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Bridgeport Planning Commission addresses Community Engagement Plan

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The city Planning Commission revisited additional work on its Community Engagement Plan during its regular meeting last Thursday, Dec. 5.

“We are doing this project called the periodic update of the comprehensive plan implementing regulations as required by the Growth Management Act (GMA),” said city planner Kurt Danison. “One of the basic tenets of the GMA is early and continuous public involvement.”

Toward that end, the commission prepared a

work plan which the council accepted and is now working on the public engagement aspect. The city has a two-year Department of Commerce grant for \$50,000 each year to pay for the periodic update work.

Community Engagement Plan

The Community Engagement Plan specifies how the city is going to engage the community. Bridgeport has at least one Spanish speaker on staff to allow non-English speaking residents to participate in community outreach. The city will also include the Colville tribes in

the process.

“We will want to try to get that underway right after the first of the year,” said Danison. “There is a lot of work to do.”

Public engagement allows citizens to:

- Influence decision making.
- Voice concerns.
- Contribute to local knowledge.
- Help promote sustainable growth.
- Hold government accountable.
- Stay informed.

“We will want to try to get that underway right after the first of the year,” said Danison. “There is a lot of work to do.”

From this month (December 2024) until mid-June 2025 the timeline focus is on completion of the Community Engagement Plan to meet a June 15, 2025, deadline. Beginning in January 2025 work begins on drafting a Critical Area Amendment

“The state provides a critical areas checklist,” said Danison. “We must make sure that what we have in our regulations matches what the state regs are.”

A comp plan checklist also needs to be analyzed and completed.

The completed checklist will help the commission draft amendments to its critical areas regulations.

“That lays out what we will be doing starting in July 2025 through June 2026,” said Danison.

There is also housing and population projections to address to help predict increases and needs over the next 20 years.

“Next year we get into drafting the comprehensive plan amendments, adopt the comp plan amendments, analyze development regulations, and adopt those regulations,” said Danison. “Then we have to go through the formal public process to find that we have done this effort.”

The two state payments of

\$50,000 this year and next will cover the city's costs to do this work. Danison said.

The GMA requires that the Comprehensive Plan include nine elements:

- Land use critical areas.
- Housing
- Conservation
- Transportation
- Parks and recreation
- Capital facilities
- Climate change & resiliency
- Utilities
- Economic development

“We will go through each one of those elements and update it,” Danison said.

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Brewster applies for whopper flood mitigation grant

By MIKE MALTAIS
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BREWSTER – The city is attempting the equivalent of winning a championship game with a last second score from the far corner of the court. It has applied for a one-time \$20 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant in competition with other municipalities across the nation.

The money is part of \$2 billion of 2022 Inflation Reduction Act funds the EPA can invest in environmental and climate justice activities.

City Finance Director Misty Ruiz advised the November meeting of the city council that the grant application has been submitted for the largest chunk of funding Brewster has ever pursued. If

successful it will enable the city to resolve a local problem that is not only facing other parts of the county but also facing many parts of the nation as well: Flood zones.

Advancing technologies have enabled the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to upgrade its flood mapping responsibilities. The agency can now more accurately identify more areas at risk of a water disaster sufficient to expand existing flood plains or designate new ones.

Brewster was recently informed by the (FEMA) that a large portion of the community and surrounding area is in a flood plain. Research figures included in the grant application address potential implications for property owners in the absence of corrective action.

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Pateros Transportation Benefit District completes sixth year



By MIKE MALTAIS
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PATEROS – The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) that the city council approved by ordinance in 2018, and the voters approved on the August 2021 ballot has just celebrated its sixth year in existence and the third year since revenues started being collected in 2022.

Per state RCW 36.73.030 a city “... establish transportation benefit districts in order to respond to the special transportation needs and economic opportunities resulting from private sector development for the public good.”

Effective July 1, 2022, the TBD collects a 0.3 percent (formerly .02%) sales tax on each retail dollar spent by residents and visitors in Pateros. State law mandates that TBD funds can only be used to maintain and improve the city's transportation infrastructure.

In its 2024 annual TBD report that can be viewed on pateros.com, the city listed \$25,897.54 in revenue collected during 2022, estimated at \$36,000 in 2023 and \$36,000 again this year. The city has designated five categories and allotted a portion of

funds to each:

2023

- \$9,700 – Roadway construction.
- \$4,000 – Repair & maintenance.
- \$3,000 – Small tools & equipment.
- \$2,500 – Office & operating – Roadway.
- \$800 – Professional services.

2024 (changes in two categories only)

- \$20,000 – Roadway construction.
- \$500 – Professional services.
- Year-end cash balance:
- 2022 - \$25,897.54
- 2023 - \$41,897.54
- 2024 - \$47,897.54
- The typical maintenance budget for the street department is \$100,000-125,000.
- Despite a population of only 593 residents, the city's transportation infrastructure, valued at an estimated \$23 million, includes:
- Seven miles of roads.
- A mile-plus of sidewalk.
- A half mile-plus of trail.
- 100-plus street and trail lights.
- 180-plus traffic signs.

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Felines get a second chance at Animal Foster Care



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

A striking white homeless cat makes the best of life along Brewster's Riverwalk Trail.

By MIKE MALTAIS
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OKANOGAN—Tucked away in a draw southwest of Okanogan is a little building that is making a big difference in the lives of felines who have fallen on hard times.

The Okanogan County Animal Foster Care Association, also known as the Animal Foster Care Cat Shelter on 4 Spring Coulee Road, is a 501(c)3 non-profit, no-kill shelter dedicated to providing a safe haven for cats until they can find a home. They receive proper treatment for illnesses or diseases and live out their lives at the shelter or in foster homes.

The shelter is a busy place. At the close of 2023, the facility had:

- 215 cats under its care at the shelter or in foster homes.
- 26 cats living at the shelter.

- 1,240 cats transferred out:
 - 1,198 to Northwest Organization for Animal Help (NOAH).
 - 36 to Seattle Humane,
 - 4 to Pasado's Safe Haven.
 - 2 to PAWS.
- This number includes 314 adults, 755 kittens, and 31 mothers, with kittens equaling another 140.

Animal Foster Care took in 1,502 cats in 2023 and adopted out 152. It expects to exceed those numbers in 2024.

The facility survives largely through donations and adoption fees. It is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. To learn more about donating or volunteering, call 509-422-3364 or visit animalfosatercare.org.

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Together with a Transportation Improvement Board grant, TBD funds helped pay for 2022 improvements along Warren Avenue.

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Annual Holiday Sing Along

Siren Song Vineyard Estate and Winery in Chelan will host an Annual Holiday Sing Along on Friday, December 13 from 6-9 p.m.

"Join us at the Siren Song Winery for live music featuring Mac Potts, and sing-a-long to your favorite holiday tunes," the event page states. "Siren Song award-winning wines, curated cocktails, and food will be available for purchase. No cover charge to attend the sing-a-long but reservations are required."

For more information, visit sirensongwines.com.

Taylor Swift Trivia

The Cove Wine and Games in Chelan will host Taylor Swift Trivia on Friday, December 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"Exciting news, Swifties," the event page states. "Our trivia night just so happens to fall on December 13—Taylor Swift's birthday. We couldn't let this perfect coincidence pass us by, so we're making it a Swiftie-themed trivia night."

For more information, visit insidethecove.com.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Vin du Lac Winery in Chelan will host a Holiday Centerpiece Workshop on Saturday, December 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Create something truly special this holiday season," the event page states. "Join us for a Festive Holiday Table Centerpiece Workshop featuring upcycled wine barrel staves. Enjoy a cozy afternoon of creativity and crafting while sipping our locally sourced wines and enjoying winery

vineyard views!

The workshop is \$40 per person with the first glass of wine included. To reserve a spot email maggie@vindulac.com. For more information, visit vindulac.com.

Holiday Movie Night

Endless Orchard Hard Pressed Cider in Chelan will host a Holiday Movie Night on Saturday, December 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Grab your PJ's, blankets, and pillow," the event page states. "We're having a cozy Family Christmas Movie night at Endless Orchard. There will be delicious Cider, popcorn, and treats for everyone."

For more information, visit

endlessorchardcider.com.

Mozzarella Cheese Making Class

Endless Orchard Hard Pressed Cider in Chelan will host a Mozzarella Cheese Making Class on Friday, December 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Try your hand at making and stretching your own mozzarella cheese," the event page states. "We will chat

about cheesemaking and try some long cultured mozzarella from Laurel's Crown Farmstead cheese. There will be other cheese and caramel sauce to sample as well as a few ideas on how to use them while enjoying Endless Orchards cider offerings."

For more information, visit endlessorchardcider.com or call 509-888-7278 to reserve your spot.

State land agencies announce 2025 Discover Pass free days

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OLYMPIA — Washington state agencies announced that visitors will have 12 days in 2025 when they can access state-managed lands without purchasing a Discover Pass, including a new free day celebrating Smokey Bear's birthday.

The free days apply to all lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The program includes major holidays such as New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Junior Day, and Veterans Day.

Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz emphasized the connection between public land access and fire safety. "For decades Smokey Bear has emphasized the importance of fire safety to our communities with his central message: Only You Can Prevent Wildfires," Franz said. "As folks are enjoying Washington's public lands on Discover Pass free days next year, and especially on Smokey's birthday, I hope that they'll keep his mission in mind and recreate responsibly."

The 2025 schedule features dates of historical and cultural significance, including Billy Frank Junior's Birthday on March 9,

honoring the Nisqually tribal member who championed Native American treaty rights and environmental protection. Juneteenth, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas in 1865, is also among the designated free days.

The 2025 Discover Pass free days are:

- Wed., Jan. 1 - New Year's Day and First Day Hikes
- Mon., Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Junior Day
- Sun., March 9 - Billy Frank Junior's Birthday
- Wed., March 19 - State Parks' 111th Birthday
- Tues., April 22 - Earth Day
- Sat., June 7 and Sun., June

- 8 - Free Fishing Weekend
- Thurs., June 19 - Juneteenth
- Sat., Aug. 9 - Smokey Bear's Birthday
- Sat., Sept. 27 - National Public Lands Day
- Fri., Oct. 10 - World Mental Health Day
- Mon., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Last year's First Day Hikes event, part of a national initiative by America's State Parks, drew more than 1,700 participants who covered 2,907.2 trail miles across Washington state parks.

The Discover Pass, established by legislation in 2011, typically costs between \$30 and \$35 for an annual pass or \$10 to \$11.50 for a single-day visit. While the free days

waive the standard parking fee requirement, they do not apply to Sno-Parks, which require separate permits during the winter season from November through April.

The complete list of 2025 free days includes traditional observances like Earth Day and National Public Lands Day, as well as World Mental Health Day, which recognizes the documented health benefits of spending time in nature, including increased serotonin and dopamine levels and reduced blood pressure.

Officials note that the Discover Pass program continues to support conservation efforts and helps preserve public lands for future generations.

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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

Tuesday

Okanogan County PUD: The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. In-

formation: 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: douglaspu.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

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

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, Chelan. Contact: Concie Luna at 509-630-2972 or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.

TOPS® Chapter Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle: Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. TOPS® chapter (weight loss support group) meetings at Lake Chelan United Methodist Church,

located at 206 N. Emerson St. in Chelan. Attendees should use the side entrance of the church between the Lake Chelan Health Express Care Clinic and the church. TOPS empowers people to stop dieting and start creating healthy, enjoyable lifestyle habits that will work for them over the long haul.

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.

Chelan Cancer Support Group: First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Chelan Health Hospital. Lunch (purchase from hospital cafe)/meeting in Bragg Room. Meetings are open to anyone impacted by cancer. Including: patients, survivors, caregivers, family members and especially those who are recently diagnosed. It is also open to folks wanting to learn ways to support someone affected by cancer.

It's a place where members can offer advice, share coping strategies, and build relationships along their journey. More info: Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.

Family Caregivers/Support Group: Third Thursday, 10

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Cascadia Conservation District sets hybrid board meeting for December 20

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WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District announced its upcoming Regular Board meeting will be held in a hybrid format, offering both in-person and remote attendance options on December 20.

The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the district's Wenatchee office, located at 1350 McKittrick St., Suite B. Due to space constraints, officials are requiring advance registration for in-person

attendance. Interested parties can participate remotely via telephone or Zoom videoconferencing. The district will post detailed connection instructions on its website, cascadiacd.org.

For additional information or to register for in-person attendance, contact the District office at 509-436-1601.

The Cascadia Conservation District serves Chelan County and surrounding areas, focusing on natural resource conservation and management initiatives.

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mail your check with name, email and return address to;
Slidewaters Christmas PO Box 1601 Chelan, WA 98816

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

Nov 29
10:41:53 Harass/Threat, 6 Peaceful Pine Ln, Waterville
21:21:36 Civil, 1541 Columbia Ave# 5, Bridgeport
03:31:38 Suspicious, 102 S Chelan Ave# 6, Wate

Nov 30
4:03:48 Assist Public, Us Hwy 2 & Rd 2 Nw, Waterville

Dec 2
11:26:54 Parking/Abandon, 2110 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport
16:19:30 Suspicious, 407 Wild Turkey Rd, Waterville

Dec 3
18:42:00 Parking/Abandon, 1243 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport

Dec 4
14:33:57 Assist Agency, 860 Sr 173, Bridgeport Bar

Dec 5
10:50:30 Accident Injury, Sr 17 Mp 132, Bridgeport
11:21:42 Miscellaneous, 255 Rd 1 Sw, Waterville
16:33:45 Traffic Offense, 800blk Maple St, Bridgeport

Brewster Police Department

Nov 29
23:19:32 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Deer Blocking Sb Hwy 97 Mm 259.

Nov 30
12:55:29 Theft Other, Highway 97, Brewster Comments: Someone Took Rp's Phone, Also Stole Phones From Two Other People, Has Not Been Reported.

Dec 1
09:54:47 Suspicious, S 5th St & W Hanson Ave, Brewster Comments: Whi Chevy Cruz Wa Lic/ Marks On The Front Passenger And Back Door Of Driver Looks To Of Been In An Accident.
12:23:16 Disabled Vehicle, Highway 173 & Crane Orchard Rd Comments: Disabled

Motorist Blocking The Nb Lane

Dec 2
09:40:57 Theft Automobile, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa

Dec 3
15:21:06 Civil, W Griggs Ave, Brewster
17:51:53 Runaway Juvnile, S 1st St, Brewster, Comments: 13yo Daughter Advd Secretary She Was Going To Go To Afters Program, But She Did Not. Juv Just Returned Home

Dec 5
00:54:32 Trespassing, Highway 97, Brewster Comments: Fem Walking Back And Forth In The Parking Lot. Fem Lsw All Blk, Poss Carrying Blanket In Her Hand.

Okanogan County Sheriff

Nov 28
09:26:15 Alarm Burglary Sand Trail Rd; Bridgeport Comments: Commercial Alarm For Gamble Sands, Laundry And Cart Room; Owner Gave Passcode Was Set Off On Accident

Nov 29
13:09:39 11/29/24 Citizen Assist, Highway 153, Pateros, Wa Comments: Rp Advd There Have Been Fishermen That Have Been Crossing Her Property To Get To The Methow River, When She Confronted Them They Told Her That They Are Allowed To Access The Area Cause She Does Not Have "No Trespassing Signs Up." Rp Is Req Information On Trespassing Laws.
21:26:12 11/29/24 Abandoned Vehic, Mountain View Dr, Brewster, Wa Comments: Small Gry Trk, Parked In The Middle Of Michel Rd, South From Rp's Res. Has Been There For At Least 4 Hours. For information On The Veh Blocking the Intersection Of Michel Rd & Old Hwy 97, the Veh has been removed.

Nov 30
08:19:25 11/30/24 Accident Noninj, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Hit A Deer, Deer Is Blocking, Rp Advd Does Not Need Ems. Rp Advd They Need A Tow.

Dec 2
10:03:46 12/02/24 Theft Automobile, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Whi 2001 Honda Van Was Stolen 01:39 Pm On Saturday 11/30/24. Rp Has Camera Footage. Veh Has Been Recovered And Released To The Owner.

18:09:29 12/02/24 Harassment, Golden Lane Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp's Ex-Wife Keeps Coming Over And Leaves Letters Saying "Toxic" Things Such As "You're A Piece Of Shit Father" And Other Things. Rp Wants Options On How To Make It Stop.

Dec 3
13:14:16 12/03/24 Civil, Unger Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Ongoing Issue. Yesterday Around 16:00 Rp Went To The Property And M Subj Took Out More Fence Posts, Which Is Violating Their Order. Rp Advd They Have An Order. M Subj Is Rp's Brother, And They Own A Property Together Nearby.

17:32:01 12/03/24 Civil, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Loaned Her Crm 2008 Mazda 6 To Her Brother.
18:18:55 12/03/24 Accident Unknj, Old Hwy 97, Brewster
18:42:00 12/03/24 Accident Noninj, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa

OBITUARY

Mary Gertrude Johnson

August 22, 1923--November 21, 2024

Life
Up the hills of life we climb Through the troubles and the joys Bearing bravely all our troubles All of us, both girls and boys.
Written by Mary Gertrude Fike, 1934

At the age of one hundred and one Mary G. Johnson, longtime resident of Brewster, died peacefully November 21, 2024, in her home by the river. Mary Fike was born August 22, 1923, to parents Ernest and Gertrude Fike in Sidney, Iowa. In 1929 the Fike family moved to East Wenatchee where the family lived in temporary housing and later moved to Palisades where Mary attended school in a one room schoolhouse. She graduated from Wenatchee High School and was among the graduates in one of the first graduating classes of Wenatchee Valley Junior College.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Gertrude (née Hamilton) and Ernest Fike, sisters Sylvia, Inez, and Avis, brother Earl, husband John, and grandson Tyler. She is survived by her children: Terry (Trecia/Marika), Claudia (David/Benjamin and Rebecca), Tim (Vicki/Nikki and Kelsey), Kevin (Crystal/Casey, Matt, and Jaimie), Keith (Sue/ Kyle and Claire), Lisa (Kosei/Naomi

and Ian), companion Jack Wood, and step-grandchildren Sean and Iris Fairchild. Surviving also are nieces Tanya Fike, Christy Johnson and Debbie Doty and nephews Bryan and Dale Cockrum, Gerry Giles, and eight great-grandchildren.

In 1943 Mary married John O. "Johnny" Johnson, her husband of fifty-one years. Mary and John resided in Chelan, and then moved to Wenatchee where Johnny took employment as a flight instructor for Wenatchee Air Service and on a wartime provisional certificate. Mary taught 1st grade at Stevens Elementary School. In 1953 when Johnny was offered a foreman's job at Crane & Crane Ranch, Mary and Johnny moved their young family to Brewster.

After Mary raised her family, she returned to Central Washington State College in 1973 to complete her bachelor's degree in childhood education. Because of her passion for children, their care and education, in 1976, she established The Children's House daycare on Bridge Street in Brewster. For her business and service to the community, The Children's House was awarded Brewster Chamber of Commerce's 1998 business of the year award. In 1999 she retired



and passed the business along to son Keith.

Mary loved to travel and journeyed to countries on six continents. She loved nature and hiking the outdoors. A strong advocate of the Brewster Sr. Center, Mary attended regularly until her health failed. A lifelong lover of literature, Mary especially enjoyed poetry and loved committing poems to memory. In addition to her love of family, she was an avid 'Zags fan and had a special fondness for the music of Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell. A lawn filled with quail never failed to delight her.

At a later date the family will hold a private memorial at Packwood Memorial Cemetery on Dyer Hill in Douglas County.

Mary's family extends their thanks to Angela Barboza, Holly Barutia, Francisca Hernandez, and Jennifer Holmes for their excellent and loving care of our mother the past two and a half years. Memorial donations may be made in Mary's name to the St. Labre Indian School, P.O. Box 216, Ashland, Montana 59003

OBITUARY

Ray F. Sandy

Ray F. Sandy, age 72, passed away peacefully at home with his family, on November 2, 2024. Ray was born to Leona (Willis) Sandy and Albert (Bert) Sandy on September 27, 1952. Ray graduated from Pateros High School in 1970. He married his wife, Sheryl Kinney, on April 13, 1974, in Caldwell, Idaho.

He was a union carpenter until he retired. He worked mostly in Wenatchee, also on Chief Joseph Dam, Pateros High School, Brewster High School, Chelan Hospital, Central Washington Hospital, and Confluence Health Hospital. He was a member of the Pateros Community Church; he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He also was a member of the Pateros Volunteer Fire Department and Douglas/Okanogan County Fire District 15. He also was an Engine Boss for Methow River Wildfire in the summers for Bill Duguay.

Ray loved spending time with his family and friends, firefighting, working hard, helping others, playing his guitars, and hunting and fishing with his boys and friends. He enjoyed a Wednesday morning Men's Bible study and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, Bert Sandy; mother, Leona Sandy; niece, Rachel Sandy; nephew, Raymond Sandy; and grandchild, Taylor Sandy. Ray is survived by his wife, Sheryl Sandy; three sons: Josh Sandy, Nathan (Shawna) Sandy, and Matthew (Chandra) Sandy; granddaughter, Haley Sandy; grandson, Jacob Sandy; brother, Ryan Sandy; sister, Connie (Junior) Darbin; along with many other family and friends. Barnes Chapel is assisting the family. Please leave your thoughts and memories at barneschapel.com.



William S. Fredrickson

William S. Fredrickson, 65, of Winthrop Washington passed away in Brewster, Washington on December 5, 2024. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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Wild close pre-holiday home schedule with 3-0 loss to Everett Sunday



COURTESY OF RUSS ALMAN/WENATCHEE WILD

Wenatchee Wild defenseman Lukas McCloskey rushes the puck up ice in Wenatchee's Western Hockey League matchup against the Everett Silvertips Sunday. The game was the last on home ice for the Wild before the Christmas break, and saw the Silvertips prevail by a 3-0 score.

Wenatchee, Silvertips Mark Teddy Bear Toss Tilt with Early Defensive Duel

By **AUSTIN DRAUDE**
Wenatchee Wild

WENATCHEE. – Sunday's Teddy Bear Toss matchup at Town Toyota Center marked the end of the Wenatchee Wild home schedule ahead of the holidays, but in the end, their efforts never did quite bear the fruit that they hoped they would see.

The Everett Silvertips outduelled the Wild for a 3-0 win in Sunday's Western Hockey League contest, in a game that remained scoreless for more than 35 minutes before Everett broke through for its first goal. The Silvertips posted the game's first eight shots and held a 19-5 advantage after the first period, but were turned away each time. The Wild came out flying in the second with 14 shots to Everett's seven, but with 4:45 left in the period, Shea Busch punched in a second chance after an initial right-wing opportunity from Jesse Heslop.

The Wild stayed within a goal until the 8:17 mark of the third period, when Dominik Rymon blocked a shot high in the Wenatchee offensive zone and chased down the long carom before tossing home a wrist shot in transition from the right faceoff circle. The Wild cleared their cage with just over three minutes to play in hopes of getting on the scoreboard, but Nolan Chastko

picked up the last goal of the night and slid it into the empty net from center ice to push the final margin to three goals.

Heslop had the only multi-point game on the evening, with two assists. Raiden LeGall earned his first WHL shutout with 29 saves, while Daniel Hauser had a notable 29-save performance of his own in net for the Wild. The penalty-killing units combined for a perfect finish on five chances as Wenatchee saw an 11-game Teddy Bear Toss winning streak snapped. The win pushed Everett's record to 24-3-2-1 for the season, while Wenatchee closed the evening at 9-15-3-1.

One night after Wild forward Miles Cooper reached a career milestone with his 100th career WHL appearance, captain Evan Friesen etched his own name into the team history books Sunday with his 200th game. Only 52 other players had reached that milestone within the Wild organization, whose WHL lineage dates back to 1996.

Wenatchee returns to home ice on Saturday, December 28 for Margaritaville Night against the Spokane Chiefs, presented by Riverside Payments. Tickets for that game and all regular-season home games are on sale now by phone at 509-888-7825, or by visiting the team office at Town Toyota Center. Updated news and information on Wild hockey are always available through the team's website and on the team's social media platforms on Facebook, X, Instagram and YouTube.

Brewster High School

BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Thu, Dec 5, 7:00 PM	Brewster 44,	Wenatchee 70	Loss
Fri, Dec 6, 7:30 PM	Brewster 52	Cashmere 70	Loss

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Thu, Dec 5, 5:30 PM	Brewster 61	Wenatchee 28	Win
Fri, Dec 6, 4:30 PM	Brewster 39	Cashmere 52	Loss

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri, Dec 13	7:30 PM Brewster vs Chelan	Home
Tue, Dec 17	7:30 PM Brewster vs Lake Roosevelt	Away

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri, Dec 13	4:30 PM Brewster vs Chelan	Home
Tue, Dec 17	6:00 PM Brewster vs Lake Roosevelt	Away

BOYS WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Wed, Dec 11	6:00 PM Brewster vs Oroville	Away
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Bridgeport High School

BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Tue, Dec 3, 7:30 PM	Bridgeport 69,	Waterville-Mansfield 32,	Win
Sat, Dec 6, 7:30 PM	Bridgeport 78,	Pateros 18,	Win

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Tue, Dec 3, 6:00 PM	Bridgeport 8,	Waterville-Mansfield 75,	Loss
Sat, Dec 6, 6:00 PM	Bridgeport 30,	Pateros 62,	Loss

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Wed, Dec 11	7:30 PM Bridgeport vs Entiat	Home
Fri, Dec 13	7:30 PM Bridgeport vs Pateros	Home
Sat, Dec 14	5:30 PM Bridgeport vs Wilson Creek	Home
Tue, Dec 17	7:30 PM Bridgeport vs Oroville	Away

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Wed, Dec 10, 6:00 PM	Entiat	Home
Fri, Dec 13, 6:00 PM	Pateros	Home
Sat, Dec 14, 4:00 PM	Wilson Creek	Home
Tue, Dec 17, 6:00 PM	Oroville	Away

Waterville High School

BOYS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Sat, Nov 30, 5:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield 71,	Thorp 23,	Win
Tue, Dec 3, 7:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield 75,	Bridgeport 8	Win
Sat, Dec 7, 6:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield 32	Entiat 42,	Loss

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Tue, Dec 3, 6:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield 75,	Bridgeport 8,	Win
Sat, Dec 7, 4:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield 74,	Entiat 18,	Win

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri, Dec 13, 7:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Soap Lake	Away
Sat, Dec 14, 5:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Oroville	Home

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tue, Dec 10, 7:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Wilbur-Creston-Keller	Home
Fri, Dec 13, 6:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Soap Lake	Away
Sat, Dec 14, 4:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs. Oroville	Home

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tue, Dec 3, 5:30 PM	Pateros 60,	Garden City Academy 41,	Win
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BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thu, Dec 12	7:30 PM Pateros vs Soap Lake	Home
Fri, Dec 13	7:30 PM Pateros vs Bridgeport	Away
Mon, Dec 16	7:30 PM Pateros vs Easton	Away
Tue, Dec 17	5:30 PM Pateros vs Thorp	Home

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BREWSTER HIGH SCHOOL 2024/2025 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

No	Name	Pos	Year
	Chris Talavera		Sophomore
01	Fabian Nava	G	Senior
02	Skyler Covington	SG	Senior
03	Bronson Becker	G	Sophomore
05	Oscar Churape Sanabria	SG	Senior
11	Samuel Arevalo-Rosario	G	Sophomore
12	Thomas McCarthy	PF/SG	Senior
13	Nick Marciano	SG	Senior
14	Henry Miller	PF	Sophomore
20	Connor Bach	PF	Senior
23	Preston Thompson	SG	Sophomore
24	Jacob Piechalski	SG	Junior
44	Josue Ochoa-Carrillo	C	Junior

WATERVILLE-MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 2024/2025 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

02	Cash Ruiz	G	Junior
03	Trevor O'Brien	G	Senior
05	Ty Nelson	G	Freshman
10	Branson Barnes	G	Freshman
13	Max Murison	G	Senior
15	Junior Mendoza	P	Junior
20	Lukas Fletcher	P	Sophomore
22	Angus Jones	P	Freshman
23	George Murison	P	Senior
33	Landon Flaget	P	Freshman
34	Alex Sheridan	P	Junior

BREWSTER HIGH SCHOOL 2024/2025 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

10	Hyleah Aparicio		Junior
11	Liv Smith		Sophomore
12	Camilla Maldonado		Freshman
14	Rosario Olvera		Senior
20	Pepper Boesel		Sophomore
21	Morgan McGuire		Senior
22	Berkley Reagles		Freshman
24	Abby Pamatz Pamatz		Senior
30	Grace Becker		Senior
32	Paige Wulf		Sophomore
40	Yvelisee Ramirez		Freshman

WATERVILLE-MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 2024/2025 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

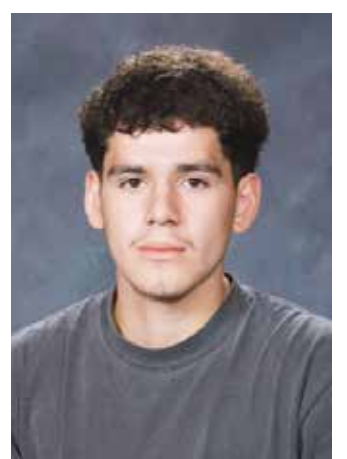
00	Isla Jones	G	
02	Madie Schmidt	G	Senior
03	Hanna Nelson	G	Junior
04	Delainey Nelson	G	Sophomore
15	Holly Finkbeiner	G	Junior
20	Millie Brown	P	
24	Ellie O'Brien	P	
32	Brooke Kopta	G	Freshman
33	Lexi Palmquist	P	Freshman
34	Zimri Murphy	P	Freshman
11	Maizy Groff		Senior
12	Sydney Melody		Freshman
20	Lola Rieke		Freshman
21	Audrey Slatta		Sophomore
23	Ryann Johnson		Freshman

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Wenatchee Valley Humane Society's new director focuses on staffing, community engagement



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BJ Andersen joins Wenatchee Valley Humane Society with 20 years of experience.

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE - The Wenatchee Valley Humane Society appointed BJ Andersen as its new executive director on Nov. 4, following the departure of James Pumphrey in June.

Andersen first began her career in animal welfare 20 years ago, when she applied for a Kennel Manager position at the Willamette Humane Society.

"I thought I was coming in to work with dogs, and what I really learned was that I was coming in to work with people...Every pet we serve has people attached to it. In some way, there are people in that pet's story. And I really love helping people, particularly when it comes to how they connect with animals and the natural world," said Andersen.

In 2014, she became the Executive Director for Willamette Humane Society. In 2022, Andersen negotiated a merger with Oregon Humane Society in order to expand animal welfare resources in the Willamette Valley. After the merger was complete, Andersen served as the Senior Philanthropic Advisor to the president and CEO. Later, she assumed the role as Director of Volunteer Engagement, generating and implementing training and management systems for over 1,300 volunteers.

Andersen said she had long admired Wenatchee Valley Humane Society's former executive director Dawn Davies's work to build the clinic, pursue progressive programming and meet the community's needs.

"When the Wenatchee

Valley opening came across my awareness, it just felt like a right fit for me. This shelter is similar in size and programming to what we created at Willamette Humane Society...I think that my experience here will really benefit the organization, the community," said Andersen.

In her new role at the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society, Andersen plans to apply her experience leading the similarly sized Willamette Humane Society, as well as her knowledge gained from the merger, such as scaling up a program, implementing good change management, and collaborating with the community to move through significant changes.

"[Wenatchee Valley Humane Society] has definitely been through a lot of leadership changes in the last three or so

years, and that's hard on an organization...I think one of the things that's really important in new leadership, in change management, is making sure that I am hearing from all the different voices, but I'm hearing from all the different perspectives, that everyone has a voice at the table, and that we communicate really clearly when we're making changes," said Andersen.

Andersen's highest priority for the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society is fully staffing the organization's clinic services.

"I'm definitely looking to recruit licensed vet techs for our program. Once we have that team fully staffed, I think we're going to be able to offer a lot more services to the community, and I know that there's an incredible demand for those services," said Andersen.

In the future, Andersen said she also hopes to expand animal care and control officers in ways that are engaging with human and social services, as well as build partnerships with communities and organizations within and neighboring the humane society's jurisdiction. For now, she plans to find ways to best support staff and engage with the community.

"I'm finding the community really cares about this organization, and they really want the humane society to thrive and be successful. So I'm open to hearing what that means to people in the community, and helping them to understand where we're at and where we are on this path. So it's going to be an ongoing conversation," said Andersen.

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Fees that pay for WA homelessness programs running short

By Laurel Demkovich
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - State funds that pay for homelessness services in Washington are running low, and the Legislature may need to find extra money to avoid program cuts.

The Department of Commerce anticipates a nearly \$403 million shortfall in fee revenue that goes toward programs like emergency shelter grants, temporary rent assistance and support for homeless youth. This money is from document recording fees people pay when they file real estate deeds and other paperwork with county auditors.

The department is asking the Legislature to set aside general funds to maintain current levels of service, to address inflation and to help local governments who have seen declines in their own homelessness funding.

"We have a really significant deficit of funding for homelessness," said Michele Thomas, director of policy and advocacy at the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. "It's a really dire time."

But getting new funding approved could be difficult as lawmakers are looking at a possible \$12 billion deficit with the state's overall operating budget during the next four years. Gov. Jay Inslee, who is releasing a budget proposal in the coming weeks, has encouraged state agencies to come up with cost-saving measures.

Fewer real estate sales, less revenue

Washington auditors charge a recording fee on most documents that residents file with them - most notably, real estate records like deeds and

mortgages. As of last year, that fee was \$303.50 for most documents.

As the Federal Reserve increased interest rates between 2022 and 2023, home sales slowed significantly. This slump left state and local governments with less document recording fee revenue than planned, according to the Department of Commerce.

The department says it needs about \$908 million through 2027 for services funded through the document recording fee, but only about \$505 million is projected to come in. Their \$403 million request also accounts for an 11% bump to address inflation over the next two years.

Without additional funding, the state will have to cut capacity to critical services, Rep. Nicole Macri, D-Seattle, said. She emphasized that this request is not for any expansion of services.

Most of the fee collections go toward the state's Home Security Fund, which pays for grants to build temporary housing, local efforts to relocate people from roadside encampments, and programs to help homeless young people.

About \$302 million of Commerce's request would go toward backfilling this fund.

The next largest destination for recording fee revenue is the Affordable Housing for All account, which gives funding to organizations that operate housing with low rents. About \$88 million is needed to keep that fund whole.

The smallest portion of the money goes toward a program that provides reimbursements to landlords dealing with property damage or losses so they can keep their units on the market. About \$12 million would fill

the hole in this area and allow the department to pay about 3,000 claims to landlords through 2027.

Commerce's request also includes funding that would go directly to local governments to help them backfill a portion of their recording fees that go toward homelessness services.

"Very, very challenging" Macri said she will prioritize not cutting any existing services that help those who are homeless, though she acknowledged that alone could be difficult.

"The next step, of course, would be to expand services where we can," Macri said.

"But the prospects for that look very, very challenging."

Thomas said current funding is short of needs when it comes to addressing homelessness.

"Providers across the state are constantly turning people away because there's not enough resources," she said.

With such a large budget deficit, some lawmakers may propose new taxes to expand homelessness services and housing programs.

In the housing arena, a bill that came up in this year's session would have added a tax to the sale of real estate over about \$3 million. Revenue would have provided a steady

funding stream to pay for affordable housing.

That bill, which never made it out of the state House of Representatives, will likely be back in the 2025 session.

But whether Democrats, who hold majorities in both chambers, will be able to muster the support for new taxes is uncertain. Republicans will surely put up a fight.

After a Nov. 20 revenue forecast, Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, one of his caucus's leading voices on budget and tax policy, criticized state spending growth over the last two decades.

"How do I go tell them they

need to give more money out of their pocket to prop up a state budget that has grown as rapidly as this one has," he said.

Inslee's budget proposal will be the starting point for lawmakers' conversations surrounding the next two-year budget. It is expected in early December.

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Gov. Jay Inslee released his 2024 budget proposals surrounding housing and homelessness programs at the site of a former encampment in Seattle last December.

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State Patrol to enforce no-parking zones along Stevens Pass

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STEVENS PASS — Washington State Patrol officials announced that parking restrictions along Stevens Pass will be strictly enforced during the winter season, with vehicles subject to towing in designated no-parking zones.

The restrictions apply to both sides of State Route 2 between mileposts 58.50 and 66.44, covering a crucial stretch of the mountain pass. The no-parking regulation is in effect from November 1 to April 1, coinciding with the peak

winter recreation season.

“When the parking lots at Stevens Pass Ski Area fill up, drivers have resorted to parking along the highway,” said Trooper Jeremy Weber of the Washington State Patrol. Weber noted that this includes recreational users “improperly parking in ‘Tow Away Zones.’”

State officials emphasized that roadside parking poses multiple safety hazards, interfering with essential winter operations including snow removal and avalanche control. The practice also creates dangerous conditions for highway maintenance

personnel, skiers, and other highway users.

To address the issue, authorities have installed “Tow Away Zones” signs along the affected corridor to promote compliance among motorists. Law enforcement officials will be conducting active enforcement in these designated areas.

Visitors planning to access Stevens Pass Resort are advised to verify parking availability and current restrictions through the resort’s official website at <https://ncw.social/7x87vwxw> before traveling to the area.

State Parks seeks applications for Winter Recreation Advisory committees

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking applications from winter sports enthusiasts for the agency’s snowmobile and non-motorized advisory committees. Five positions are available statewide to snowmobilers, and two are available statewide to individuals involved in non-motorized winter sports.

Both committees are made up of individuals representing snowmobilers and non-motorized winter sports participants. The Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Association

of Counties each have one representative who serves on both committees. The committees meet separately and in person at least two weekends each year. Members may serve up to two three-year terms.

The Winter Recreation Advisory Committee is seeking a non-motorized winter sports candidate from Area 5, which represents Kittitas, Yakima, Benton and Klickitat counties. The committee also seeks an at-large candidate to represent snowmobilers.

The Snowmobile Advisory Committee seeks candidates from Area 2, which represents Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas and Grant counties; Area 3, which represents Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln and Spokane counties; and

Area 4, which represents Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Cowitz, Skamania, Clark, Mason, Pacific and Grays Harbor counties. The committee also seeks two at-large candidates to represent non-motorized winter sports enthusiasts.

Nominations must be received by Dec. 15. New appointments begin upon appointment.

To send nominations or request an application, please email winter@parks.wa.gov or send to:

WSPRC Winter Recreation Program
P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650

For more information on nominations, call (360) 902-8684.

Costs remain high for WA affordable housing projects

By LAUREL DEMKOVICH
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Many affordable housing projects in Washington are funded in part by the state’s Housing Trust Fund.

A new report from the Department of Commerce looked at the cost of building more than 1,200 new affordable units with money from the fund last year. It shows project costs dipped but remained up overall statewide.

Many affordable housing developers layer multiple types of funding to get projects built, including the Housing Trust Fund and the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit. About 81% of projects included in the report had both these types of funding.

The new report included projects that submitted final development cost data to Commerce between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Other multifamily housing projects not covered in the report received Housing Trust Fund dollars during this time but had not submitted cost certification documents.

Here are three takeaways from the report.

Costs are down, but still high compared to earlier years.

The median cost per unit for multifamily housing that

received Housing Trust Fund support in 2023 was \$301,744. That’s down from 2022 when the median was \$316,097.

From 2019 to 2021, the cost per unit was well below \$300,000 but rising. In 2019, it was \$207,496, and in 2021, it was \$262,331.

These costs include everything a developer paid for land, infrastructure and any financial reserves.

The most expensive units are in King County where the median cost per unit was \$356,813, and the least expensive units are in rural areas where the median cost is \$221,784.

Meanwhile, the median cost per square foot was \$494 last year – that’s up \$102 from the previous year. Projects in King County also had the most expensive costs per square foot, with a median of \$551. That’s compared to \$452 in other urban areas and \$299 in rural areas.

Fewer projects submitted cost data in 2023 than previous years.

According to the data, the Housing Trust Fund helped build 21 multifamily projects across the state in 2023.

That’s a drop from 32 the year before and way down from 2019 when there were 51.

King County had the most projects with five. It also had

some of the largest projects with most having close to 100 units.

There were more projects in urban areas than rural areas with nine built in urban counties like Snohomish and Spokane compared to seven in rural counties like Yakima and Whitman.

Projects yielded less housing.

The number of housing units in multifamily projects was down compared to past years. In 2019, multifamily projects covered in the report had a median of 114 units. Last year, the median was 56. In 2022 it was 99.

Rural projects had the least units, with only 46 per project. That’s compared to about 65 units in urban areas.

The size of the projects varied significantly. A project in King County in the Bitter Lake neighborhood had the most units with 100, but many projects had fewer than 30 units, including the smallest one, in Kennewick, with 16 units.

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Meetings

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a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.

Brewster American Legion events: Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Open to the public. Friday Steak Dinner starts at 5 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., order from the full breakfast menu. Daily lunch specials except for Mondays and Saturday when they are closed.

Chelan Valley Hope: Chelan Valley Hope’s Winter Coat Drive is in full swing for the winter season! We are accepting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and new socks. All

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.

Senior Center Thrift Store: The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport

sizes are needed. Donation bins can be found at the following locations: Chelan Valley Hope, Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Lake Chelan Health Hospital, Chelan Fire Dept., Manson Fire Dept., Chelan Elementary, Lake Chelan Eagles, North Shore Bible Church, Chelan Public Library, Cashmere Valley Bank, Lake Chelan Building Supply in Manson, Church of Nazarene, Roots School and Even Keel Roadhouse. If you are in need of warm winter wear please call or visit us at Chelan Valley Hope, open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed Noon to 1 p.m.). Call 509-888-2114 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Grant

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Required flood insurance

Homeowners residing within FEMA’s flood boundaries are required to procure flood insurance for property protection. A March 2024 NerdWallet report puts the average annual home insurance cost in Washington stands at \$1,225. The added annual expense for Brewster residents is estimated at \$144,550. This financial burden weighs heavily on a working-class community with a median annual household income of merely \$44,298, 50 percent below the Washington state average.

values

The median home value of parcels located within the delineated FEMA flood zone presently stands at \$240,625. In the absence of the proposed flood mitigation project, these values are projected to potentially plummet to \$220,000, an estimated decline of approximately 8.2 percent. The collective devaluation roughly 235 single family housing units located within this flood zone is estimated to be nearly \$4.8 million, underscoring the need to implement preventative measures.

The city engaged the USDA National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to complete a Preliminary Investigation and Feasibility Report (PIFR) of the Swamp

Creek – Columbia Watershed. The resulting plan proposes to resolve flood issues and enhance the area at the same time. Key components of the city’s grant application include:

- Development of a public greenway corridor along the drainage,
- Installation of a detention basin in the upper watershed to manage stormwater runoff
- Creation of an aquifer recharge system to safeguard local water resources.

“A lot of applications were submitted,” said Ruiz. “This is available for the entire U.S., but we are hopeful.”

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PATEROS CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Pateros shall hold a public hearing to adopt the Park and Recreation Plan for the City of Pateros. Said public meeting shall be held on Monday, December 16, at 6:00 pm in the Council chambers, Pateros City Hall, 113 Lakeshore Drive, Pateros Washington, at which time and place all interested persons may appear and be heard.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY IN PROBATE
Estate of **GEORGE L. FRANK, Deceased.**
No. 24-4-08036-5 SEA
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

THE ADMINISTRATOR NAMED BELOW has been appointed and has qualified as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: November 27, 2024.
LISA D. FANKHANEL, Administrator
Attorney for Administrator: Cory A. McBride WSBA# 49714
Address for Mailing or Service: P.O. Box 16354 4218 SW Andover St. Seattle, WA 98116
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY
In re: the Estate of: **AMBER DAWN MARCHAND Deceased.**
NO. 24-4-02593-9
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the administrator or the administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the administratrix served or mailed a notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 4, 2024
Administrator: James Bates
Attorney for Administrator: Peter Kram of Kram & Wooster
Address for mailing or service: c/o Peter Kram Kram & Wooster 1901 South I Street Tacoma WA 98405
DATED this 26 day of, November 2024.
Peter Kram, WSBA 7436
Attorney for Estate
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of **STEVEN J. LYNCH, Deceased.**
No. 24-4-00438-04
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

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the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: November 27, 2024
Personal Representative: Christopher L. Lynch
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Michelle M. Hesse
Address for Mailing or Service: Speidel Bentsen LLP 7 North Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 600 P.O. Box 881 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0881
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Chelan County Superior Court Cause No. 24-4-00438-04
CHRISTOPHER L. LYNCH
Personal Representative
Attorneys for Personal Representative: SPEIDEL BENTSEN LLP
By: MICHELLE M. HESSE
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Kid Scoop Together

The Gift of Time

Want a gift that keeps on giving the whole year? Write lots and lots of reasons you love someone then pop the reasons into a jar so your loved one can pull out a new one each and every day.

I love you because you drive me to school each day!

I love you because you cheer me up when I'm sad.

I love you because you help me with my homework.

Gifts from the Heart (NOT THE WALLET!)

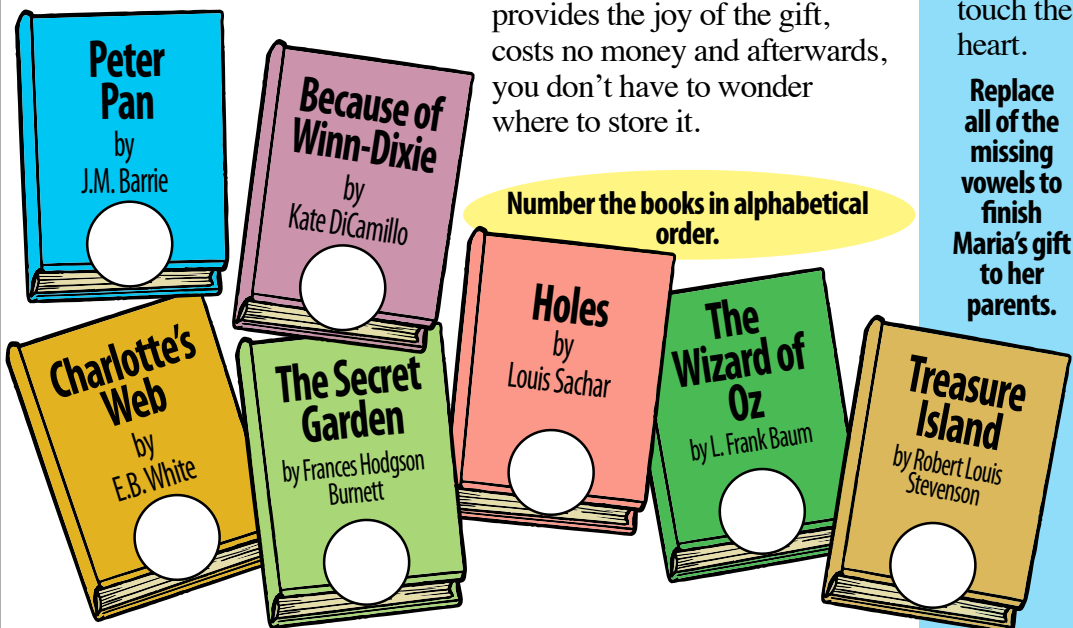
The spirit of the holidays is about giving, not spending money. Although at times, this becomes hard to remember.

Kid Scoop News Librarian Jim Silverman has a cool way to give gifts that warm the heart and don't cost a cent!

"Select some books from the library!" says Jim. "Wrap them up and tuck them under the tree."

Of course, you have to return them after a couple of weeks. But by then, the books are read.

A wrapped library book provides the joy of the gift, costs no money and afterwards, you don't have to wonder where to store it.



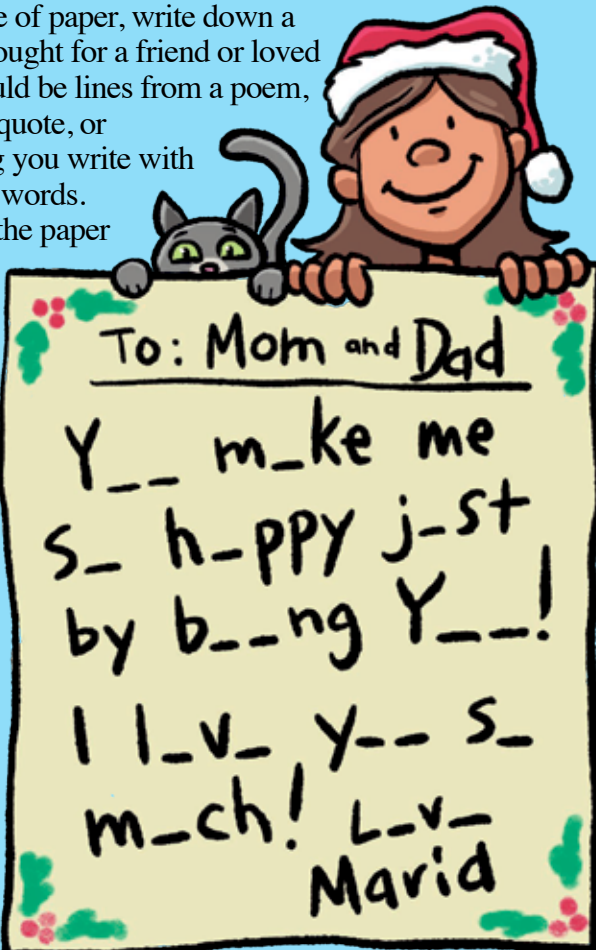
It's the Thought That Counts

It truly is the loving thought behind a gift that makes it special. And, thoughts are free!

On a piece of paper, write down a special thought for a friend or loved one. It could be lines from a poem, a famous quote, or something you write with your own words.

Decorate the paper to offer a gift that will touch the heart.

Replace all of the missing vowels to finish Maria's gift to her parents.



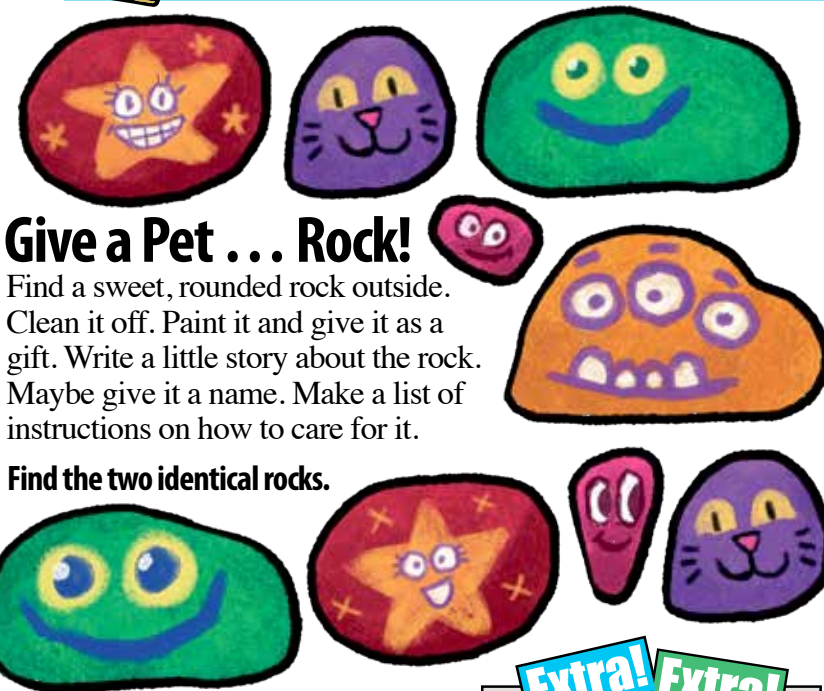
Standards Link: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

The Gift of Time

Create a coupon book of chores and actions you can take to be helpful. Could you take out the trash? Wash the dishes? Sweep the floor? Make a list of helpful things you could do for someone in your family.



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



Give a Pet ... Rock!

Find a sweet, rounded rock outside. Clean it off. Paint it and give it as a gift. Write a little story about the rock. Maybe give it a name. Make a list of instructions on how to care for it.

Find the two identical rocks.

Give the Gift of Helping Out

Step up and offer to help someone. Can you help someone carrying a lot of stuff? Can you help pick up after a game? Can you pick up some trash on the playground? Can you help an older neighbor with yard work or running an errand for them?

These little actions can make a big difference in someone's day!

What is fairness?

Look through the newspaper for words and images that describe someone in your family. Cut out the words and images. Make a collage to give them as a gift.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Use a variety of media to create artwork.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Give the Gift of a Smile!

Is there someone at school who is looking sad. Give them a smile and a hello! Draw the face that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Recognize patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- ACTIONS
- BOOK
- CARE
- CHORES
- CLEAN
- COSTS
- FREE
- GAME
- GIFT
- HELP
- LIST
- POEM
- ROCK
- STORY
- THOUGHT

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

S T S O C K I W O K
 N W V S E R O H C G
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 T G M R O O B N L T
 C X A Y E U B A I P
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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This week's word: **COLLAGE**

The noun **collage** means a type of artwork in which different materials are pasted onto a surface to make a picture.

I was happy that grandma hung the **collage** I made on a wall in her house.

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

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