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Okanogan County adopts revised zoning code

By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Reporter

OKANOGAN - Following three well-attended contentious public hearings that drew testimony from county residents, the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted in the revisions to the Okanogan County zoning code at their Dec. 23 meeting.

The adoption fulfilled an earlier court requirement stipulated by a lawsuit brought by the Yakama Nation over the county's 2016 comprehensive plan and zone code.

The BOCC said the zone code revisions resolve several existing land use issues by: a. Updating and improving the

- organization of Okanogan County Code Chapter 17 to increase
- b. Conforming water availability requirements to be consistent

with state law and regulations, and Okanogan County Superior Court rulings.

- c. Regulating new special uses that, due to their nature, require specific regulations to further the health, safety, and general welfare of county residents.
- d. Increasing lot area requirements to conform with state and local septic regulations.
- e. Facilitating an increase in needed services to rural communities.
- f. Preserve the county's rural character with density and lot coverage requirements and changing allowed uses in the rural zone designations.

The board also approved a resolution asserting its option to revisit possible future changes related to issues brought up by residents at the public meetings, including ridgetop development, dark skies (lighting and glare), and church



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

From left, Okanogan County Commissioners Chris Branch, Jon Neal, and Andy Hover listen to citizen

comments at a December zone code public hearing held in the fairgrounds Agriplex.

conditional use permits (CUP). Future zoning changes cited by the

- board in the county chapter 17 zoning • Ridgetop development.
- · Lighting and glare.
- Removal of church CUP requirement.
- Misdemeanor penalties.
- · Rezone lower valley Methow Review District (MRD).
- Revisit the MRD site unit boundary map to possibly include one subunit rather than three.
- Which uses should require a CUP and agency review.
- Multi-family dwellings.
- Allowance one-time division of
- five-acre R160 property. · Zone areas as buildable that are currently non-buildable.
- Full zoning reform using Smart Growth Area (technical assistance)

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Undersheriff warns of serial gas station break-ins across Okanogan County



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA **Okanogan County Undersheriff Dave Yarnell**

By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Writer

PATEROS - While the city had only seven calls for service by the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office over a recent 30-day period, several

issues with gas station break-ins. Okanogan County Undersheriff Dave Yarnell advised the Dec. 16 city council meeting to be alert to the problem that has affected Tonasket,

other cities in the county are having

See **UNDERSHERIFF** Page **B2**

Bridgeport seeks source of 50,000-gallon daily water leak



Superintendent of Public Works

Stuart Dezellem

By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Writer

BRIDGEPORT - The city has a water leak that is losing 40-50,000 gallons daily beyond what is normal. Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem told the Dec. 18 meeting of the Bridgeport city council that he discovered the problem following the end of the irrigation

"We are pumping 320,000 a day, and we should be at least 280,000 or less,'

See 50,000-GALLON Page B2

Bridgeport plans 10-foot sidewalks, bike lanes in downtown renovation



COURTESY OF CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

A rendering shows proposed improvements to downtown Bridgeport's SR-173 corridor, featuring 10-foot-wide sidewalks, bike lanes, and enhanced pedestrian safety features as part of the city's revitalization plan.

Federal dollars, TIB grant could fund SR-173 corridor improvements

By MIKE MALTAIS

Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT - The city took another step closer toward renovation of the business corridor as part of the SR-173 Revitalization Plan. City Clerk/Treasurer Judy Brown and Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem met with city engineer Gray & Osborne to arrive at a cost number for the downtown sidewalk project.

"They are going to get us a realistic number for our project cutoff for Chelan-Douglas Transportation federal dollars that arrive in February," said Dezellem.

The federal funds require a 12.5 percent match, and the best funding option appears to be the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). Gray & Osborne completes and submits the city's TIB applications.

"TIB has a funding program just for federal match money," said Dezellem. "There are some pedestrian safety and bicycle safety dollars through WSDOT, so I think we are going to end up with two small bike lanes down each side and we can put an application in for those dollars.

The design plan calls for wider sidewalks.

"The committee was wanting a 12-foot sidewalk down both sides and we are going to limit it to 10 feet," said Dezellem. "Then we can create a

zone on the center of the road to put snow when we plow and still have enough for the bike lane.'

Most of the city sidewalks are now six feet wide with a couple of spots, like in front of city hall, where they are eight feet wide.

"They will be able to put their tables out there like the concept shows (see photo)." Dezellem said.

Other improvements include:

- Pedestrian flashing crosswalk
- Drip irrigation system for planter boxes
- · Different lighting on both sides of
- the street. Bike lanes

The Revitalization Committee consulted the National Association

of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) for design schematics of various sidewalk zones. One that appealed to the committee features four zones:

- 1. Frontage Zone Closest to the building that serves as an extension of the business.
 - 2. Pedestrian Through Zone A space allowing people to walk abreast and push strollers. 3. Street Furniture Curb Zone – For
 - lights, benches, bike racks, and 4. Enhancement/Buffer Zone -
 - Immediately next to the street for bike lanes, stormwater management, and curb extensions.

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Self Care Sundays at

Elevate Medical Aesthetics and IV Bar in Chelan will host a Self-Care Sunday Series beginning on Sunday, January 12 at 9 a.m.

"Take time to reset and recharge with our first-ever Self-Care Sunday Series," the event page states. "45 Minutes of Blissful Yoga: Flow through a gentle yoga session led by a certified instructor, designed to soothe your body and mind."

For more information, visit elevatechelan.com.

Journey of Self Discovery

Brave Yoga Chelan will host an intention setting workshop

called Journey of Self Discovery on Sunday, January 12, from 1-3 p.m.

"Let's kick off 2025 with a little magic and a lot of heart, the event page states. "Join us for a two-hour workshop where we'll dream big, set soulful intentions, and let our creativity flow through vision boarding and poetry writing."

For more information, visit braveyogachelan.com.

Storytime

The Pateros Library will host storytime on Tuesday, January 14, from 10:30 to 11

"Join us for an hour of stories, songs, rhyming, crafts, and fun," the event page states. "Our program will be geared

towards pre-school ages, but all are welcome attend.

For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

Tabletop Tuesday

The Cove Wine and Games in Chelan will host Tabletop Tuesday on Tuesday, January 14, from 5-8 p.m.

"The Cove is offering private sessions to teach players the basics of D&D," the event page states. "Whether you're a budding explorer or an experienced adventurer, the Cove has you covered."

For more information, visit in side the cove. com.

Appreciate a Dragon

Day Craft

THINGS TO DO

THIS WEEK

The Chelan Library will host an Appreciate a Dragon Day Craft for ages 10 and up on Thursday, January 16, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

"Celebrate imagination and

the mythical world of dragons as we paint a dragon eye and share fun facts and trivia about dragons and the significance of dragon eyes in mythology," the event page states.

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For more information, visit ncwlibraries.org.

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

Dec 27

18:10:46 Domestic Disturbance, 440 11th St, Bridgeport, W

Dec 28 12:43:58 Civil, 384 Sr 173, Bridgeport Bar

1:04:42 911, 228 Walnut St,

Mansfield

Dec 29 01:04:42 911, 228 Walnut St, Mansfield. 05:35:56 911, 228 Walnut St,

Mansfield, 07:04:35 911, 228 Walnut St, Mansfield,

Dec 30

9:10:14 Animal Problem, 206 Arden Ave, Bridgeport 18:40:04 Traffic Offense, Us Hwy 2 Mp 162, Waterville 19:41:27 Suspicious, Sr 17 Mp 135,

Bridgeport,

Jan 1 0:03:43 Weapons Violation, 1527 Fisk Ave, Bridgeport,

0:12:59 Weapons Violation, 2228 Tacoma Ave, Bridgeport 1:04:28 Weapons Violation, 1819 Fairview Ave; 18, Bridgeport 10:18:49 Fraud/Forgery, 1106 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

7:57:58 Parking/Abandon 2600blk Highland Dr, Bridgeport 9:52:44 Animal Problem 37 Cedar Ave, Bridgeport Bar 9:53:46 Traffic Offense Sr 173 Mp3, Bridgeport Bar

Brewster Police Department

Dec 28

13:26:49 Welfare Check, W Hanson Ave, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp's Cousin That Lives In Brewster Has Been Acting Strange Recently.

Dec 31

14:02:30 Disabled Vehicle, N Bridge St & E Main Ave, Brewster, Comments: Giving Male Courtesy Ride To Bridgeport 15:08:20 Animal Stray, State Way,

Brewster, Wa

Jan 1 00:38:00 Agency Assist

Highway 173, Brewster, Wa Comments: Truck Rear Ended Rp, No Description Avl Rp's Veh Subaru Forester Other Truck Is Leaving Scene Rp Blocking Rdwy Rp Going Try To Get The Veh Off The Bridge 01:40:48 Noise Complaint West Indian Ave, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Can Hear Mexican Music And Adv It Is Keeping Her Up Made Contact W Homeowner And They Turned The Music Down 20:48:31 Suicidal Person, S

Bridge St & Highway 173, Bre Comments: Rp Advd Fem Sent A Series Of Photos Of Herself Saying That She's Going To Go To The Bridge And That She's Suicidal, And Said Goodbye To Rp And Another Friend. Cont Mother, She Advd She Will Get The Juv Help She Is No Longer

14:46:49 Accident Noninj, W Main Ave, Brewster Comments: Red Ford P/U Backed Into Rp's Chev Equinox. Rp Parties Exchanged Info And Both Left Scene

Jan 3

00:46:33 Agency Assist Jefferson Ave & 13th St, Bridg Comments: Req 2nd On A Dv. M Heard Screaming Fem. Fem Could Be Heard Crying Can Hear F Screaming For Help. Sounds Like Poss Juv's Playing. 3-4 Indiv Playing On A Porch

Ave, Brewster Comments: Ongoing Issue With Rooster

07:04:31 Animal Noise, W Cliff

Okanogan County Sheriff

16:34:12 12/27/24 911 Abuse, Hurricane Ranch Rd, Pateros, W/a Comments: Fem W/as Crying In The Background, Advd They Were Riding A Sled. Put The Fem On The Line She Was Still Crying And Upset, Then Hung Up The Phone

Dec 28

Dec 27

13:26:49 Welfare Check W Hanson Ave, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp's Cousin That Lives In Brewster Has Been Acting Strange Recently. Rp Advd That She Is Worried Something Happened To Her Or She Miss Placed Her Phone.

Dec 30

13:06:21 Citizen Assist Midland Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: On Going Problem W/ Neighbors Using Drugs, Having Manic Episodes In Rp's Orchard, Rp Req Call From Deputy To Speak Options

13:22:06 Threatening, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Male Posted Threatening Things On Fb And Rp Would Like Her Options On Getting A Protection Order.

16:55:55 Suspicious, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Subj Has Order W/ Male And Male Is Currently At The Loc Violate Order To Suspicious

20:32:28 Agency Assist Sr 17 Hwy, Bridgeport, Wa Comments: 3 Vehs Parked Together Near Hwy. Req If Okanogan Unit Can Check Res And Speak W/ Ro Of Vehs To See If They Are Aware Of Their Vehs At This Location

Dec 31 12:00:44 12/31/24 Burglary,

Hacienda Ln, Brewster Comments: Storage Unit Was Broken Into Within The Last Few Days And Paperwork, Playstation And Milwaukee Pack Out Boxes Were Taken. Jan 2

21:50:51 01/02/25 Domestic Disput Golden Lane Rd. Brewster, Comments: Adv He Wants Someone To Leave His Prop. Could Hear Spanish Speakers In The Background Poss In Argument. Caller Was Not Answering Questions, Disconnected Abruptly. Ex Wife, Has Left The Loc.

EV come, EV go: Bridgeport unplugs vehicle charging station amid rate spike



Bridgeport's only EV station is located in Bouska Square across from city hall

By MIKE MALTAIS Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT - Effective in 2025 the city is pulling the plug

on its electric vehicle charging station, the only one between Pateros and Grand Coulee along State Routes 117 and 174. The decision was made at the Dec. 18 meeting of the city council after the Douglas

County PUD took a steep increase in the monthly base rate effective this year Last November, Douglas advised PUD County

Bridgeport Mayor Sergio Orozco of a rate change. 'We received a letter from the PUD on Nov. 22 that our (EV charger) rates are going up almost quadruple from where they are now," said

The mayor said he and city clerk/treasurer Judy Brown met with PUD commissioners on Dec. 17 to explore any

Orozco.

options that would benefit the city or reduce the EV station rate increase. As it now stands, Bridgeport ratepayers are picking up the tab.

"The city is paying for everything on that right now," said Orozco. "People hook up to it, we pay for it, and we have no way of charging people who hook up to it.'

City clerk/treasurer Judy Brown itemized the costs: • Base rate of \$97.50 per

month (up from 2024 base of \$14.53 per month). · Kilowatt (kW) usage fee

increases from .002 to .4. With the new city rate of nearly \$100 a month, "at the end of the day, we are looking at over \$1,200 a year to have

that," said Orozco. The mayor explained the contract that came with the installation of the charging

"The contract that we got to install this five years ago was

that we had to keep it for five years and not charge for those five years," said Orozco. "Now we can charge for it, but the problem is we have no way to

hard wire it to the city." "My initial opinion on this is to pull the breaker on it and not use it anymore," said

Orozco noted that higher traffic locations are making money from the EV stations. "East Wenatchee charges

from \$25 up to \$40, so they are making money," said Orozco. "We are not." When the city installed its EV charger in the spring of 2017, it was one in a chain

of stations along State Routes

17 and 174 stretching from Pateros to Davenport. The installation was a cooperative effort between the city, the North Central

Washington Economic See EV COME, EV GO Page A3



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Mondays

County Fair Okanogan Advisory Committee: Second Monday, 6 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Okanogan County hearing Commissioners' room, 123 N. Fifth Ave., Okanogan.

Family and friends Support Group: Third Monday, Group: 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. Douglas County PUD meetings:

commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Information: douglaspud.org Survivors of Suicide Loss

Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street,

Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website 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 12 p.m. at the Senior Center. 109 Bridge Street. Information email: brewsterwachamber@ amail.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

First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 Brooks, 509-682-8718.

Coldwell Chelan.

Brewster Senior

meals at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-689-2815 to reserve

Chelan Cancer Support Group:

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

Family Caregivers/Support **Group:** Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue.

Other Events/meetings

Meals:

The Senior Center serves

Eldon David Steelman

Eldon David Steelman, 89, of Brewster, Washington passed away on December 26, 2024. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

meals. For those over age 60 \$5. For those 60 and under

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.

EV come, EV go

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Development (NCWEDD), and its affiliate, Plug-in North Central Washington. A USDA grant covered the cost.

Effective in 2025, the city switched off its EV breaker and awaits further developments from the PUD commissioners.

Margaret Viebrock, owner of Highway 2 Brew in Waterville, has had a cost-share EV charger at her business for about a decade. She received a similar PUD rate increase

"The base rate they were going to charge me is 566 percent higher than what I was paying," Viebrock said.

Viebrock said she wrote a letter to the PUD seeking a compromise arrangement. Her charger remains in operation while she awaits a response from the commissioners, who will meet twice in January.

"I'm not going to spend \$100 a month wondering if someone is going to come in and charge," Viebrock said.

At this writing, there are five EV charging stations in Douglas County. Two are PUD owned; one in East Wenatchee and one at Wells Dam. A third is at an apartment complex in East Wenatchee. Bridgeport and Waterville are the only two offering the service for no cost as a community service.

your seat.

The EV charging station installed in Pateros earlier this year is not owned by the city. It is located on Okanogan PUD property, and the city incurs no costs for its operation.

According to the website data.wa.gov, King County leads the state in terms of the number of electric vehicles, with nearly 112,000. Snohomish County is a distant second with 26,633, and Pierce County third with 17,645. In comparison, Eastern Washington is led by Spokane County with 6.139. Douglas County numbers 484, and Okanogan County 338.

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Conservation District sets hybrid January board meeting in Wenatchee

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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 Friday, January 17.

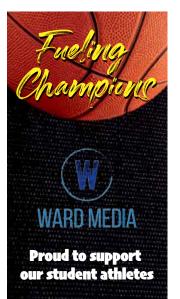
The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the district's office, located at 1350 McKittrick St., Suite B, in Wenatchee, Due to space constraints, officials are requiring advance notification for those planning to attend in person. Interested parties can participate remotely through either telephone or Zoom videoconferencing platforms.

The district has indicated detailed connection that instructions will be made available through their official website at cascadiacd.org.

Those seeking additional information or wanting to secure a spot for in-person attendance are directed to contact the District office at 509-436-1601.

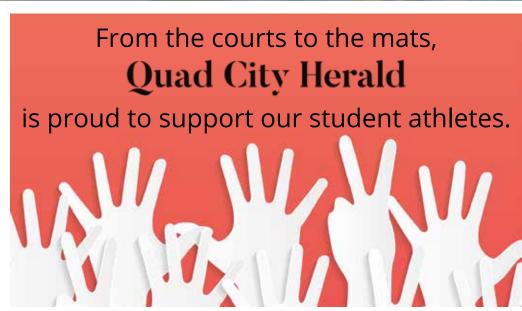












Brewster High School

Boys Basketball Schedule										
Fri, Jan 10	7:30 PM	Brewster v	S.	Liberty Bell			Away			
Sat, Jan 11	5:45 PM	Brewster vs	.	Lakeside			Away			
Tue, Jan 14	7:30 PM	Brewster v	S.	Manson		Home				
Girls Basketball Schedule										
Fri, Jan 10 6:00 PM Brewster vs. Liberty Bell Away										
Sat, Jan 11	3:30 PM	Brewster v	S.	Lakeside)		Away			
Tue, Jan 14	4:30 PM	Brewster v	S.	Manson		Home				
	Girls Wrestling Schedule									
Wed, Jan 8	5:00 PM	Brewster vs.		Lake Roosevelt		Away, Mix & Match				
		Boys Baske	tball	Scoreboard						
Fri, Jan 3	Brewster	55		Okanogan	94		Loss			
Sat, Jan 4	Brewster	70	Cl	e Elum-Rosyln	52		Win			
		Girls Baske	tball	Scoreboard						
Fri, Jan 3	Brewster	70	70 Okanogan		38		Win			
Sat, Jan 4	Brewster	55 Cle Elum-Rosyln			46		Win			
		Girls Wrest	tling S	coreboard						
Wed, Jan 8	5:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Brewster vs. Lake Roosevelt Away Mix 8							

Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

Boys Basketball Schedule										
Fri, Jan 10	7:30 PM	Bridgeport v	Bridgeport vs. Lake Roosevelt							
Tue, Jan 14	7:30 PM	Bridgeport v	Home							
Girls Basketball Schedule										
Fri, Jan 10	6:00 PM	Bridgeport vs. Lake Roosevelt Away								
Tue, Jan 14	6:00 PM	Bridgeport v	vs. Liberty B	ell	Home					
	Boys Basketball Scoreboard									
Fri, Jan 3	Bridgeport	geport 65 Entiat 49 Win								
Mon., Dec 30	Bridgeport	76	Oroville 48		Win					
Girls Basketball Scoreboard										
Fri, Jan 3	Bridgeport	50	Entiat	46	Loss					
Mon., Dec 30	Bridgeport	30	Oroville	34	Loss					

Pateros High School

Boys Basketball Schedule									
Wed., Jan 8	7:30 PM	Pateros v	rs.	E	Away				
Fri., Jan 10	6:00 PM	Pateros v	'S.	Watervil	Away				
Tues., Jan 14	7:30 PM	Pateros v	rs.	0					
Girls Basketball Schedule									
Wed., Jan 8	6:00 PM	Pateros v	'S.	E	Home				
Fri., Jan 10	7:30 PM	Pateros v	'S.	Watervil	Away				
Tues., Jan 14	6:00 PM	Pateros v	S.	0					
Boys Basketball Scoreboard									
Thu., Jan 2	Pate	ros 45	Wills	on Creek	69	Loss			

Brewster wrestlers show promise at Royal Christmas Tournament

MORAGA/ FOR WARD MEDIA **Cody Simmons** wrestles **Daman Gale of** Davenport at 132 lbs. During the **Royal Christmas Tournament in Royal City Dec.** 28. Simmons defeated Gale via first period pin, then went on to beat David Salmeron of Othello the same way, before losing to Jose Arriaga of Oroville in the quarterfinals of the consolation



Waterville High School

	Boys Basketball Schedule									
Fri, Jan	10	6:00 PM	Water	ville - M	ansfield vs.	Pateros		Home		
Sat, Jan	11	3:00 PM	Water	ville - M	ansfield vs.	Okanogai	า	Home		
Girls Basketball Schedule										
Fri, Jan	10	7:30 PM	Water	ville - M	ansfield vs.	Pateros	Home			
Sat, Jan	11	4:30 PM	Water	ville - M	ansfield vs.	Okanogai	Okanogan			
	Boys Basketball Scoreboard									
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Sat, Jan	4	Waterville - N	Mansfield	33	Da	venport	55	Loss		
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Sat, Jan	4	Waterville - N	Mansfield	39	Da	venport	54	Loss		

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brewster

Sam Arevalo **Boys Basketball** #11, Guard

Sam has emerged as an exciting addition to our starting lineup at guard this season. His natural athleticism and smooth shooting form make him a dynamic offensive threat, especially when he's attacking the rim and creating plays. He's shown great potential as a playmaker and continues to develop his confidence running the offense. Defensively, his quickness and energy allow



him to be disruptive against opponents. What's most impressive is his dedication to improvement - he puts in consistent work on his shot and decision-making, and

you can see his growth with éach practice and game. As he continues to harness his skills and build confidence, Sam is becoming an increasingly valuable leader for our team.



SEBASTIAN MORAGA/FOR WARD MEDIA Jorge Samperio wrestles **Liam Kiefer** of Liberty Bell in the consolation bracket of the 157-lb. category of the Royal Christmas **Tournament** on Dec. 28.



Alex Aparicio wrestles Wahluke's 165-pounder Aldebaran Juarez-Ventura in the first round of the consolation bracket at the Royal Christmas Tournament in Royal City on Dec. 28. Aparicio defeated Juarez-Ventura via first-period pin.

Forest Service announces public meeting on Northwest Forest Plan updates

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bracket.

WENATCHEE — The U.S. Forest Service will hold a public meeting this month to discuss proposed changes to the Northwest Forest Plan, which has guided federal forest management since 1994.

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest headquarters

will host the January 16 meeting to present draft amendments to the plan, which governs management of 24 million acres of federal forests across Washington, Oregon and Northern California.

The meeting, scheduled for 5:30-7:00 p.m., will include presentations from Forest Service staff on proposed changes outlined in a Draft

Environmental Impact Statement. The amendments address wildfire risk reduction, climate change adaptation, sustainable timber harvest, and tribal involvement in forest management decisions.

The public comment period runs through March 17. During the meeting, attendees can review maps, collect informational materials, and

learn about the process for submitting comments on the proposed changes.

The Northwest Forest Plan was implemented in 1994 to establish guidelines for forest conservation and timber harvesting on federal lands.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement outlines proposed updates focusing on wildfire management, climate

impacts, and local economic considerations.

Service Forest will be available at the meeting to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting will begin with a presentation at 5:45 p.m., followed by an open

Additional public meetings scheduled

house format.

Washington, Oregon and Northern California. Those unable to attend can submit comments through the Forest Service website or by email at SM.FS.NWFPquestion@usda.

The meeting will be held at the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest headquarters, located at 215 Melody Lane in Wenatchee.

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Washington's Legislature, by the numbers

By Laurel Demkovich

Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - On Monday, 147 state representatives and senators will descend on the Capitol for 105 days of lawmaking.

Hundreds of others — lobbyists, support staff, press and members of the public — will also filter beneath the dome over the next four months.

Legislators will have to solve a \$10 billion to \$12 billion dollar budget problem and will likely pass hundreds of bills.

Here's a look at some key numbers to know as you follow along:

98 representatives and 49 Senators

The state Legislature has two chambers, the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The House is the larger of the two with 98 members two for each district in the state. The Senate is smaller with only one representative per district.

Democrats control both chambers and grew their majorities in this year's elections. In 2025, there will be 30 Democrats and 19 Republicans in the Senate and 59 Democrats and 39 Republicans in the House.

31 new people — and counting

The Legislature saw high turnover this year following retirements and lawmakers moving to different elected



COURTESY LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES The Senate chambers at the Washington state Capitol.

There will be 31 people in new seats. That includes eight former representatives heading to the Senate. There's also a handful of lawmakers returning after time off. And some are representing new districts following court-ordered changes to district boundaries.

The rest are newcomers.
Three more replacements are still on the way.

Sen. Patty Kuderer will leave her post in January to become the next state insurance commissioner. Her vacancy will mean at least one new member in the Senate — likely a current

House member. The resulting House vacancy would mean another new member in that

Meanwhile, Rep. Tana Senn will also leave next month to lead the Department of Children, Youth and Families. Her vacancy will need to be filled too.

35 committees

Between the House and the Senate, there are about 35 standing committees where bills start their long journey to becoming law.

They cover topics like economic development, higher education, housing, long-term care and tribal affairs. Standing committees meet regularly throughout the session to hold public hearings on proposed legislation, amend bills and vote to move them on through the process. It's where much of the bill-writing process happens.

Most committees have less than a dozen members, but the finance committees are much larger. The House Appropriations Committee, for example, had 31 members last session, and the Senate Ways and Means Committee had 21 members.

There are also joint committees that include members from both chambers and meet periodically

throughout the year to discuss specific topics, like veterans' and military affairs, water supply during droughts, and energy supply.

7 important cutoff dates

To keep things moving during the session, lawmakers set deadlines for when they must pass legislation.

The first cutoff comes on Feb. 21 when bills must pass through a policy committee in their house of origin or they are likely dead for the year. The next one comes a week later when the fiscal committee cutoff arrives. All leading up to "house of origin" cutoff on March 12.

Then the process repeats with three more deadlines before "sine die" on April 27 – the final scheduled cutoff for anything to pass this session.

274 pre-filed bills and counting

In the month or so before a legislative session starts, lawmakers can pre-file bills. Doing so doesn't automatically mean the legislation will get a hearing, and it doesn't make it any more likely to become a law. But it does give committee chairs ideas for what they might want to bring forward once the Legislature

When lawmakers gavel in, hundreds more bills are likely to be introduced. Some could pass quickly, others could take all session to move along, and many may never be considered. As of Dec. 30, at least 274 bills had been pre-filed.

747 reams of paper

During the 2021 legislative session, when lawmakers worked from home during the COVID pandemic, they used significantly less paper than they normally do.

Christine Rolfes, lead Democratic budget writer at the time, told lawmakers on the final day of that session that not having to print the 1,100-page budget saved 747 reams of paper – or about 37

Although the pandemic brought some permanent changes to the Legislature, like remote testimony, it didn't change lawmakers' reliance on printed products.

Assuming the Legislature prints their budget like they do most years, it'll require hundreds of reams of paper. And that doesn't include all of the sheets used for agendas, bills, notetaking and more.

2,520 hours

That's how many hours are in the 105 days that lawmakers will have to debate bills in 2025 — assuming that a special session doesn't add more time.

Hopefully, they won't work too many nights or weekends, but they are known for pulling long and late hours, especially as the session nears its end.

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Stemilt donates \$240K to Wenatchee Valley organizations

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WENATCHEE — Fruit Stemilt producer \$240,000 contributed more than 50 organizations throughout the Wenatchee Valley region in 2024, focusing on education, nutrition, and wellness initiatives.

The company reached a \$1.3 million cumulative donation to the Washington Apple Education Foundation (WAEF), supported by proceeds from their annual golf tournament. The year concluded with the company providing holiday gifts to foster children in Chelan and Douglas counties.

"To serve the community is a true honor and we're privileged to give to numerous organizations in need of support in the Wenatchee area," said Stemilt President

West Mathison. "Our founder and my grandfather, Thomas K. Mathison, always valued being a steward to the community and the next generation."

Recipients of the company's 2024 charitable giving included the CAFÉ Yes program, Columbia Valley Community Health, Project Search, and the Wenatchee Valley YMCA, among others. The donations support local initiatives, from youth sports to healthcare services.

In a separate initiative, Stemiltemployeesparticipated in an internal drive collecting 827 winter clothing items for distribution to children of company workers. The effort was organized as a friendly competition among office

The company also marked its twelfth consecutive year providing holiday gifts to local foster children. Working

in Okanogan has been

burglarized three different times," said Yarnell. "Two of

the businesses in Okanogan

with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Family Services and K Connections, Stemilt employees and its Community Investment Committee purchased presents 112 children ranging from newborns to age 17.

K Connections, a behavioral rehabilitation service provider, manages case services for children, while the state department focuses on building health resilience and improving educational outcomes for youth in the foster care system. Stemilt, a family-owned operation run by the Mathison family, leads the region's fruit industry in sweet cherries and organic tree fruits. The company has operated its environmental sustainability program, Responsible Choice®, since 1989.

by legislation in Olympia," said Yarnell. "Most of our investigations are occurring on the Colville Indian Reservation where the feds still consider things to be felonies."

Yarnell said that over the past year the sheriff's office has reduced the number of cases being worked stateside.

"We are looking at putting together a group of deputies to address some of the alleged drug houses in some of our communities," Yarnell said. "One of the deputies we hired from tribal police was a former narcotics detective. He has the training to lead a small group of deputies in some focused investigations.'

In a related issue the city approved an annual \$5,000 participation fee to NCWDTF

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Stemilt employees gather behind tables filled with wrapped holiday gifts and bicycles for foster children in Chelan and Douglas counties. The company's Community Investment Committee helped coordinate the gift-giving initiative, which provided presents for 112 children in 2024, marking the 12th consecutive year of the program.

Community Foundation now accepting applications for scholarships

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WENATCHEE Foundation Community of NCW is now accepting scholarship applications for students who plan to attend community college, university, or trade school in Fall 2025.

Over 160 scholarships are available to high school seniors, current college students, and non-traditional students, each with unique criteria and award amounts. Most scholarships seek to support students who have served their community, show growth and potential, and demonstrate financial need.

"Our scholarships have been

established by people in our region who care about helping local students achieve their education and career dreams" said Julie Mott, scholarship program specialist. "Each was created with a certain student in mind, so there is really something for everyone. We encourage anyone who plans on going to college or trade school this fall to apply."

The application process is completed online. A universal application allows students to apply once and qualify

multiple scholarship opportunities. The application deadline for general scholarships is March 1. The deadline for nursing/allied health/trade

school scholarships is June 1. If students plan to apply for the latter, it is recommended they apply for general scholarships as well and meet the March 1st

Students will need to complete the FAFSA before applying, as well as obtaining letters of recommendation from teachers and/or mentors, and school transcripts, so proper planning is highly recommended.

Last year, over \$1.2M in scholarships was awarded to students across North Central Washington. To learn more $and\ apply,\ visit\ www.cfncw.$ org/scholarships.

Undersheriff

Continued from page A1 Omak, and Okanogan gas stations.

"We have been having a lot of problems with the theft of vaping devices and alcohol," said Yarnell. "Among juveniles, vaping is the next big thing. They are stealing the vapes to sell to the kids at school."

Yarnell noted the vapers are catching on to a new substance. "They have learned that

once the nicotine vape is gone, they can replace it and refill it with the marijuana vaping fluid.'

Yarnell said that even though most businesses have internal video for their gaming licenses, the system often is not working because the staff does not turn it on or know how to fix it.

"We had one business

50,000-gallon

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surfaced "

said Dezellem. "And it hasn't

irrigation, we should be down somewhere around 280,000

gallons a day," said Dezellem.

'When it's not so cold that we

are dripping water, and we are

not irrigating there's a four-to-

six-week window that we are

just servicing residential use."

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"Once we get off of

and Omak were broken into again because the owners only put up plywood over the windows or the doors, and the thieves just ripped the plywood off and went back in and re-burglarized the same business." Tonasket has resorted to

private security because the city no longer has a contract with the sheriff's office.

Brewster Police Chief Marcos Ruiz told the Quad City Herald that Brewster has not experienced a similar theft problem.

Yarnell also reported that the North Central Washington Drug Task Force (NCWDTF) has restricted its operations to federal lands.

narcotics "Our laws have been watered down

the problem might be at a

specific fire hydrant connection

gallons a day per home."

the source of the leak.

leak detection in here again,"

said Dezellem. "They have

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pretty reasonable quote that fits within my current water

tool budget.' but, after an inspection, ruled "We have got to find this," said Dezellem. "Too much "Our extra houses that we have added are not 40,000 water to let go.' gallons a day," said Dezellem.

inners

The city faced a similar Those are only about 700 water loss issue at the public pool in 2023, the source of Dezellem said he would need which also proved difficult to a specialist's help to determine locate. Resurfacing the pool surface turned out to be the solution to that problem. "I'm going to have to get

Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or Initially, Dezellem thought a new detection system at a *michael@ward.media*

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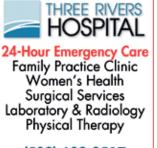






Thank you to all of the children who participated in this contest. It was a joy to see all of the entries and we look forward to next year. Happy New Year!

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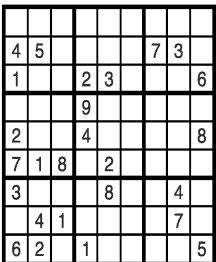
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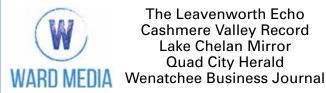
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Dottie and lots of kids from her school are speaking out against

in Spottville treating all children equally?

Work with a partner at home to

1. Look at the list of traits. In the upper part of the top oval, write all of your traits.

complete the following diagram.

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The Spottville Bugle

SPOTTVILLE, USA – The Spottville school board passed a new rule last night giving Spottville children with freckles more privileges than children without freckles.



Freckled children will always sit at the front of the classroom and be first in line. They will get to use new pencils and the finest white paper. Children without freckles will have to sit at the back of the room or on the floor. Grocery bags will be used as paper for their assignments.

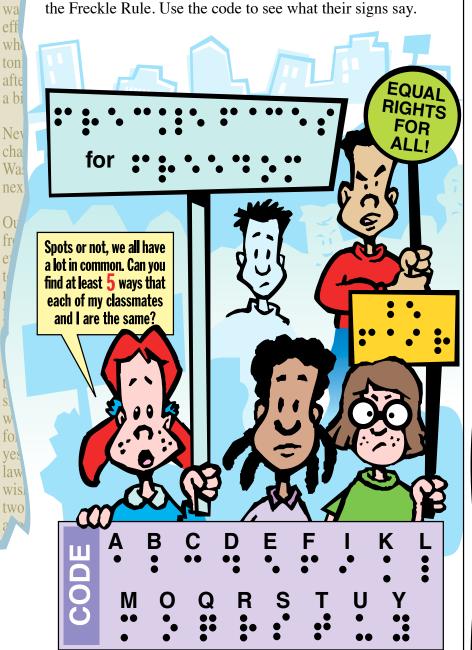
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Many non-freckled children find the Freckle Rule unfair. "This rule stinks!" cried Alison Smythe, age 11. "I can't help it that I don't have freckles. Why can't I eat in the same cafeteria as my friends with freckles?"

Many children with freckles also disagree with the new Freckle Rule. "I plan to fight against this dumb idea," said Dottie Darling, a student at Spottville Elementary School. "Dr. Martin Luther King's message is that discrimination is always wrong, and this new rule is discrimination."

"Disgruntled nonsense," said school board president Spotz McDotter. "The rule is fair to the people that really matter most - neonle with freckles

his story may seem a bit silly. Sadly, there is some truth to it. For many years, groups of people in the United States were treated differently just because of the way they looked.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions

Dr. Martin Luther King knew what it was like to be discriminated against. He had been called names and told he could not do all of the things other people could do. It wasn't because of freckles that Dr. King had these problems. It was because his skin was black.

In the 1950s and 60s, many Americans, Black and white, spoke out and even fought against unfair laws that discriminated against Black people. Dr. King was one of the leaders of this struggle called the Civil Rights Movement.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance

Did Dottie and her friends get rid of the Freckle Rule? To find out, color the spaces with two dots RED and the squares with one dot BLUE.

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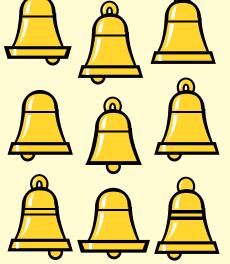
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Find the two bells that are exactly the same.

the Civil Rights Act made discrimination against the law. However, Dr. King knew it would take more than a law to change people's hearts and minds. He continued to teach people that discrimination was unfair.

Each year on his birthday, Americans remember this man who believed the dream of equality and freedom should ring true for all.

Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Follow written directions.

SIGNS FREEDOM MARTIN LUTHER KING DREAM TEACH STRUGGLE SPOTS SKIN RULE SAME

LAW

sideways and diagonally. NALFGWAYYR

Find the words by looking up,

down, backwards, forwards,

ISAFRNSTUN KKQODEILUI S E S R L L E K S T SIETAUHDPR A A G U W T C T O A MIQNOHANTM EESESEEHSK ELGGURTSQO

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

This week's word: **VOLUNTEER** The verb to **volunteer**

someone for no pay. The fourth grade students volunteer to read to the

kindergarten students.

means to work or help

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

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