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Okanogan County zone code hearings draw strong public response

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OKANOGAN – Countless public hearings on a variety of topics held around the county frequently starve for participation. Likewise, many public surveys distributed to stimulate citizen feedback often result in meager responses.

Neither has been the story for three Okanogan County zone code hearings held in February, March, and December, concerning property rights, land use regulations, and future development, all of which have economic implications for property owners.

The near-150 written responses that preceded the Dec. 2 hearing held in the fairgrounds Agriplex predicted another substantial turnout regarding most recent zone code amendments that reach into every corner of the county.

The hearing panel comprised of Okanogan County Director of Planning and Development Stephanie “Pete” Palmer, county commissioners Chris Branch (District 1), Andy Hover (District 2), and moderator Jon Neal (District 3), limited each speaker to

three minutes to allow the three-dozen-plus who signed up to fit into the allotted two-hour meeting.

Palmer opened the dialogue by reading a staff report outlining the second revision of the proposed amendments based on previous public and Planning Commission input.

“The proposed code amendments are part of a broader timeline of events related to the County’s Comprehensive Plan and Zone Code,” said Palmer. Key events include:

2016

Updated zone code adopted by Okanogan County was challenged by the Methow Valley Citizens Council (MVCC), Futurewise, and the Yakama Nation.

- The Futurewise website, futurewise.org says the organization “works throughout Washington state to encourage healthy, equitable and opportunity-rich communities, and to protect our most valuable farmlands, forests, and water resources through wise land use policies and practices.”
- The Methow Valley Citizens

Council website, mvcitizens.org, defines its mission to “raise a strong community voice for the protection of the Methow Valley’s natural environment and rural character.”

2017

- Yakama Nation agreed to dismiss the lawsuit in exchange for Okanogan County’s agreement to adopt a new comprehensive plan and zone code by the end of 2018.
- The court stayed the case with Futurewise and MVCC pending the adoption of a new comprehensive plan and zone code.

2019

- Yakama Nation filed a motion to vacate the 2017 order of dismissal when Okanogan County missed the deadline for adopting a new comprehensive plan and zone code.
- The court denied the motion to vacate the 2017 order of dismissal.
- Yakama Nation appealed to Division III.

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Panel members at the Dec. 2 zone code hearing included from left, Stephanie “Pete” Palmer, District 1 Commissioner Chris Branch, District 3 Commissioner and moderator Jon Neal, and District 2 Commissioner Andy Hover.



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Alma Torres-Jones, left, and Brewster Chamber of Commerce President Pedro de la Cerda requested that document language be printed in Spanish for better understanding by Hispanic residents.



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Former Okanogan County Commissioner Ray Campbell testified.

Boys and Girls Club hosts third annual Kids’ Christmas Shop



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BBGC Director Elizabeth Shepard helps Santa look his best.

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
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BREWSTER – A few inches of fresh snow that fell overnight could not dampen the spirit of young shoppers who showed up for the two-hour Kids’ Christmas Shop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Brewster Boys and Girls Club

(BBGC) last Saturday, Dec. 14.

It is the third year that BBGC Director Elizabeth Shepard has organized the shopping event for kids who want to get holiday gifts for their parents.

“Each kid gets 10 tickets,” said

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Santas hands out gift tickets to a young shopper.



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A Christmas tree greets visitors at the BBGC entrance.

Brewster Chamber elects 2025 officers

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
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BREWSTER – The Chamber of Commerce Board met on Wednesday, Dec. 11, to vote on its 2025 officers, restructure meeting times, and begin work on the coming year’s events calendar.

NEW OFFICERS INCLUDE:

President:	Anna-Marie Dalbey
Vice President:	Elizabeth Shepard
Secretary:	Betty Martinez
Treasurer:	Maribel Saucedo
Director 1:	Miguel Campos
Director 2:	Kim Camacho

While the monthly meeting day will remain the second Wednesday of the month, the time has been changed from 6 p.m. to 12 noon. The designated meeting site is still under consideration at this writing.

A few changes are coming to the 2025 events calendar with some additions and deletions, but which exactly are still under discussion.

THE CURRENT 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR INCLUDES:

February	Path to the Podium Basketball Tournament
May	Mother’s Day
June	Culpepper & Meriweather Circus
July	July 4th parade, vendors, & fireworks
August	Brewster King Salmon Derby
August	Jamaica Days
September	Boys and Girls Club car show
September	Brewster Thunderfest hydro races
September	9/11 remembrance.
September	Mexican Independence Day
October	Halloween costume contest - Trick or Treat down Main Street.
November	Dia de Los Muertos
November	Small Business Saturday
November:	Christmas tree lighting with Santa.
November:	Best of the Best Brewster awards
December:	Posadas

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Washington State Parks launches New Year’s Day hiking events statewide

NCW News
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OLYMPIA — More than 30 Washington state parks will host outdoor activities on New Year’s Day 2025 as part of the annual First Day Hikes program.

The initiative, part of a nationwide program by America’s State Parks, will feature various activities including guided hikes, snowshoe excursions, trail rides, polar plunges and scavenger hunts.

Last year’s events drew more than 1,700 participants who covered 2,907.2 miles of trails across Washington’s state parks.

Activities span multiple difficulty levels and locations. Fort Worden will offer a 2.5-mile trek through historic grounds and scenic trails, while Palouse Falls State Park will host a photo scavenger hunt near Washington’s official state waterfall. Lake Wenatchee plans a guided 2.5-mile snowshoe hike with limited complimentary equipment

rentals available.

The parks department has prioritized accessibility, with ADA-compliant trails available at six locations: Bridle Trails, Columbia Plateau Trail, Lake Sylvia, Palouse Falls, Seaquest and Wenatchee Confluence.

Other featured activities include a cold-water plunge at Maryhill’s swim beach, a 1.5-mile old-growth forest exploration at South Whidbey, and equestrian trail rides at Bridle Trails State Park.

January 1 marks 2025’s first Discover Pass free day, waiving parking fees at state recreation lands. However, Sno-Park permits remain mandatory at winter recreation areas including Lake Easton, Lake Wenatchee and Mount Spokane.

Most activities require advance registration and have limited group sizes. Registration information is available through the Washington State Parks website at www.ncw.social/2p98e5c6.

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If you have an exciting event to share, email Reporter Quinn Propst at quinn@ward.media. We'll showcase the five most captivating events of the week, giving your event the recognition it deserves. Even if your event isn't among the top five, it will still be added to our events calendar and featured online. Don't miss this chance to make your event shine!

Visit with Santa

The Landing in Chelan will host a visit with Santa on Friday, December 20, from 5-7 p.m. "It's the perfect chance to get a photo of the kids with Santa in our beautifully decorated space, featuring a cozy Christmas tree corner, a large chair fit for Santa himself, and a stunning view of the lake that'll make the season extra special," the vent page states. "Join us for a festive evening of holiday cheer, photo ops, and delicious food and drinks."

For more information, visit thelandingchelan.com.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Vin du Lac Winery in Chelan will host a Holiday Centerpiece Workshop on Saturday, December 21, from 2-4 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."

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit vindulac.com.

Cookie decorating class

Endless Orchard Hard Pressed Cider in Chelan will host Cookie Decorating with Wenatchee Cookie Co. on Friday, December 20, from 6-8 p.m. "Wenatchee Cookie Co.'s cookie decorating class is the perfect opportunity to get out and have some fun," the event page states.

event page states. "Whether you come on your own or with friends or family, you are sure to have a good time and learn some new skills along the way and get tasty cookies."

For more information and to reserve a spot, visit endlessorchardcider.com.

Winter Solstice Luminary Walk

There will be a Winter Solstice Luminary Walk at the Riverwalk Park in Chelan on Saturday, December 21, from 4-7 p.m.

"Winter naturally invites us to slow down in rhythm with the landscape around us," the event page states.



"A restorative time of year, the winter solstice marks a solar turning point, where the darkest day turns the corner to renewed light and we welcome the season of winter. Please join us for a peaceful self led walk lit up with over 1000 luminaries through the Riverwalk Park."

For more information, visit SamllTownHolidays.com.

Free Christmas Matinee

The Ruby Theatre in Chelan will host a Free Christmas Matinee on Saturday, December 21, at 3 p.m. "Special Free Christmas Matinee at the Ruby at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec 21 and sponsored by Riverwalk Books," the event page states.

For more information, visit rubytheatre.com.

Impact Stream: Empowering Communities in Togo Through Blockchain Technology

By CAROLINE MENNA
 Ward Media Intern

LEAVENWORTH - In an era where global aid organizations often dictate the solutions for struggling communities, a decentralized non-governmental organization is challenging the norm by empowering citizens to take charge of their own development.

Impact Stream, a trailblazing initiative, has launched a pilot project in the West African nation of Togo that allows local residents to allocate resources where they are needed most. By utilizing a blockchain-based platform, the organization is fostering transparency, collaboration, and sustainability in its community-driven development efforts.

Impact Stream's model is simple but revolutionary: the platform enables individuals to propose and vote on projects that directly impact their communities. In Togo, where access to basic services like clean water, education, and job training is limited, this model is helping to bridge the gap. The first wave of projects included the creation of a technology education center for adults, a youth training program focused on textile and apparel manufacturing, the construction of a community library, a solar-powered clean water access initiative, and the provision of new equipment for an elementary school.

The organization's commitment to transparency is one of its core values. Through the Impact Stream platform, donors can track their contributions every step of the way, ensuring that funds are used effectively and responsibly.

As Leavenworth hotelier, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Hans Mulders, an Impact Stream board member, explains: "Impact Stream reflects the impact

that we want to create on impoverished communities and countries by providing an effective, continuous stream of resources to help them build infrastructure. This transparency allows donors to see exactly how their money is being spent, unlike traditional aid organizations where funds are often pooled together, making it difficult to trace individual contributions."

Mulders, who grew up in Ethiopia, saw firsthand the pitfalls of traditional top-down aid models: "Most NGOs focus on designing solutions for people in need, but that approach often leads to problems. Even well-made infrastructure, for example, can break, but there is no easy way for communities to obtain spare parts or make repairs." Impact Stream aims to change this by providing communities with the technical support necessary to sustain and repair projects long after the initial funding has been used.

Impact Stream's founder Will Little, a fellow entrepreneur with a passion for impactful philanthropy whom Mulders describes as "the smartest guy in the room," introduced Mulders to the concept of decentralized charitable giving. This vision led to the development of the Impact Stream platform, which leverages blockchain technology to ensure that every project is transparent, accountable, and trackable.

The platform also allows community members in Togo to propose projects and vote on which initiatives should be prioritized. Projects are submitted during a 60-day window, and once the voting period is over, the community decides which project will receive funding first.

The process is built on the principle of inclusivity, allowing those who are directly affected by the projects to have a say in the decisions that will

impact their lives.

While Impact Stream is still in its early stages, having recently completed its second year of operation, the organization is steadily growing. They are currently in the process of becoming a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and are looking for donors who are willing to contribute on a recurring basis. "We are in constant fundraising mode," says Mulders, emphasizing the need for sustained support to continue these efforts.

One of the most distinctive features of Impact Stream is its commitment to making its software open-source. This means that any organization can use the platform free of charge to implement similar projects in other parts of the world. "Our goal is to help the rest of the world become less

stressful," Mulders explains. By providing a platform for decentralized decision-making and transparent funding, Impact Stream is helping create a world where local communities can thrive without relying on traditional, top-down aid models.

Togo was chosen as the pilot location for Impact Stream's work because of the network of trust that Mulders and Little have developed there. The team believes that local knowledge and collaboration are key to ensuring the success of the initiative. "Togolese helping Togolese with American support," says Mulders, highlighting the importance of local involvement in the process.

In a world where international aid often falls short of its promises, Impact Stream offers a refreshing alter-

native. By harnessing the power of technology and local leadership, the organization is helping communities in Togo build the infrastructure and resources they need to thrive—while creating a model that can be replicated in other regions. As the project grows and more communities are empowered, Impact Stream is paving the way for a new kind of philanthropy—one that is transparent, sustainable, and community-driven.

For more information and/or to donate to Impact Stream: https://www.impact.stream

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Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept Report



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Douglas County

Dec 6

16:15:16 Assist Public, 6 Mccormack St, Bridgeport Db30

Dec 7

07:58:00 Hazard , Sr 172 Mp 15, Mansfield, W
 19:42:51 Hazard, 600blk Rd 0 Nw, Waterville
 2:39:34 Suspicious, 507 N

Marion St, Waterville

Dec 8

2:39:34 Accident No Inj, 507 N Marion St, Waterville
 8:49:07 Parking/Abandon, Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Wa
 15:23:16 Alarm, 526 11th St, Bridgeport, W

Dec 9

14:12:52 Assist Agency, Sr 173 Mp 2, Bridgeport, W Db40

16:18:00 Assist Agency, 1819 Fairview Ave, Bridgeport Db10
 17:37:32 Civil, 1125 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport Db10 Dec 10
 19:31:57 Miscellaneous, Brewster Market Place, Bre Dec 11
 16:29:13 Suspicious, 1400 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport
 16:51:39 Cps/Aps Refer, 505 16th St, Bridgeport, W

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COURTESY OF IMPACT STREAM

Breaking ground on an Impact Stream funded project in southern Togo that will introduce a water well, equipped with a solar pump, designed to provide reliable and clean water to a local school and the surrounding village communities that currently rely on unsanitary sources.

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Sheriff

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Brewster Police Dept.

Dec 6

15:50:57 Animal Vicious E Ester Av, Brewster, Wa

Dec 7

07:35:56 Agency Assist Highway 97; Pateros Comments: Disabled Veh In The Rdwy, Rp Slowed Down And Then Was Rear Ended. Non Inj. Rp Is Non Blocking, But The Other Veh Is Blocking In The Bridge Still. -Wsp Req Brewster Or Co Handle

Dec 8

09:31:49 Mal Mischief S 3rd St, Brewster Comments: Rocks Thrown Threw Back Window Of Patrol Veh

Dec 9

08:38:12 Cps Referral
13:17:00 Theft Other

Dec 10

02:12:24 Accident Noninj Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa
08:48:02 Animal Vicious Pilot Pl, Brewster, Wa
08:54:46 Alarm Burglary S Bridge St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Atc The Keyholder, No Answer Appears Secure; There's A Lg Dog At The Front Door Doing Its Job. Check Later
19:33:21 Found Property Highway 97; Brewster Comments: Found Wallet

Dec 11

10:20:39 Alarm Burglary S Bridge St, Brewster, Wa

Dec 12

00:25:52 Burglary, Pit Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Got Back To Res From West Side, Res Robbed. Male Ttempted To Attack Rp. Male Is Identified Unk Weapons. Ls Walking Around Rp's Res

Okanogan County Sheriff

Dec 6

07:40:35 Vehicle Prowl Highway 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Hole Drilled In Fuel Tank, Battery Taken From Veh
15:26:25 Animal Stray Mountain View Dr & Old Hwy 97, Brewster Comments: 7 Steers Loose On Th

Dec 8

20:44:49 Animal Vicious Valley Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Male Just Ran Over By Cows While Trying To Feed His Chickens, Adv His Teeth And Face Are Broken As Well As His Back And Ribs.

Dec 9

08:29:00 911 Transfer Lagrange Rd, Brewster Comments: 2 Vehs That Are Dumped Over The Embankment, Nissan P/U A Blk Sedan Type Veh. The Nissan Is Down The Embankment Motor Is Pulled Out Rp Advd They Have Been There For About 2 To 3 Weeks.

14:11:44 Welfare Check Valley Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Unk Name Of Subj Who Lives At That Res Rp Advd They Have Not Seen Any Human Life Activity And There Are Packages At The End Of The Rd. Rp Advd There Were Children There In The Summer Time. Last Time He Was Seen Was 2 Weeks Ago Spoke With The Res At The Loc. He Advised He Lives At The Loc Alone And Is Fine. M Subj Was Advised He Had A Few Packages Which Had Been Sitting On The End Of His Driveway Which Resulted In Neighbors Calling In The Welfare Check.
22:01:56 Agency Assist Sr 173 Hwy, Bridgeport, Wa Comments: 16 Yom, Suicidal.

Dec 10

12:48:02 Welfare Check Highway 153, Pateros, Wa Comments: F Subj
13:49:19 Suspicious Brewster Grange Rd, Brewster, Wa Officer: Hampson J Comments: Older W/M Came Into Clinic And Asked For Ladder To Look Into Shulls Wrecking Yard.

Dec 11

12:28:28 Abandoned Vehic Monse River Rd, Brewster Officer: Hampson J Comments: Mar Honda Accord Lic Bfu5489 W/ Front Wheels Removed On The Side Of The Rd For At Least 3 Days

Dec 12

00:25:52 Burglary Pit Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Got Back To Res From West Side, Res Robbed. Male Attempted To Attack Rp. Male Is Identified Unk Weapons, Ls Walking Around Rp's Res Exxon His Ride Enrt To Pick Him Up

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Local, Regional Community News & Events

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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 a at 3 p.m. Information: 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 second Wednesday of each month at 12 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 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board

Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.

Other Events/meetings

Brewster Senior Meals: The Senior Center serves meals at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. For those over age 60 \$5. For those 60 and under \$12.

Senior Center Thrift Store: The Brewster- Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

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

and Saturday when they are closed.

Chelan Valley Hope: Chelan Valley Hope's Winter Coat Drive is in full swing for the winter season. They are accepting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and new socks. All 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 & Rescue, Manson Fire Dept., Chelan Elementary (MOE), 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.

Water Reservoir Project gains federal authorization

Lake Chelan Mirror Ward Media

WASHINGTON — A new water reservoir project in Chelan secured federal authorization as part of broader water resources legislation, marking a significant step toward addressing the city's wildfire preparedness and water supply challenges.

The authorization was included in the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024, which passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. The provision, championed by Rep. Kim Schrier, D-Wash., authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers to proceed with design and construction of the East Chelan water reservoir.

"I've heard directly from local

officials and my constituents in the Lake Chelan area on how impactful a water reservoir for the east side of town would be," Schrier said. "The reservoir would provide a critical, dependable source in case of a wildfire and serve as a water supply for future development in the area while reducing water infrastructure costs."

The project aims to address critical vulnerabilities in Chelan's current water system, which relies entirely on booster pump stations to distribute water from Lake Chelan across elevation changes. Officials say power outages or pump failures could leave the east side of the city without water for firefighting and daily use.

Chelan Mayor Erin McCardle praised the congressional delegation's efforts. "We are

incredibly thankful for the support of Representative Schrier, Senator Murray, and Senator Cantwell," McCardle said. "Their efforts have been pivotal to realizing the inclusion of the East Chelan Water Reservoir project in the bill."

The authorization is a crucial prerequisite for accessing future funding through the Army Corps of Engineers' Environmental Infrastructure program. Without this legislative approval, the project would be ineligible for federal funding through this channel.

Before reaching President Biden's desk, the legislation must first clear the Senate. Rep. Schrier's office indicated she will continue advocating for project funding once the authorization is finalized.

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Mustangs roll, Fillies prevail in Bridgeport-Entiat showdown



COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF/BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Fillies' Evelyn Jimenez, right, shoots over the outstretched arms of Entiat's Sofia Tucker. Bridgeport edged the Tigers in the non-conference game, 36-30, for their first season win.



COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF/BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgeport's Jonathan Montiel, left, draws a foul on the way to the hoop against Entiat in non-conference home action on Dec. 10. The undefeated Mustangs won the game, 66-33.

Lady Bears pounce on Panthers, 62-28, in season opener

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Writer

WENATCHEE – Sophomore starter Pepper Boesel stole the ball on the Panthers' end of the court following the opening quarter tip-off, then took it back up the floor for a lay-up. That is how the Brewster varsity girls' basketball team debuted its first game of the season on the road against its 4A Wenatchee opponent last Thursday, Dec. 5.

What followed was a barrage of first-quarter points that found the Lady Bears up 23-2 at the end of the first quarter with more of the same in the tank. By halftime, the gap had grown to 28 points, 39-11.

To start the second half Boesel again stole the ball on the opening play, was fouled going to the basket, and converted a pair of free throws to put Brewster up, 25-2. The 62-28 final set the stage for Brewster's home stand against a seasoned state rival.

Shockers on full charge

The Lady Bears had their hands full hosting the charged up 1B state veteran Waterville-Mansfield Shockers last Friday, June 6. The 4-0 Shockers, who made it to the state semifinals last season, came ready to play from the opening bell.

Behind the double-digit scoring of Holly Finkbinder with 23, and Delainey Nelson, 20, the Lady Shockers jumped out to an eight-point, 16-8 lead, widened that to 30-18, at halftime, to 42-27 at the end of three, and powered to a 52-39 final.

The Shockers have already stunned Bridgeport, 74-8, and Entiat, 74-18, in their undefeated season opener with an eye on a return trip to state again this year. The Shockers have one Mansfield player on the roster this year, eighth grader Isla Jones. Head coach Kieith Finkbinder is letting Jones play both varsity and JV this season.

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Goats top Bears 58-49, girls fall by 40

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Writer

BREWSTER -- The Chelan Goats varsity basketball team spoiled the opportunity for the host Brewster Bears to secure their first win of the season last Friday, Dec. 13.

Chelan took the opening lead in the first quarter and gradually extended that margin to 32-19 at halftime, but the Bears were not done. Brewster rallied with an 11-0 run and closed within two points, 32-30, at the beginning of the third quarter before Chelan again pulled away.

With Chelan leading 40-31 at the close of the third, the Bears again attempted a comeback, but this time, they could get no closer than five points before

the Goats put the game out of reach, 58-49.

Jacob Allen and Zach Noid scored in double figures with 16 and 14 points, respectively, to pace Chelan.

Brewster's Fabian Nava, with 14 points, Thomas McCarty with 11, and Jacob Piechalski, 10, led the Bears.

Chelan hit 7-13 from the foul line and turned the ball over 17 times compared to 12-19 shooting and 21 turnovers for Brewster.

The Chelan girls' varsity started out well with the first three consecutive baskets and a 5-0 lead when Brewster responded with its first score on a three-point shot that triggered a 14-point barrage that found Chelan trailing by 10 points, 17-7 at the end of the

first quarter.

The home court crowd and advantage continued to work in the Bears' favor through a 42-15 halftime lead. Try as they might, the Lady Goats could not find the game-changing response to prevent a 40-point, 66-26 final.

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SCORING

Jacob Allen	16
Zach Noid	14
Luca Faletto	8
Tev Uttech	8
Trevor Faletto	6
Tanner Orestad	3
Nolan Harris	3

Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Dec 10	Bridgeport	66	Entiat	33	Win
Fri, Dec 13	Bridgeport	82	Pateros	30	Win
Sat, Dec 14	Bridgeport	76	Wilson Creek	27	Win
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Dec 10	Bridgeport	36	Entiat	30	Win
Fri, Dec 13	Bridgeport	23	Pateros	69	Loss
Sat, Dec 14	Bridgeport	62	Wilson Creek	47	Win

Brewster High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Dec 20	6:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Adna	Home	
Sat, Dec 21	10:30 AM	Brewster vs.	Napavine	Home	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Dec 20	6:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Adna	Home	
Sat, Dec 21	12:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Napavine	Home	
Boys Wrestling Schedule					
Wed, Dec 11	6:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Oroville	Away	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Dec 10	Brewster	44	Reardon	76	Loss
Fri, Dec 13	Brewster	49	Chelan	58	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Dec 10	Brewster	65	Reardon	52	Win
Fri, Dec 13	Brewster	68	Chelan	26	Win

Waterville High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Sat, Dec 21	4:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield	Cascade	Home	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Sat, Dec 21	12:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield	Neah Bay	Home	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Fri, Dec 13	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	37	Soap Lake	36	Win
Sat, Dec 14	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	47	Oroville	36	Win
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Dec 10	Waterville-Mansfield	57	Wilbur-Creston-Keller	26	Win
Fri, Dec 13	Waterville-Mansfield	66	Soap Lake	21	Win
Sat, Dec 14	Waterville-Mansfield	63	Oroville	12	Win

Pateros High School

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Fri, Dec 13	Pateros	58	Soap Lake	50	Win
Sat, Dec 14	Pateros	30	Oroville	82	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Dec 10	Pateros	49	Soap Lake	9	Win
Fri, Dec 13	Pateros	69	Bridgeport	23	Win
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Brewster High School junior volunteer Yaya Saucedo, right, helps a shopper with gift wrapping.



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Brewster Elementary third grade volunteer Andre Hernandez, right, helps Shepard fill out gift labels.

Christmas Shop

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Shepard. "We have the tables divided up between one ticket, five ticket, and 10 ticket gifts."

Santa Claus was posted at the entrance to the BBGC gym, where he handed out the ticket

quota to every shopper. An assortment of holiday desserts were available for purchase in the club lobby as well.

Boxes of gift socks were filling up in Shepard's office from generous community members and donors who participated in the BBGC Adopt-A-Sock project.

"Every club member who is active in the month of December gets a Christmas sock," said Shepard. "About 200 have been returned so far." The socks will be distributed to club members this week.

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Former Chelan hospital to transform into 'Hub Center' with offices, coworking space



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An artist's rendering shows the plans for the new Hub Center which will be housed in the old Chelan Hospital building.

By Quinn Propst
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The former hospital building in Chelan is being repurposed into a mixed-use business building called the Hub Center.

Managed by Coldwell Banker Cascade, the property will provide a variety of workspace options to meet the diverse needs of the community, Property Manager Jolene Baker said.

Renovations are underway, with individual office spaces expected to become available by the spring.

The first floor is rented out

by Roots Community School and they will be there for years, Baker said.

The second floor will have space for private offices and a coworking space. There will be 17 individual office spaces on the second floor. However, some of those offices could be combined to make a larger space for a business, Baker said.

The coworking space will have membership options by the hour, day, or month. Details for the coworking space are still in the planning phase. But the company plans to model the coworking area after a coworking space in

Wenatchee.

Baker thinks the coworking space will be a good fit for Chelan.

"It's a new product for the Chelan market," Baker said. "Wenatchee has a couple facilities like that, and they do quite well, it's obviously a bigger community. So it will be interesting to see how it works in Chelan."

"But I do think it will be successful," she said. "I think it might be more successful seasonally. I think when tourists are in town, and if you know you have a great spot, you can go work for an hour and get away from the hotel

room or the condo, it's a great option."

Both the second and third floors have great views, but the third floor has the best view, Baker said.

"Number one, it (the Hub Center) has amazing views," she said. "But small office space is very hard to find in this market. Coldwell does property management for numerous commercial spaces and small little spots for, you know, a massage therapist or just something that doesn't need a huge office space. They don't need a big floor plan or footprint. They just need at least, maybe five, 700 square

feet. These are perfect spaces for that."

The third floor will offer a larger space for one or two tenants.

"That building's been there forever, and everybody knows the old hospital," she said. "So it's pretty iconic to be able to have an office space in there. And I think the top floor would be great for, you know, a larger company, even putting, like, a spa in there or something like that. There's tons of options."

The group recently held an open house in the space so the public could see the progress inside. Baker said they plan to have more opportunities for

the public to view the space as it progresses.

Community members have been curious about what is happening in the building. Workers have gutted the space and community members have seen a lot of activity at the site, Baker said.

"So having this open house is just basically for the community," she said. "The community can see what's going on, all the exciting 'what's going to be coming up', and then we'll do more open houses as it progresses as well."

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Celtic Holiday Concert returns to Wenatchee with focus on community impact



COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

Electric violin virtuoso Geoffrey Castle performs in front of a decorated Christmas tree during a holiday concert. His signature black cowboy hat and embellished coat with glittering accents have become hallmarks of the Christmas in Washington shows.

NCW News
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WENATCHEE — The annual Celtic holiday concert series “Christmas in Washington” is set to return to the Wenatchee Valley Convention Center on December 22 at 7 p.m., featuring electric violin virtuoso Geoffrey Castle and an ensemble of

performers. The production, now in its tenth year, combines traditional Celtic music with holiday festivities, showcasing Castle’s signature six-string electric violin accompanied by a group of professional musicians. “We’re inviting everyone to feel the joy and magic of the season—bringing families and communities closer together through the music,” Castle said.

This year’s performance includes the Seattle Irish Dance Company’s Celtic Dancers, Irish guitarist and tenor Dan Connolly, and vocalist Emily McIntosh. Local performers, the

Stewart Sisters from Cascade Irish Dance, will make a special appearance. The sisters, Isabell and Zoe, recently achieved first and second place respectively at the Western Irish Dance Regionals.

Event Manager Brad Snow emphasized the community-focused nature of the production. “We liked the idea of bringing world class entertainment to communities, and using that as a Fundraiser for our communities,” Snow said. According to organizers, proceeds from ticket sales support various local initiatives, including student and youth programs, senior and veteran

services, and “A HOME for the Holidays,” a new housing assistance program.

The organization will release a live album titled “Geoffrey Castle’s Celtic Christmas LIVE!” exclusively available for purchase at the concerts.

Tickets are available at the door while supplies last, with a special Coca-Cola Family Pass discount offered. Additional information can be obtained through the event website at www.christmasinwashington.com or by calling (509) 881-8811.

Looking ahead, Cascade Irish Dance has announced plans to open a dance school in Wenatchee in 2025.



COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

Members of the Seattle Irish Dance Company perform during a previous Christmas in Washington concert.



COURTESY OF CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

The Stewart sisters of Cascade Irish Dance pose in matching green sequined performance dresses and traditional Irish dance shoes. The trio will make their debut appearance at this year’s Christmas in Washington concert in Wenatchee.

Okanogan County

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- Division III disagreed and remanded to Superior Court to vacate the 2017 order of dismissal and enforce the terms of the 2017 order. Okanogan County and Yakama Nation agreed to a stay.
- A revised Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the BOCC.

Revisions and comments

A new dark skies element

in the code that restricts outdoor lighting and a ban on ridgetop building drew many comments for and against. One of the code revisions that sparked opposition in the previous hearing increased the minimum lot size from one (R1) to two (R2) acres to allow construction. Those are among several proposed code revisions that:

- Reverted the change from Rural 1 (R1) to Rural 2 (R2), keeping the R1 designation but with additional provisions. Removed the lot coverage requirement for the designation,

consistent with the existing Zone Code.

- Returned multi-family dwelling density to the Rural 20 (R20) designation.
- Returned height and density requirements to the text portion of each zone designation.
- Added special provisions to the Methow Review District (MRD) designation to address:
 - Outdoor lighting
 - Light and glare
 - Ridgetop development
- Removed all changes made to temporary use permit application requirements.

- Added a Special Uses chapter that provides land use regulations specific to:
 - Cryptocurrency operations
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 - Updated the District Use Chart, reverting
 - Allowed uses to permitted
 - Permitted uses to conditional uses
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- Among many who com-

mented was Brewster Chamber of Commerce President Pedro de la Cerda who urged the county to publish a Spanish language version of the code so members of that community can understand it.

“A lot of the Hispanic community do not know what it means,” said de la Cerda referring to 20-plus percent of Spanish-speaking county residents.

Alma Torres-Jones testified with de la Cerda quoted from a document suggesting that the county may be in violation of a provision of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by the language omission.

Based on the input they gathered county officials will conduct workshops on any proposed changes prior to a Dec. 23 meeting scheduled to adopt the code.

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V O T W E R A U Q S S E M I T O B A H R
L T Y D B N B T S L H G A M E S E R H A
K G J C P P H A R J J E O A T J C Y T E
M S G M V G L D L I N V I T A T I O N Y
U G B T I Y V P P L E U J M Y T W H B W
H T Q N I E S A U A O K P S F K L D U E
Y U D M O C N D Q I R O U I Q J I Y T N
J I A E G L Q H W B L U N J K M H C D S
M C L O C K B R F L B L I S C F U G B R

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Word search grid with highlighted words: KISS, PARTY, STREAMER, RESOLUTION, NOISEMAKER, GAMES, COUNTDOWN, CONFETTI, CLOCK, CHEERS, CHAMPAGNE, CELEBRATE, CALENDAR, BALLOONS, BABY, TOAST, TIMES SQUARE, MIDNIGHT, JANUARY, INVITATION, HAPPY, GOALS, NEW YEAR.

WORDS

- BABY
- BALLOONS
- CALENDAR
- CELEBRATE
- CHAMPAGNE
- CHEERS
- CLOCK
- CONFETTI
- COUNTDOWN
- GAMES
- GOALS
- HAPPY
- INVITATION
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- KISS
- MIDNIGHT
- NEW YEAR
- NOISEMAKER
- PARTY
- RESOLUTION
- STREAMER
- TIMES SQUARE
- TOAST

SUDOKU

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

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

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

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THE BEAUTY OF BLUBBER

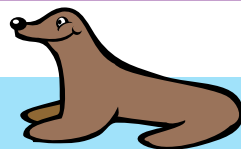
Some places are very cold in the winter. Icy winds blow. Water freezes and snow covers the ground. What do animals do to survive these freezing months?

Whales, penguins and seals have a thick layer of body fat, called **blubber**, to keep them warm. The blubber on a large whale can be very thick. It is almost impossible for the cold to go through the blubber and chill the whale.

Standards Link: Life Science: Recognize that different animals have features that help them thrive in different places.

A Whale of a Ride
Only two of the hitch-hiking penguins above are the same. Can you find them?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Q: How thick is whale blubber?
To find out, add the numbers along the correct path that leads the seal to the iceberg.

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums.



Tummy Time

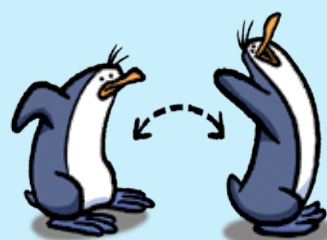
Penguins slide on their tummies to move across snow and ice.

Try holding this pose for 10 seconds at a time. It's not as easy as penguins make it seem!

Iceberg Hop

Pretend you are a penguin and hop like a penguin does from one chunk of (pretend) ice to another.

Jump back and forth 20 times.



Snow Angels

Lie on the floor and make imaginary snow angels by moving your feet and flippers—er, um, arms!

Balance

Penguins don't stand on just one foot very often, but pretend penguins can!



Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic and advanced movement forms.

How Blubber Works

To find out how blubber keeps animals warm, try making this blubber mitt and taking **The Blubber Test**. You'll need:

- ✓ 1 cup of solid shortening
- ✓ 3 zip-lock sandwich bags
- ✓ Ice
- ✓ Duct tape
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Large bowl or a bucket

1

Put the shortening in a zip-lock bag.

2

Put your hand in the empty bag.

3

With your hand in the bag, put it into the bag with the shortening.

4

Seal the tops of the bags together with duct tape.

5

Squish the shortening around until it surrounds your hand.

Now try:

THE BLUBBER TEST

Extra! Extra! Hot Hunt

Look through the newspaper for:

- 3 ways to stay warm
- 4 words that describe the weather
- 5 numbers that add up to 100

Standards Links: Reading: Skim and scan reading. Science: Classification by common attributes. Math: Finding sums to 100.

6

Fill a large bowl or bucket with ice and water.

7

Slip your other hand into an empty plastic bag and tape the top of the bag to your wrist.

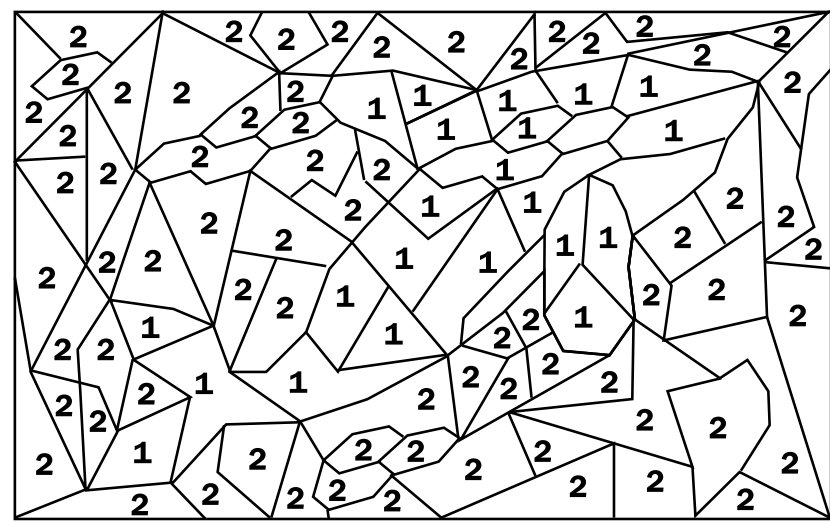
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Stick both hands into the water at the same time. Which hand can stay in the water longer? **Brrrr!**

Standard Link: Science: Follow a set of written instructions for a simple investigation.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

I'm found in oceans all over the world, but especially in the coldest ones. To find out what I am, color each space that has a 1 in it **black** and each 2 space **blue**. Leave the blank spaces white.

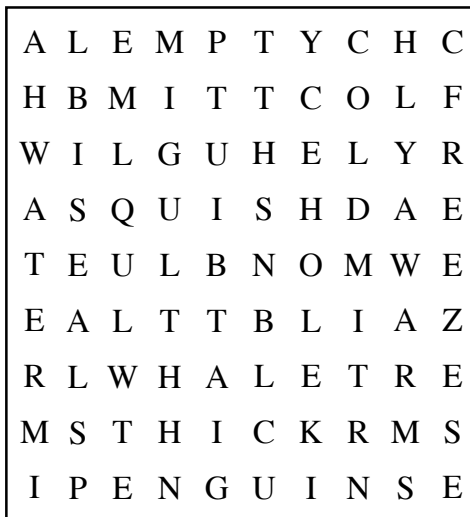


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BLUBBER
- WHALE
- SQUISH
- BODY
- SLIP
- PENGUINS
- SEAL
- CHILL
- COLD
- THICK
- MITT
- FREEZES
- WATER
- WARM
- EMPTY

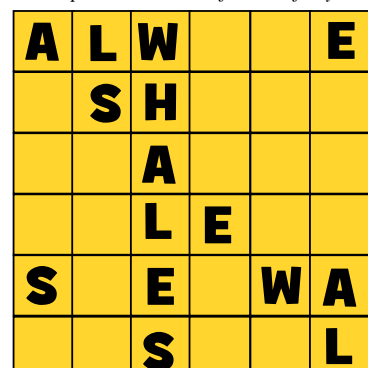
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



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

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **WHALES** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



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