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Rustic Rise Cafe & Bakery catches on with customers



Holly Vejar.



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 Vejar is using more locally sourced ingredients like blackberries in her recipes.



Sourdough bread is a Vejar specialty.

By MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER -- Looking back on it now, perhaps a more appropriate name for Rustic Rise Café & Bakery might have been Rustic Rise on the Run because that is much of what owner Holly Vejar has been doing since she started her bakery business just five short months ago on April 4.

Vejar brought her to venture to the Brewster King Salmon Derby from August 2 to 4, where she would be one of the two on-site food vendors serving hungry sport fishermen.

Rustic Rise specializes in baked goods, especially sourdough, and delivers her orders for free.

"Most of my breads except for one are sourdough," said Vejar.

Busy – "but loving it," said Vejar – features orders and deliveries not only for customers in the surrounding cities but also as distant as Tacoma. After seeing and tasting her eye-catching creations, it's no mystery to understand why. Together with the skills she picked up from her grandmother, Vejar has a talent for incorporating local ingredients into some of her delicacies. Consider:

- Blackberry scones made with local blackberries from Lone Point Cellars in Brewster.
- Salted caramel coconut macaroons,
- Sourdough cinnamon roll focaccia.
- Mini chocolate cake donuts with blackberry glaze.

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Terry Troxell Memorial Regatta returns to Pateros August 17-18

By MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The roar of racing hydros will once again echo across the waters of Lake Pateros when the annual Terry Troxell Memorial Regatta returns to Pateros on Saturday and Sunday, August 17-18.

The Pacific Northwest Boat Racing Association (PNBRA) event will begin

at 10 a.m. on both days. The two-day event will include a meet-and-greet, vintage hydroplane exhibition, youth classes, and inboard hydros reaching speeds more than 100 miles per hour.

Pateros resident and hydro supporter George Pearson will host a meet-and-greet at 4 p.m., Friday, August 16, near the south entrance of Kodi's Noon Saloon at 154 Pateros Mall with Pateros II driver, Kannon Cushing.

The future of the racing group is the corps of young drivers like Cushing coming up through the ranks. The Pateros races will feature many young drivers including a Canadian contingent piloting an assortment of J-Stock and AX Runabouts.

Cushing, 13, is the son of Brandon Cushing, the retired owner/driver

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Kannon Cushing, nicknamed "Kanman" at the wheel of No. 333.

COURTESY OF GEORGE PEARSON



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 Kannon Cushing with trophies, he won in California events.



COURTESY OF GEORGE PEARSON
 Kannon Cushing.

Pateros pursues improvement projects on many fronts

By MIKE MALTAIS
 Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – Together with the surprising news announced at the July city council meeting that the city was awarded a \$2.5 million Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant for Pateros Mall design and construction, City Administrator Jord Wilson distributed a project status spreadsheet featuring:

- **Water System Plan:** The Sanitary Survey is completed. An onsite visit by Department of Health officials produced no findings. The city received a grant for additional PFAS (fire retardant chemicals) testing now mandatory for the city water system. More than 80 customers have responded to the cross-connection questionnaire and lead service line survey sent to about 300 accounts in June. Follow-up notices were sent out in July for unreturned questionnaires and surveys. The Lead Service Line Report will be completed and sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) this month.

- **Warren/Riverside Intersection Pilot Project:** The resin surface has been ordered. Installation training is scheduled for August 20 in Chelan. Unlike the normal curbing and other street installations used to direct and control traffic, the colored and slightly raised resin overlay is a new idea being introduced in Pateros and Chelan to visually direct drivers. The project is funded by a \$135,000 Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant and is the first of its kind in the state.
- **US97 Pedestrian Bike Path:** WSDOT awarded a \$99,219 grant in May 2023. The design prospectus still needs edits before a construction contract can be funded.
- **Stormwater System Plan:** The Department of Ecology awarded \$103,199 of a \$112,660 grant request leaving a city match of \$9,461. The city council approved a consultant contract in June. Work will begin this fall.

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Upper Pearl Hill Bridge to close for 3-month replacement project



COURTESY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
 An aerial image of the Upper Pearl Hill Bridge shortly after the Cold Springs Canyon/Pearl Hill Fire on September 7, 2020. The bridge experienced significant structural damage and is being replaced.

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BRIDGEPORT — Douglas County officials announced that

construction on the Upper Pearl Hill Bridge replacement project will begin August 19, nearly four years after the structure sustained significant damage in a wildfire.

The bridge, located approximately 5 miles outside Bridgeport, will close for an estimated three months as crews demolish the existing structure and install a new, wider span. The project will improve safety and restore access for commercial farming vehicles, which have faced weight restrictions since the September 7, 2020, Cold Springs Canyon/Pearl Hill Fire.

Funded by a \$3 million grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program, the new bridge will feature 11-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders, expanding the total width to 34 feet. The structure will span just over 48 feet in length.

The project includes reconstructing bridge approaches, guardrails, and signage and installing stormwater collection and treatment facilities.

County officials have advised motorists to follow posted detour signs and anticipate increased travel times during the closure, which is expected to last until mid-November, depending on construction progress.

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5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Bubble Party

The Chelan Library will host a Bubble Party for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers on Friday, August 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Please join us for bubble fun at the library for our wee ones as we finish our goals for the Read, Renew, Repeat Summer Library Program," the event page states.

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

Live music by Virgil Eagle

Endless Orchard Hard Pressed Cider in Chelan will host live music by Virgil Eagle from Whisky Trail on Sunday, August 18, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable experience at our Endless Orchard Summer Concert

Series," the event page states. "Make this summer one to remember with great music, tasty cider, and the best company. We can't wait to see you there."

For more information, visit endlessorchardcider.com.

Stargazing at Sun Mountain Lodge

The Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop will host a Stargazing with the Seattle Astronomical Society night on Sunday, August 18, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

"Participants will embark on this cosmic adventure with an indoor presentation in the ballroom led by an expert member of the Seattle Astronomical Society," the event page states. "This introductory session will be followed by an outdoor guided experience

using a high-powered telescope, allowing guests to witness the starry expanse."

For more information, visit summountainlodge.com.

Gatsby Murder Mystery Escape Room

The Omak Library will host the Gatsby Murder Mystery Escape Room on Monday, August 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"Can you solve this murder? Join us to solve this mystery before the murder gets away," the event page states. Please register ahead to save your spot.

For more information and to register, visit ncwlibraries.org.



Arts and Crafts Group

The Omak Library will hold an Arts and Crafts Group on Wednesday, August 21, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"This program is run by the American Dream Employment Network-- Northwest Center in

Omak. They will be doing adult coloring and keychain making as well as other crafts. This is open to the public and free to attend!

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

Navigating the murky waters of media bias

In an era where trust in institutions wavers and polarization deepens, the specter of media bias looms large over our national discourse. From the halls of Congress to heated debates on social media, accusations of slanted coverage fly fast and furious. Yet as the publisher of local news in North Central Washington, I find myself pondering a more nuanced question: What truly constitutes bias in our modern media landscape?

The notion that any news organization - ours included - can achieve perfect objectivity is, frankly, a comforting fiction. We are, after all, human beings,



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each shaped by our own experiences and perspectives. The real challenge, and indeed our solemn duty, lies in recognizing our inherent biases and striving tirelessly to present a fair and balanced view of the world.

This is no simple task. In an age of clickbait headlines and algorithm-driven echo chambers, the pressure to sensationalize or cater to pre-conceived notions is ever-present. Yet we must resist these siren calls, for they erode the very foundation of informed democracy.

So how do we, as both producers and consumers of

news, navigate these treacherous waters?

First, we must sharpen our critical thinking skills. Learn to distinguish between objective reporting and opinion pieces. Approach sweeping generalizations about "mainstream media bias" with healthy skepticism. Ask yourself: Compared to what? Can I point to concrete examples that support or refute claims of bias?

Second, we must turn the lens inward. Our own preconceptions can color our interpretation of even the most impartial reporting. By acknowledging our personal biases, we open ourselves to a more nuanced understanding of complex issues.

Third, we must recognize

that bias manifests in myriad forms. It's not just about liberal versus conservative slants. Story selection, framing, sourcing decisions - all of these elements can subtly shape a narrative. A truly discerning reader looks beyond the surface, questioning not just what is being reported, but how and why.

At this publication, we remain committed to the highest standards of journalistic integrity. We welcome scrutiny and value the feedback of our readers. If you believe you've encountered biased coverage in our pages, we encourage you to engage with us. Provide specific examples, challenge our assumptions, and help us in our ongoing quest for truth and fairness.

The path forward is not one of blind trust, nor of cynical dismissal. Instead, it requires a shared commitment to media literacy, critical thinking, and open dialogue. Only then can we hope to pierce the fog of bias and glimpse the complex realities that shape our world.

We are all partners in this endeavor. Let us navigate these waters together with clear eyes and open minds.

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NCW Fair names Deputy Jacob Lewis First Responder of the Year

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WATERVILLE—The North Central Washington Fair has named Deputy Jacob Lewis as its First Responder of the Year for 2024, recognizing his pioneering work in narcotics detection at the Chelan County Regional Justice Center.

Deputy Lewis, who joined the center in 2018, was tasked with developing the jail's first narcotics K9 program from the ground up. Working alongside his canine partners, first K9 Kait and now K9 Gambit, Lewis has significantly reduced drug use and smuggling within the facility.

The program's success has made it a model for correctional institutions across Washington state and beyond. Chris Sharp, Lewis's supervisor and Director at the justice center, praised

the deputy's efforts, stating, "Getting a K9 program up and running was pretty special, but getting this guy was the icing on the cake."

Beyond his work at the jail, Deputy Lewis has been actively involved in community outreach. He and his canine partner regularly visit schools, daycares, and summer camps to educate local youth. These efforts have also provided opportunities for other correctional officers to engage with the public and raise awareness about their profession.

The award highlights the often-overlooked role of correctional officers in the first responder community. Despite the program's success, it relies entirely on donations, requiring up to \$15,000 annually to maintain operations.

Deputy Lewis will be

honored at a ceremony on August 23 during the Clint Black concert at the North Central Washington Fair. The recognition is made possible through a partnership with Wheatland Bank.

This marks the fourth year the fair has honored a first responder from Chelan and Douglas Counties.

COURTESY OF CAROLYN MORLEY, NCW FAIR MANAGER

Deputy Jacob Lewis and K9 Gambit pose in front of a Chelan County Jail banner. Lewis, recently named First Responder of the Year by the North Central Washington Fair, developed the jail's pioneering narcotics detection K9 program, significantly reducing drug smuggling and use within the facility.



AI Expo in Wenatchee to explore tech's impact on Washington's economy

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WENATCHEE—The NCW Tech Alliance, North Central Education Services District (NCESD), and the Apple STEM Network will host the 4th Annual Artificial Intelligence (AI) Expo on August 21 at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The event, scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., focuses on AI's cross-sector potential and its impact on Washington State policy and economics.

The expo features keynote speakers and breakout sessions, offering attendees the opportunity to engage with experts and explore cutting-edge AI applications. Participants will experience hands-on sessions with Microsoft Copilot and learn about AI's local use cases across various industries, including finance, marketing, agriculture, and education.

Speakers include Nisaini Rexach (Microsoft), Dr. Min Sun (University of Washington), Dr. Joseph

Williams (Washington State Department of Commerce), Alex Albert (Anthropic), Nick Ellingson (Washington Technology Industry Association), John Albert (Ellips USA), Nathan Beam (Forward Financing), Will Little (Prota Ventures), Jason Hancock, Claudia Backus, Anne Hessberg (Microsoft), and Dave Sabey (Sabey Data Centers).

The AI Expo is integrated into a larger 3-day STEM Summit, providing educators with the opportunity to earn

STEM clock hours through NCESD. While primarily targeting businesses, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, the event is open to the public and free of charge, made possible by a donation from Microsoft.

The organizers are promoting discussions on AI's future in Washington and its local communities. A social event, sponsored by Native Network, will follow the expo, providing networking opportunities for attendees.

This year's AI Expo reflects

the growing importance of artificial intelligence across various sectors and its potential to influence regional economic landscapes. As AI continues to evolve, events like this serve as platforms for knowledge sharing and industry collaboration in the rapidly advancing field of technology.

For more information visit ncwtech.org or contact info@ncwtech.org or call 509-661-9000. Register for free via <https://ncwtech.info/AIExpo24>.

Wenatchee Valley College to host fall orientations to support new students

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WENATCHEE—Wenatchee Valley College will host a series of orientation sessions for new students and their families in September to facilitate the transition to college life.

The "Puente to Excellence" orientations are scheduled for Sept. 5 and 18 at the Wenatchee

campus and Sept. 12 at the Omak campus. Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer concurrent workshops for students and family members.

Vanessa Saldivar, director of the college's Title V program, said the orientations focus on supporting first-generation and Latino students. "Through intentional content and an emphasis on cultural affirmation

and connection, we de-mystify college and ensure students leave knowing they are welcome and will be supported at WVC," Saldivar said.

Student workshops will address topics such as academic advising, college expectations, and common challenges faced by first-year students. Family sessions, conducted in Spanish with English interpretation, will cover available resources

and strategies for supporting students.

Both campuses will hold a Student Readiness Fair on Sept. 18. Faculty and staff will assist students with practical tasks like acquiring textbooks and finding classrooms.

The college is also offering a three-credit College Readiness Summer Bootcamp from Sept. 9-19, with tuition covered by

the WVC Foundation. The course strengthens students' academic foundations and assists with placement in writing and math courses.

The orientations and boot camp are part of WVC's efforts to expand educational opportunities for Latino, low-income, and first-generation students, which are supported by a Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions grant

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

August 2

15:29:32 Civil, 2400 Tacoma Ave# 27, Bridgeport
15:31:31 Cps/Aps Refer, 607 Eash St, Waterville
18:15:57 Weapons Violation, 8 Holland Pl, Bridgeport

August 3

01:51:51 Juvenile Problem, 1000 16th St# 11, Bridgeport
18:30:03 Noise, 121 3rd St, Bridgeport Bar
22:44:35 911, 1808 Raymond Ave, Area, Bridgeport
23:39:12 911, 12th St & Foster Ave, Bridgeport

August 4

18:00:29 Traffic Offense, Rd 15 Nw & Rd D Nw, Mansfi
18:51:37 Property, 23459 Us Hwy 97, Beebe Bridge

August 5

10:33:13 Animal Problem, 1507 Fairview Ave, Bridgeport
16:42:37 Harass/Threat, 1910 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
18:12:53 Malicious Misch, 1910 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

August 6

11:53:26 Suspicious, 1513 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport
17:17:52 Assist Public, 1870 Rd 2 Nw, Waterville
23:45:13 Domestic Disturbance, 102 S Chelan Ave# 2, Waterville

August 7

19:28:51 Harass/Threat, 1 Airport Way, Mansfield
20:14:39 Assist Agency, Sr 172 Mp 21, Area, Mansfield

August 8

21:57:20 Juvenile Problem, 945 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

Brewster Police Dept.

August 2

06:01:40 Parking Problem, S 7th St & W Cliff Ave, Veh Parked In No Parking Zone

August 3

00:20:38 Alarm Burglary, Scenic Dr, Res Secure Door And Windows Locked No Signs Anyone Has Been Here
05:28:09 Other Calls, E Douglas Ave, Rp Req Le Come To Res To Speak W/ His Granddaughter
07:41:37 Parking Problem, W Bruce Ave & S 7th St, Veh Parked Against Yellow Curb Inside Boat Launch At Entrance/Exit
08:32:03 Animal Stray, S 2nd St & E Griggs Ave, German Shepherd Is Loose Again, Chasing Vehs. Owners Of The Dog Must Have Taken It Back Inside
17:08:03 Agency Assist, Hospital Way, Juv Is Being Transported To His Res
18:47:36 Theft Other, W Cliff Ave & S 7th St, Stolen Cooler
19:20:32 Welfare Check, Unger Rd, Neighbor Poss On Drugs Destroying His Own Truck W/ Bulldozer.

August 4

10:15:01 Agency Assist, Monse River Rd & Highway 97, Two Males In A Whi Honda Pulled Up To A Truck W/ Boat Trlr. And Poss Took Gas And Something From The Bed Of The Truck.
13:04:50 Citizen Assist, Highway 97, Needing Papers Served To Ex Spouse
20:30:53 Assault, S 7th St, Boyfriend Has Hit Rp W/ A Cane, Pulled Her Hair, Threatened To Kill Her.
23:07:31 Accident Unkinj, Old Hwy 97, Single Veh Collision.

August 5

06:00:39 Agency Assist, Old Hwy 97, Veh On It's Top, Unk Occupants
09:00:12 Civil, S 3rd St
12:16:28 Assault, W Main Ave
14:24:39 Civil, W Main Ave & N 5th St, Ex Is Threatening Rp, Leaving Her Vm To Watch Her Back.
16:46:01 Traffic Offense, S 4th

St & W Hanson Ave, Veh Lost A Wheel. Veh Has Been Removed From The Rdwy

August 6

06:49:31 Threatening, Highway 97, M Subj Waved Rp Over To His Veh And Then Began Verbally Threatening Rp.
15:38:13 Harassment, E Indian Av
20:16:54 Animal Problem, E Ester Av, Stray Dog Tried To Attack Rp. Dog Did Not Bite Rp.

August 7

19:16:09 Alarm Burglary, Hospital Way, Duress Alarm Keyholder Set Off Alarm When Entering Building

August 8

00:27:38 Suspicious, Holland Pl.
11:16:31 Theft Other, Highway 97, Shoplifter Took Some Things And Put Them In Her Purse. Unk What Items Were Taken But She Did Not Have A Receipt.

Okanogan County Sheriff

August 2

23:57:12 Harassment, W Beach St, Pateros, Wa. Rp Went Outside, When Her Lights Came On, The F Yelled At Her To "Go Ahead Try And Have Me Evicted Again, Thats The Third Time".

August 3

00:20:38 Alarm Burglary, Scenic Dr, Brewster, Res Secure Door And Windows Locked No Signs Anyone Has Been Here
14:51:51 Citizen Assist, Pioneer Rd, Brewster, 15 Yo Nephew Telling Rp That He Wants To Stay At Loc, Rp Just Wants It Reported

August 4

18:40:58 Citizen Assist, Unger Rd, Brewster, Need Le To Assist W/ Collecting Items.

August 5

12:27:22 Domestic Dispute,

West Raymond Rd, Brewster, Dad Kicked Out 15 Yo. Now The Rp And Father Want The 15 Yo To Come Home, And He Is Refusing. Mom Req To Speak To An Officer.
12:39:56 Threatening, Unger Rd, Brewster, Male Making Threats To Rp
16:28:01 Theft Other, Morning Star Way, Rp Boarded Up Windows For A Second Time At This Loc. Rp Believes Fem Has Come On To The Property And Stole The Wood That Was Placed There.
21:14:18 Attempt-Loc Nt, Sunset Dr, Brewster, Rp's 27yoof Aunt Walked Away Saying She Was Going For A Walk, Is Acting Out Of Character. Is Not Answering

Her Calls Or Texts.

August 6

02:14:17 Citizen Assist, Hadley Rd, Brewster, The Wind Blew Rp's Wood Steps Over And It Is Blocking His Doorway. He's Not Able To Get Out Of His 5th Wheel Trlr.
08:25:42 Agency Referral, Max Goehry Rd, Brewster, Concerns For Sexual Abuse & Misconduct
15:04:27 Trespassing, N Eveline St, Pateros, Ongoing Issue With Neighbor Trespassing.
15:45:54 Accident Noninj, Industrial Way, Pateros Semi W/ Full Load Of Apples Partially Off Rdwy, Partially Blocking, Truck Broke Power Pole. Truck Starting To Slide, Will Knock Pole Onto Hwy

19:35:03 Domestic Dispute, Cassimer Bar Rd, Brewster, Husband Has Spit In Her Face Twice. Rp And Husband Are Arguing Right Now.
20:57:19 Theft Other, W Beach St, Pateros, Fem Neighbor Next Door Stole Rp's Fence Material. \$18 In Value.

August 7

02:55:57 Fire Vehicle, North Star Rd, Brewster, Whi Chevy Sil On Fire. Fire Is Spreading. Veh Fully Involved Veh Fire And Brush Fire In Mop Up

August 8

16:38:35 Suspicious, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster, Male Slammed His Mother's Arm In Door Of Trlr, Mother Is Going To Trh Now.

OBITUARY

Rodney Dodge

Brewster, WA

Rodney Lance Dodge, a long-time resident of Okanogan County, departed this world on July 26, 2024, at age 86, in Brewster, WA. Rod was born in Omak, WA, on November 15, 1937, to Loren and Della (Armstrong) Dodge, and graduated from Twisp High School in 1955. He earned a Physical Education degree from Washington State University in 1959 and completed his Physical Therapy training and education at the esteemed Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, in 1961. After working with children and adults with disabilities (2 years with Easter Seals in San Francisco and 2 years with Everett School System) Rod became the first Physical Therapist north of Wenatchee.

where they raised their three children. Rod continued his practice for 42 years, working in conjunction with the Okanogan-Douglas County Hospital. Retiring in 2007, Rod reported that he liked his job, working with people, and seeing their progress. Rod enjoyed the outdoors, including fishing, hunting, horse-back riding, hiking, and skiing. He enjoyed flying the single-engine plane he had part ownership in. He was active on the Ski Patrol for the Loup Loup Ski Bowl for many years. He was a member of Kiwanis and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Christina Jean Dodge; parents, Loren M. and Della M. Dodge; and sisters: Wanda R. Campbell, Loreen S. Bernbeck (Larry),

and Diann A. Loya. Rod is survived by his wife, Bonnie L. Dodge of 35 years; daughter, Pam Stonecypher (Wes); granddaughters: Sara Stonecypher-Delia (Jon) and Emily Stonecypher; son, Ted Dodge (Jennifer); granddaughter, Brittany (Dakota) Dodge, grandsons: TJ (Josie) Dodge, Jerodan (Kaitlyn) Dodge, Seth (Brielle) Dodge, Brice (Fanny) Dodge, and Zane Dodge; 14 great-grandchildren; first wife, Patricia Dodge; brother, Jerry Dodge (Margaret); sisters: Charlotte E. Dodge, Suzette Alberts, Mary M. Seaton (Art), and Deborah A. Jorgensen (Erik); and many nieces and nephews.

The community is invited to Rod's Service on Sunday August 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 17 Hospital Way, Brewster, WA. He will be remembered with a plaque on a family plot in Twisp, WA, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Kiwanis Club. (Kiwanis.org)

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Native historian Randy Lewis to lead final WVMCC tour of 2024



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Randy Lewis introduces tour participants to the breathtaking art of his cousin, Smoker Marchand, located on the way to Entiat. Smokers Art is present all throughout Washington and the greater PNW.



COURTESY OF JEFF BECKLUND

Randy Lewis stands at the Wells Dam, where his grandfather's active farmland was violently stolen without payment.

By: Will Nilles
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE—The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center (WVMCC) is taking registrations for its final public guided tour of the year, led by Randy Lewis, a Native P'Squosa Washingtonian and lifelong local historian.

Born on the Colville Indian Reservation, Lewis grew up in the Central Washington area with his family, moving from town to town as the US government repeatedly displaced them through violent and illegal means. Spending his childhood in Methow, Vantage, and eventually finishing school at Wenatchee Heights, Lewis fostered an intimate web of connection and

cultural understanding of the many Indigenous people who have lived in North Central Washington for thousands of years.

Passed on to him by his grandparents and his deep community connections, Lewis holds a massive knowledge of historical and cultural information relating to Indigenous experiences in NCW. He is also a lifelong activist for Indigenous rights, helping to lead the famous Indian occupation of Alcatraz Island in 1969 as well as forming the American Indian Student Union at Western Washington University.

After fighting for Indigenous rights all across the country, Lewis returned to Washington and worked

out of the Seattle area before settling back down in Wenatchee to help complete his grandfather's dream of returning the face of the Indigenous people to the Wenatchee area. In doing so, Lewis now works with WVMCC to lead educational tours and record important videos about ongoing Indigenous experiences and histories of the local area.

"Yeah, she kind of dragged me into a whole bucket list that she inherited from her father, my grandfather, Jerry Miller," Lewis chuckled, thinking of his mother, who convinced him to continue his grandfather's local dreams. "One of the key points on the bucket list was bringing the face of the Wenatchi (P'Squosa) back to

Wenatchee, bringing the face of our people back here, since we were driven off here at the turn of the century."

Lewis' upcoming tour starts at WVMCC at 8:45 a.m., September 14, and begins with a deep dive into the Wanapum Heritage Center, located along the Columbia River. At the Heritage Center, participants can immerse themselves in the rich cultures, stories, and experiences of the Wanapum people who continue to live on the Columbia River, their deeply rooted home for millennia.

Following an insightful visit to the Wanapum Heritage Center, the tour stops at the nearby Ginkgo Petrified Forest to admire Washington's ancient and complex geological beauty

as Lewis shares his detailed knowledge of its history and cultural connections.

Jamie Johnson, WVMCC Curator of Education and Programs, loves joining Lewis on his tours around NCW.

"A tip for tour goers is to keep your eye on Randy," Johnson shared. "Even if it's break time, sometimes he'll break into a story about his local family lore... you don't want to miss those little nuggets along the way."

Throughout the entire tour, Lewis imparts these impromptu nuggets of lore onto participants, revealing P'Squosa origin stories connected directly to iconic NCW landmarks like the Peshastin Pinnacles and the Stemilt Spires.

WVMCC's program and Tour Coordinator, Jeff Becklund, takes great pleasure in working alongside Lewis and helping to plan his tours.

When asked about his favorite part about managing tours with Lewis, Becklund responded, "his wit, humor, and depth of knowledge of ancient culture... It's a great opportunity, I wouldn't pass it up."

This exciting September 14 tour begins at WVMCC at 8:45 a.m.

To register for the event and to learn more about future WVMCC events, visit their official website at wenatcheevalleymuseum.org.

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Wellness Place to mark 20+ years of cancer support with Lake Chelan cruise

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Wellness Place, a nonprofit organization providing free cancer support services in north-central Washington, will mark over two decades of service with a celebratory cruise on Lake

Chelan next month.

The "Wellness Place on the Water" event, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., will take place aboard the Lady of the Lake. The gathering aims to commemorate the organization's 20-plus years of supporting cancer patients

and their families in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties.

Marissa Collins, Executive Director of Wellness Place, emphasized the significance of the event. "This celebration is not just about our past achievements," Collins said. "It's a testament to our ongoing

commitment to supporting cancer patients and their families in our region."

The evening will feature appetizers and desserts provided by Lady of the Lake, music by DJ V, and opportunities for attendees to learn about the organization's services and future plans.

Wellness Place offers a range of free resources to individuals affected by cancer, from diagnosis through survivorship.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, and there is limited space. They can be purchased at givebutter.com/wellnessplace-20th or by

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Wellness Place, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has been operating under the motto "No One Fights Alone," providing compassionate support to cancer patients, their families, and caregivers across four counties in Washington state.

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NCW Libraries reports uptick in usage and partnerships for 2023



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

An NCW Libraries staff member at the Peshastin Food Bank showcases a variety of books and program materials, demonstrating the library's initiative to embed services in community spaces as highlighted in their 2023 Annual Report.



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

NCW Libraries staff members showcase their engagement with community programs at a "Tech & Tiaras" event, exemplifying the organization's increased focus on partnerships and diverse outreach initiatives reported in their 2023 Annual Report.



COURTESY OF NCW LIBRARIES

Participants at the Warden Senior MeetUp.

Death Announcements

Kathy Rose

Kathy Rose, 69, of Brewster, Washington and former resident of Coulee Dam, Washington, passed away on August 8, 2024. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE — NCW Libraries reported increased library engagement across its five-county service area in 2023, according to the organization's annual report.

The report shows a 22% rise in digital material checkouts and a 28% increase in items borrowed through the Mail Order Library compared to 2022. In-person program attendance grew, with over 50% more attendees participating in an expanded

offering of programs.

Barbara Walters, Executive Director of NCW Libraries, noted the upward trend, stating, "From program attendance to circulation, we saw an increase in use and engagement across the district in 2023 from the previous year."

The annual report features several impact stories illustrating the role of public libraries in rural communities. Initiatives include embedding library services at a local food bank and collaborating with the Wenatchee School District

on a program for migrant parents.

NCW Libraries expanded its partnerships in 2023, working with school and health districts, as well as organizations such as Career Connect Washington, NCW Tech Alliance, Action Health Partners, Community Health Plan of Washington, Hand in Hand Immigration, Humanities Washington, Wenatchee Dispute Resolution Center, NCW Equity Alliance, Our Valley Our Future, and Wenatchee Valley College.

"We understand the value of partnership. When we build

relationships and partnerships with other organizations, our impact is exponentially greater," Walters said.

The library system encourages community members to obtain library cards, explore available services, and connect with library staff. The full 2023 Annual Report is available on the NCW Libraries website: www.ncwlibraries.org

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Terry Troxell

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of Miss Pateros. The younger Cushing is a fourth-generation driver who began racing in 2020 as a nine-year-old. He earned his initial first-place finish driving a J Runabout on Lake Lawrence in Yelm. Cushing missed the traditional dunking given to a driver celebrating his first win due to the lake's toxic algae, so he

had to settle for a hose soaking instead. He continued racing J class and K-Pro hydros around the Region 10 circuit in 2022 and 2023.

"Along the way, he had an opportunity to promote and build the Mod 125 class by commissioning motors and boats to help build the class in 2024," Pearson said.

The Cushing's traveled to Oroville, Calif., and the 2023 Run for the Records, where

Kannon earned quarter mile and kilo records in a Mod 125 Runabout. He followed that achievement with the four-lap, five-mile Mod 125 record on Black Lake in Olympia.

Cushing entered his first nationals at the APBA Stock and Junior Nationals at Moses Lake last July 15-20. He earned second in both Mod 125 Hydro and AX Runabout. He will pilot the old Jo & Jack T boat, now named Pateros II, in the

upcoming Troxell Regatta. It will be his first race in an inboard capsule race boat.

To qualify, Cushing will complete mandatory capsule training at the Pateros site. That will include being strapped inside a capsule and flipped upside down underwater, where highly trained Region 10 Rescue will monitor his breathing while Cushing frees himself from his safety harness and climbs out

of the capsule unassisted.

This year's PNBRA racing schedule started in May and included:

- Norm Evans Apple Cup on Lake Chelan, May 11-12.
- Dick Price, Paul Chevolet Memorial -Jet Chevolet Run for the Records Regatta in Olympia, June 22.
- Hydros for Heros - Western Divisionals at Oak Harbor, July 13,
- Entiat Vintage Raceboat

Regatta in Entiat, July 20.

The remaining PNBRA race schedule will conclude with:

- Tony Newton Memorial Regatta in Brewster, Sept. 7-8.
- Manson Hydrofest in Manson, Sept. 28-29.

To learn more about the PNBRA visit its website at pnbra.org.

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Rustic Rise Cafe

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"My grammy inspired me," said Vejar. "I grew up watching my grammy cook."

Not only did she watch her, but she also now uses those same tools to make lefsa, one of her specialties.

"During the holidays we have lefsa. It's hard to find traditional lefsa," said Vejar. "When I make it, I use my great, great, grandmother's lefsa iron and turning sticks."

Vejar is a Chelan Valley native and 2005 Manson High School graduate. She and her husband, Dan, now have three teenage children, two girls and a boy. Vejar was a credit union branch manager when her new business venture came

together.

"I started doing everything online," said Veja. "Online orders, free delivery."

If she needed that little push to pursue her dream, Dan, provided it while Vejar was going stir-crazy recovering from hip surgery.

"In March, my husband said, 'Do a business,'" said Vejar. "This is what you love."

Fast forward five months, and Vejar's last day working for someone else was August 5. She has already found a location on Manson's main drag where a storefront will later house the business and provide room for expansion. Even with that, however, she intends to continue her free deliveries,

"It helps a lot of the families," Vejar said.

She said she was very surprised at how quickly her business took off.

"I thought this was just going to be a side gig," Vejar said.

Word is spreading fast, reorders are increasing, and support is growing.

Vejar posed one of those cosmic questions that she soon

hopes to solve: If there were a Manson muffin, what flavor would it be? Check her website at rusticrisebakery.net or Rustic Rise Café & Bakery's

Facebook page to weigh in on the answer.

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COURTESY OF DAKOTA BUCHMANN PHOTOGRAPHY

Vejar brought her business to the Brewster King Salmon Derby in early August.

New restroom anchors improvements to Bridgeport's Berryman Park



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

A new restroom is just the beginning of Berryman Park upgrades.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT—Park passersby will notice a new look transforming Berryman Park amid the landscaping and heavy equipment that have been on the grounds since July. Prominent among the new facilities is the restroom recently raised on the site of the old structure.

A \$500,000 Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant provided the seed funding for the first phase of Berryman's renovation. Along with the restroom, other upgrades include replacing outdated playground equipment, a picnic shelter, and a sports

court. Also in the works are connecting pathways, lighting, and improving parking. The existing amenities have exceeded their life spans and need to be replaced for safety and functionality.

The city will install a resilient ground surface at the playground, resurface and stripe the sports court for multiple sports, including basketball, pickleball, and tennis, and give the fence a facelift. The new pathway will be accessible to people with disabilities and will connect each amenity.

When completed, Berryman will be home to:

- New picnic shelter and concrete slab.
- 250 linear feet of new 4-foot

playground fencing.

- New entrance and interpretative signs.
- 450 linear feet of new 10-foot type 1 basketball court fencing.
- New restroom.
- New playground equipment.
- Resurfaced sports courts for basketball, pickleball, and tennis.
- New furnishings, including 10 picnic tables, 5 benches, 8 garbage receptacles.
- 900 linear feet of 5-foot-wide concrete ADA-compliant trail pathway.
- Parking improvements, including 3 new unpaved and 1 ADA-compliant paved site.

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ANSWER:

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CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to business. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = T)

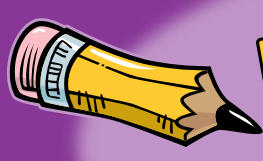
A. 20 3 7 5 1 18
Clue: Earnings above expenses

B. 24 22 3 4 1 15 11
Clue: Deposits with broker

C. 11 18 7 19 25
Clue: Share in a company

D. 1 15 16 8 11 18 24 8 15 18
Clue: Asset used to build wealth

Answers: A. profit B. margins C. stock D. investment



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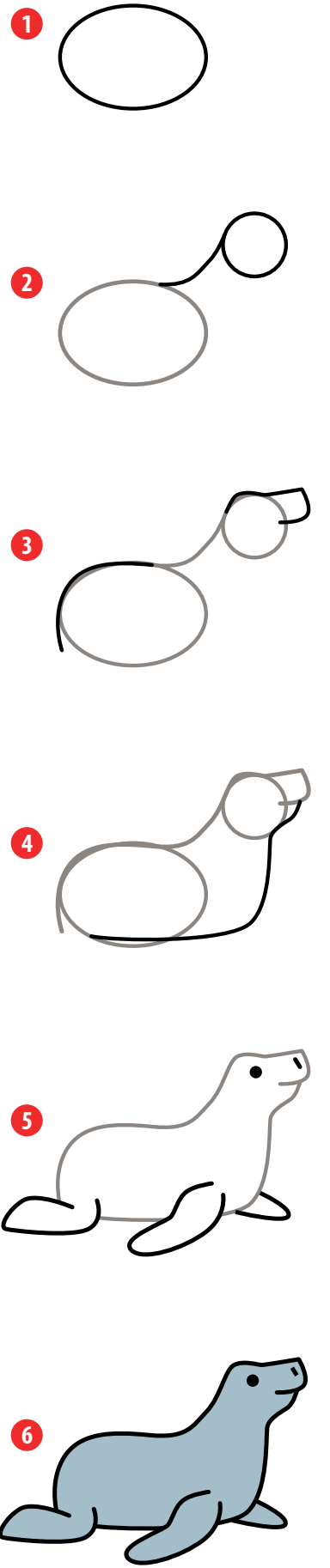
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Let's Draw!

Read these facts about Hawaiian monk seals. Then draw one in 4 easy steps!

• **BODY SHAPE:** Their bodies are long and *fusiform*, or torpedo-shaped, which helps them swim quickly and smoothly.

• **FLIPPERS:** They have short flippers to help them swim and spin quickly.



The Monk Seals of Hawaii

Endangered Marine Mammal

Swimming in the warm, clear waters of Hawaii is a cute animal with large eyes. It's called the monk seal.

Unfortunately, the Hawaiian monk seal is one of the most endangered marine mammals in the world.

Hawaiians call the seal *'Ilio holo i ka uaua*.

Circle every other letter to find out what *'Ilio holo i ka uaua* means.

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The Good News

When people realized that the number of Hawaiian monk seals was getting smaller, they started taking actions to protect them. In 2022, the Hawaiian monk seal population was estimated to be between 1,512 and 1,743. This was the first time in over 20 years that the population surpassed 1,570.

Standards Link: Understand people impact other living things.



Why is it called a monk seal?

The folds of skin around the seal's neck look like a cowl, or hood. Also, monk seals spend a lot of time alone, or in small groups.



Baby monk seals are called pups. Help mom find the pup.

SIZE: 7.5 feet length

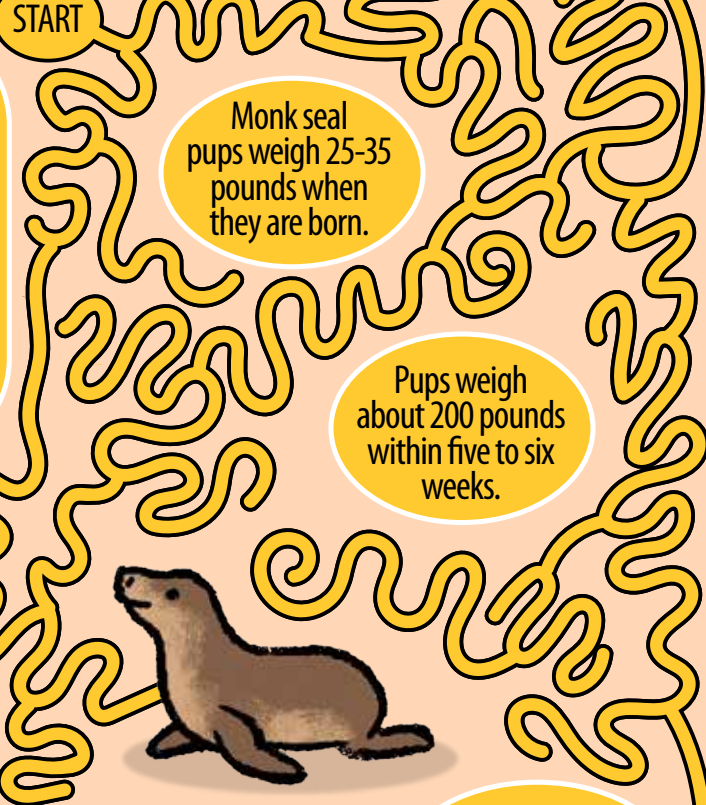
WEIGHT: 500 to 600 pounds

SIZE COMPARED TO A MAN WHO IS 6 FEET TALL:



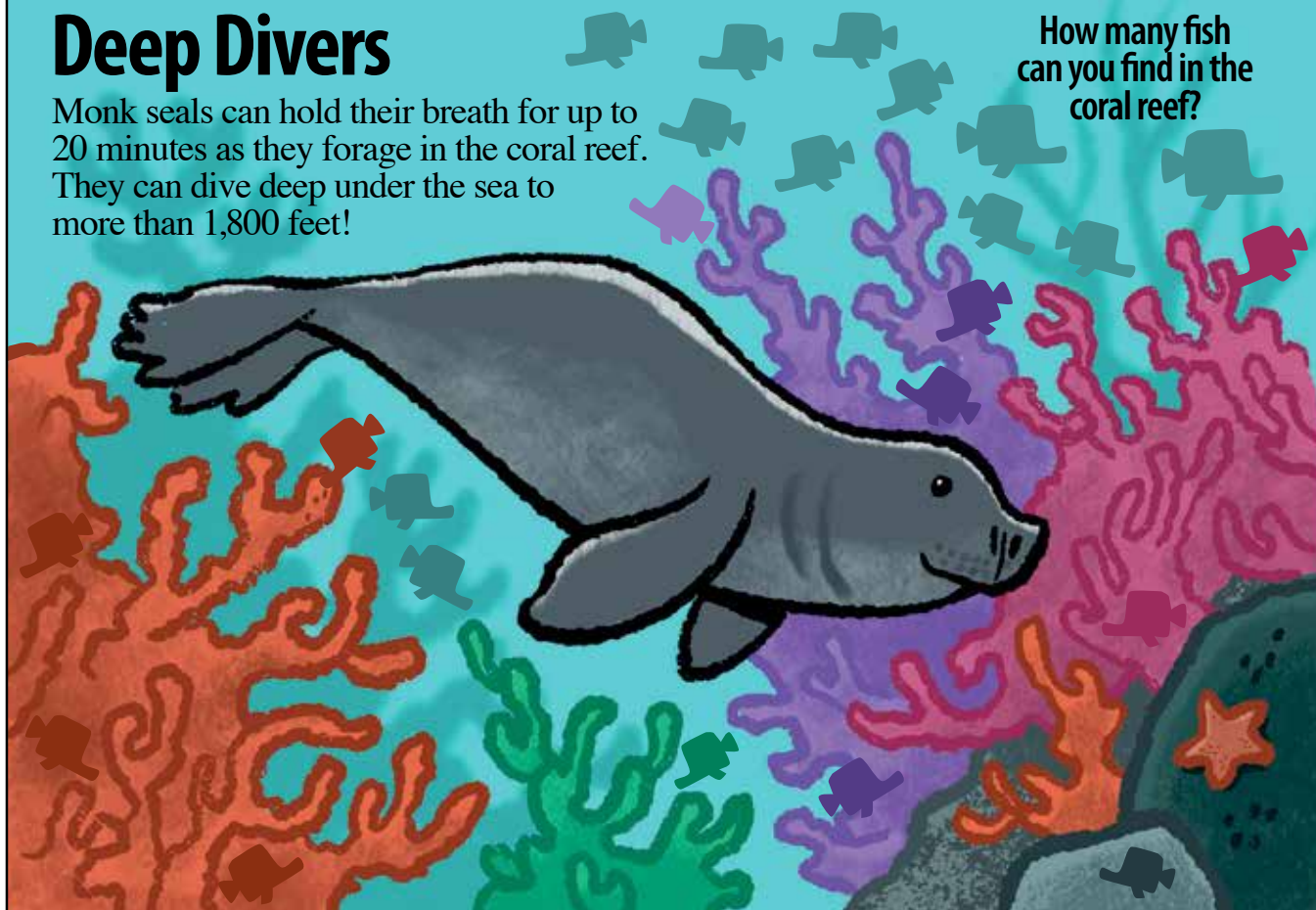
Monk seal pups weigh 25-35 pounds when they are born.

Pups weigh about 200 pounds within five to six weeks.



Deep Divers

Monk seals can hold their breath for up to 20 minutes as they forage in the coral reef. They can dive deep under the sea to more than 1,800 feet!



How many fish can you find in the coral reef?

Monk seal nostrils are small vertical slits. They close when they dive.









Extra! Extra! The Adjective Hunt

The word **marine** is an adjective, which describes the noun that comes after it in a sentence. Select one page of the newspaper and circle 10 adjectives. Underline the nouns that they each describe.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify adjectives in use.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Monk seals are **generalist** feeders and eat different kinds of marine animals. Circle the animals that you think a monk seal will eat. Then, check your answers by doing the math. The items that add up to even numbers are what monk seals will eat.

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

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that some animals are generalist feeders.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MARINE**
The word **marine** is an adjective that means living in the sea.

The monk seal is a **marine** mammal.

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

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