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## Bridgeport adds projects to State Transportation Improvement Plan

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The Columbia Avenue downtown renovation project that the Revitalization Committee has been pursuing in its latest meetings was among new projects added to or modified in the city's six-year Washington State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) discussed during a city council public hearing on July 24.

The STIP report is a requirement to qualify for any state or federal funds to help pay for any city street or pedestrian projects. The city annually adds or modifies projects included in its STIP. Additions this year include:

- Columbia Avenue Sidewalk

Renovation (both sides of 10th to 13th Street)

Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem told the council he modified the Columbia Avenue project description to more represent what the Bridgeport Revitalization wants to do to upgrade that downtown space.

"I added pedestrian activated flashing crosswalk lights," Dezellem said.

- 16th Street Phase 2 (Douglas to Raymond Avenue)

Replace chip seal and repaint crosswalks at the recommendation of a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) engineer.

- OTTA Seal Program (per TIB roadway rating below 70)

OTTA seal is a new product developed by the Norwegian Road Research Laboratory in the Otta Valley, hence the name. Otta is stronger than similar street surfacing and is being used by both the TIB and the county.

"Douglas County has done some of this," said Dezellem. "It's a different oil and different grade of rock and you do not need a crack seal underneath of it."

Dezellem said the county is urging cities to put in large quantities of the new product. Bridgeport has 11 miles that qualify.

"We are going to submit 5.5 miles under this program," said Dezellem. "That's about \$450,000 worth and there is no match required."

- Citywide Crack Seal (per TIB roadway rating below 70)

"If we don't get selected for the new-style chip seal we are going to submit to have crack seal done on all our streets citywide," Dezellem said.

- Foster Creek Avenue Pedestrian Lighting

Install overhead lighting along the north side of SR173 from 18th to 27th Street.

The city adopted an ordinance establishing funding through TIB for the Smart Streets program, which is defined as the integration of technology and data to improve the efficiency, safety, and sustainability of urban transportation systems.

- Pearl Hill Road Overlay (24' wide from SR17 to city limits)

Dezellem explained that 1,400 feet of Pearl Hill Road is within city limits that extend to the entrance of the Corps of Engineers project. Douglas County previously maintained it until discovering it was a city street about a decade ago.

"If we get on the OTTA seal, we can include (Pearl Hill) in the 5.5 miles and get it chip sealed," Dezellem said.

Among the remaining STIP projects are the following:

- 24th Street and Foster Creek Avenue Sidewalk Project

– Construct sidewalk and crosswalks.

- Tenth Street Pedestrian Trail

– Install a 6' wide asphalt walking

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## Salmon Derby winners push through low turnout, restrictions, and heat

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**King of the Pool Gage Howe of Mead poses with his German Shorthair fishing bird dog, Gracie, after pocketing the \$2,000 grand prize.**



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**Pat Coffee collects \$1,500 from derby organizer Mike Mauk for his first place, 19.66-pound fish.**



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**First-place youth winner, Lakota Eldred, center, is flanked by second place Nevaeh Darnell, right, and Gunner Gibbons.**

## Three Rivers Hospital revisits building plans, seeks efficiency

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER—Strategic planning for a new Three Rivers Hospital (TRH) building continues to be a primary topic for the Board of Commissioners, which met on Wednesday, July 31.

CEO Scott Graham said outreach continues with community groups, regional hospital partners, consultants, and prospective funding sources in tandem with a reassessment of the hospital's position regarding its goal of building a facility supported by all stakeholders. Recognizing that areas remain where improvements can be made to streamline operations and better use staff and resources, outside expertise is being evaluated to help.

"We have been working as a leadership group on reading a book called The 4 Disciplines of Execution," said Graham. "We have decided to bring on someone who can coach us in how fully implement the concepts in that book."

TRH received a \$425,000 Distressed Hospital Grant that can be applied to efficiency training, consultants, and assessments. Graham said a provider will be selected next month.

Until recent developments, three new facility options were under evaluation:

- Build a scaled-down version on the present site: Estimate \$72 million.
- Build new offsite: Estimate \$71 million.
- Build scaled-down offsite (including land cost): Estimate \$55 million.

Recently the owners of the target property sought by the hospital have declined to sell, removing the two offsite options under consideration.

"We have gone back to architect Dave Franklund and asked him to do some even more creative reconfiguring to see of there some other kinds of renovations that can be done to help us bring that cost burden down," Graham said.

The necessity to revisit the drawing board for the existing site will delay any consideration of a bond measure on the upcoming November ballot.

"We are not yet there in terms of construction possibilities," said Graham.

The next opportunity to put another bond on the ballot to voters does not appear to be until 2025.

Graham said he is encouraged by the possibility that TRH can reach a level where the hospital is

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## Pateros Resource Center officially closes

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS—After nearly a decade of supporting the needs of community residents experiencing hard times,

a local nonprofit provider officially closed its doors on August 1.

The Pateros Brewster Community Resource Center (PBCRC), located in the Pateros Mall, closed after nine years of operation when funding

resources disappeared. "We have had folks say some very nice things about what we have been able to do since we started," said Executive Director Gene Dowers, "It has been really gratifying that those folks

notice. It was really apparent to them that we were affecting other people."

PBCRC was born of necessity after the 2014 Carlton Complex wildfire – then the state's largest - devastated the county in general and Pateros in particular.

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## Airbnb for Hummingbirds: Bridgeport woman's accidental avian haven

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT—Discreetly hidden yet in plain sight, somewhere in the city hangs Bungee Cord Bungalow, perhaps one of the more ingenious and delightful seasonal homes around these parts.

The residence in question belongs to a family of Black-Chinned hummingbirds who originally built—and have been returning annually to—their private nursery for the past decade. Their landlord and host, Pat Pittman, said she anxiously awaits the arrival of her—literally—Airbnb visitors.

"I get so excited waiting for them to come," said Pittman. "They arrive

around the end of June."

Excitement must be reward enough since her lodgers are of the freeloading variety.

Conservationist and author Aldo Leopold described a similar behavior in his book "A Sand County Almanac" about the wild birds sharing his property:

"Like other great landowners, I have tenants," wrote Leopold. "They are negligent about rents, but very punctilious about tenures."

The nest building resulted from a happy accident when Pittman's late husband, Denny, absentmindedly left an ordinary bungee cord looped from a porch rafter near the kitchen



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

**Two tiny beaks pointed roof-ward await their next meal.**



COURTESY OF PAT PITTMAN

**The Black-Chinned female alone builds her nest and feeds her brood.**

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# Firefighters' leftover Jamboree food feeds local youth



COURTESY OF PATEROS METHOW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ORGANIZATION  
**Pateros Firefighters Amber Heen and Bruce Henne, back right, delivered food remaining from the Apple Pie Jamboree PMVFO Sloppy Joe fundraiser to the Brewster Boys and Girls Club. Director Elizabeth Shepard, back center, accepted the hamburger, hot dog buns, potato salad and coleslaw benefitting the BBGC free lunch program. A similar donation is made to the BBGC following the annual Pateros Classic Hydroplane Races held each August.**

## Icicle Fund Executive Director to step down after nine years of leadership

NCW News  
 Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH -- The Icicle Fund, a nonprofit organization supporting arts, history, and environmental initiatives in North Central Washington, announced that Executive Director Christine Morgan will be stepping down after nine years of leadership. The organization's board is now seeking applicants for the position to guide the Icicle Fund into its next phase of development. Morgan, who has been credited with steering the organization through significant milestones, will remain in her role through September to ensure a smooth transition. During her tenure, Morgan oversaw several key developments, including the acceptance of Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort as a gift from founder Harriet Bullitt in 2019, an increase in support for local nonprofits during

the COVID-19 pandemic, and the implementation of a trust-based community grant program. In a statement, Morgan expressed gratitude for her time with the organization, saying, "Icicle Fund is a unique local, place-based funder of the arts, environment, and history. It is a rare community treasure, and this region would be a very different place to live and visit without it. I feel deep gratitude to Harriet and the NCW community for the opportunity to serve and steward the Fund for a while. The organization is strong and well positioned for future impact. I am looking forward to my next chapter of service elsewhere and to opening the door for the next leader of the Icicle Fund." Mitsu Iwasaki, Icicle Fund Board President, praised Morgan's contributions, stating, "We are grateful to Christine's unwavering dedication to the communities

and organizations that make North Central Washington special. Under her vision, the Fund has had a profound impact on the arts, history, culture, and the environment throughout our valley and beyond. We look forward to identifying the next director who will help shape the Icicle Fund into its next iteration." The Icicle Fund, established in 1998 by Harriet Bullitt, has invested more than \$45 million in over 100 nonprofits across North Central Washington. The organization focuses on strengthening connections between people and place through support

COURTESY PHOTO  
**Christine Morgan, Executive Director of Icicle Fund, will step down from her role in September after nine years of leading the nonprofit organization that supports arts, history, and environmental initiatives in the region.**

of artistic expression, historical understanding, and environmental conservation.

Those interested in the Executive Director position can find more information on the Icicle Fund's website at [www.iciclefund.org](http://www.iciclefund.org).



## Death Announcements

### Rodney Dodge

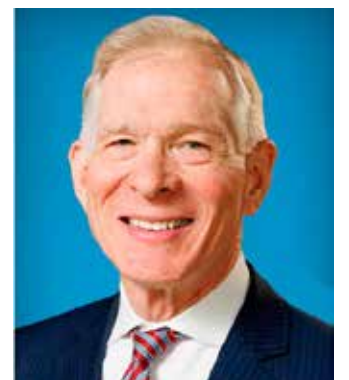
Rodney Dodge, 86, of Brewster, Washington passed away on July 26, 2024. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

## Attorney Russell J. Speidel named to Super Lawyers list

NCW News  
 Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Russell J. Speidel, an estate planning and probate attorney based in Wenatchee, has been recognized in the 2024 edition of Washington Super Lawyers, marking his continued excellence in the legal field. The prestigious designation, awarded to only five percent of lawyers statewide, highlights Speidel's expertise and standing among his peers. This recognition is not new for Speidel, who has consistently earned a spot on the Super Lawyers list since 2007. Mr. Speidel is the only Estate Planning and Probate lawyer in North Central Washington to receive this honor. The Super Lawyers selection process is known for its rigorous and multifaceted approach. It begins with peer nominations and proceeds through independent evaluation by the publication's attorney-led research staff. Candidates then undergo a peer review

by practice area, followed by a thorough check of their professional standing and disciplinary record. Super Lawyers recognize attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their legal practice. This recognition underscores Speidel's continued commitment to excellence in estate planning and probate law, areas that are crucial for many Washington residents seeking to secure their financial legacies and navigate complex legal processes during sensitive times.



Russell J. Speidel

## Community Bulletin Board

### Local, Regional Community News & Events

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name, city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events, please email: [classifieds@ward.media](mailto:classifieds@ward.media). To submit info call **509-548-5286** or email: [ruth@ward.media](mailto:ruth@ward.media)

- Meetings**
- Mondays**
- Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee:** Second Monday, 6 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Okanogan County Commissioners' hearing room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.
- Family and friends Support Group:** Third Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)
- Tuesday**
- Okanogan County PUD:** The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. Information: [okanoganpud.org](http://okanoganpud.org)
- Douglas County PUD meetings:** The commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Information: [douglaspud.org](http://douglaspud.org)
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group:** Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)
- Wednesday**
- American Legion Post #97:** 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.
- American Legion Auxiliary #97:** Meets the first

- Wednesday of each month, at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster.
- Brewster Chamber of Commerce:** Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Information email: [brewsterwachamber@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterwachamber@gmail.com)
- Death Cafe Chelan:** 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](mailto:monte419@nwi.net).
- Thursdays**
- Family Caregivers/Support Group:** Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.
- Other Events**
- American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Wednesday, August 14, 12 p.m.-5 p.m., Brewster High School, 503 S. 7th Street, Brewster. For an appointment: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-RED-CROSS / 1-800-733-2767.
- Brewster Senior Meals:** 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.
- Senior Center Thrift Store:** 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.
- Brewster American Legion events:** 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.
- Chelan Valley Hope:** Is open Monday-Thursdays (except holidays) 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.) at 417 S. Bradley Street in Chelan. For information 509-888-2114 or [chelanvalleyhope.org](http://chelanvalleyhope.org). Chelan Valley Hope has their service area to include Pateros. 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, Orondo and now Pateros. Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Visit our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest Hope news and updates @ChelanValleyHope.
- July 9**
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group**
- WENATCHEE - Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)

- July 11, 18**
- Brewster bus trips**
- 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
- July 15**
- Family and friends Support Group**
- WENATCHEE - Family and friends Support Group meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. For information, call 509-860-3620 or visit their website at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)
- July 17**
- Death Cafe Chelan**
- CHELAN: The Death Cafe is a national organization started by Jon Underwood and the Chelan organization meets the Third Wednesday of the month, at the Chelan Public Library on Emerson Street, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 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](mailto:monte419@nwi.net)

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## 10 ways to upgrade your bathroom in an hour or less

By **KATHRYN O'SHEA-EVANS**  
Special to *The Washington Post*

With its blah beige tile and sliding rain glass shower door mired in the early aughts, my Colorado bathroom is about as far from a transcendent spalike experience as it gets. And yet as a frazzled working parent, revamping it is the barnacle stuck at the bottom of my never-ending to-do list. And I know I'm not alone. To find quick upgrades that can make a difference in anyone's ho-hum bathroom - and fast - I reached out to the pros, all of whom offered transformative options that can be accomplished in a zip.

### Indulge in a heated mat

Although it's objectively hideous, I'm in no rush to rip up and replace my flooring - and yet I've wanted radiant underfloor heating since our wintertime trip to Iceland. Nashville designer Christine Carney of Blackberry Farm Design found a quick fix for warmth underfoot: a plug-in heated mat under the rug. "It actually is life changing," says Carney, who rolls hers up for storage in warmer months. "I just found a mat on Amazon and put it under a washable soft shag rug, and it worked beautifully. It was so luxurious!" One important detail: Hers lies close to an existing outlet. "That's not the most elegant part, but hopefully you can [accept it], in just the same way a lamp cord is not super elegant."

### Try a bidet

"If you already have electrical near your toilet, it's like a five-minute thing to install a washlet seat," says New York designer Eddie Lee, adding that these de facto bidets - which often have illuminated touchpads to control everything from the water temperature to the air drier - typically hook up to your toilet's water supply for ease of use, and can be installed with a screwdriver and a wrench. "It used to be just Toto made them, but now Kohler and a lot of different brands make them." The washlet, Lee says, "basically gives you a little bit of a spa experience. They're not cheap, but all my clients love them."

### Change the lightbulbs

Many of us know the havoc that bad lighting can wreak on our appearance and with it, our mood. Most of us prefer soft, warmer lighting in the bathroom, which can work magic like a real-life Instagram filter. "In my mind, [any lightbulb] over 3000k looks like the hospital," Lee says. "[2700k] is like the old school soft white bulbs that people used to get before they bought LED." Carney also recommends employing 2700k bulbs, which is close to the appearance of a 60 watt bulb. "I think it's just what we look best in and it's the most comfortable temperature for the eye," she says.

### Swap the showerhead

"Switching out the shower head is one of the simplest and [most] inexpensive changes

you can make to a shower or a bathroom and make a huge impact," says Atlanta designer Theresa Butler, who often opts for a rain shower with a polished nickel finish. "Shower heads these days are more sophisticated, sleeker looking, and you can really customize it around the type of metals that you're using in your space." The process takes about five minutes, Butler says. "You simply unscrew your existing shower head, clean that off, dry it really well, and put a little plumber's tape around the threading to [create a watertight seal and] keep your water from leaking through where it is screwed on. After you wrap that on, you simply screw on the new shower head, and you are done."

### Hang a new mirror

For a fast glow-up, Los Angeles designer Kishani Perera advises trotting in a fresh mirror - but not just any mirror. "I think for a big impact, change to something that's really oversized in the room," she says. "When you use a few oversized pieces, it makes the bathroom read much larger to the eye, and with a mirror, you have the added extra that it's going to bring more light into the room." Plus, gigantic mirrors have a superpower: They bounce light around. "If you have even a small window, an over-scaled mirror illuminates everything."

### Declutter countertops in style

In the middle of the expansive Chicago double vanity she shares with her husband, designer Laura Tribbet added a shallow, sleek acrylic tray. "Between my husband and I, there's a lot of different products that are going to be on the countertop, and it's just a parking spot," she says. "It's a signifier to us both that 'this is where the toothpaste goes.'" With two young children, "anything that can be seen as intentional is a luxury."

Tracy Morris, a designer in McLean, Va., employs a trio of Crate & Barrel glass canisters for spalike storage. "It's a nice way to make your bathroom look special for guests coming: You throw cotton balls, makeup pads and Q-tips in those jars and have it look more visually appealing." And it pays to get creative: Nashville designer Laura Lubin of Ellerslie Interiors uses an inherited crystal finger bowl to hold her rings when she's removing them at the sink. "Even just a small thing that can be super impactful, and it doesn't have to be meant for the bathroom," she says.

### Add art

I'm not going to hang fine art in my bathroom because I'm a steam shower addict. But lesser pieces, like my Facebook Marketplace finds? Lubin says they may provide some much-needed eye candy. So, too, can raiding what already exists around the house. "I'm a big believer in rotating my artwork," Lubin says. "People just get in such a habit of finding these pieces they love

and then when they hang it on a wall, they're like, 'It must die here until I move.'" But it could be worth pulling a painting from elsewhere in your home to try in your bath, especially if it's a water closet or space that won't get drenched in moisture. "I think people will be really surprised if they actually went and just took something from their kitchen and put it in their bathroom, how much it can impact a space," Lubin says.

### Upgrade the 'jewelry'

When Kishani bought her home, the hardware in the primary bathroom was lackluster. "The house I bought was actually a spec house, so it was very vanilla," Kishani recalls, noting that developers often don't invest much in details such as millwork and cabinet knobs. To make it coordinate with the ocean views out the windows, she painted her vanity Benjamin Moore's Graphite, an inky blue black, and installed new polished nickel hardware from Rejuvenation. "It looked really, really expensive and heavy and chunky and handmade, and really made a difference."

Pierce also prefers nickel for a clean, fresh look in the bath, and says replacing your pulls and knobs is likely to take 15 minutes or less. "It's such a quick way to elevate what you have, and typically all you need is a screwdriver," she says.

### Splurge on nice towels

I can't stand it when my crisp white towels begin to go gray and often treat myself to new ones, but Laura Pierce of Boston's Keeler & Co. takes it a step further: ordering those with colorful embroidery and/or monogramming, but a white base, so "I can put my bleach pen on them if I need to." Scallops and a monogram: the towel detail I never knew I needed.

### Pop on a new lampshade

Many people feel that their bathroom sconce shades should be glass, but that's not necessarily the case, Pierce says. "As long as you have decent ventilation, you can have whatever you want." She adds that the bathroom sconces in her Maine house have scalloped grass cloth shades on them. "There are options out there that are really easy to pick up and pop on," Pierce says. "Imagine matching your sconce shade to your trim on your towel."

### Place a plant

"The use of plants in bathrooms is very underrated and very underused in general," says Lubin, who recommends pothos, snake plants, monstera and calathea, all of which tend to thrive in humid, lowlight spaces. "I kill everything and I've managed to keep all of my bathroom plants alive," she says. Tribbet adds that a bud vase with cut flowers can have a similar effect. "We call it mojo: moment of joy for others." And yourself.

*Kathryn O'Shea-Evans is a design and travel writer in Colorado.*

# Salmon Derby winners push through low turnout, restrictions, and heat

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER - Despite boundary restrictions and bouts of triple-digit heat, the 18th annual Brewster King Salmon Derby came in for a smooth landing Sunday, August 4, with a boatload of sponsors, nearly 100 salmon weighed in, and a back-to-back King of the Pool grand prize winner.

Due to a low return of king (chinook) salmon this year, derby contestants were restricted from accessing the popular Brewster pool at the confluence of the Okanogan and Columbia rivers. That did

not deter a persistent pursuit where angling was allowed above Pelican Point on the east boundary and below the Bridge Street Bride to the west.

When it was all over, the top 10 fish caught weighed 17.5 pounds or more. The winning 20.63-pounder was less than a pound shy of the 2023 derby's 21.22-pound winner, and it was caught by last year's King of the Pool winner, Gage Howe from Mead.

Turnout was down this year. There were 121 adult participants, nine youth anglers, and four children compared with 2023's 256 total entrants. However, the catch

ratio was higher this year, with 94 salmon distributed among this year's 134 total fishermen compared with 155 fish among 256 fishermen in 2023.

Brewster resident Jeff Harmer won the special 18th place—commemorating the derby's 18th anniversary—with a 12.88-pound fish. Costa Sunglasses and P1FCU donated his prizes.

Between the cash prizes, raffle tickets, and courtesy items it was hard to find anyone who did not walk away from the event with at least one gift.

*Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or michael@ward.media*

### ADULT WINNERS

Rank	Weight	Length	Girth	Participant
1)	20.63 lbs	37.75"	20.00"	GAGE HOWE - MEAD, WA
2)	19.66 lbs	37.50"	20.50"	PAT COFFEY - RIVERSIDE, WA
3)	18.80 lbs	37.50"	19.50"	SARA WEYTHMAN - PATEROS, WA
4)	18.71 lbs	36.75"	19.00"	CODY LUFT - YAKIMA, WA
5)	18.55 lbs	37.00"	18.75"	ROBERT HANEY - MARYSVILLE, WA
6)	18.52 lbs	36.50"	20.00"	BOB VELIKANJE - YAKIMA, WA
7)	18.51 lbs	35.25"	19.50"	TRAVIS DAHLIN - CONCONULLY, WA
8)	17.62 lbs	35.00"	19.00"	ALEX DAVIS - ARLINGTON, WA
9)	16.04 lbs	36.00"	18.00"	JONATHAN WRIGHT - SELAH, WA
10)	14.99 lbs	33.00"	17.50"	MICHAEL ERVIN - OMAK, WA

### YOUTH WINNERS

Rank	Weight	Length	Girth	Participant
1)	13.17 lbs	33.50"	17.75"	LAKOTA ELDRED
2)	12.85 lbs	34.50"	16.75"	NEVAEH DARNELL
3)	5.49 lbs	26.25"	12.00"	GUNNER GIBBONS

### CHILD WINNERS

Rank	Weight	Length	Girth	Participant
1)	13.37 lbs	35.50"	17.50"	CUTTER BENSON
2)	11.86 lbs	32.25"	16.00"	BEAU BENSON
3)	10.12 lbs	31.50"	16.25"	HAYES BENSON

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# Fall marketing strategies: capitalize on autumn opportunities in NCW

When the long, hot (smokey) days of summer give way to crisp autumn air, business owners in North Central Washington face new opportunities. Fall brings unique challenges and possibilities, especially for our region's small and medium-sized businesses. Whether you're in construction, real estate, or running a local winery, adapting your marketing strategy for the fall season can help you finish the year strong financially.

## Understand Our Autumn Market

Fall in North Central Washington is a special time. When summer tourists start heading home, we see a different kind of visitor: those seeking colorful foliage, harvest experiences, cooler hiking days, and a taste of our famous wines. Local consumers also change their habits, focusing more on home improvements before winter and looking for indoor activities as the weather cools.

For construction and real estate businesses, this can mean a push for last-minute outdoor projects or a focus on interior renovations. Wineries might see an uptick in visitors eager to experience the harvest season firsthand. Understanding these shifts is key to crafting effective marketing strategies.

## Tailor Your Marketing for Fall

**Event-Based Marketing:** Fall fairs, farmer's markets,

and harvest festivals are perfect opportunities to showcase your business. Construction companies might demonstrate winterization techniques, real estate agents could highlight cozy homes perfect for the colder months, and wineries can offer special harvest tours or tastings.

**Target Autumn Tourism:** Fall in North Central Washington brings a fresh wave of visitors, each with their own interests and needs. Real estate agents might create "relocation packages" that showcase the region's year-round appeal, highlighting our four seasons and activities unique to each season. Wineries can promote special autumn wine tours that combine the appeal of hiking with the excitement of harvest season. Construction businesses could partner with local accommodations to offer "fall fix-up" packages for vacation homeowners.

**Leverage Autumn Activities:** Tie your promotions to popular fall activities. For example, a construction company could offer a "pre-winter checklist" service at the County Fair, real estate agents might host pumpkin-picking events at properties with land, and wineries can create harvest-themed tasting experiences.

## Digital Marketing for Fall

In today's world, your online presence is crucial. Use social media to showcase the beauty of North Central Washington in autumn. Share photos of homes with stunning fall views, time-lapse videos of construction projects racing to beat the winter weather, or behind-the-scenes glimpses of the wine-making process during harvest. Keep in mind, that social media should not be your only digital presence. Current algorithms only reach



By **AMY YALEY**  
COO of Ward Media

a small percentage of your following.

Consider running geotargeted ads to reach potential visitors from other areas like Spokane, Ellensburg, or the west side. Digital display marketing campaigns can keep your local customers informed about fall specials or remind them of important seasonal services (like winterizing homes or stocking up on wine for holiday entertaining).

## Adapt Your Offerings for Autumn

Think about how you can tweak your products or services for the season. Construction businesses might offer fall maintenance packages. Real estate agents could create cozy autumn staging for home viewings. Wineries can introduce limited-edition harvest blends or host special fall-themed events.

For all businesses, consider limited-time autumn promotions. These create a sense of urgency and can drive sales during what might otherwise be a slower period.

## Measure Your Success

It's important to track how well your fall marketing efforts are working. Keep an eye on your sales figures, website traffic, and customer engagement. Many free or low-cost tools can help you monitor these metrics. This data will be invaluable for refining your strategies, not just for this fall

but for future seasons as well.

## Plan Ahead

As you implement your fall marketing plan, start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. How can you transition your autumn promotions into winter ones? For construction and real estate, this might mean shifting focus to indoor projects or cozy winter homes. Wineries can start promoting their wines as perfect holiday gifts or for New Year's celebrations.

## Embrace Autumn's Opportunities

Fall in North Central Washington offers a wealth of marketing opportunities for businesses of all types. By understanding the unique characteristics of our autumn market, tailoring your strategies to the season, and leveraging both traditional and digital marketing techniques, you can make the most of this beautiful time of year.

Remember, the key to successful seasonal marketing is to start planning early and be willing to adapt as you learn what works best for your business. Embrace the changing seasons, and let the natural beauty and bounty of our region inspire your marketing efforts.

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# Retired Pastor takes interim role at Brewster Baptist Church

Quad City Herald  
Ward Media

**BREWSTER** — New Testament Baptist Church in Brewster has appointed Marvin McKenzie as interim pastor, effective July 14.

McKenzie, who retired from full-time ministry in spring

2024, brings four decades of experience to the role. He previously served churches in Washington and Oregon, and held executive positions at Baptist Bible colleges in California and Oklahoma.

The interim pastor has authored nearly 100 self-published Bible study books

and developed curriculum used internationally. McKenzie's primary focus will be guiding the church in its search for a permanent pastor.

McKenzie and his wife, Anita, recently relocated from Puyallup to Republic, Washington, where their son leads a local Baptist church.

# Wenatchee area sees job losses and rising unemployment

NCW News  
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**WENATCHEE** - The Wenatchee Metropolitan Statistical Area, comprising Chelan and Douglas counties, saw its unemployment rate rise and nonfarm employment decline in June compared to the previous year, according to a report released by the Washington State Employment Security Department.

The report, compiled by Donald W. Meseck, Regional Labor Economist at the Employment Security Department, provides a detailed analysis of the area's labor market trends.

The unemployment rate in the Wenatchee MSA increased to 3.9% in June 2024, up from 3.3% in June 2023. This rise occurred despite growth in the civilian labor force, which expanded by 1,243 residents to reach 68,835, a 1.8% increase year-over-year.

"This year-over-year increase in the number of unemployed overpowered the expansion in the local labor force, causing the unemployment rate to rise six-tenths of a point, from 3.3% in

June 2023 to 3.9% in June 2024," Meseck stated in the report.

Total nonfarm employment in the two-county area decreased by 900 jobs, or 1.8%, from 50,800 in June 2023 to 49,900 in June 2024. This marks a reversal from the area's previous trend of job growth.

According to the report, "Year over year, the Wenatchee MSA's nonfarm market expanded for 37 months (April 2021 through April 2024) before contracting in May and June 2024."

Key industries showing job losses included construction, which declined by 200 jobs or 4.9% year-over-year. However, some sectors did see growth, including education and health services, which added 300 jobs, a 3.7% increase.

The leisure and hospitality sector, crucial to the area's economy, continued its growth trend, adding 200 jobs for a 2.7% increase compared to June 2023. This growth outpaced the statewide trend, where leisure and hospitality employment actually declined slightly.

"Job growth rates in this local industry have been more rapid than leisure and hospitality job growth rates statewide

in each of the past 10 months (September 2023 through June 2024)," the report noted.

The report also provided insight into long-term trends in agricultural employment, a significant sector in both Chelan and Douglas counties. In Chelan County, agricultural jobs decreased from 9,327 in 2013 to 8,187 in 2023, a 12.2% decline over the decade. Douglas County saw an even steeper drop of 21% in agricultural employment over the same period.

Despite the job losses, agricultural wages in both counties showed modest growth when not adjusted for inflation. The report suggested several possible explanations for this trend, including "automation, the gradual conversion of some seasonal agricultural jobs to year-round positions, and the increased use of H-2A agricultural labor."

The full impact of these changes on the local economy remains to be seen, but the data suggests a shifting landscape in the Wenatchee area's labor market, with traditional agricultural jobs declining while some service sectors continue to grow.

## Pateros Center

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Commenting on that disaster, Carlene Anders, Executive Director of the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group, which was formed to help fire victims recover, said that the Pateros School District alone lost more than 150 homes.

"We had two to four students in every single class, K-12, that lost their homes and a fifth of our staff of teachers at the

school," Anders said.

With most of the county's community support services 30 miles away in Okanogan and Omak, the need for a south county office was urgent. PBCRC hit the ground running, providing financial help, referrals, and access to other support resources. It was also building connections to agencies located in the county hub. Last year both Okanogan County Community Action Council (OCCAC) and WorkSource established satellite offices at PBCRC to be

closer to south county clients who need their help.

PBCRC Director and Board Treasurer Cecilia Williams said the office closure is one more hardship for those who are now referred to OCCAC's Omak office.

"It's difficult for those people and especially families with kids who now have to travel there," said Williams. "There is bus service available but it's hard for them."

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

**ANSWER:**

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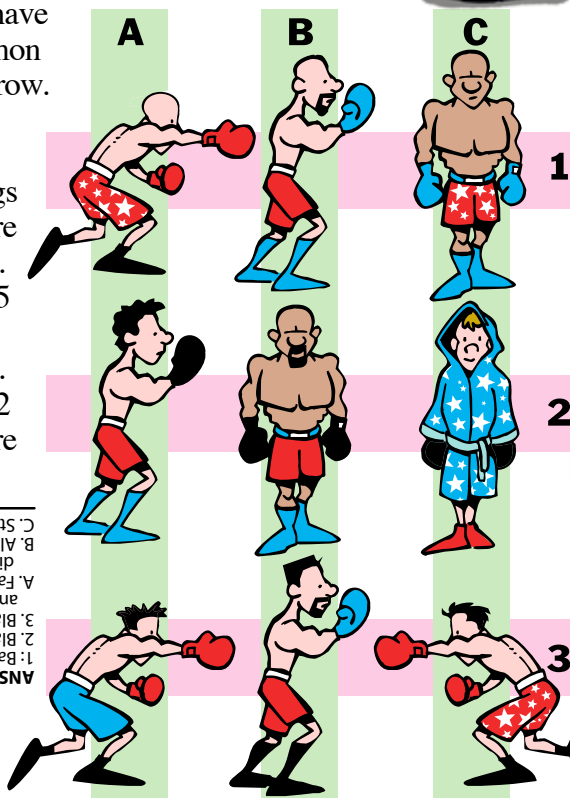
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RUNNERS		
BOXING		
SEARCH		
TOTAL		

### Boxing

Look at the rows going up and down. Circle the things that the boxers have in common in each row.

Find all six things and score 5 points. Find 3-5 to earn 3 points. Find 1-2 and score 1 point.

**ANSWERS:**  
1: Bald boxers.  
2: Black gloves.  
3: Black hair and boots.  
A: Facing same direction.  
B: All have beards.  
C: Stars on clothes.



### SEARCH: Get the Lead Out!

There are lots of pencils on this page, but only one crayon. Find that crayon in less than 30 seconds and you earn 10 points; 60+ seconds earns you 5 points.

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On one newspaper page, find and circle the letters that spell each of the following words:

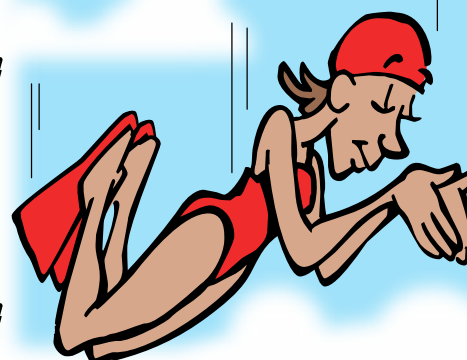
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- Volleyball
- Archery
- Cycling
- Pentathlon

**Standards Link:** Spelling: Spell grade level words correctly.

### High Dive

There are five differences between these divers. Score 1 point for each one you find.

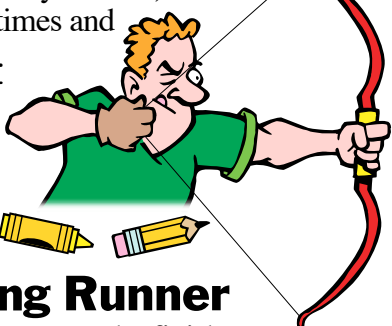
**Standards Link:** Find similarities and differences in common objects.



### Archery

Place a pencil on the archer's bow. Close your eyes. Trace a path to the target. Open your eyes and check your score (the number in the ring of the target that you "hit"). Repeat two more times and add up your score.

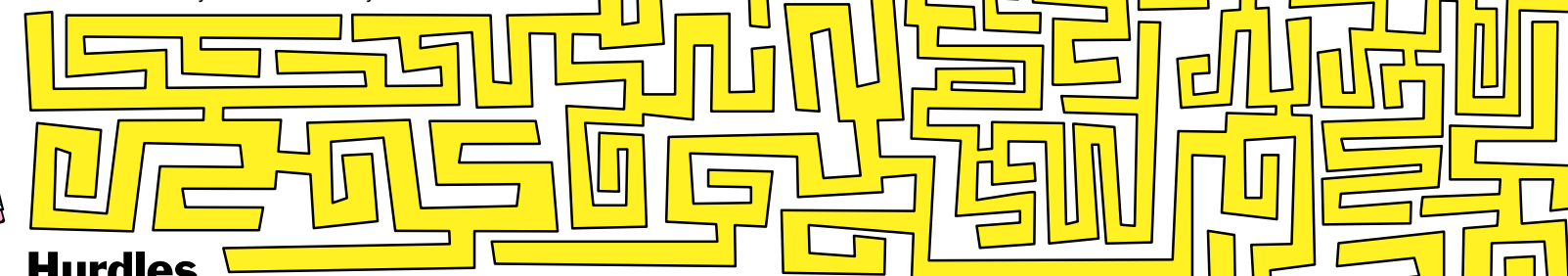
**Standards Link:** Math: Compute sums.



### A-MAZE-ing Runner

Only one will take you to the finish. Find it in less than 30 seconds and score 5 points! 30-60 seconds earns 3 points. 60+ seconds earns 1 point.

**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.



### Hurdles

Place your pencil on START. Close your eyes. Draw 10 dots, trying to put one on each hurdle. Score 1 point for each hurdle that contains one, and only one, dot.

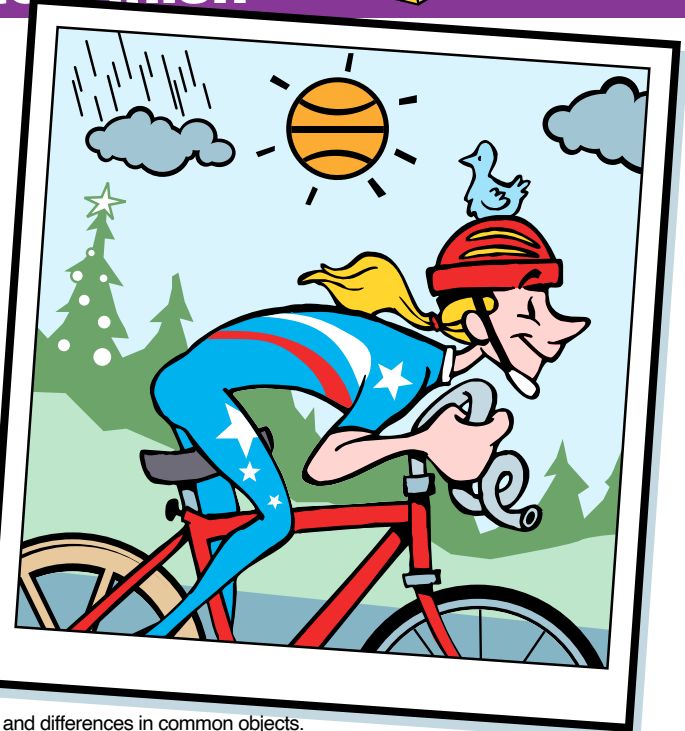


### Photo Finish

Sonia took a picture of the bike races.

Find five or more silly things in Sonia's cycling photo.

**Standards Link:** Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



### Double Double Word Search

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

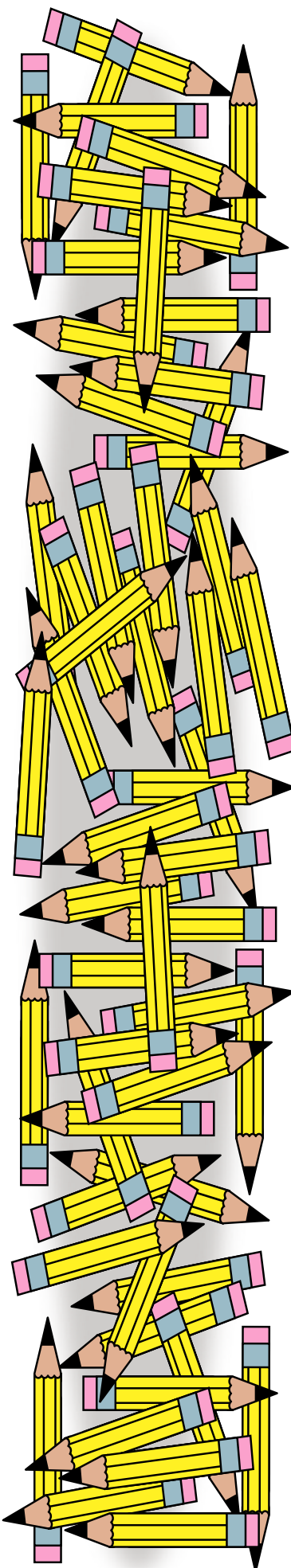
- ADD
- BOW
- CIRCLE
- CRAYON
- CYCLING
- DISTANCE
- DOT
- EARN
- HURDLE
- LESS
- ONE
- PENCIL
- POINT
- SCORE
- TARGET



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

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