Academy to score his 1,000th career point. Gebbers averaged 20.7 points per game in 2019-20 and earned 2B Player of the Year honors.

Over the years since 1977, 30 Brewster Bears have made the list of 1,000-point players.

Former boys' basketball head coach Tim Taylor compiled a roster of both boys and girls standouts. In order of point totals, they include:

BOYS 1,000 POINTS		
2004	David Pendergraft	2,311
1977	Dale Smith	2,302
1985	Mike Boesel	2,021
1999	Johnny Gebbers	1,906
2006	Michael Taylor	1,683
1977	Roger Boesel	1,596
2014	Easton Driessen	1,572
1989	Bryan Boesel	1,500
2016	Josh Hammons	1,371
2016	Timbo Taylor	1,325
2019	Joe Taylor	1,274
2011	Stockton Taylor	1,258
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1992	Jerrod Riggan	1,139
1980	Eric Driessen	1,132
2009	Wade Gebber	1,123
2020	Corey Jarrell	1,088
2017	Edgar Najera	1,086
2005	Hawkins Gebbers	1,077
2024	Brady Wulf	1,068
2010	Eli Driessen	1,065
2020	Cade Gebbers	1,000+
GIRLS 1,000 POINTS		
2003	Jeni Boesel	2,728
2007	Kayla Evans	2,164
2014	Chandler Smith	2,149
2013	Becky Mae Taylor	1,420
1991	Jennifer Riggan	1,420
1984	Pam Tradeup	1,272
2005	Kaylan Crane	1,252
2003	Rachel Crane	1,230
1990	Kristy Brown	1,076



COURTESY OF BREWSTER SPORTS FACEBOOK
Brewster senior Brady Wulf, left, holds his 1,000-point commemorative basketball presented to him by Bears head coach Michael Taylor.

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Brewster April 3, 5, 10

Senior meals served Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at Senior Center and home delivery

The Senior Center is serving meals at noon at the center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. For those over age 60 \$5. For those 60 and under \$12. April 3: Oven Fried Chicken, Twice Bake Style Potatoes, Chuck Wagon Corn, Cuke / Tomato Salad, Grapes, WW Roll, Dessert; April 5: Lemon Baked Fish, Wild Rice, Chalet Vegetables, Coleslaw, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic Bread, Dessert; April 10: Hearty Turkey Noodle Soup, Cottage or String Cheese, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Cornbread, Dessert.

April 3-6, 8-13

Senior Center Thrift Store

The Brewster- Pateros-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.

April 4, 5, 7

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 offer daily lunch specials except for Mondays and Saturday when they are closed.

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

Wenatchee

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 Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

April 16

Douglas County PUD meetings

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

May 1

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.

Chelan

April 3-4, 8-11

Chelan Valley Hope

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Visit Chelan Valley Hope at 417 S. Bradley Street Monday - Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Hope provides services at no cost to individuals and families in need. They are a local nonprofit serving Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Waterville, Entiat, Bridgeport, Mansfield, and Orondo. Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Or visit their website and follow them on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest Hope news and updates @ChelanValleyHope. Donations are welcome and can be left during business hours, or give them a call and they'll gladly make arrangements. More information at chelanvalleyhope.org including a Donate Button.

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.

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Okanogan

April 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

May 1 deadline

OCSRA Scholarship

The Okanogan County School Retirees' Association has announced it is offering a \$2,000 college scholarship for an Okanogan County high school graduate. To be eligible, applicants must be at least a college junior working towards initial certification in an education field and must plan to work in public schools. The application deadline is May 1. Applications are available at wwsra-units.org/okanogancounty For more information, contact Rita Figlenski at rifafig2@gmail.com.

May 13

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.

Fish life cycles

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rivers. Since then, millions of smolts have been released each year from the hatchery and its three acclimation ponds. The hatchery provides salmon for tribal ceremonies, subsistence for tribal members, and recreational fishing.

In recent months, CJH staff

have been busy caring for thousands of fish eggs, ponding (releasing) fish fry, feeding, marking, and transferring fish from the hatchery to the acclimation ponds located along the Okanogan River,

"We have been ponding and moving fish around as they grow in size," said Angel. "We move them from incubation trays to troughs and then to raceways, getting them to size so we can run them through our marking and tagging process."

The salmon must have their yolk sacs checked before ponding to make sure the sacs are absorbed.

"If they are ready to be ponded, we collect a sample into a mason jar and look at it from the bottom," said Angel.

"This gives a visual of what their bellies look like and if the yolk is mostly absorbed. We use temperature units that help us determine when the alevin have reached the fry stage."

Once the fish are fry size they are ponded into troughs. Each trough holds about 50,000 fish. At fry stage, the fish are marked and/or tagged as they are run through an automated system prior to being released. Marking fish this way helps fishermen and fisheries managers identify that it's a hatchery fish.

Salmon smolts will be released this month from CJH and the acclimation ponds.

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Nightly Grind:

Knowing When to Invest in a Night Guard



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By NAPS

While mouth guards are nearly ubiquitous with athletes, more and more people of all kinds are similarly protecting their teeth with night guards. When and whether you need a night guard, though, isn't always obvious.

If you've been waking up with a sore jaw or if your dentist notices signs of teeth grinding—known as bruxism—or if you are under a lot of stress and anxiety, or if you take certain types of medicines, you may develop issues which can often be corrected by wearing a night guard.

"Night guards are a great appliance to help minimize the effects of bruxism, including tooth chipping or other damage caused by grinding and clenching," said Kyle Dosch, DDS, Delta Dental of Washington's dental director and member dentist.

If bruxism is left untreated it can lead to jaw problems,

tooth loss, and damage to your cheeks. If a dentist diagnoses you with bruxism, they may suggest you use a night guard to help alleviate further damage.

Benefits to wearing a night guard

Wearing a night guard can have a host of benefits:

Protects your teeth: Night guards can stop damage to your teeth before it starts, including damage to fillings, cracking or chipping teeth.

Prevents headaches: People with bruxism can get frequent headaches because of the pressure of grinding or clenching their teeth all night long.

Less jaw pain: Grinding your teeth takes work. You use your jaw muscles, and all that activity at night can cause you to wake up with jaw pain.

Night guards can be custom-made at the dentist's office or purchased over the counter at a drugstore. Over-the-counter

night guards come in two types: a one-size-fits-all type you put on directly out of the box or a boil-and-bite version, which helps create a moderately customized version.

Dental experts say your best choice is the custom-made option. Your dentist will make a night guard using impressions of your teeth that fits your mouth better than a store-bought version. While custom-made night guards are more expensive, they also last longer and are often more comfortable than over-the-counter versions. Delta Dental of Washington's Plus Ortho Plan covers night guards provided by a dentist.

Learn More

For further information about oral health, visit Delta Dental of Washington's blog at www.deltadentalwa.com/blog. For more information about Delta Dental of Washington's plans that cover night guards, visit the website at www.deltadentalwa.com.

TIB grant

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collector off US 97. The street has a transit stop for two lines and newly installed electric vehicle & bicycle charging stations. It supports delivery vans and trucks, recreation vehicles (trailers, boats, RVs, campers, motorcycles), pedestrians, and bicyclists. The street is wide, straight, long, and speed-friendly. It needs visual landscaping, tenant signs, and way-finding features for pedestrians and vehicles visiting mall businesses.

The campaign began with the downtown redevelopment plan following the 2014

Carlton Complex wildfire that destroyed 111 homes in and around the city. Landscaping, access, parking, and signage improvements to the Commercial Avenue corridor included a new Recreation Base Camp sign to replace the current large panel version.

In February 2022, a stormwater landscapes and signage plan proposed stormwater collection landscapes of boulders, logs, native stones, and grasses similar to those along Lakeshore Drive near the downtown pump station.

In February 2024, the city submitted a schematic plan and TIB funding application for Commercial Avenue from

Lakeshore Drive on the west end to S. Dawson Street on the east end. It featured all the components for the upgrade, from ADA ramps and lighting to new signage and designated parking. On March 22, the project received TIB approval in its first selection round.

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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.



Douglas PUD has an opening for:

- Hydro Electrical Engineer I

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



Director of HR and Communications JOB ADVERTISEMENT CITY OF CHELAN, WASHINGTON
The City of Chelan's Administration Department is accepting applications for the position of Director of Human Resources and Communications.
The monthly income range for this position is between \$9,299 and \$11,303 (\$53.65 to \$65.21 per hour). Benefits include retirement, medical, dental, and vision insurance, paid vacation, holidays, and sick leave. Application materials are located on the City's website:
<https://cityofchelan.us/Jobs>.
Open Until Filled. First review 4/8/2024. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Brewster School District is Hiring!

- HS Science Teacher
 - HS Part-Time Alternative Teacher
 - School Speech & Language Pathologist
 - Elementary Teacher Positions
 - Principals Opportunities
 - Athletic Director
- Applications may be obtained on the district website, www.brewsterbears.org or by contacting the district office at 509-689-3418. These positions are open until filled.

Help Wanted



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.c.chelan.wa.us no later than April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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.

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Legals

Public Notices

The Bridgeport Irrigation District will be turning on irrigation water Monday, April 15, 2024. We would encourage all members to close water valves by April 6th for mainline testing and repair. For questions, contact the secretary at 503-804-3085. Published in the Quad City Herald on April 3, 2024. #7472

Public Notices

Legal Notice LOGIC AND ACCURACY TEST
In accordance with RCW 29A.12.130 and WAC 434-335, a Logic and Accuracy test will be conducted on the Okanogan County vote counting equipment. The test will be held in the Okanogan County Auditors Office at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 10, 2024. At that time a "test deck" of ballots will be run through the vote tabulating equipment. The test is designed to check the ballot tabulating and precinct programming. A test deck will be scanned and resolved at the time of the Logic and Accuracy Test. The test is open to the public. Published in the Quad City Herald on April 3, 2024. #7532

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY that the City of Pateros City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 15, 2024 at the Pateros City Hall at 113 Lakeshore Drive. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on an application by Chelan Valley Construction of Chelan, Washington for a variance from the required front fence height set forth in Chapter 17.12.100 Table B of the Pateros Municipal

Public Notices

Notice of April Special Election Okanogan County, State of Washington Tuesday, April 23, 2024

A Special Election will be held in the below mentioned districts for the purpose of submitting to the voters for their approval or rejection the following:
Brewster School District No. 111/203J- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy
The registration deadline for online registrations, mail-in registrations and transfers is April 15, 2024. Any qualified elector who is not registered to vote in the State of Washington may register to vote in person at the Auditor's Office up to and including April 23, 2024. You can register or obtain registration forms at the Auditor's Office, on line at www.votewa.gov, and Department of Licensing. The Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, will be open so voters may obtain replacement ballots, drop off voted ballots, obtain provisional ballots, and use the Accessible Voting Units, at the following times:
• Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM April 15- April 22, 2024
• On Election Day only, April 23, 2024, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
Drop box locations around the county for this election.
• Okanogan - Okanogan County Courthouse Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, room 104
• Pateros - 180 Pateros Mall in parking lot
• Brewster - Library, 108 S 3 rd Ave.

Public Notices

code for a proposed single-family dwelling to be located at 106 Ives Street. The hearing will include a staff report on the proposed conditional. All persons requiring assistance in accessing City Hall or need other assistance are requested to contact City Hall at 923-2571 prior to the hearing. Copies of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall. Published in the Quad City Herald on March 27, April 3, 2024. #7475

Public Notices

Drop boxes will close at 8:00PM on Election Day
Voters needing additional information or assistance with voter registration forms or voting may call (509) 422-7240.
Voters unable to use the mail-in ballot may use the Accessible Voting Unit available at the County Auditor's Office. Ballots require no postage and must be postmarked by the day of the election. Check with your local Post Office for deadlines to have your ballot postmarked properly. For additional information on the election or regarding voter registration.
• votewa.gov/okanogan
• Local newspaper, radio, and TV
• www.pdc.wa.gov
Meetings of the Okanogan County Canvassing Board are open, public meetings and shall be continued until the activities for which the following meetings are held have been completed. Canvass Board meetings are held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, in Okanogan.
• Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 11:00 AM to determine the status of any provisional or challenged ballots
• Friday, May 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM to canvass the votes cast and certify the election
This notice is in accordance with RCW 29A.52.
Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 27 th day of March, 2024.
Cari Hall, Okanogan County Auditor and Ex-Officio Supervisor of Elections
Jamie Grooms, Chief Deputy/Elections Administrator
Published in the Quad City Herald on April 3, 2024. #7533

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to getting married.

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Answer: Rectie

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to hot breakfast. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = E)

- A. 1 7 26 6 26 22**
Clue: Egg dish
- B. 21 5 22 3 24 26 12**
Clue: Cooking room
- C. 2 14 26 13 21 15 13 8 22**
Clue: Morning meal
- D. 16 20 26 8 22 8**
Clue: Visitors

Answers: A. omelet B. kitchen C. breakfast D. guests

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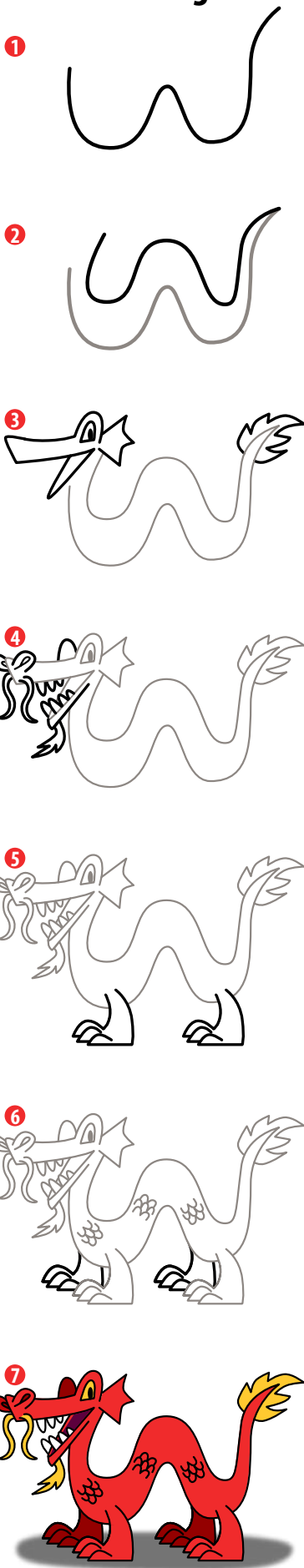
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Kid Scoop Together

Did a dragon eat the sun?

In ancient China, some believed that solar eclipses occurred when a dragon ate the Sun. People would bang drums and pots and make all kinds of loud noises during eclipses to frighten the dragon away.

Draw a Dragon



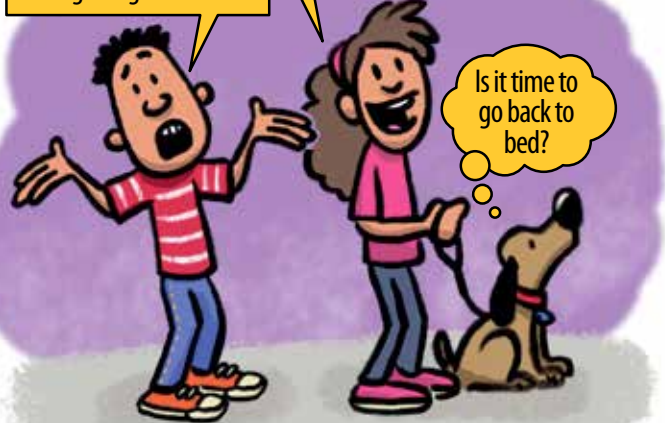
Solar Eclipse

Imagine, it is daytime and suddenly the birds stop chirping. Animals curl up to go to sleep and the sky begins to darken. It isn't anything to worry about, though. **It's a solar eclipse!**

Whoa! It's the middle of the day. Why is the sky getting dark?

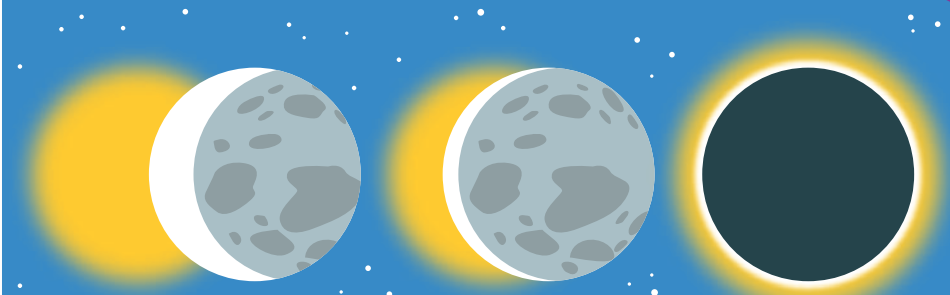
It's a solar eclipse!

Is it time to go back to bed?



During a solar eclipse, people and animals sometimes get a little confused!

Standards Link: Describe eclipses of the sun and moon.



A solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth. The Moon blocks all of the Sun's light. This is called a **total solar eclipse**.

Replace the missing words.

BLOCKS SEE SHADOW DARK PATH ROTATES

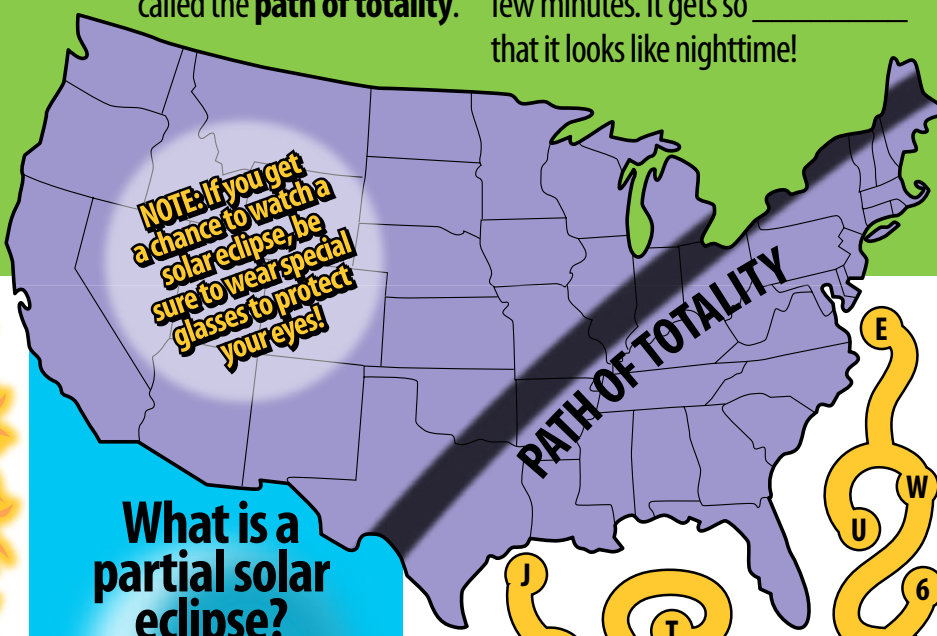
Where can I watch a solar eclipse?

When the Moon blocks the Sun's light, it casts a _____ on part of the Earth.

The only people who will _____ the total solar eclipse will be people in the _____ of totality.

The Moon's shadow follows a long path as the Earth _____. This is called the **path of totality**.

In that path, the Moon completely _____ the Sun's light for a few minutes. It gets so _____ that it looks like nighttime!



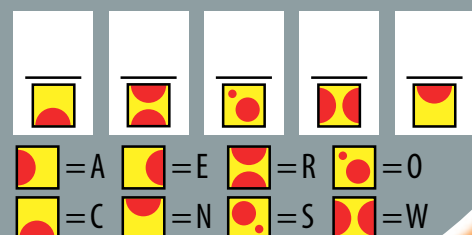
What is a partial solar eclipse?

Sometimes the Moon only blocks part of the Sun's light. This is called a **partial solar eclipse**.

Surprising Corona

The sun is surrounded by a layer of gases that are hard to see until a total eclipse. This layer is called the **corona**. The corona is very dim. It's usually hard to see because the Sun is so much brighter.

During an eclipse, the corona shines around the outside of the moon's shadow. Use the code to discover what the word **corona** means.

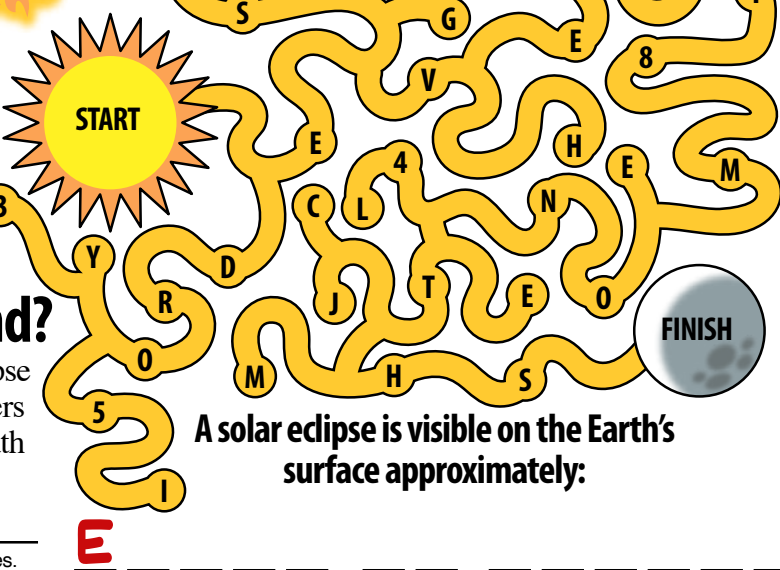


Standards Link: Describe features of the sun.

How often does a total eclipse happen over land?

It's easiest for people to see a solar eclipse when it happens over land. Use the letters and numbers found along the correct path through the maze to reveal how often a total solar eclipse is visible on land.

Standards Link: Understand the cyclical nature of eclipses.



Grammar Eclipse

Select two sentences from the newspaper. In one sentence, black out each of the nouns. In the other, black out each of the vowels. Give the sentences to a partner. Which one is easier for them to understand? The one without nouns, or the one without vowels?

Standards Link: Recognize vowels; identify nouns.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

SUPER COOL: During a solar eclipse, the Moon not only blocks the light of the Sun, but it also temporarily blocks the Sun's warming rays. Hold this page up to a mirror to see how this can affect the air temperature in the path of totality.



Double Double Word Search

CORONA
DARK
DIM
EARTH
ECLIPSE
LAND
LAYER
MOON
PARTIAL
PATH
SHADOW
SHINES
SOLAR
SUN
TOTAL

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



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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SOLAR**

The noun **solar** means having to do with the sun.

We will get special glasses to watch the **solar** eclipse.

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

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