

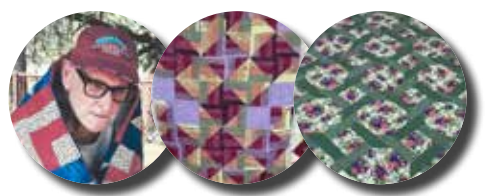


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## Pateros secures \$2.5 Million HUD Grant for Mall Revitalization Project



COURTESY OF CITY OF PATEROS

Architectural renderings showcase the proposed Pateros Mall Revitalization Project, featuring new pedestrian-friendly spaces, landscaping, and seating areas aimed at transforming the downtown core. The \$2.5 million HUD-funded initiative seeks to modernize infrastructure and enhance the aesthetic appeal of the city's central plaza.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA City Administrator Jord Wilson

By Mike Maltais  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS—City officials learned late last month that the city's \$2.5 million grant application for the Mall Revitalization Project, submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2022, has been approved.

City Administrator Jord Wilson delivered the news at the regular monthly city council meeting on Monday, July 16.

In what councilmember Frant Herbert joked was analogous to misplacing "a winning lottery

ticket," Mayor Kelly Hook commented that the initial advisory of the funds award that arrived in his May email went directly into the spam file. It was not until he received a follow-up message late last month that he searched for and found the original.

The original funding request was made to the HUD Community Development Fund through the office of 4th District Representative Dan Newhouse.

In the mid-1960s, the city was moved back from the river

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## Bridgeport considers total fireworks ban following public safety concerns

By Mike Maltais  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The days may be numbered for fireworks within the city limits following comments from residents and the Douglas County Sheriff at the regular monthly meeting of the city council on July 17.

Irresponsible and all-hours incidents of fireworks use combined with the high risk of fire caused by their use hit a responsive cord with Mayor Sergio Orozco and council members.

Resident Deborah Schopp, who has the perspective of 43 years living in Bridgeport, asked the council to consider a total ban on fireworks following the latest July 4 abuses.

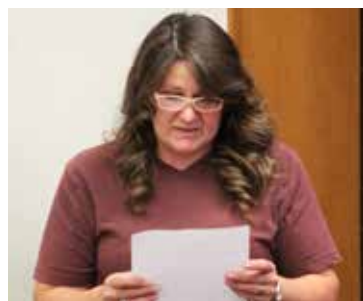
"So here we were, in an excessive

heat warning, high fire danger, burn ban in effect, fire was already burning in Douglas County, a level two evacuation notice at the top of the hill going to Mansfield, county resources already stretched to the limit – and yet illegal fireworks are allowed? How does that work," Schopp asked.

However it works, it appears it will work much differently - and soon - after Sheriff Kevin Morris added law enforcement's perspective.

"I would have zero problem banning them," said Morris, who is also a Bridgeport resident. "The question I ask myself is why you would not. It is dangerous, it is a breach of peace, what is the purpose?"

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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA Avis Anson



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA Deborah Schopp



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

These two of three renovated or new reservoirs have tripled Brewster's water storage capacity.

## Brewster leads the field for funded infrastructure projects

By Mike Maltais  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – A public hearing was held, and a resolution approved for the city's 2024-29 Six Year Street Plan at the regular monthly of the city council last Thursday, July 18, but that was just a segue to the real highlight of the evening.

City Finance Director Misty Ruiz presented a recap of the extensive list of street and other infrastructure projects the city has accomplished over the past decade and the extraordinary level of funding - grants, and loans – it has secured to pay for them. In response to a question from Mayor Art Smyth asking what that figure is, Ruiz estimates that the city has received more than \$36 million since the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire to expand or upgrade vital service projects, including these amounts (see the table below)

The state periodically polls cities and compiles a list of estimates of the grant and loan needs for their projects over the next biennium. Brewster is not on the list.

"For instance, Grand Coulee needs \$18 million for their sewer. Brewster's is done," explained Ruiz. "You have cities that have not done anything for a long, long time, and it's getting harder and harder to get grants."

Brewster is far ahead of the curve for completed major infrastructure projects compared to many other small communities.

"A lot of our six-year plan projects are finished, and we created new ones," said Smyth. "It was not that long ago that we were told it was not possible, it would never happen."

Earlier this year, in response to a FEMA map update, the city embarked on a major study of flood potential from the Swamp Creek drainage on Paradise Hill. The goal is to modify present water flow options to proactively correct flood concerns in Brewster identified by FEMA. When the study is ready for translation into action the estimated project cost is \$15 million.

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PROJECT/SOURCE	LOAN/CITY MATCH	GRANT
WATER (2014)		
Angle Trailer Court	\$436,535.15	\$212,790.26
RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT (2015)		
FEMA		\$349,161 - \$3,352,161
*CDBG		\$1,000,000
DOH Direct Appropriation		\$1,250,000
Forgiveness	\$376,500	\$376,500
MANGANESE (2017)		
USDA Rural Development	\$2,631,000	\$6,300,000 - \$12,324,400
USDA RD (subsequent funds)	\$480,600	\$1,666,400
Direct Appropriation (DA)		\$752,000
DA – Well Houses		\$494,400
SEWER		
Dept. of Ecology (DOE) planning	\$373,860	\$373,860 - \$7,534,860
DOE loan/grant	2,752,324	
Centennial Clean Water grant		\$3,104,816
CDBG		\$900,000
DA		\$2,750,000
DOE Shoreline Planning		\$30,000
STREETS		
**TIB 2017 chip seal grant		\$134,380
Old Hwy 97	\$119,070	\$882,00
2008 chip seal		\$51,500
2008 West Main		\$473,158
LED streetlights		\$42,966
AIRPORT		
Annual allocation	\$75,000	\$1,500,000
Planning grant	\$19,786	\$375,950
2022 taxiway	\$23,500	\$46,500
CARES ACT		
2020 CARES Act		\$108,225
***ARPA		\$658,594
*Community Development Block Grant **Transportation Improvement Board ***America Rescue Plan Act		

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Get your event in the spotlight with Ward Media!

If you have an exciting event to share, email Reporter Quinn Propst at quinn@ward.media. We'll showcase the five most captivating events of the week...

U-Pick at Chelan Ranch Organics

In July, Chelan Ranch Organics is open for U-Pick blueberries, cherries, and lavender from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, visit chelanranch.com.

Live music by Ian Skavdahl

Rio Vista Wines on the River in Chelan will host live music by Ian Skavdahl on Sunday,

July 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. "Join us on the banks of the Columbia River at Rio Vista Wines for great music and even better wines...

For more information, visit riovistawines.com.

Conservation hour with Emily

The Brewster Library will host Conservation Hour with Emily on Friday, July 26, from 10-11 a.m.

Join us for a fun activity with Emily from the Okanogan Conservation District!

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

Pop Culture Trivia

The Omak Library will host Pop Culture Trivia on Thursday, July 25, from 3:30-5 p.m.

"A winner will be crowned each time and will fight to keep the crown at the next event," the event page states.

For more information, visit nculibraries.org.

Live Music by Carly Schoening

Rocky Pond Tasting Room in



5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Chelan will host live music by Carly Schoening on Thursday, August 1, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event page states, "Come see Carly Schoening

and have a bite and a glass of wine." For more information, visit rockypondwinery.com.

The power of your vote in the primary election

As the August 6 primary election draws near, it is crucial that we, as citizens, recognize the immense power we hold in our hands...



From the Publisher

TERRY WARD

In the upcoming primary, voters in Washington State will have the opportunity to shape the trajectory of our local communities...

The stakes could not be higher. The policies enacted by those we elect will have profound consequences for our economy, our education system, our healthcare...

about the political process, I implore you to reconsider. Your vote is your voice, and every voice matters. By casting your ballot, you are not only exercising your civic duty but also setting an example for others to follow...

In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain, voting is an act of empowerment. It is a reminder that we, the people, have the ultimate say in the direction of our communities and our country...

Pateros City Council approves \$1.5M bid, seeks \$650K grant, and greenlights new music festival

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city council selected a \$1.5 million contract bid, applied for a near-\$650,000 RCO grant, and approved a new fall music event at its regular monthly meeting on July 15.

Buskarama

Buskarama is a new two-day Pateros event for musicians (buskers) and artists scheduled for Sept. 20-21 at the Sweet River Bakery and Riverview Pavilion.

The event kicks off with a Busker Dinner Showcase at Sweet River from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, and continues with the Busker Festival at the Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Sponsors include the Veterans of the Arts, the

City of Pateros, Sick Donkey Records, and the Apple Pie Jamboree.

RCO Grant

City Administrator Jord Wilson applied for \$642,809 in grant funding through the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to repair and/or replace the tennis courts at Riverside Drive.

Bid award

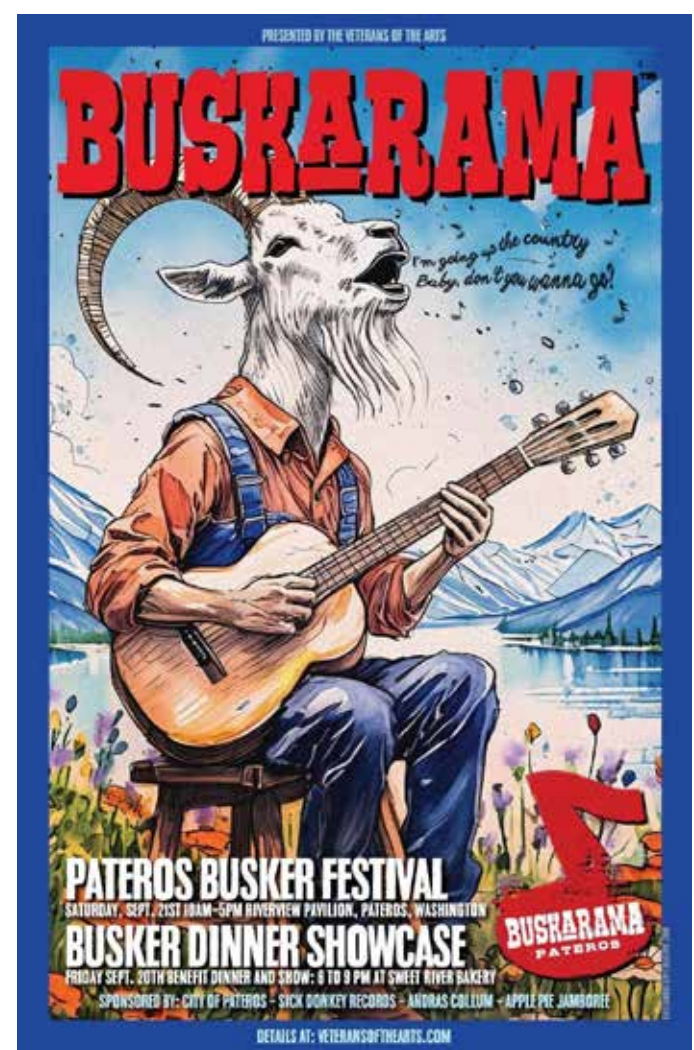
Hurst Construction of East Wenatchee was the lowest of three bidders for the city's Commercial Avenue and Pedestrian Improvement Project. The winning bid of \$1,529,948 was over the allotted grant amount from the Transportation Improvement Board...

According to the city website pateros.org, the city's

"main street" is exclusively a pedestrian mall—the front door to businesses, the post office, and the library. Commercial Avenue is the delivery door to businesses and customer parking and provides primary pedestrian access points to the mall.

Commercial Avenue needs to support delivery vans and trucks, recreation vehicles (trailers, boats, RVs, campers, motorcycles), pedestrians, and bicyclists. The street has a transit stop for two lines and newly installed electric vehicle and bicycle charging stations.

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Buskarama is coming to Pateros in September.

Voting is underway for Washington's August 6 Primary Election

NCW News Ward Media

OLYMPIA—Washington state is gearing up for its August 6 Primary Election. Last Friday, county elections offices mailed out ballots and opened official drop boxes.

opportunity to make important decisions that affect us locally and statewide," Secretary of State Steve Hobbs said.

The primary ballot includes 654 elected offices and 94 local measures across all 39 counties. Voters will determine the top two candidates for each office, who will then advance to the

General Election in November. Ballots must be returned to county drop boxes or voting centers by 8 p.m. on August 6, or postmarked by that date if mailed using the provided postage-paid envelope.

until July 29. In-person registration at county elections offices and voting centers will remain open until 8 p.m. on Election Day. The Office of the Secretary of State has implemented several measures to ensure accessibility and security in the voting process.

locations. Additionally, a text notification service is available for voters seeking updates. "The Office of the Secretary of State is committed to providing equitable opportunities for your voice to be heard in every election," Secretary Hobbs said.

League of Women Voters launches comprehensive voter guide for Washington primary

NCW News Ward Media

SEATTLE — The League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) announced last week that its online voter guide, VOTE411.org, has been updated with comprehensive information for the upcoming

August primary election. The 18-day voting period began on July 19, and voters must submit their ballots to official election boxes by 8:00 PM on August 6.

all Washington state races. By entering their address, voters can instantly view the races on their specific ballot, access candidate information, and compare responses to questions posed by the League.

President Mary Coltrane. The candidates' unedited responses to the LWVWA's questions, along with job descriptions for each position, are available on the site to inform voters about candidates' responsibilities. The platform also provides essential voting information,

including deadlines and registration options. League volunteers will continue to update the site as additional candidate responses are received. Candidates who have not yet participated are encouraged to complete and submit the League's questionnaire.

OBITUARY

# Larry Bruce "Ozzie" Morley

Formerly of Ritzville and Brewster, WA

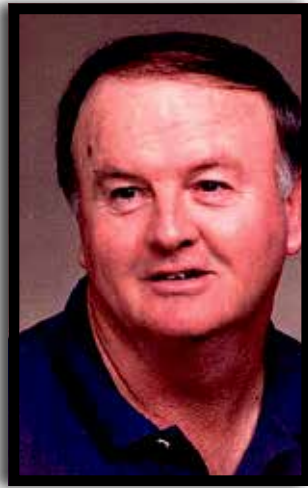
Larry Bruce "Ozzie" Morley passed away on July 10, 2024, of dementia, after a short stay at Casa Mia Adult Family Home. He was born on September 3, 1941, in Colville, WA, to Garret Bruce "Gary" Morley and Merle Etta (Matthews) Morley. He attended Brewster High School and graduated with the class of 1959.

On May 20, 1963, Ozzie married Albert Rae "Mumma" Morley. He attended Eastern Washington University, where he graduated with a BA in Business, on March 17, 1972. He worked at Mumma Trucking as the bookkeeper in the '70's and 80's, then worked at Central Pre-Mix as a driver in Auburn, WA, in the '90's, and retired from the Spokane office in 2004. He then worked another decade for the Ritzville Golf Course as the Marshall, from 2004-2014.

Ozzie was a member

of the Teamsters. He also enjoyed a great game of golf and volunteered as an AAU Baseball and Basketball coach, as well as a Little League Coach.

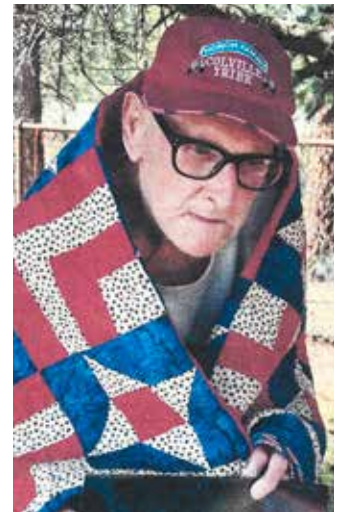
Ozzie is preceded in death by his wife, Alberta, in May of 2022. He is survived by his sons: Shannon Morley of Spokane, WA, and Cory Morley (Kim), of Methow, WA; daughter, Tracey Morley of Lake Stevens, WA; granddaughter, Madison Morley (Jack Zalinski) of Spokane, WA; grandsons: Corbin Morley (Julia Lupkes) of Spokane Valley, WA; Garrett Morley of Spokane, WA, Jarradd Morley (Marilyn) of Spokane Valley, WA, and Logan Morley (Katie) of Spokane Valley, WA; and sisters: Lois Clum of Spokane, WA, and Judy Clippis of Wenatchee, WA., as well as sister-in-law Nancy Mumma as well as numerous nieces and nephews.



A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Barnes Chapel, 510 W. Indian Ave, Brewster, WA followed immediately after by an inurnment at Locust Grove in Brewster. There will be a reception held at the American Legion Post No. 97, 102 3rd St, Brewster.

Barnes Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements. Please leave your thoughts and memories at [www.barneschapel.com](http://www.barneschapel.com).

# Quilts of Valor wrap three Nespelem veterans



COURTESY OF NORTH CENTRAL QOV  
**James Austin Cunningham**

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

**NESPELEM** – A trio of Nespelem veterans are feeling the warmth of appreciation and recognition following a presentation on July 9 by the North Central Quilts of Valor chapter in Tonasket. John Robertson Whitelaw, William Stanley Clark, and James Austin Cunningham were singled out for their military service.

Whitelaw, 97, served as a Marine private first class in 1944-46 and earned the Rifleman 745 ribbon. His sons, John and Dave, were on hand for the presentation of a quilt pieced by Charlayne Knapp and quilted by Cindy San Miguel.

Clark, 97, served as a Navy Third Class Seaman and a Marine combat medic during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 52. He received the Korean Service medal with a ribbon and one battle star.

Clark's quilt was made entirely by Ginny Sommers of the Mount Rainier QOV chapter.

Cunningham, 95, a Navy



COURTESY OF NORTH CENTRAL QOV  
North Central QOV will raffle off these quilts on August 31.

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**Gerry L. Pentland**

Gerry L. Pentland, 70, of Brewster, Washington passed away on July 17, 2024. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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# Renovation work underway in Bridgeport's Berryman Park

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

BRIDGEPORT – Renovation work was underway in Berryman Park when the Bridgeport Revitalization Committee met in the city hall conference room on Wednesday, July 17.

J.M. Construction of Moses Lake is on site for the work funded through the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

The Berryman upgrade will include:

- New walking trails.
- ADA parking.
- CXT precast concrete

bathrooms.

- Geo Scramble playground equipment.
- 20-by-24-foot picnic shelter.
- Forever Lawn playground resurfacing.
- Basketball/pickleball court \*asphalt overlay surface)
- Merry-Go-Round.

The committee is turning its attention to further components that will be part of the downtown street renovation as its next project.

City planner Kurt Danison said the committee also needs to look at Bouska Square Park across from city hall.

“The mural needs to be

redone,” said Danison.

Committee chair Leslie Robb suggested using the mural wall as a movie night backdrop as another option.

At a recent city council meeting Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezelle discussed replacing the deteriorating gazebo.

Committee member Ryan Allstot, whose term ended in June, has agreed to reappointment to the committee unless or until his replacement can be found.

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A roughed-in ADA trail is part of the renovation work underway in Berryman Park by J.M. Pacific Construction of Moses Lake.

## 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	July 18	Ave. Brewster
<b>July 12</b>	7:20:25 Vehicle Theft, 2123 Columbia Blvd, Bridgeport	<b>July 17</b>
15:01:02 Suspicious, 1717 Foster Creek Ave, Bridgeport	11:05:21 Assist Public, Bridgeport Bar, Bridgeport	09:50:15 Citizen Contact, W Main Ave, Brewster
18:18:09 Assist Public, 483 14th St, Bridgeport	12:24:41 Atl/Atc, 24 Buckingham Aly# A, Bridgeport	22:22:24 Suspicious, N 6th St, Brewster
18:22:48 Animal Problem, 1507 Fairview Ave, Bridgeport	22:21:04 Welfare Check, 255 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport	<b>July 18</b>
18:35:22 Marine, Columbia River Pateros Pool		06:06:22 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave, Brewster
20:43:54 Civil, 315 Sheldon St, Mansfield	<b>Brewster Police Department</b>	06:08:28 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave, Brewster
23:46:53 Suspicious, 206 12th St, Bridgeport	<b>July 12</b>	09:17:53 Mhp Contact, W Indian Av, Brewster
<b>July 13</b>	05:56:53 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave, Brewster	10:21:10 Accident Hitrun, S 6th St, Brewster
9:52:31 Property, Rd A Ne & Rd 14 Ne, Mansfield	06:11:42 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave, Brewster	13:01:54 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Pateros
12:35:35 Assist Public, 811 Jefferson Ave, Bridgeport	20:33:07 Agency Assist, Foster Creek Ave & 19th St, Bridgeport	<b>Okanogan County Sheriff</b>
12:55:48 Traffic Offense, Sr 173 Mp3, Bridgeport Bar	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 12</b>
19:43:40 Domestic Disturbance, 608 Eash St, Waterville	02:22:17 Information, E Hanson Av, Brewster	14:13:56 Theft Other, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster
20:44:12 Assist Agency, 123 W Poplar St, Waterville	06:13:06 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave, Brewster	14:31:32 Domestic Dispute, Morcial Rd, Brewster
<b>July 14</b>	06:40:05 Parking Problem, S 7th St & W Cliff Ave, Brewster	17:05:41 Accident Noninj, Beach St, Pateros
0:38:44 Assist Agency, Sr 17 Mp 133, Bridgeport	22:29:16 Other Calls, Paradise Hill Rd, Brewster	<b>July 13</b>
2:13:53 Assist Agency, Sr 173 Mp 7, Bridgeport Bar	<b>July 14</b>	03:10:19 Suspicious, Sunset Dr, Brewster
4:37:21 Fireworks, 1400blk Foster Ave, Bridgeport	06:36:31 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave, Brewster	<b>July 15</b>
<b>July 15</b>	06:50:10 Parking Problem W Bruce Ave, Brewster	11:13:46 Civil, Pateros Mall, Pateros
20:37:34 Noise, 10blk Moe Rd, Bridgeport	12:49:48 Agency Assist, S 7th St, Brewster	17:43:20 Burglary, Golden Lane Rd, Brewster
<b>July 16</b>	21:03:27 Littering, W Cliff Ave & S Bridge St, Brewster	20:39:17 Illegal Burning, Daniel Dr, Brewster
5:36:06 Trespass, 1529 Rd B Ne, Mansfield	<b>July 15</b>	<b>July 16</b>
8:38:20 Cps/Aps Refer, 303 Eash St, Waterville	11:27:26 Accident Noninj 3rd St, Brewster	18:12:47 Suspicious, Morning Star Way, Brewster
22:30:58 Disturbance, 483 14th St, Bridgeport	16:50:17 Fire Vehicle, Old Hwy 97 & Highway 97, Brewster	<b>July 17</b>
<b>July 17</b>	21:57:40 Intoxication, S 7th St, Brewster	11:48:14 Burglary, Cemetery Rd, Pateros
14:27:20 Suspicious, 316 Wash St, Waterville	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 18</b>
16:00:50 Trespass, 320 22nd St, Bridgeport	06:13:09 Parking Problem, W Cliff Ave, Brewster	02:46:07 Suspicious, W Warren Ave, Pateros
20:38:25 Dui, Sr 17 Mp 136, Bridgeport	11:15:02 Trespassing, W Main Ave, Brewster	12:49:05 Welfare Check, Beach St, Pateros

## Community Bulletin Board

### Local, Regional Community News & Events

Meetings	Thursdays	July 11, 18
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Family Caregivers/Support Group:</b> Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.	<b>Brewster bus trips</b> BREWSTER – OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. That next trip is July 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, July 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/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat
<b>Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee:</b> Second Monday, 6 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.	<b>Other Events</b>	
<b>Family and friends Support Group:</b> Third Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org	<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive:</b> Wednesday, August 14, 12 p.m.-5 p.m., Brewster High School, 503 S. 7th Street, Brewster. For an appointment: www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS / 1-800-733-2767.	<b>July 15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Brewster Senior Meals:</b> The Senior Center serves meals at noon 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.	<b>Family and friends Support Group</b> WENATCHEE - Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org
<b>Okanogan County PUD:</b> The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. Information: okanoganpud.org	<b>Senior Center Thrift Store:</b> The Brewster- Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.	<b>July 17</b>
<b>Douglas County PUD meetings:</b> The commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Information: douglaspudd.org	<b>Brewster American Legion events:</b> Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Open to the public. Friday Steak Dinner starts at 5 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., order from the full breakfast menu. Daily lunch specials except for Mondays and Saturday when they are closed.	<b>Death Cafe Chelan:</b> 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.; and 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Chelan Senior Center on Trow Avenue. All are welcome. Please join them for coffee and cake. For more information: Contact Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.
<b>Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group:</b> Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org	<b>Chelan Valley Hope:</b> Is open Monday-Thursdays (except holidays) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 417 S. Bradley Street in Chelan. For information 509-888-2114 or chelanvalleyhope.org	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 9</b>	
<b>American Legion Post #97:</b> Current members meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster. Information: Greg Wagg, 206-550-6474.	<b>Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group</b> WENATCHEE - Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org	
<b>American Legion Auxiliary #97:</b> Meets the first Wednesday of each month, at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster.		
<b>Brewster Chamber of Commerce:</b> Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Information email: brewsterwachamber@gmail.com		
<b>Death Cafe Chelan:</b> Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Public Library, 216 N. Emerson Street; and 5:30-6:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center, 534 Trow Avenue. Contact: Concie Luna or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.		



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# Columbia River Drug Task Force scrambles to secure adequate funding, receiving \$150,000 grant from Department of Commerce

By: WILL NILLES  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE—The Columbia River Drug Task Force (CRDTF) acquired \$150,000 in grant funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce. The grant was allocated following a direct Ellensburg address from the CRDTF and other drug task forces across the state centered on the criticality of funding for drug task forces.

Though this new grant is sizable, Chelan County Sheriff Mike Morrison is concerned with the overall amount of funding that the CRDTF has received in the last year.

“The drug task force has mainly operated on what they call ‘Byrne JAG funds.’ That comes from the federal government, and then those federal funds are issued to the state of Washington and to the Washington State Department of Commerce,” Sheriff Morrison explained how the CRDTF typically receives its funding and why he’s been concerned as of late. “In the past, they have issued those funds out to drug task forces across the state. Most recently, starting last year, they took those funds and they reallocated them onto other projects. It was disturbing because there was no alternative provided to

continuing to fund these drug task forces that are specifically set up to address, among other things, drug activities within communities.”

The CRDTF is an organization consisting of members from the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Wenatchee Police Department, East Wenatchee Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections (WSDOC), and Homeland Security Investigations. Working in unison with these agencies, the CRDTF aims to dismantle and prosecute criminal organizations engaged in drug trafficking and other illicit activities.

Though much of the CRDTF’s operations include criminal investigations and seizures, Sheriff Morrison demonstrated an understanding that simply making arrests and targeting individuals will not solve any drug problems as he elaborated on WSDOC’s crucial role within the task force.

“I don’t expect that we’re going to arrest our way out of this problem. We have the Washington State Department of Corrections included in our team that means we’re also looking at rehabilitation, we work with recovery navigators... we’ve been working with

the state. Earlier in 2023, we were there as Governor Inslee was in town along with Attorney General Ferguson trying to figure out how we can secure funding for a new drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility,” Morrison reported optimistically.

In attempting to tackle drug problems in the region’s communities, Sheriff Morrison expresses his concerns for community members who suffer from drug addiction as he hopes to revitalize the county’s drug court and utilize it as a tool of helping those with drug charges find support options.

“I’ve been working hand-in-hand with our judges and our prosecutors office, all trying to make sure we’re getting this drug court back up and running, and providing alternatives to these individuals who I don’t view as the darkness of society,” he shared. “I see them as people who are struggling with addiction, and we want to find solutions for them. And I think the drug court has that option.”

As state funding for drug task forces has staggered in the last year, the CRDTF gathered with other drug task forces in Ellensburg, addressing the Washington State Department of Commerce with their concerns relating to Commerce’s divergence of drug task force funding into other

projects. This address and the expressed concerns of law enforcement around the state prompted the recent \$150,000 in grant funding, which Sheriff Morrison worries will not be enough to sustain the CRDTF.

“If we don’t get funding from Byrne JAG and the HIDTA (high-intensity drug trafficking areas) program, the drug task force will go away. And there’ll be no resources out there to focus specifically on this issue, which is killing members of our community,” Morrison explained with certainty.

Though the CRDTF is somewhat desperate for outside funding, Sheriff Morrison remains confident that the Chelan County Sheriff’s Office and its regional partners will continue to confront drug problems within their communities regardless of the drug task force’s ability to receive adequate funding.

“When I came into office, we reworded our mission statement. And one of the lines you’ll see in the beginning states, ‘with the resources entrusted to us.’ So, I will utilize whatever resources we have to best address the needs of the citizens, be there for them, and be an adversary to those threats for our community.”

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Sheriff Mike Morrison aims to confront drug issues in Chelan County despite lower state funding for drug task forces.

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# Forest Service imposes total campfire ban in Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

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WENATCHEE — The U.S. Forest Service has announced a comprehensive ban on campfires across the entire Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest due to escalating fire danger amid persistent hot and dry weather conditions.

The Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, which were implemented Saturday, July 20, prohibit all wood and charcoal campfires, including those in developed

campgrounds and designated Wilderness areas. The ban extends to recreational target shooting on forest grounds.

Forest officials cited worsening fire danger as the primary reason for the expanded restrictions. The measure aims to prevent human-caused wildfires during a period of heightened risk.

Under the new regulations, visitors may still use pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, lanterns, and heating devices, provided

they have an immediate on/off switch and are kept clear of flammable materials within a three-foot radius. However, wood-burning camp stoves are not permitted.

The shooting restriction does not affect lawful hunting activities conducted under tribal treaty rights or with valid state-issued licenses during hunting season.

Firewood cutters operating in the forest must adhere to Industrial Fire Precaution Level requirements, as

outlined by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Forest officials urge visitors to stay informed about current fire restrictions and exercise caution while enjoying the national forest during this high-risk period.

The restrictions come as the Pacific Northwest braces for what meteorologists predict will be an unusually hot and dry summer, raising concerns about potential wildfire outbreaks across the region.

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# Spokane Valley man critical after hit-and-run on SR 17 near Bridgeport

By MIKE MALTAIS  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – A Spokane Valley man is in critical condition in Harborview Medical Center in Seattle after being struck by a hit-and-run driver on State Route 17 near Bridgeport.

According to a Washington State Patrol report, the pedestrian identified as Arthur M. Binford, 59, was walking southbound on SR 17 near milepost 138, approximately three miles north of Bridgeport in Okanogan County, between 3 and 4 a.m. on July 17 when

he was struck by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene.

Binford came to rest on the right shoulder of the highway. He was airlifted to Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee and from there transferred to Harborview.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with

information that may lead to the identification of the vehicle(s) involved in the collision may contact Detective Sergeant David Kiehl at (509) 682-8141 or david.kiehl@wsp.wa.gov.

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## Quilts of Valor

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Seaman E3, served on four ships from 1947-51 during the Korean Conflict: the USS Pickaway, Wantuck, Chilton, and Washburn. He was awarded the Korean Conflict and Navy Occupational

Medals.

Cunningham’s quilt was pieced by Charlene Brown and quilted by Cindy San Miguel.

The nonprofit North Central QOV chapter was formed in April 2023 and currently has 17 members. It is part of a national movement that began in 2003 and has grown to some 672 groups and more than

10,700 members. Washington State has 24 groups with 550 members, with more joining daily.

North Central QOV held its first quilt awards for five veterans at the Okanogan County Fair last September.

Group Leader Patti Hill said their chapter will raffle off two quilts on August 31 to

raise funds to cover the cost of quilting supplies. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased by contacting Hill at 509-429-2983. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. at the Molson Grange Hall. The winner need not be present.

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# Young cowboys and cowgirls set to compete at annual Chelan Jr. Rodeo

By QUINN PROPST  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN - Young rodeo enthusiasts and their families are gearing up for the annual Chelan Jr. Rodeo on Saturday, July 27 and 28.

The rodeo is put on by the Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club and draws contestants from all over the state and parts of Idaho.

This year's competition will include a Saturday night rodeo for older competitors and a Sunday daytime rodeo for younger levels.

"On Saturday, we're gonna run our intermediates and our seniors on a Saturday night show," said Jodie Southwick, vice president of the Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club and co-chair of the Lake Chelan Pro Rodeo.

"It's something different," she said. "We're giving it a shot just to kind of get the older kids to get to rodeo underneath the lights and give them kind of the feel of what it's going to be in the next step. And then on Sunday morning, we'll run the LPs all the way through the juniors and hopefully beat the heat a little bit."

The event is for high school seniors all the way down to two-year-olds. Youth will



PHOTOS COURTESY OF APRIL LEAF  
Youth compete at the 2023 Chelan Jr. Rodeo. This year youth from all over the state will compete on July 27 and 28 at the Chelan Jr. Rodeo.

compete in events from mutton bustin' to bareback riding, roping to barrel racing and much more.

Competitors are placed in the following categories:

- Little people: 2-5 years
- Pee-wee: 6-8 years

- Juniors: 9-12
  - Intermediate: 12-14 years
  - Senior: 15-18 years
- The Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club has been putting on the junior rodeo for more than 15 years.

"These kids rodeo really

early on, and then they carry on through their high school years and then head for the PRCA and all that stuff," Southwick said.

Youth compete year-round at junior rodeos throughout the northwest region and even parts of Canada before arriving in Chelan, where they will test their skills in one or more events.

Southwick feels it is important for the youth to have a local rodeo to compete in.

"Well, the rodeo portion of it, that's heritage," she said. "That's how we all got to where we're at now. It wasn't for cowboys coming through, we wouldn't have anything."

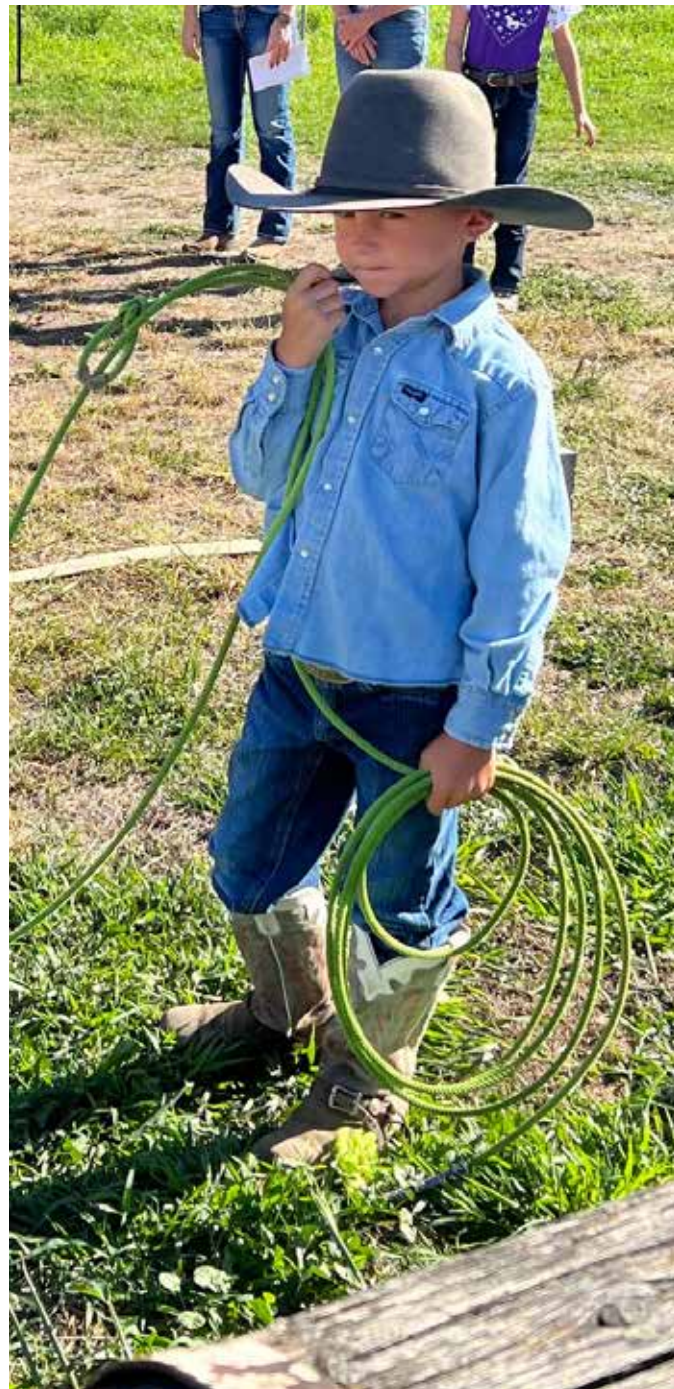
"These are kids that grow up on ranches and farms, which again, you know, that's what feeds us," she said. "And this is all the skills that they need to work on a ranch. So it gives them a place to go hone their skills, win a little money, get some socialization in and Chelan's a great place to come. I mean, when they're not rodeoing, they can hit the slidewaters, hit the lake, go do all the touristy things."

The Chelan Rustlers Saddle Club, established in 1953, continues its tradition of sponsoring both professional and junior rodeos in the Chelan Valley.

The Chelan Jr. Rodeo is part of the Caribou Trails and Eastern Washington Junior Rodeo Associations, which coordinate junior rodeos in central and eastern Washington and set competition standards.

The Jr. Rodeo is free to attend. The Seniors and Intermediates Rodeo will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, and the Little People, Pee-Wees, and Juniors Rodeo will start at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 28.

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## Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center seeks nominations for Community Peacebuilder Award

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WENATCHEE — The Wenatchee Valley Dispute Resolution Center is accepting nominations for its first Community Peacebuilder Award, which will recognize individuals and groups that have promoted peaceful conflict resolution in Chelan

and Douglas counties.

Nominations are open through Aug. 4. The winner will be announced at the center's annual celebration on Sept. 3.

Nominees may include youth, elders, volunteers, and programs from sectors such as the arts, education, healthcare, neighborhoods, environment, and public service.

The Dispute Resolution Center provides mediation services, conflict resolution training, and community education. Nominations can be submitted at [wvdr.org/](http://wvdr.org/) events.

The Wenatchee-based center can be reached at [info@wvdr.org](mailto:info@wvdr.org) or 509-888-0957 for more information.

## WDFW urges prospective hunters to complete education courses ahead of fall season

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OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is urging prospective hunters to complete mandatory hunter education courses ahead of the upcoming fall hunting season. With the increased demand for these courses during the fall,

WDFW is encouraging new hunters to take advantage of the summer months to fulfill their education requirements.

"The summer is a great time for new hunters to take a required hunter education course so they're ready to go hunting this fall," said Dave Whipple, WDFW hunter education section manager. "Our volunteer instructors

offer lots of classes during the summer. There can be limited availability for fall hunter education classes, so getting your required coursework done early helps set you up for success when the fall seasons get here."

WDFW provides both fully in-person and hybrid courses, which combine online learning with in-person instruction. The in-person course, spanning

approximately 15 hours, is taught over multiple days and includes a field portion, offering students a valuable classroom experience. The hybrid course allows students to complete an online portion followed by a four- to six-hour field skills evaluation with hands-on training and assessment by certified instructors.

Under Washington state

law, all hunters born after Jan. 1, 1972, are required to complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. A one-time hunter education deferral is available for prospective hunters aged 10 and older who wish to try hunting with an eligible licensed hunter before completing the course themselves. WDFW advises

potential applicants to review the deferral program requirements prior to applying.

For more information on hunter education and to find upcoming courses, interested individuals can visit the WDFW hunter education website at [www.wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/basic](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/requirements/education/basic).



## HUD Grant

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shoreline to make way for the construction of Wells Dam, which was seven miles to the south. Designers replaced the city's main street with the present Pateros Mall. In the 60

years that have passed since the deterioration of water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure triggered the mall revitalization project to:

- Upgrade and install stormwater treatment.
- Replace aging and failing water infrastructure.
- Restore or replace the sewer transmission main.



- Hardscape replacement on the pedestrian plaza.

A market study and preliminary design was initiated in 2023 using almost \$200,000 of combined dollars from a USDA Rural Business Development Grant and Okanogan County Project Prioritization .09 funds. A draft of the resulting 43-page

Downtown Market Study and schematic renderings are available on the city website, [pateros.org](http://pateros.org), under City Projects/Mall Renovation.

The mall project goals include:

- Protect groundwater, the city's primary potable water source, and Columbia/Methow rivers.



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- Increased access through the removal of ADA barriers and pedestrian hazards.
- Provide safe and reliable water to the commercial district and reduce service interruption times.
- Repair or replace a sewer line submerged in groundwater. Reduce

groundwater infiltration and exfiltration of sewer into groundwater.

- Replace broken pavement and improve esthetics suitable for tourist activities and a downtown main street.

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## Fireworks ban

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Morris also explained that a total ban would make enforcement much easier by eliminating the case-by-case examples where deputies must decide whether a violation is questionable, a kid's mistake, citable, or an otherwise arbitrary enforcement issue.

"If it's banned and everybody knows it, it's never a mistake," Morris said.

Resident Avis Anson reminded the council that Bridgeport attracts fireworks users from other cities that disallow them.

"We are the only place beside Rock Island that allows it," said Anson. "So, we are not just getting people from Bridgeport, we are getting everyone else who comes here and sets them off. And they get away with it."

Anson supports a total ban with some teeth in the penalties for violators.

"We need to make it so they can't get away with it," said Anson of banning both fireworks possession and sales. "Anyone who brings them over here gets a hefty fine. We need to make it a big thing."

Fire department volunteer Javier Aguilar told the mayor that the department responded to more than a dozen calls and several fires on July 4.

Councilmember Paul Anson related his own

experience involving fires on his property and two police reports he made concerning a neighbor's careless fireworks use. A passing motorist spotted the fires near a wooden fence and lumber and helped extinguish them. Anson speculated about what might have happened had he not been home and the motorist not happened by.

A section of the current Bridgeport Municipal Code Chapter 8.16 regarding fireworks discharge reads:

Nopersonshall dischargeor otherwise use any consumer fireworks within the city, except between the hours of 1 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on July 3 and July 4, and between the hours of six p.m. on December 31 and one a.m. on January 1.

Residents reported that fireworks were still being set off the day before the council meeting.

"This is something that we are probably going to have to look into," said Orozco.

"We would need to do an ordinance to change it," said councilmember Matt Schuh.

After more public comment, Schuh recommended that the council request that city attorney Julie Norton draft a fireworks ban ordinance that can be ready for action at next month's council meeting.

"We can get on it right away and have it in effect sooner rather than later," Schuh said.

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# IV Pro Mobile brings hydration, wellness to your doorstep

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IV Pro Mobile services include migraine relief, immune support, energy improvement, beauty infusions, and simple hydration infusions.



IV Pro Mobile is a Wenatchee based mobile IV hydration and wellness clinic.

**By QUINN PROPST**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENTACHEE – Through her two decades of nursing experience Aura Brazill saw a need for hydration and wellness care outside of the confines of the hospital.

That prompted her to start her own IV hydration and wellness clinic, IV Pro Mobile, last year.

“I have been either an ICU, ED, or Flight Nurse for the last 20 years and saw a need for hydration and wellness outside the hospital,” Brazill said.

“Hydration with added minerals, vitamins, amino acids, and antioxidants is extremely beneficial for health and overall wellness,” she said. “It also aids in recovery, immune support, and healing. I saw a need for more pre-hospital wellness and knew the benefits would keep many people out of the emergency department.”

Being able to take her dream and make it a reality has been a huge positive for Brazill. However, her favorite part of operating IV Pro is her clients.

“As an ICU nurse for most of my career, as well as Emergency RN and Flight nurse, the majority of my shifts are the worst days of

many people’s lives,” she said. “IV Pro targets people who are health and wellness-focused, who want to take care of themselves in a variety of circumstances. I am not meeting them on their worst day. It’s often a day of celebration.”

Helping people feel, look and perform their best, has been the greatest part of owning and operating IV Pro, she said.

“Even while assisting with illness recovery, my clients feel so much better after their infusions that it is a great feeling to have,” she said.

IV Pro Mobile services include migraine relief, immune support, energy improvement, beauty infusions, and simple hydration infusions. Brazill also offers high-dose vitamin C and NAD+ infusions along with GLP-1 weight loss support.

Brazill has two ways of serving her clients. She makes home, business, or hotel visits where she can complete client infusions in the comfort of their own surroundings. She also has a mobile travel clinic with a spa-like environment, which she uses for larger events such as bachelor/bachelorette parties, golf events, marathons, bike races, weddings, and concerts. Brazill finds it essential to

offer these services for many reasons, including that there are not enough pre-hospital wellness options to combat things like migraines, nausea and vomiting, overindulgence of alcohol, recovery from illness, detoxification from drugs and alcohol, immune support before and after a trip, hydration replacement before/after sporting events or outdoor activities in the heat, she said.

“My services save clients the suffering from symptoms such as nausea, body aches, migraines, hangovers, immune suppression issues, and more,” she said. “My services also provide a much cheaper option than ending up with an ER bill or losing a day or more to recovery time.”

Brazill likes that she can ease her clients’ symptoms and suffering. Two clients’ stories stand out for her as times she felt like she made a difference for them.

“I have a migraine client who has seen significant improvement in her quality of life and a decreased need to take the medications causing her negative side effects,” she said.

“I also had a client going through detox with elevated liver enzymes and complicated medical issues who with

infusions of vitamins, minerals, and glutathione along with NAD+ infusions, detoxed well and healed the struggling liver,” she said. “This client’s medical issues reversed quickly, and overall wellness improved.”

Brazill is required to be an RN to administer IV fluids along with the additives and medications. She is a Registered Nurse with a Bachelor’s degree, a Certified RN for Critical Care, and current in emergency response certifications.

Brazill also has a medical supervisor who has reviewed her protocols, and they work together when adding new services to IV Pro.

IV Pro is based in Wenatchee but serves all of Washington. Brazill will travel up to 30 miles without a travel fee.

In the future, she hopes to continue building IV Pro so that eventually, there will be more IV trailers available, experienced nurses on staff for large events, and a full-time ability to serve her community and beyond.

For more information about her services, visit [ivaurasis.com](http://ivaurasis.com).

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Aura Brazill used her 20 years of nursing experience to start her business IV Pro Mobile, a mobile IV hydration and wellness clinic.



IV Pro Mobile is a Wenatchee based mobile IV hydration and wellness clinic.

## NCW Libraries offers virtual Garden Doodling Workshop with Artist Rosemary Jones



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This intricate line drawing, filled with whimsical garden motifs, lettering, and doodles, is an example of the type of artwork participants will learn to create in NCW Libraries’ virtual Garden Doodle Workshop led by artist Rosemary Jones on August 14.

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WENTACHEE—NCW Libraries is offering a virtual workshop on garden doodling on August 14 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. as part of its summer library program.

Artist Rosemary Jones will lead the online class, which will be held over Zoom. Participants of all ages and skill levels can learn how to create thin block letters and fill the empty space with whimsical garden-themed illustrations. The only supplies needed are paper, a pencil, and a hard surface to draw on. Jones is a professional

artist, illustrator, and muralist based in Everett, Washington. She has years of experience teaching art workshops for children and adults. Her website, The Art of Rosemary, provides more information about her work.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link for the event. Those interested can sign up through the NCW Libraries online calendar at [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).

The garden doodling class is one of several virtual programs included in NCW Libraries’ summer offerings this year. The library’s website has a full schedule of events.

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## Five Brewster and Bridgeport graduates make Spokane Community Colleges’ honor roll

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SPOKANE – Five Brewster and Bridgeport graduates now enrolled at either Spokane Community College (SCC) or Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC) have made the 2024 spring quarter honor roll that ended in June. All five achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or better to make the cut. Citlaly Flores, Bridgeport,

and Duvan Martinez, Brewster attend SCC. Enrolled at SFCC are Reese Vassar, and John Benitez Rojas, Brewster, and Alonzo Garza-Hernandez, Bridgeport.

SCC lists 1,941 students on its honor roll and SFCC named 1,255 students to its honor ranks.

SCC is known for its career and technical training programs and apprenticeship programs. It also offers

associate degrees, including those that are transfer-ready for those going into universities. It serves more than 15,000 students annually with a main campus in East Spokane, five other locations in rural areas of northeastern Washington, and a program in the Airway Heights Correctional Center.

SFCC serves more than 5,000 students and is renowned for its theater, music, and fine

arts programs, as well as exceptional STEM programs. About 60 percent of SFCC graduates transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Other students pursue career or technical degrees or certificates. SFCC has campuses in West Spokane, Fairchild Air Force Base, and Pullman.

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## BLM issues amended fire restrictions order for North Central Washington amid wildfire risk

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SPOKANE — The Spokane District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued an amended fire restrictions order, which went into effect on July 19, for lands administered by the BLM and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in North Central and Eastern Washington counties.

The order, which applies to Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry,

Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties, prohibits building, maintaining, attending, or using fires, campfires, or stove fires, including charcoal briquette fires. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted with proper clearance.

Operating motorized vehicles off developed roadways is also prohibited,

and parking must be done in areas barren of flammable materials. Vehicles on public lands must carry a shovel and either a one-gallon container of water or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher. Motorcycles and All-Terrain Vehicles must have functioning U.S. Forest Service approved spark arrestors.

Smoking while traveling in timber, brush, or grass areas is prohibited, except in vehicles on roads, cleared areas, or on boats on rivers and lakes.

Discharging or using tracer, steel component, or incendiary ammunition is also prohibited, with an exception for hunting with steel component ammunition.

Violations of the order may result in fines up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 12 months, as well as restitution for fire suppression and damage costs. The restrictions are in response to the increased fire risk in the region and aim to prevent wildfires on federal lands.