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## Pateros RCO application for tennis court replacement grant unfunded

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – Amid the ongoing construction on Commercial Avenue improvements from Lakeshore Drive on the west end to Dawson Street on the east, the city council met on Oct. 21 to hear the latest developments on the tennis court resurface grant and the Rock Garden Holdings project. City Administrator Jord Wilson reported that the city did not receive its grant request made to the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) last Feb. 20 for \$621,419 to replace the tennis court on Riverside Avenue.

“It was a highly competitive process

with \$92 million in grant requests across the state with only \$12 million funded,” said Wilson. The Northeast Region had 19 applications, and ours ranked 16th.”

Wilson said one project for \$1.2 million was the only one funded in our region.

“This is the third RCO application where we have come up short, the previous two were within one point of award,” explained Wilson. “Although the application process has gotten easier, it is still time consuming for such a small chance of being funded. Grant funding for this type of project is very limited.”

Wilson patching and resurfacing the court is just a band aid and costs

about \$30,000.

“These patches last only about three to five years,” said Wilson. “The underlying asphalt surface is over 50 years old. As it ages it loses flexibility, becomes brittle and cracks. Those cracks show up quickly when we resurface. A conservative estimate on replacing the asphalt alone is over \$500,000.”

Rock Garden extension request

Chris Anderson, owner of Rock Garden Holdings, a development project involving eight lots in downtown Pateros, requested a fourth amendment to his agreement with the city that dates to 2017.

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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA  
**Chris Anderson**



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**A fresh concrete footing cures behind the information kiosk installed by the Okanogan County Tourism Council earlier this year.**

## Steelhead returns meet threshold to open season



COURTESY OF PATEROS.COM  
**Steelhead fisherman cast from the dock at Lakeshore Park in Pateros.**

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – Following nearly a decade of closed seasons, steelhead fishing has returned to the Upper Columbia River effective Oct. 16 for a period yet to be determined by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

After nine years of failing to meet the minimum quota of adult fish clearing Priest Rapids Dam near Richland, the passage numbers as of Oct. 23 reached 9,336 adult steelhead

of the 9,550 required, with more expected.

The Columbia River from the Beebe Bridge north to the Highway 173 Bridge Street Bridge in Brewster and the Methow River from its mouth to county road 1535 Burma Road Bridge are attracting sport fishermen in boats, on riverbanks, and from city docks.

Mike Mauk, owner of the Brewster Bait and Tackle Shop, said Pateros angler Isidro Pamatz weighed in the

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COURTESY OF BREWSTER BAIT & TACKLE  
**Pateros angler Isidro Pamatz won this \$25 gift certificate from the Brewster Bait and Tackle Shop when he weighed in the first steelhead of the new season to be brought to the store.**



COURTESY OF BREWSTER BAIT & TACKLE  
**Pateros resident Mikey Piechalski**

## Free spay-neuter clinic returns to Okanogan County

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OKANOGAN – For the second time since May, Greater Good Charities Big Fix 2.0 brought its spay and neuter clinics for dogs and cats to Okanogan County in response to the huge turnout for their services during the first visit last May.

Greater Good again collaborated with Team Okanogan Animal Rescue (TOAR) in the Agriplex at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds. During a four-day clinic from Oct. 14-17, 1,071 animals were treated.

“During the first round of Good Fix clinics held in May, more than 1,000 dogs and cats were sterilized over a four-day period,” said Dr. Ruth Parkin, Medical Director of Greater Good Charities In fact, the number of animals treated during this second clinic exceeded the earlier figure of 1,023 seen at the spring event. A total of 398 customers responded.

“The Good Fix Clinics in May... reached their capacity early morning every day, highlighting the overwhelming demand for accessible animal welfare services in these local communities,” said TOAR spokesperson Jill Servais.

According to figures provided by TOAR partners:

- Okanogan County, the largest county in Washington State, faces a critical challenge in animal welfare with no county animal shelter or control officer.
- Each year, more than 2,500 cats and dogs rely on a handful of small rescues for sheltering amidst limited resources for essential services like low-cost spay/neuter and veterinary care.
- With 19 percent of residents living below the poverty line, access to free spay/neuter, vaccines, microchipping, and parasite prevention is crucial to supporting pet owners and curbing companion animal overpopulation.

The Big Fix 3.0 plans to return to Okanogan on June 26-29, 2025.

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COURTESY OF TEAM OKANOGAN ANIMAL RESCUE/FACEBOOK  
**Two of more than 1,000 pets arrive for The Big Fix 2.0**

## Reimagining Spaces project comes to Bridgeport Library



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA  
**From left, Architect Carol Berg, Associate Principal at Library Forward, Tim Dillman, Associate Director of Community Libraries, Bridgeport Librarian Michelle Orosco, and Area Manager, Melissa Little welcome visitors to NCW Libraries “Reimagining Spaces” day at the Bridgeport branch.**

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – When the reimagined Bridgeport Library opens its new look to local users late next year, or thereabouts there is little doubt that everyone who

had an idea or suggestion had an opportunity to be heard.

The library’s community engagement day last Thursday, Oct. 24, included a session in the library with the design team at 11:30 a.m. At

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## New gazebo graces Bouska Park



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA  
**Bridgeport’s Bouska Park has a new look, compliments of a new gazebo that replaced its aging predecessor this month.**

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Family Trick or Treating

Family trick-or-treating will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, in Historic Downtown Chelan. "Come to Historic Downtown Chelan with the whole family for trick or treating shop by shop this Halloween," the event page states.

For more information, visit [historicchelan.org](http://historicchelan.org).

Artist Talk: Swede Albert

The Omak Library will host an Artist Talk with Swede Albert on Friday, November 1, from 4-5 p.m.

"Swede Albert will be joining us at the Omak Library to talk about his artist journey, past and present," the event

page states. "He will showcase the evolution of his art and how he got started."

For more information, visit [nculibraries.org](http://nculibraries.org).

Día de los Muertos Celebration

The Chelan Dia de los Muertos Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 3, from 12 to 4 p.m. at Riverwalk Park, with a parade at noon.

"Dia de los Muertos, brought to you by ¡Hola! Chelan," the event page states. "Dia de los Muertos is an important holiday in Latin American countries. It is a day that honors and celebrates loved ones who have passed and the relationship between life and death. You can expect a

parade, face painting, carnival games, and more."

For more information, visit [historicchelan.org](http://historicchelan.org).

Tabletop Tuesdays

The Cove Wine and Games in Chelan will host Tabletop Tuesdays on Tuesday, November 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"We've revamped Tabletop Tuesdays," the event page states. "Whether you're a budding explorer or an experienced adventurer, the Cove has you covered."

For more information, visit [insidethecove.com](http://insidethecove.com).



5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

SWEDE ALBERT FACEBOOK PAGE

Swede Albert



DÍA DE MUERTOS

Think and Drink Thursday

Campbell's Resort in Chelan will host Think and Drink Thursday on Thursday, November 7, from 7-8 p.m.

"Get your thinking caps on and head to the Pub for trivia night," the event page states.

"Quizmaster Spencer will be testing your wits in a variety of categories - so bring your A game. Weekly winners get one of our delicious scratch-made desserts."

For more information, visit [campbellsresort.com](http://campbellsresort.com).

# The role of small businesses in building community identity

Walking downtown in any community across North Central Washington, you'll find more than just commerce - you'll discover the very heart of community identity. The independent bookstore where reading groups have met for decades, the family-owned hardware store where your grandfather bought his first toolkit, the corner café where local politics are debated over coffee and pie. These businesses are more than lines on a balance sheet; they are the threads that weave together the fabric of our shared civic life.

As we see more digital convenience and corporate consolidation, we must recognize what we risk losing when small independent businesses fade from our neighborhoods. It's not just the economic impact - though that certainly matters - but the dissolution of those intangible bonds that transform mere

geographic proximity into genuine community.

Consider the barber shop where three generations have gotten their first haircuts, or the neighborhood deli where the owner knows not just your sandwich order but your children's names. These establishments serve as informal community centers, places where stories are shared, relationships are forged, and local traditions are maintained and passed down.

Yet equally heartening is the surge of new independent businesses emerging in our communities - the artisanal coffee roasters, craft breweries, farm-to-table restaurants, and innovative retail concepts that speak to contemporary tastes while embodying timeless principles of community connection. These entrepreneurs, many of them young and drawing from diverse backgrounds, are not just opening businesses;

they're creating new gathering spaces and writing the next chapter in their neighborhoods' ongoing stories.

The pandemic taught us many lessons, but perhaps none more poignant than the vital role these businesses play in our collective well-being. When our favorite local spots were forced to close their doors, even temporarily, we felt the loss not just as consumers, but as community members. The absence of these daily interactions revealed just how much these businesses contribute to our sense of belonging and place. Yet it also sparked a renaissance of entrepreneurial spirit, as creative minds saw opportunities to fill new needs and reinvent community spaces for a changed world.

As we look to the future of our cities and towns, we



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must consider how to preserve and nurture these essential community anchors - both the legacy businesses that have served generations and the innovative newcomers that keep our neighborhoods vital and evolving. This isn't mere nostalgia - it's about maintaining the unique character and social infrastructure that make our communities worth living in. While chain stores and e-commerce platforms may offer efficiency and convenience, they cannot replicate the deep community connections fostered by local businesses.

The next time you step into your neighborhood shop, whether it's a decades-old institution or a newly opened venture, remember that you're not just making a purchase - you're participating

in a tradition of community-building that stretches back generations while reaching forward into the future. These small businesses are not just selling goods and services; they're creating the spaces where community happens.

In an increasingly standardized world, it's these local enterprises, both old and new, that give our neighborhoods their distinctive flavor and our communities their beating hearts. Supporting them isn't just good economics - it's an investment in the social and cultural vitality that makes a place feel like home.

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## 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

Oct 20

17:20:00 10/20/24 Weapons Violati 30 Morrow St, Mansfield

Oct 21

3:00 Assist Agency Us Hwy 2 Mp 143, Waterville  
 19:04:09 Suspicious 1709 Fisk Ave, Bridgeport

Oct 22

9:44:46 Assist Agency, 520 Sr 173, Bridgeport Bar  
 10:18:41 Welfare Check, 2015 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport  
 10:24:20 Harass/Threat, 512 17th St, Bridgeport  
 11:14:05 Parking/Abandon, 801 Sr 173, Bridgeport Bar  
 13:03:40 Parking/Abandon, 1617 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport  
 15:14:26 Sex Offense 520 Sr 173, Bridgeport Bar  
 18:05:34 Harass/Threat, 14 Richards Ave, Bridgeport  
 19:22:23 Harass/Threat, 611 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

Oct 23

7:01:31 Suspicious Sr 17 & Pearl Hill Rd, Bridgeport

Oct 24

13:07:11 Animal Problem, 20 Dow Ln, Bridgeport Bar, Brewster Police Department  
 Oct 18  
 18:57:45 Accident Noninj, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Rp Veh Vs Deer Collision, Non Inj, Advd Of The Self Reporting Option  
 23:06:55 Agency Assist, Brewster Grange Rd, Brewster, Veh Is Unoccupied, It Is Still Running

Oct 20

13:17:10 Harassment, S 7th St, Brewster, Subj Has Order Against Rp Fem Keeps Walking Past Res, Rp Believes She Is Trying To Make Her Violate The Order.

14:14:31 Civil, S Bridge St, Brewster, Neighbors Washing Their Cars In Their Yard, Throwing The Dirty Water Onto Rp's Yard.

Oct 22

13:36:15 Civil, S 3rd St, Brewster

Oct 23

17:54:44 Animal Stray, S 3rd St & E Hanson Ave, Brewster, German Shepard Loose, On Going Issue.

Oct 24

08:20:25 Mal Mischief, Columbia Cove, Brewster  
 12:06:15 Mal Mischief, S 7th St & W Cliff Ave; The Cove, Brewster  
 12:10:56 Mal Mischief, W Cliff Av, Brewster  
 18:15:36 Accident Unkinj, Pioneer Rd, Brewster, Two Veh Non Inj Collision, Blocking One Of The Lanes. One Of The Vehs Flipped Both Drivers Have Been Cited, One Veh Has Been Removed, Both Vehs Are Clearly Off The Rdway  
 19:32:23 Animal Vicious, S 4th St, Brewster, Grandfather Was Grabbing Firewood Neighbors Dog Reached Through Fence And Bit Him

Okanogan County Sheriff

Oct 18

18:57:45 Accident Noninj Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Rp Veh Vs Deer Collision, Non Inj, Advd Of The Self Reporting  
 19:08:02 10/18/24 Assault, Highway 97, Brewster, Mentally Unstable Tenant Spit On The And Orchard Forema. Screams And Yells At Subjs Driving By At Runs Through The Orchard, Also Screams And Yells His Wife And Children. Rp Is Req Options As She Is Concerned.

23:06:55 Accident Unkinj, Brewster Grange Rd, Brewster Gry Chev Suv W/ Lights And Engine Still On, Appears To Have Been In A Collision On The Side Of The Hill Veh Is Unoccupied, It Is Still Running

Oct 19

11:02:48 Suspicious, Scenic Dr, Brewster, On Going Issue W/ Neighbor, Had A Gas Can In His Hand/ A Large Bundle Of Paper, Rp Wanted W The Incident Documented In Case A Fire Started.

Oct 21

15:46:47 Attempt-Loc Nt, Sunset Drive & Brewster Grange Rd Two New Trlrs, Left Lincoln Navigator/When He Returned, The Next Day, It Was Gone.

17:01:27 Trespassing, Valley Rd, Brewster, 90s Whi Chev, Hunters Passed Through Rps Property And Onto Another. 1 M On A Red Poss Honda Quad, Rp Tried To Honk And Get Him To Stop And He Just Kept Driving.

Oct 22

04:22:21 Theft Automobile, Fugachee Dr, Brewster, Male Subj Trying To Break Into Vehs, Male Just Went To Grab Stick To Use, Male Just Stole Rp's Friend's Whi Minivan And Is Driving Toward Hwy 97, Male Just Crashed The Veh Before The Train Tracks  
 11:11:10 Vin Inspection, North Star Rd, Brewster, Veh For Inspection  
 14:42:49 Theft Other, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster, 2 Subjs Walking Out W/ Items They Took, Male Subj Fled North F Half Detained.  
 16:05:58 Animal Vicious, Monse

Death Announcements

Ronald Lynn Pilkinton

Ronald Lynn Pilkinton, 67, spent his youth in Tonasket, Washington and passed away in Manson, Washington on October 20, 2024. Precht Rose Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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# World War I records topic of Veterans Day genealogy presentation

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EAST WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) announced a special Veterans Day presentation focusing on World War I military research, challenging common misconceptions about available wartime records.

The hybrid meeting, scheduled for Monday, November 11, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., will feature genealogy educator Jill Morelli's presentation "The Great War and Its Stories:

Researching Your WWI Soldier." "Perhaps you've heard the rumor that all WWI records were burned! Not so!" states the organization's announcement. "There are WWI records out there, and this presentation will tell us where to find them."

The event will be held simultaneously at the FamilySearch Center in East Wenatchee and via Zoom videoconference. Morelli's presentation will examine a soldier's history through available online and in-state repositories, providing attendees with practical

research methodologies.

WAGS, whose mission statement emphasizes that it "connects, collects and protects family histories," maintains a library at 127 South Mission in the Museum Annex Building. The facility operates Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Interested parties can obtain Zoom access information through the organization's website at www.wags-web.org under "Latest News and Events" or by calling 509-782-4046.

# Washington state sets new paid family leave premium rate for 2025

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OLYMPIA — Washington state will raise its Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums to 0.92% in 2025, following a year when the program provided \$1.35 billion in benefits to more than 175,000 workers through the first nine months of 2024.

The Employment Security Department announced that the new rate marks an increase from the current 0.74%. Under the 2025 structure, employers will pay 28.48% of the premium, while employees will cover 71.52%, maintaining a ratio similar to 2024's distribution.

The adjustment follows a period of financial challenges for the program. In 2023, the program faced a deficit as benefit claims exceeded premium collections, promp-

ting the state Legislature to add \$200 million to the program's account. This intervention helped stabilize the fund and led to a lower premium rate for 2024.

However, the reduced 2024 rate created a gap between income and spending, according to state officials. "The decreased 2024 rate caused revenue from premiums to be lower than expenditures," the department explained in its announcement, noting that continued growth in benefit payments led to the 2025 rate increase.

Officials list three main factors behind the rise in benefit payments:

- Natural program growth
- The expiration of certain collective bargaining agreement provisions
- Increased eligibility

due to post-pandemic employment recovery

Small businesses, defined as those with fewer than 50 employees, remain exempt from paying the employer portion of the premium. These businesses must still collect employee premiums or opt to cover them on behalf of their workers.

The state's Paid Leave program, which operates through mandatory premium collections from both employees and employers, requires an annual rate recalculation each October based on the previous year's usage and premium collection data.

For more information about the premium changes and program details, state officials direct interested parties to visit [paidleave.wa.gov](http://paidleave.wa.gov).

# Washington's studded tire season begins Nov. 1

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OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Transportation reports its crews from Port Angeles to Pullman have trained for winter weather, stocked storage sheds and inspected more than 560 state snowplows.

"Everyone can do their part to keep passes and roadways open. This includes planning trips accordingly if closures occur and staying up to date using WSDOT's online tools," said WSDOT Maintenance Operations Manager James Morin. "As we do every winter,

crews will 'swarm to the storm' and move crews and equipment to hard-hit or priority routes during storms."

According to state law, studded tires are legal for use in Washington from Nov. 1 through March 31. WSDOT reports studded tires cause between \$20 million and \$29 million in pavement damage to state-owned asphalt and concrete roadways each year.

The Washington State Patrol can issue \$500 tickets to drivers who fail to install tire chains when posted. WSDOT notes that studded tires do not meet posted chain requirements, and chains

must be installed over studded tires in areas where they are required.

In Washington, 25% of residents either don't or can't drive a vehicle. People walking or riding along roadways may be harder to see during storms.

The department has developed several tools for winter travel preparation, including a mobile app, real-time travel maps, and text alerts. Travelers can receive text message alerts about significant delays on Snoqualmie Pass by texting 468311 with the words "WSDOT Snoqualmie."

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## Sheriff

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River Rd, Brewster, Neighbors Dogs Keeps Attacking Rp's Dog. The Dog Is Now Back Inside Neighbor's Res, Rp's Dog Is Bleeding But Still Walking, Plans On Taking The

Dog To Vet.

### Oct 24

10:53:46 Civil, Mountain View Dr, Brewster, Neighbor, Constantly Fires Weapons On His Property, Rp And Several Neighbors Have Confronted Him, Asking Him To Stop. He Has Refused.

18:15:36 Accident Noninj, Pioneer Rd, Brewster, Two Veh Non Inj Collision, Blocking One Of The Lanes. One Of The Vehs Flipped Both Drivers Have Been Cited. One Veh Has Been Removed, Both Vehs Are Clearly Off The Rdway

# Death Café hosts to address heart patient support group in East Wenatchee

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EAST WENATCHEE — The Greater Wenatchee chapter of Mended Hearts will host a discussion on end-of-life planning at its upcoming November meeting, bringing the global Death Café movement to North Central Washington's heart patient community.

The meeting, scheduled for November 4, will feature Death Café hosts Vita Monteleone and Concie Luna as speakers. The duo currently leads monthly Death Café sessions in Chelan, part of an international movement active in 25 countries that helps

people make the most of their lives through open discussions about mortality.

The program will provide heart patients and their caregivers with practical resources and guidance for end-of-life planning. Monteleone and Luna will share planning resources and answer questions about end-of-life considerations.

The hybrid event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Aging & Adult Care Meeting Room, located at 270 9th St. N.E. in East Wenatchee, with a virtual attendance option available via Zoom. The meeting will also feature Gary Jeffries in the monthly Member Highlight segment.

The chapter serves heart patients and their families across four counties in North Central Washington: Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, and Grant. This gathering represents a growing trend among healthcare support groups addressing end-of-life planning more openly.

Interested participants can register for the event by email at [atthehelmsters@hotmail.com](mailto:atthehelmsters@hotmail.com) or by phone at 509-293-1603.

For more information about Death Cafés, visit [online](http://online). The movement has spread internationally, making death-related discussions more accessible and common in communities worldwide.

# Community Bulletin Board

## Local, Regional Community News & Events

### 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 a 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: [douglaspuud.org](http://douglaspuud.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)

##### 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)

#### 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 third 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

**Brewster bus trips:** OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Thursday of the month. 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, 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.

#### 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/meetings

**Entiat Friends Church Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale:** Friday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be lots of homemade items, wood products, craft items,

homemade fudge, a raffle table and more. The church is located 1/4 mile up Entiat River Road, at 2848 Entiat River Road. For info: Karen, 509-888-6450.

**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.

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## SPORT SCHEDULE

Football		
Fri, Oct 31,	3:00 PM Bridgeport vs. Republic,	Home
Fri, Nov 1,	7:00 PM Brewster vs. Manson,	Home
Fri, Nov 2,	6:00 PM Waterville-Mansfield vs. Oroville,	Home

Volleyball - Girls		
Wed, Oct 30,	7:00 PM Waterville-Mansfield vs. Cascade Christian,	Home

## SCOREBOARD

Football		
Fri, Oct 25,	7:00 PM Brewster 8, Liberty Bell 55,	Loss
Fri, Oct 25,	7:00 PM Bridgeport vs. Moses Lake Christian,	Home
Fri, Oct 25,	7:00 PM Pateos vs. Oroville,	Away
Fri, Oct 25,	7:00 PM Waterville-Mansfield vs. Soap Lake,	Home

Soccer - Girls		
Tue, Oct 22,	Brewster 10, Manson 1,	Win
Thu, Oct 24,	Bridgeport 0, Pateros 1,	Loss
Thu, Oct 24,	Brewster 7, Liberty Bell 2,	Win
Thu, Oct 24,	Pateros 1, Bridgeport 0,	Win
Sat, Oct 26,	Brewster 0, Okanogan 2	Loss
Sat., Oct 26,	Pateros 1, Tonasket 2,	Loss

Volleyball - Girls		
Mon, Oct 21,	Bridgeport 3, Wilson Creek 2,	Win
Tue, Oct 22,	Brewster 1, Okanogan 3,	Loss
Tue, Oct 22,	Waterville-Mansfield 3, Oroville 0,	Win
Thu, Oct 24,	Bridgeport 0, Moses Lake Christian 3,	Loss
Thu, Oct 24,	Waterville-Mansfield 1, ACH 3,	Loss
Sat, Oct 26,	Brewster 0, Liberty Bell 3,	Loss

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**Bridgeport**  
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**Bridgeport senior Belen Bonel, right, tips the ball over the net against Wilson Creek on Senior Night, Oct. 21. Bridgeport won the match, 3-2.**

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER



**Bridgeport**  
COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF/BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DIS  
**BXimena Nava, left, fights for the ball against an Omak opponent during Bridgeport's Senior Night soccer game against the Pioneers on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Omak won, 2-1.**

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# Why is Halloween spending growing when Americans are supposedly cutting back?

By **JAY L. ZAGORSKY**  
Boston University, The Conversation

Halloween was once a time of both tricks and treats. Lately, Halloween has become one big treat for businesses, with consumers spending an estimated US\$11.6 billion on this one-night holiday. That's roughly the same amount of money as Americans spend on children's books each year.

This massive amount of spending is puzzling, given the media is filled with stories about the economic hardships many families face.

As a business school professor who has written previously about Halloween, I was curious why Halloween

spending is just below all-time highs at the same time many people report high levels of economic angst.

### Americans spend billions every Halloween

The best data on Halloween spending comes each year from the National Retail Federation, which surveys Americans about their shopping plans just before the holiday. It found that U.S. consumers will spend over \$11 billion this year, which is about half the amount spent annually on dental care for children under age 17.

The most recent survey also shows that about three out of four Americans will celebrate in some fashion. Because

not everyone observes the holiday, the federation calculates that the typical person celebrating will spend \$104 on Halloween.

The federation breaks down spending into four categories. About one-third of spending will be on costumes for children, adults and pets. Another third will be spent on decorations like giant skeletons. About a final third is spent on candy, and the remaining sliver is spent on greeting cards.

Back in 2005, the federation estimated the holiday would generate only \$3.3 billion of spending. This means Halloween spending has grown dramatically, by about three and a half times, in just

two decades, or about double if we are adjusting for inflation.

### Unmasking the causes of rising Halloween spending

What has driven Halloween spending skyward? Some of the growth is due to inflation, which has increased prices by about 65% over the past two decades. Some of the growth is due to more people living in the U.S. In 2005, the U.S. had about 290 million people, while today the figure is closing in on 340 million.

While these two factors explain some of the growth, they don't explain it all.

To understand more, I looked at some government

data:

The U.S. tracks what the typical family spends on a wide variety of products and services to measure the cost of living. Spending each year is monitored via the Consumer Expenditure Survey. This survey has publicly provided data on annual candy spending since 2013, when it found the typical family spent \$88 a year on candy.

The latest figures for 2023 show U.S. families have developed a very sweet tooth: Candy spending by the typical family is now at \$164, which means candy outlays have almost doubled from a bit over a decade ago.

While this increase in candy consumption undoubtedly boosts spending at Halloween, it also has a downside. The American Dental Association has shown a dramatic increase in spending at the dentist office, as many people make emergency dentist visits as teeth get cracked on candy.

### Spending on costumes has also soared.

In 2005, the best estimate was that \$1.2 billion would be spent on just dressing up, while this year the figure is \$3.8 billion.

Why so much? Costumes used to be just for children, but today many adults are dressing up. About 1 in 5 adults say they will be wearing a costume for Halloween. Beyond costumes for people, Americans spend millions of dollars on costumes for their pets.

The National Retail Federation has not tracked my favorite Halloween category,

pumpkin sales, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture has. When I was young, each family in my neighborhood typically had one pumpkin on their doorstep. Now, I routinely see houses with many – both in my old neighborhood and my new one, which is a few miles away in another part of Boston.

It seems it's not just my neighbors who are buying more gourds. In 2005, the USDA calculated that there were about four and a half pounds of pumpkins for sale for every person just before the holiday. In 2023, the amount had risen to almost six pounds per person. This means there are about 50% more pumpkins available for carving and for making pies.

While polls suggest many Americans are feeling financially fragile, the data indicates it isn't having much impact on Halloween spending. After all, over the past two decades, Halloween has become an ever-bigger commercial holiday.

Halloween can be scary, but it doesn't have to be scary for your finances. If you are struggling financially this year, before buying on credit giant candy bars that only get half-eaten, or cute pet costumes most animals probably don't want to wear, think about maybe cutting back.

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# Insurance expert: Rising wildfire risk drives coverage crisis in Washington

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – As wildfire risk accelerates, homeowners’ insurance costs rise, and coverage becomes increasingly difficult to acquire and keep, the Chelan Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners invited an insurance specialist to address their Oct. 21 meeting on wildfires and insurance.

Kenton Brine is president of the Seattle-based NW Insurance Council, described on its website, (nwinsurance.org) as a non-profit, member-supported trade association.

“We provide information about home, auto, and business insurance to consumers, policymakers, and the media in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho,” said Brine.

He explained what homeowner’s and renters’ insurance cover in terms of damage, losses, and liabilities and, equally important, what they do not cover:

- Flooding outside the home.
- Earthquakes.
- Earth movements (landslides, mudflows, and sinkholes).

Brine said his specialty is property and casualty (P&C) insurance related to homes and that changes are needed to protect homeowners and stabilize the insurance market.

The big three elements of providing and servicing P&C policies are:

Underwriting – deciding who to write coverage for and what will be covered.

Rating – what the policy will cost.

Claims – Rebuilding and replacing a covered loss after it occurs.

In the case of wildfire risk, some considerations include

- Assessment of building materials.
- Fuel load on or near the property.
- Ability to access or leave a property in case of emergency.
- Distance from and condition of fire services.
- Defensible space/home hardening.

“Insurers are tightening underwriting standards to respond to rising risks,” said Brine. “Some are nonrenewing. Others have stopped writing new policies.”

Some homeowners with diminishing options are reaching out to the Washington FAIR Plan, which provides basic property insurance to applicants who have difficulty getting a policy in the standard market.

“That may not be enough to cover the full cost of a home destroyed by a fire,” Brine said.

“Consumers facing the current marketplace may think insurers are looking for ways not to insure things,” said Brine. “Insurers need to insure things to remain in business, so they are trying to better predict the risk of loss.”

Brine noted that wind and hail account for nearly 98 percent of homeowner claims, but fire and lightning are by far the most expensive.

“Whether we want to believe in climate change as a scientific fact or what causes it, what is undeniable is the fact that the costs related to storms have gone up dramatically,” Brine said.

Some examples:

- In the 1980’s 33 events averaged 3.3 per year for average losses of \$22 billion per year.
- 1990’s – 57 events @ 5.7/year, average losses \$33 billion/year.
- 2000’s – 67 events @ 6.7/year, average losses \$61 billion/year.
- 2010’s – 131 events @ 13.1/year, average losses \$99 billion/year.
- Last five years (2018-2023) 20/year, average losses of \$123 billion/year.
- 2023 alone, 28 events, \$95 billion in losses.
- 2024 Hurricanes Helene & Milton \$44 billion in insured losses to date.

“We are building more homes in harm’s way,” said Brine. “Between 1900 and 1959, only 14 percent of new homes built in the U.S. faced significant wildfire threats. Today within two years, 55 percent of new homes built were facing the threat of wildfires.”

Washington is one of five states where most of the population growth has occurred in the last two years.

“A lot of people are saying we have an insurance crisis,” said Brine. “What we actually have is a climate/disaster crisis and a growth in population and building crisis. Insurers are

left to be the zoning police of last resort.”

After reviewing the current dynamics facing both insurers and buyers, Brine turned to steps being taken to address the new normal in the market and the changes needed to protect homeowners and stabilize the insurance market. Those include legislation for consumers and advancements in wildfire and homebuilding science.

- Home hardening rebates. Washington is the only state in the country that prohibits insurers from offering discounts or rebates for home hardening and defensible space – including for Firewise communities. Insurers support legislation to remove this barrier.

Commissioner Russ Jones said he asked the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) which state code was preventing the rebates or discounts. While the reply he received indicated discounts are allowed, “It would be extremely difficult for the insurance company to comply with all the steps involved,” Jones said and asked Brine if he sees any changes ahead.

Bride said he has spoken with both candidates for insurance commissioner.

“Both candidates are very interested in being a lot more proactive about trying to engage and promote home hardening and defensible space,” said Brine. “I think everything is back on the table when we have a new insurance commission.”

- Mitigation grants. A mitigation grant program to offer financial assistance for homeowners to help them afford the costs of fire hardening homes and creating defensible space for community level resilience.
- Forest health investment. Insurers supported legislation that funded a \$50

million state investment over 10 years for forest thinning and prescribed burning and assistance to property owners with fire prevention measures.

- IBHS Wildfire Prepared Home. The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) developed the Wildfire Prepared Home based on years of research in fire combustion science. The certification requires the use of fire-resistant materials and building methods in new construction. These standards are being adopted for state building codes across the West.

Brine said he recently spoke with IBHS and it is in the process of rolling out a program in Washington, but the implementation process will take time.

- Community resilience. Insurers work with stakeholders from forest managers to firefighters to develop community wide construction standards to slow the spread of wildfires and reduce loss of lives and property.

Commissioner Mark Donnell asked if Brine sees a benefit in trying to engage the major players together - elected officials, OIC, insurers, fire chiefs and commissioners, Brine’s group – in a conversation to improve the situation.

Brine agreed and said he sits on a 35-member panel in Oregon to discuss sustainable wildfire mitigation and suppression funding.

“These things are happening on a large scale with large groups of people,” said Brine. “They have to trickle down to community-level discussions.”

Brine said there needs to be greater understanding and communication on the local level to help homeowners understand what the market is facing and for insurers to

understand the impact their decisions are having on homeowners.

Jones noted that when an insurance company chooses not to renew a homeowner policy the company must give a reason.

“We’ve had cases where homes well away from the urban interface in downtown Chelan have not been renewed and given wildfire risk as a reason,” said Jones. “What course of action do those homeowners have?”

“Right now, their options are pretty limited,” said Brine. “They just have to shop for another insurer.”

Brine said that frustration has been shared with legislators in various parts of the state.

“I would not be surprised if we don’t see some legislation in Washington to require insurers to provide a bit more information,” said Brine. “That said, it does not change the outcome for the insured.”

Brine said the policyholder can ask to see the information used as a basis for the nonrenewal to make sure it is accurate or not outdated.

Jones asked what legislative measures the fire chiefs/commissioners’ associations can pursue.

“Things we are currently on record in support of our mitigation grants and the establishment of a standard for building and retrofitting structures and property,” said Brine, “Wildfire prepared homes, community-level resilience, and state dollars for the purpose of providing grants to people of some kind of needs basis.”

“The easiest thing to get done with insurer industry support is risk mitigation and mitigation grants,” said Brine. “That’s the future of living with wildfire, and we’re supportive of that.”

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## Lake Chelan Wine Alliance plans Fall Barrel Tasting event

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CHELAN — The Lake Chelan Wine Alliance will host its annual Fall Barrel Tasting event for two consecutive weekends in November, featuring samples of unreleased wines directly from the barrel.

The event, scheduled for November 8-10 and November 15-17, gives visitors an opportunity to taste young wines and observe the winemaking process at participating wineries.

“Our Fall Barrel Tasting

event is a unique way for visitors to experience the craftsmanship and passion that goes into each bottle of Lake Chelan wine,” said Renea Roberts, Director of Community Engagement of the Lake Chelan Wine Alliance. “It’s the perfect way to celebrate the harvest season and get a first taste of what’s to come from our talented winemakers.”

The event includes tastings of limited-edition wines from the 2024 harvest. Participating wineries will host vineyard tours, cellar visits, and live entertainment.

Regional chefs and food vendors will offer artisanal cheese selections and farm-to-table dishes during the event.

The Fall Barrel Tasting is part of the Lake Chelan Wine Harvest celebration. The Lake Chelan Wine Alliance, a nonprofit membership association, organizes the event to promote the valley’s wine industry and support local wineries and vineyards.

Information about participating wineries and scheduled events is available at [chelanharvest.com](http://chelanharvest.com).



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# ‘Strength in Strides’ program gets \$25K boost



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From left to right: Leda the horse, Laura Turner, Alatheia Caretaker/Facility Manager, Stacy Suydam, Peoples Bank Commercial Banking Officer, Amy Smith, Retail District Branch Manager, Dianna Bodin, Peoples Bank Director of Commercial Banking, Michael Machado, Peoples Bank Commercial Market Leader, Amy Collins, Peoples Bank Senior Commercial Loan Assistant, Nancy Grette, Alatheia Co-Founder & Executive Director, Andy Riddell, Peoples Bank Chief Lending Officer, James Coker, Alatheia Volunteer, Solvi the horse.

NCW News  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — Alatheia Therapeutic Riding Center, a Wenatchee-based nonprofit serving individuals with disabilities, has been awarded a \$25,000 Impact Grant from Peoples Bank to expand its therapeutic riding programs in North Central Washington. The center, founded in 2011, will use the funding to support their “Strength in Strides” project, which provides specialized equine therapy services to underserved children

and adults with physical and developmental disabilities throughout the region. “Through this community Impact Grant, Peoples Bank is creating a more supportive, inclusive, and equitable community. Everyone can thrive, regardless of their physical ability, background or financial situation,” said Nancy Grette, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Alatheia Therapeutic Riding Center. Andy Riddell, Peoples Bank Chief Lending Officer, highlighted the competitive

nature of this year’s grant process. “Our annual Impact Grant program is a great reminder of how many truly deserving organizations are making a difference every day,” said Riddell. “We were overwhelmed with the number of applications we received this year and thrilled to be able to support such worthy causes.” The Impact Grant program, established by Peoples Bank in 2017, aims to fund specific projects that promise long-lasting, positive impacts on local communities. The

bank, which manages \$2.4 billion in assets and operates 23 locations throughout Washington state, also awarded a separate \$10,000 Peoples Choice Grant to Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth through an online voting process. Peoples Bank, headquartered in Bellingham, Washington, has served Washington communities for 100 years and maintains a five-star rating from BauerFinancial, a leading independent bank rating firm.

## Icicle Fund names Phil Lacey as new Executive Director



COURTESY OF PHIL LACEY

Phil Lacey has served as the Executive Director for ICCA since 2021. He will begin his new role at the Icicle Fund in November.

By Taylor Caldwell  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—Icicle Creek Center for the Arts (ICCA) Executive Director Phil Lacey will transition into a new role as Executive Director of the Icicle Fund. “The work that Icicle Fund does in this community is incredibly valuable and far-reaching, impacting dozens and dozens of nonprofits working in the arts,

environment, and history sectors. So, in many ways, this transition lets me build on everything I was doing at ICCA – sharing the value of this beautiful place where we live, supporting other nonprofits, and building community – and continue this work on a much larger scale,” said Lacey in an email to Ward Media. The Icicle Fund was founded by Harriet Bullitt in 1998 as a 501(c)(3) supporting

organization for nonprofits focused on advancing the arts, protecting the environment, and promoting the natural and cultural history of North Central Washington. Its six lead organizations, ICCA, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, Methow Arts Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Land, and the Wenatchee River Institute, lead the work of the fund. Lacey’s short-term goals for the Icicle Fund involve improving representation of the community by inviting a more diverse group of people at the committee and board level, as well as developing Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort as a destination for the community that lives here, in addition to its out of town visitors. “I know Phil to be forward-thinking and exceptionally creative, with an eye for the big picture,” said Noelle O’Reilly, Icicle Fund Board Member and granddaughter to Bullitt, in a press release. “I am so pleased he’ll be bringing his considerable talents to the Icicle Fund, as we work together to expand on Harriet’s vision.” Lacey joined ICCA in 2021.

Under his leadership, ICCA completed its endowment fund campaign, expanded programming, emerged from the pandemic, and navigated financial difficulties. Lacey also partnered with the school district to maintain visual arts in the K-8 grade. ICCA was recognized by the Washington Association of School Administrators as the recipient of the Community Leadership Award. “My time at ICCA has been incredible preparation for this role at Icicle Fund. While the context will be different, I have already had the joy of working alongside most of our community partners over the last few years, so I am able to build on those relationships as we all move forward,” said Lacey. Lacey will begin his position at the Icicle Fund in early November. He will transition into the role of ICCA’s Interim Executive Director on a part-time basis until a successor is appointed. ICCA’s Board of Directors will handle the selection process for the organization’s next executive director. Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media

## Community rallies to save historic Pioneer Village roofs at Cashmere Museum

By Taylor Caldwell  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – Volunteers completed six days of work parties to reroof the historic buildings of Cashmere Museum’s Pioneer Village on Oct. 27. During a rainy clean up day this spring, volunteers discovered the General Store had a major roof leak, compromising the artifacts within it. The leak prompted the identification of two other buildings needing reroofing, the Barber Shop and the Saloon. “We are such a visual society, and especially the younger generations, to actually come and see these in existence, these cabins, and to connect with them and be able to relate in a tactile type of way, [it] can’t be learned through a book...To come in here and step into it is really unique,” said Colleen Malmassari. The reroofing project was initiated by Malmassari, museum volunteer and great-great granddaughter of Archie Smith, whose original cabin was the General Store. The project raised just under \$10,000 from community donations, slightly above the

original goal of \$8,000. “I’m glad we raised just short of 10, because materials are more expensive than we anticipated. Just the materials took nearly all of that donated money, and so that’s one of the reasons why we’ve been doing the work parties,” said Malmassari. The General Store and Barber Shop were reinforced with modern roofing materials, then overlaid with cedar shake, which will weather in time to look like the original historic roof. About 20 total volunteers took part in the reroofing project, in addition to in-kind donations such as a forklift from Curb Appeal Landscape Supply and tools from Eastside Rebuild. “This is the exact reason we have the tool library. As a fellow nonprofit, the museum does so much for the community and preserving history...We wanted to be part of that. Our whole mission and our values really guide us towards giving back to the community and offering tools that are really affordable or free of cost to those who need them,” said Eastside Rebuild Tool Library and Marketing Manager Beryl Bils.

The Saloon roof, which has a steeper pitch, will likely get tarped over winter until it can be reroofed next spring, said Malmassari. While the reroofing project addressed immediate concerns for the General Store and Barber Shop, the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village have a need for ongoing support. The museum is considering hiring a professional to complete the work on the steeper roof, which will require more fundraising. Additionally, Museum Director Nicky Clennon noted that the historic site requires sustained funding and more volunteers in order to address

the ongoing maintenance needs. “When the museum was first built, the project started in 1957, there were 600 people from the community that came together to build the museum and contribute funds and materials. At the time, that was about a third of the town. So it really was built by the community, for the community, and we’re hoping to get back there with community buy-in,” said Clennon. Donations can be made on the museum website: www.cashmeremuseum.org. Those looking to support the reroofing project specifically can make a note in the donation. Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or taylor@ward.media



TAYLOR CALDWELL / WARD MEDIA

Volunteers reinforced the roof with modern materials before applying the historically aesthetic cedar shake roofing.

## Pateros RCO

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The original agreement dated Nov. 8, 2017, called for the project to be completed within two years. An amendment to that original agreement expired on June 1, 2022. A second amendment expired Dec. 20, 2023, and the city granted a third which will expire on Nov. 22 this year. A problem securing tenant commitments for the new building proved to be an obstacle to securing construction financing. “Unless we get a tenant for one of those buildings, we’re going to have a hard time getting construction loans for the first building,” Anderson told the council in 2023. Anderson did commit to site improvements and underground work in the interim. Wilson will consult with city attorney Scott DeTro and report back to the council at its November meeting.



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Workers continue progress on forms and footings along Commercial Avenue in this view looking east.

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## Steelhead

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first steelhead at his store on opening day and received a \$25 gift certificate. “The best part of it for me is there are a lot of wilds coming back,” said Lance Rider, owner of the Outdoorsman in Winthrop. “It’s close to fifty percent is what I’ve heard.” Fishermen are cautioned to check regulations that, among other restrictions, specify: • Daily limit of two hatchery steelhead or two coho, or one of each. • Minimum sizes: Steelhead 20 inches, coho 12 inches. • Retention of hatchery steelhead is mandatory.

Steelhead with an intact adipose fin must be released immediately, unharmed, and cannot be removed from the water prior to release. The WDFW management goal is to cull the hatchery fish identified by a clipped adipose fin. “If there are quite a few wilds compared to not many wilds, that means we can fish for the hatchery fish longer without so much mortality and wiping out a run,” said Rider. “I was wondering if we would ever get to do it again, and now we are.” Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or michael@ward.media



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There was no shortage of feedback on the comments board.

## Spaces project

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3:30 p.m., a pop-up kiosk outside the main entrance welcomed additional feedback. The team met later that evening with parents at the school. An online survey at newlibraries.org/Bridgeport remains available for those who want to contribute through that medium. Associate Director of Community Libraries, Tim Dillman laid the groundwork for last week’s visit with his presentation to the September meeting of the city council where he introduced NCW Libraries’ “Reimagining Spaces” project. “We have been laying the groundwork for the past four years,” said Dillman. “This is part of a larger system-wide project that NCW Libraries is doing across our system.” Started in 2019, the project is a \$10.3 million commitment involving 30 branches over the next 4-5 years. Last week, at the branch, architect Carolyn Carlberg, Associate Principal at Library Forward, explained the themes, color schemes, and other design elements on concept boards, where visitors could add comments and make personal selections about the branch’s future look. “Our partner architects, Forte, out of Wenatchee, did the actual drawings for the

library, so we have the existing blueprints to start from,” said Carlberg. “Once we have heard from the community we will go into the conceptual design and programming stage and work with the library on distilling down everything we’ve heard into a design that is workable.” Carlberg said that branches at Brewster and, more recently, Peshastin were completed, and Curlew, Ephrata, Soap Lake, Manson, Chelan, and Cashmere are in the design process. “We are spending a lot of quality time with each community and the library staff to make sure the design is what is going to serve them well in the future and what the community envisions,” Carlberg said. Dillman said the actual interior work at Bridgeport will begin about a year from now. “We are getting a little backlogged right now with a lot of branches that are in design or finishing up design,” said Dillman. Dillman said NCW Libraries chose to self-perform by hiring its own contractor for some of the work to both save money and avoid delays involved in putting projects out for bid. The NCW budget for the Bridgeport branch is \$129,489. The city will not need to make any additional investments. Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or michael@ward.media





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ESTATE OF: **BRENDA JOY KEELER Deceased**  
NO. 24-4-07233-8 SEA  
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RCW 11.40.030

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Attorney for Personal Representative: LAWRENCE F. BROWN, JR. WSBA No. 18847  
Lawrence F. Brown, Jr. Attorney at Law P. O. Box 940 Fall City WA 98024  
Robert W. Keeler Personal Representative  
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In the Matter of the Estate of **CHARLES D. AKERS, Deceased.**  
No. 24-4-00390-04  
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Attorney for the Personal Representative: David J. Bentsen  
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WANDA E. VAMMEN Personal Representative  
Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP  
By: DAVID J. BENTSEN WSBA No. 42107  
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**NOTICE OF 2025 BUDGET HEARING**  
The final read on the 2025 budget hearing for the Town of Mansfield has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM to afford citizens the opportunity to provide written or oral comments on the 2025 budget. Copies of the budget may be obtained from the City Clerk. Published in the Quad City Herald, October 30, 2024 and November 6, 2024. #8727

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Lot 11, Block 91, Original Town of Bridgeport, Douglas County, Washington. According to the Plat thereof Recorded in Volume A of Plats at Page 66-72, Douglas County, Washington Parcel No. 00209101100, and commonly known as 1637 Fisk Ave, Bridgeport, WA 98113. DATED this 21st day of October, 2024.

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**NOTICE OF CORPORATE DISSOLUTION –**

Baines Title Company, Inc. filed its articles of dissolution on October 18, 2024. Any creditors of Baines Title Company, Inc. are directed to submit claims by mail on or before February 3, 2025 to: Baines Title Company, Inc. c/o Troy St. George, 11201 SE 8 th St., Suite 200, Bellevue WA, 98004. Submitted claims must set forth the claimant, the amount of the indebtedness, the nature of the claim, and any supporting documentation thereof. The failure to submit a claim within the deadline prescribed above may result in the barring of your claim against Baines Title Company, Inc. in accordance with RCW 23B.14.030. Published in the Quad City Herald on October 23, 30, November 6, 2024. #8780

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY BRIDGEPORT BETHEL ASSEMBLY GOD OF WASHINGTON, a Washington nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff, vs. BETHEL CHURCH OF BRIDGEPORT, a Washington nonprofit corporation, Defendant.**  
NO. 24-2-00450-09  
AMENDED

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: Defendants, BETHEL CHURCH OF BRIDGEPORT, a Washington nonprofit corporation, occupants of the premises and any parties or persons claiming to have any right, title, estate lien, or interest in the real property described in the Complaint: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to it, within sixty (60) days after the 30th day of October, 2024 and defend the real property foreclosure in Douglas County, Washington and answer the Complaint of BRIDGEPORT BETHEL ASSEMBLY GOD OF WASHINGTON, a Washington nonprofit corporation ("Plaintiff"). You are asked to serve a copy of your Answer or responsive pleading upon the undersigned attorneys for the Plaintiff at its office stated below. In case of your failure to do so judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint which has been filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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Kid Scoop Together

## How to Be a Good Leader

Complete this activity at home this evening with a parent or another learning buddy.

1. People elected to government offices must be good leaders. With a learning buddy, find 10 words in today's newspaper that describe a good leader.
2. Write the 10 words here in alphabetical order:



## Start Your Own Campaign

Can't vote? Start a "Don't Forget to Vote" Campaign! Here's how:

1. Cut out the "Don't Forget to Vote" badge on this page and wear it proudly!
2. On Election Day, ask every person you see who is over 18 if he or she has voted yet. Ask your teacher, your parents, the school secretary, and clerks at stores. **Ask them all!**

### Who can vote?

In order to vote, you must qualify in three ways:

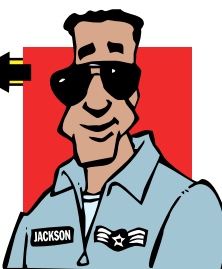
1. You must be at least 18 years old.
2. You must be a citizen of the United States.
3. You must be registered (signed up) to vote in the state where you live.

Standards Links: Social Science: Students understand the role of citizens including how to participate in civic life.

## Campaign Trails


Decide whether each of these people can vote. Then follow each path in the maze to find out if you are right.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the ways in which citizens participate in the American political system.




**Tom Jackson**

- is an Air Force pilot based in Germany
- is 22 years old
- is a U.S. citizen
- has registered to vote



**Clara Smith**

- is a U.S. citizen
- is 79 years old
- retired 10 years ago
- has not registered to vote



**Paul Chernoff**

- turns 18 on Nov. 1
- is a U.S. citizen
- does not have a job
- has registered to vote

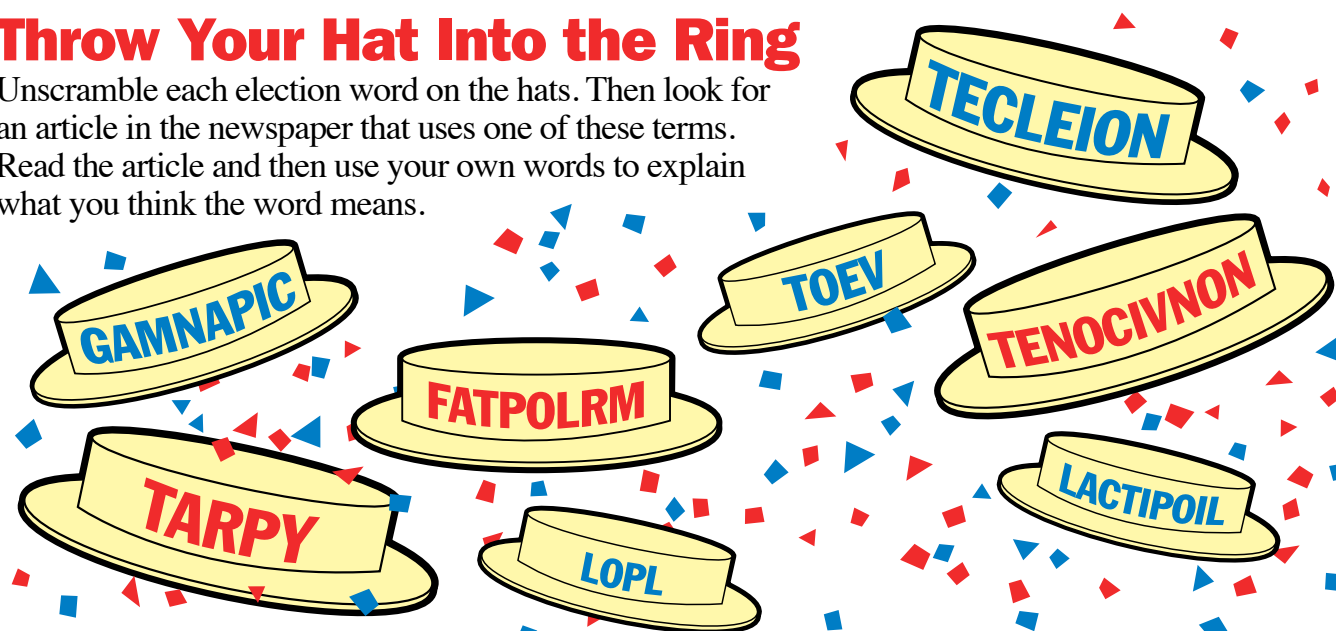
**Maria Marino**

- is 30 years old
- is a U.S. citizen
- has registered to vote
- does not read English

ANSWER: Clara can't vote because she didn't register when she moved. Tom can vote even though he is in Germany. How? He can vote by mail!

## Throw Your Hat Into the Ring

Unscramble each election word on the hats. Then look for an article in the newspaper that uses one of these terms. Read the article and then use your own words to explain what you think the word means.



Extra! Extra!

### Election ABC's

Look through the newspaper for 10 words about the coming election. Cut them out and glue them onto a piece of paper in alphabetical order.

**Bonus Challenge:** Can you find an election word for each letter of the alphabet?

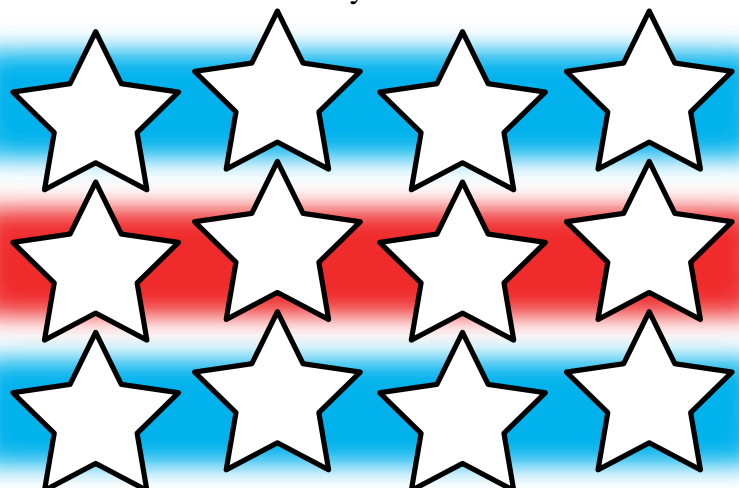
Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Letter order, sequencing. Vocabulary development.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Red, White and Blue Words

With a friend, see how many words you can make with the letters that spell **red**, **white** and **blue**! Write each word in a star. Can you fill them all?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- CAMPAIGN
- TRAILS
- CITIZEN
- FORGET
- RING
- VOTE
- ELECTION
- START
- CLERKS
- FOLLOW
- BADGE
- PILOT
- PATH
- FIND

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

D N E Z I T I C O N  
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P I L O T G O M K T  
F T F O R R T P R A  
H C G O I O E A E R  
T E E N L F I I L T  
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