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## Okanogan County adopts new nightly rental code

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OKANOGAN – The Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a change to the county's nightly rental code at its regular Jan. 6 meeting, according to notes taken by Okanogan County Watch a group of citizen volunteers who attend the BOCC meetings.

"I am here to discuss a procedural amendment to the nightly rental code," said Planning Director

Stephanie "Pete" Palmer. "We are removing the requirement for the overnight transient permits (OTA) issued by the health department, as they are no longer requiring those permits."

Specifically, the change involves the removal of the public health permit clause under Section 5.06.040 Nightly Rentals of Chapter 5.06 Record keeping:

The owner or operator shall possess, and keep valid at all times, an overnight transient accommodation permit (OTA permit) from Okanogan

County Public Health to operate the facility. At no time shall the nightly rental operate without a valid OTA permit from Okanogan County Public Health.

"There will no longer be any health department inspections on nightly rentals," said Commissioner Andy Hover. Hover explained that the health district used to be a department within the County, and it would issue the OTA permit for OTAs.

"When the public health district was created, it became its own entity, no longer under the umbrella of the

county government," said Hover. "When you look at the RCWs that apply to public health districts, there is nothing that mentions nightly rentals."

The old code stipulated that before the county issued a permit, the health department had to issue a permit.

"Since the health department no longer issues these permits, we wanted to change the code to reflect the current process," Hover said.

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**Okanogan County Commissioner  
Andy Hover**

## TIB awards Pateros year-end chip seal multiple locations grant



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA  
**City Administrator  
Jord Wilson**

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

Pateros – As the curtain came down on 2024, the city still had a Christmas present or two to unwrap heading into a new year. One was a several hundred-thousand-dollar gift from the state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).

The Nov. 22 advisory to Mayor Kelly Hook disclosed TIB's selection of the city's street improvement application. It read:

"Congratulations! The TIB is pleased to announce the selection of your project, 2025 Chip Seal Multiple Locations. TIB is awarding 100 percent of approved eligible costs

with a maximum grant of \$343,064."

More welcome news came from the federal government and reported to the city council by City Administrator Jord Wilson.

"The IRS finally sent reimbursement for the solar project making the entire \$199,456.23 project paid for with grant funding," Wilson said.

The IRS payment of \$14,443.23 was the final portion of the nearly \$200,000 project to install a 43.5 kilowatt (kW) solar system on the city's new water reservoir. The remainder of the funding was provided by the state Department of Commerce (\$125,013) and \$60,000 from TransAlta Centralia Board Funding.

More city funding requests are pending. Wilson submitted a \$21,400 grant request to FEMA on behalf of the Pateros Fire Department for two thermal imaging cameras.

Wilson also met with USDA Rural Development to discuss funding for the city's Mall Renovation Project specifically for water, sewer, and stormwater replacement.

"This is one of the main reasons for the project. The utility infrastructure needs replacement," said Wilson. "They are running the numbers and will give us an estimate of grant and loan opportunities."

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## Bridgeport's deteriorating tree sculptures raises preservation alarm

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The deteriorating condition of some of the city's earliest tree sculptures is once again a priority issue of concern for city authorities. Public Works Lead Mike West, standing in for Public Works Superintendent Stuart Dezellem, reported to the Jan.15 council meeting that he met with a representative of Mid Valley Pest Control in Omak to address one of several threats to the iconic pieces.

Mid Valley normally deals with live trees, but following a walk through the carvings, the inspector identified pest problems in some of them.

"Everything is dormant right now, so he has a window to do some research," said West. "He will spend the next month or two on the best mode of action to get after these pests."

Some sculpture bases are also rotting.

"Most of the rotting you see around the bottom is water damage," said West. "Since those trees are still in contact with soil they are bringing moisture up into them. Right where the wood meets the soil, you see the rot."

The pests are throughout the tree, but unlike a live tree, an injectable pesticide may not be the answer.

"With a live tree the pesticide is systemic," said West. "Pesticide injected into a live tree whether near the base or the top will move throughout the tree. A dead tree loses that systemic action."

Soil treatment may buy some extra time to find a solution.

"The bugs move between the soil and the tree depending on the stage of the bug," said West. "Whether a larvae or adult stage it's a cycle. If we can at least treat the soil, we can disrupt the life cycle and drop the pressure on the tree until we can figure out a solution to treat the wood."

Council member Jackie Hentges asked how installing the trees on sculptures might help combat pest infestation if the trees are then sealed with a coating.

"Every two years we put a product on them that makes an impenetrable barrier for water, but pests still find a way in," West said.

Then there are woodpeckers.

West said woodpecker activity has also increased over the past several years.

"A woodpecker knows that there are bugs inside of a tree and that is why they target them," West said.

He added an interesting fact about the location of some of the Foster Creek Avenue sculptures.

"You do not see the decay on the south side of the highway," said West. "Those trees are denser. There is no decaying in them because they are the newest carved trees. The first ones that were carved in the early 2000's are the ones they are going after."

West said pedestals are the best remedy.

"Definitely we need to make a separation between the soil and the wood," said West. "A pedestal would be the ideal thing to do but time is of the essence if we are going to preserve them."

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MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

**Pelican and young detail from one of Bridgeport's more than two dozen tree sculptures. Some require immediate intervention to combat rotting and pest infestation.**

## Brewster gives green light to create new 20-year water plan

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – The city needs to create a new water comp plan for 2025 following the completion is its previous 20-year plan - in its entirety - in a remarkable span of just seven years. In the words of Mayor Art Smyth: "We knocked it out of the park!"

The new plan will be "more of the

same" said Director of Public Works Lee Webster.

"It's a huge, super-handly document that I have to refer to it about once a month because it has all of our information," said Webster. "It's got all of our source wells, all of our water rights, all of our piping..."

The water plan also includes all the capital project outlays for the 20-year plan, and that is the issue.

"You got to have a plan to seek

funding," interjected Smyth.

"What started this whole process is we needed to finish the last well house that we have," said Director of Finance Misty Ruiz. "We tried to obtain funding for that last well house, but we can't because we do not have a current water system plan. We are kind of stuck until we finish it."

Not that the city is dead in the water, so to speak.

Ruiz said the city has received a grant for \$143,000 for the water system plant and has submitted two applications for other water projects.

The council approved Resolution 2025-01 to move forward with the creation of a new 20-year water system master plan.

**Swamp Creek Drainage**

Another big project awaiting

funding is the Swamp Creek Drainage to mitigate new FEMA flood plain designations. The city applied for a \$20 million one-time EPA grant to complete that work.

"That's at a standstill since the EPA received so many applications for those funds, so we are pursuing other avenues," Webster said.

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### Trinket Tray Painting with Scandinavian

The Cove Wine and Games in Chelan will host a Craft Night with Scandinavian on Thursday, January 23, from 5:30-8 p.m.

"Join us for a special edition of Craft Nights with Scandinavian," the event page states. "We will be painting trinket trays."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [scandinavian.studio](http://scandinavian.studio).

### Live music at Tsillan Cellars

Tsillan Cellars in Chelan will host live music by Side Hustle on Saturday, January 25, from

1-4 p.m. "Join us for live music with Side Hustle in the tasting room from 1-4 p.m.," the event page states.

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

### Winterfest Fireworks Cruise

Watch the Winterfest Fireworks from Lake Chelan on the Winterfest Fireworks Cruise on Saturday, January 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Come join us on the Lady of the Lake and watch the fireworks," the event page states. "You will have the best view on the lake of the fireworks. Ticket prices are \$17 for adults and \$10 for kids."

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

### The Wandering Souls live

The Lakeside Public House in Chelan will host live music by the Wandering Souls on Saturday, January 25, from 6-9 p.m.

"Join us for live music with The Wandering Souls," the event page states. "The Lakeside Public House features a menu created by Executive Chef Justin Araya, who has put together a unique scratch menu with his twist on some traditional Public House dishes."

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

### Mini Golf at the library

The Brewster Library will host Mini Golf at the Library on Wednesday, January 29,

from 4-6 p.m. "Come play Mini Golf at the Library," the event page states. "Challenge your friends or library staff to a friendly competition."

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

**5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK**



STOCK PHOTO

## Upper Columbia steelhead and coho season closed Jan. 20

By MIKE MALTAIS  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The long-awaited fishing season for hatchery steelhead and coho salmon on the Upper Columbia River including the lower Methow River closed effective Jan. 20. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife advisory issued on Jan. 15 included the reason behind the action:

The allowable incidental take (i.e. mortality) of wild steelhead will be at or near maximum limits by Jan. 20. In addition, hook-and-line hatchery broodstock collection efforts for wild steelhead will begin in February.

Following nearly a decade of closure the season opened on Oct. 16, 2024, from the Beebe Bridge on the mainstem Columbia River to the Highway 173 bridge in Brewster and from the mouth of the Methow River upstream to the Burma Bridge at County Road 1535.

Lance Rider of The Outdoorsman in Winthrop said the season started strong and attracted sportfishermen from points far and wide to

the Methow because it was the only river open among the other three (Wenatchee, Entiat, and Okanogan) major Upper Columbia steelhead waters.

"It was really crowded but no one seemed to bother about it because they were catching so many fish," Rider said. "I had four guys in here last weekend (Jan. 11-12) wanting to go steelhead fishing and it was cold out."

Rider said he was told by a reliable source that two years ago 1.2 million fries were released at the Burma Bridge and that is the reason for the upper Methow boundary.

The Rider said the guides that were coming into his store were almost complaining about the high numbers of wild fish they were catching and then had to release per regulation.

"They said the run was 50 percent wild," said Rider. "They like catching the wild fish because they bite hard."

Hands that held rods and reels now have fingers crossed to see what the 2025 season prospects hold.

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## Sculptures

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In earlier discussions Superintendent of Public Works Stuart Dezellem said he was having a problem finding a contractor who would take on the tree pedestal project.

Mayor Sergio Orozco said he would revisit that solution with Dezellem to see if the trees in

the most peril can get priority attention with pedestals.

Council member Mike Bjornstad recommended immediate action to save both the sculptures – "even a few at a time" - and the city's initial investment to have them carved.

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City of Pateros Mayor Hook Invites you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday January 28, 2025  
5-7 p.m. • Pateros City Hall  
113 Lakeshore Drive W.

## 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

#### Jan 10

0:09:59 Alarm, 1300 Douglas Ave; Bridgeport

#### Jan 12

12:54:57 Civil, 145 Osprey Dr, Bridgeport

#### Jan 13

12:50:26 Assist Agency, 204 Davis Ave, Bridgeport  
15:31:24 Civil, 306 S Adams St, Waterville

#### Jan 15

16:47:08 391 Rd L Nw, Waterville  
16:54:49 Traffic Offense, Sr 172 Mp 1, Waterville, W

#### Jan 16

7:26:14 Suspicious, Sr 173 Mp 10, Bridgeport Bar  
11:38:32 Assist Public, 123 Morrow St, Mansfield,  
15:04:08 Parking/Abando, 255 Rd I Sw, Waterville, W

### Brewster Police Department

#### Jan 10

09:46:35 Cps Referral S 4th St, Brewster  
15:07:38 Assault, S 4th St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Called And Advised A Couple Of Females Went Up To Her And Confronted Her. She Advised When She Was Talking To Them And Tried To Get Into The House, A Female Punched Rp In The Face And Grabbed Her. Rp Advised The Female Went Back Into Her House, Unknown Which Unit.  
15:27:34 Civil E Griggs Ave, Brewster Comments: Rp Was Living At The Location, Was Not On The Lease. Rp Advised He Had Been Talking To The Landlord And Was Moving Out This Week. Some Of His Clothing Was Left Outside, And Locks Had Been Changed. Requests Options To Get The Rest Of

His Belongings.

16:48:02 Animal Stray Blk S Bridge St, Brewster  
Comments: Two White/Brown Pit Bulls Are Out Again, Heading Towards The Gravel Pit. They Are Not Really Being Aggressive Right Now. They Have Gone Around The Block About Three Times. Doesn't Believe The Owner Is Home Right Now. Doesn't Believe They Have Collars On.  
17:04:58 Violate Order E Griggs Ave, Brewster, Wa Comments: Just Found Out Ex-Sister-In-Law Was At Children's Grandmother's Residence When Children Were There. Rp Has An Order With Ex-Sister-In-Law, And Children Are Named As Additional Protected Persons.

#### Jan 15

15:17:36 Cps Referral  
Jan 16  
01:32:25 Choking S 7th St, Brewster Comments: 32-Year-Old Female Choking On Noodles.  
08:46:57 Theft Automobile S Bridge St, Brewster  
10:00:59 Theft Automobile S 4th St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Second Check Of Camera: Vehicle Did Not Hit On Omak's Flock Cameras.  
11:14:04 Animal Abuse Locust Way, Brewster, Wa  
15:16:04 Recovered Vehicle West Indian Ave, Brewster, Wa Comments: Vehicle Unoccupied. Received Permission From The Landowner To Access The Vehicle.

### Okanogan County Sheriff

#### Jan 10

08:01:44 Abandoned Vehicle, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Gray Dodge Charger With Wa License Plate On The Side Of The Road. It Is A Danger As It Is

Covered By Snow And One Foot Over The Fog Line. Vehicle Is Legally Parked Off The Roadway.

#### Jan 12

11:19:24 Suspicious, Stennes Point Dr, Pateros, Wa Comments: Children Were Outside Feeding The Donkeys When An Unidentified Male Subject Was Yelling "Hey, Come Here" And Started Firing His Gun. Rp Went Outside And Then Heard The Subject Screaming "Hey, Come Here" Again, Followed By More Shots Fired.

17:28:46 Agency Assist, Highway 97 & Highway 153, Pateros Comments: White Male, 5'10" To 6'0", With No Shirt, Jeans, Possibly No Shoes, Walking Southbound On The Bridge. He Was Just Standing On The Side Of The Road When The Rp Drove By. He Is On The Right Side, Heading South. Unknown If Armed.

Rp Did Not Observe Any Vehicles In The Area. Second Caller Advising They Are By The Historical Marker, Stating The Male Is Walking Without A Shirt, Was Kneeling Down In The Ditch, Appears To Be Intoxicated. He Is Now Back To Walking, Staggering, And Fighting With Himself.

#### Jan 13

08:10:16 Theft Other, Sunset Dr, Bus Garage, Brewster Comments: Rp Had A Break-In At The Bus Garage, And Power Tools And Hand Tools Were Taken.

14:54:44 Citizen Assist, Highway 153, Pateros, Wa Comments: 78-Year-Old Male Rp Stuck In Yard In Power Chair. Has Been Stuck For An Hour.



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OBITUARY

**Rubin Edward Rawley**

November 2, 1938 — December 26, 2024, Puyallup

Rubin Edward Rawley was born on November 2, 1938. He passed away peacefully, on December 26, 2024, in his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Wenatchee, Washington, to Fred and Rachel Rawley. He grew up in Brewster, where he worked on his father's apple orchard, learning the value of hard work at an early age.

Rubin was an accomplished athlete in high school, excelling in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He also developed a love for music, taking piano lessons as a child, playing the alto saxophone in the high school band, and learning to play the guitar.

Following high school, Rubin attended Central Washington University, where he became a star football player for the Central Washington Wildcats. During his junior and senior years, he served as team captain and earned both the Inspirational and Best Blocking awards. He was named 1st string offense and defense on the All-Conference Team both years and 1st string offense on the All-Northwest Team. Rubin also continued his musical pursuits, playing guitar at various events on campus. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in education, majoring in mathematics, Rubin began a 30-year career at Sumner High School as a math teacher and coach.

In 1965, Rubin met his lifelong love, Peggy, while living in Sumner. They shared a life full of love, joy, and happiness for the next fifty years until Peggy's passing in 2016. In 1970, they became parents of their only child together, Marcus Duke Rawley. They became expert bridge players, competing in both social and tournament games. They also enjoyed traveling to Reno, Nevada for gambling and musical shows. Rubin became an accomplished blackjack player, utilizing the winning strategies of math professor Edward Thorp. In addition to their bridge and gambling hobbies, they enjoyed dancing and were active members of three different dance clubs, frequently dancing at the Puyallup and Tacoma Elks clubs.

In 1974, he continued his love of learning, earning his master's degree of Science in Mathematics from Oregon State University. In 1977, Rubin and Peggy, along with business partners, started an apartment business. They bought, sold, managed, maintained, and even built 2 duplexes in 1994. In 2007, they sold their entire portfolio.

After retiring from teaching in 1991, Rubin and Peggy began spending winters in the Palm Desert area. After many years in Palm Springs, they relocated to the Phoenix area, where they spent eight years together before Peggy's passing.



Rubin continued his passion for music throughout his life. He played guitar in various bands and, using modern technology, recorded his own accompaniment on the keyboard, performing at many events as a one-man band. He was a member of the Linden Golf and Country Club, St. Andrews Catholic Church in Sumner, the Daffodil Valley Kiwanis Club, the Elks Club, and the Touch of Class Big Band.

Rubin is survived by his son Marcus Rawley (Kristy), grandchildren Jylian Polson (Michael), Loren Rawley (Esteban York), and one beautiful great-granddaughter Freya Polson. In addition, he shared a deep, close bond with his stepchildren, born of Peggy Rawley: Rebecca Baxter (Terry), Kathy Miller, Amy Hill (Chris), Dale Hood (Maripet), who added to his family, 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Rubin E. Rawley Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made out to the Sumner-Bonney Lake Education Foundation and mail to 1202 Wood Avenue, Sumner, WA 98390. Please include Rubin's name.

A Memorial Service and Reception was held on January 17, 2025 in Sumner, Washington.

OBITUARY  
**Dan Biddle**

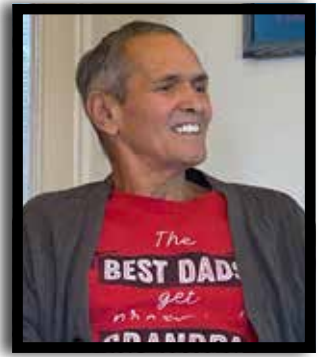
Dan Biddle of Bridgeport, Washington, passed away on January 7, 2025, after an extended illness. He was 79. Dan is survived by his wife of 57 years, Cynthia Biddle, his son, Kurt Biddle, daughter-in-law Jennifer Salazar Biddle and grandson Rivani Biddle, his daughter Christy Collins, son-in-law Todd Collins and grandchildren Kate Collins and Kevin Collins. He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter Valerie Beedle, and survived by his son-in-law John Beedle and grandson Don Beedle.

Born in Astoria, Oregon, Dan lived in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California throughout his life. He spent most of his career working in the grocery industry. After retiring and

moving to Bridgeport, Dan channeled his expertise and compassion into managing the Brewster Food Bank, serving the community until his health no longer allowed him to continue. His volunteering at the Food Bank and other activities, was recognized by the Brewster Chamber of Commerce in 2021, in which Dan was named "Volunteer of the Year".

Dan was a man of a lot of energy and passion, rarely one to sit still. He was actively involved in officiating basketball and softball leagues, and his love of sports meant catching most basketball, football, and baseball games on the television and occasionally in the stadiums. He also enjoyed fishing, tinkering around the house, and indulging in his love of ice cream.

Faith was a cornerstone



of Dan's life. He met his wife, Cindy, at Seattle Bible Training School (now Seattle Bible College) and most recently worshiped at the Community Log Church in Brewster. Compassionate and understanding of the challenges of growing up in difficult circumstances, years ago Dan and Cindy opened their hearts and home to foster a young teen, Jeremy Bowles, who has since grown into adulthood.

Dan's memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

Community Bulletin Board  
Local, Regional Community News & Events

**Meetings**

**Mondays**

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

**Family and friends Support Group:** Third Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

**Tuesday**

**Okanogan County PUD:** The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday

of the month 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 third 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

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## Brewster High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Jan 24	7:30 PM	Brewster vs.	Bridgeport	Home	
Tue, Jan 28	7:30 PM	Brewster vs.	Tonasket	Away	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Jan 24	4:30 PM	Brewster vs.	Bridgeport	Home	
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Tonasket	Away	
Girls Wrestling Schedule					
Wed, Jan 8	5:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Away, Mix & Match	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 14	Brewster	42	Manson	67	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 14	Brewster	72	Manson	14	Win

## Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Jan 24	7:30 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Brewster	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	7:30 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Cascade	Home	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Jan 24	4:30 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Brewster	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Cascade	Home	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 14	Bridgeport	36	Liberty Bell	71	Loss
Fri, Jan 17	Bridgeport	53	Manson	62	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 14	Bridgeport	37	Liberty Bell	49	Loss
Fri, Jan 17	Bridgeport	46	Manson	55	Loss

## Pateros High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Thu, Jan 23	5:30 PM	Pateros vs.	Garden City Academy	Home	
Tue, Jan 28	7:30 PM	Pateros vs.	Enitiat	Away	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Sat, Jan 25	3:30 PM	Pateros vs.	Valley Christian	Home	
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Pateros vs.	Enitiat	Away	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Thu, Jan 16	Pateros	34	Cascade Christian Academy	54	Loss
Fri, Jan 17	Pateros	32	Curlaw	50	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 14	Pateros	47	Oroville	34	Win

## Waterville High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Sat, Jan 25	5:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Oroville	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	7:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Almira-Coulee-Hartline	Home	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Jan 24	6:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Soap Lake	Home	
Sat, Jan 25	2:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Oroville	Away	
Tue, Jan 28	6:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Almira-Coulee-Hartline	Home	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Fri, Jan 17	Waterville-Mansfield	57	Wilson Creek	24	Win
Sat, Jan 18	Waterville-Mansfield	54	Entiat	33	Win
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Sat, Jan 18	Waterville-Mansfield	71	Entiat	24	Win

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK **Brewster**

### Skyler Covington Boys Basketball Wing Senior #2



Senior wing Skyler brings an aggressive scoring mindset to our offense. He excels at quick decision-making when he catches the ball, showing a particular talent for attacking the rim with his strong right-hand drive and finishing around the basket. His ability to knock down open three-pointers adds another valuable dimension to his offensive game. As we enter the second half of the season with playoff aspirations, Skyler's scoring punch will be crucial to our success. His continued development and consistency will help drive our team's push toward the postseason.

## Mustangs fall to Mountain Lions 71-35 at home



COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF / BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
The Mustangs' Ian DeDios (12) goes up for a shot against Liberty Bell defender Mac Surface during home game action Jan. 14. Liberty Bell won, 71-35.

## Bridgeport girls come up short against Liberty Bell 49-37



COURTESY OF BRAD SKIFF / BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bridgeport's Andri Macedo looks for an on opening around three Liberty Bell defenders during a home stand against the Mountain Lions. Liberty Bell took the win. 49-37.

# Bears' McGuire honored for 1,000-point milestone



COURTESY OF BREWSTER SPORTS FACEBOOK  
Bears' senior Morgan McGuire, with parents Brooke and Lance, holds a commemorative 1,000-point basketball presented to her at center court during the Jan. 14 home game against Manson. McGuire reached the magic number during the Bears' 55-51 win at Lakeside on Jan. 11. Coach Kristina Gebbers listed McGuire's yearly scoring numbers at 2021-2022/184 points, 2022-2023/ 275, 2023-2024/396, and 2024/179 as of Jan. 15. McGuire is also a rodeo standout who finished the 2024 high school rodeo season No. 1 in pole bending and among the top 20 in her other events.

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# State and gun shop clash at WA Supreme Court over high-capacity magazine ban

By **JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET**  
*Washington State Standard*

OLYMPIA - The fate of Washington's ban on the sale of high-capacity firearms magazines now rests with the state Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, Jan 14, attorneys for the state and a southwest Washington gun shop challenging the law made their cases to the justices.

Lawyers for Gator's Custom Guns argued the ban on selling magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds violates the clause of the state constitution that protects "the right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state."

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects firearms that are "in common use" and are "typically possessed by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes."

"Just the simple fact that citizens of the nation and the state have overwhelmingly chosen magazines of capacity more than 10 rounds necessarily leads to the conclusion that they are used for self-defense," said Austin Hatcher, an attorney from the Spokane area. "They're used for lawful purposes."

On the other side, lawyers from the state attorney general's office argued the prohibition should stand because these magazines aren't necessary for a gun to work. Since they are accessories, the ban doesn't violate the state or federal constitutions, they argued.

Solicitor General Noah Purcell called the magazines the "universal tool of choice" in mass shootings.

"Nothing in Washington's

Constitution or the Second Amendment requires states to allow the sale of firearm accessories that have virtually no utility for self-defense and, instead, are routinely used in mass shootings," Purcell told the justices.

Washington's ban on high-capacity magazine sales took effect about two and a half years ago. The state is among at least 14 nationwide with similar restrictions. These laws have attracted lawsuits as lower courts work through how to interpret a 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that set new limits on gun regulations.

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud asked Purcell if components of a gun, like a barrel, are not technically a firearm, does that mean the state could ban them?

A restriction impairing the right to bear arms would be a problem, Purcell conceded. But the magazine law does not cross that line, he said, because "there is no firearm that requires a large capacity magazine to operate."

Purcell also argued people defending themselves don't need more than 10 rounds. Hatcher countered that the state constitutional right goes beyond self-defense.

**Legal lingo**

Arguments in the dispute center on several U.S. Supreme Court rulings over the past two decades.

In a pair of cases, District of Columbia v. Heller in 2008 and McDonald v. City of Chicago in 2010, the high court ruled individual Americans have a right to bear arms that must be respected under federal, state and local laws.

But the Heller ruling also said Second Amendment rights are "not unlimited" and set out



JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET / WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD  
**Solicitor General Noah Purcell argues his case for upholding the state's ban on the sale of high-capacity magazines before the Washington Supreme Court on Tuesday, Jan. 14.**

a test for deciding whether weapons could be regulated because they are "dangerous and unusual."

If a weapon is dangerous and unusual, then the government can prohibit it, explained Joseph Blocher, the co-founder of the Duke Center for Firearms Law, in an interview last week. "If it is not, that is if it is in common use for lawful purposes, then it cannot be prohibited."

More recently, the Supreme Court ruled in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen that state firearm laws must adhere to the nation's "historical tradition of firearm regulation."

That's left judges having to infer how modern weapons like large-capacity magazines and semiautomatic rifles square with laws written more than a century ago.

Hatcher argued there is no historical precedent to underpin Washington's ban on the sale of the magazines. "I don't think there are any analogous laws, and the only

ammunition capacity laws were from the Prohibition era, which is much too late," he said.

But Purcell said the comparison doesn't have to be so specific. He used the example of Bowie knives. As the knives rose in popularity in the 1800s, laws cropped up to ban them. The situation today with ammunition magazines is similar, he argued.

"There doesn't have to be a twin regulation from the late 1700s for something that didn't exist in the late 1700s, as is the case here," Purcell said. "What we look for is the principles that underlie old laws and whether they're consistent with principles underlying" the current law.

In a recent application of Bruen, federal appeals court judges struck down a federal law prohibiting some people under restraining orders from having guns because it wasn't in line with law when the U.S. Constitution was ratified.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned that ruling last

year. In doing so, the justices noted courts could use general principles, not just exact matches, when comparing modern gun laws to historical regulations.

And Blocher noted laws like Washington's have largely been upheld across the country, "so in essence, I would think the state should have some reason to feel confident."

But even Justice Steven Gonzalez acknowledged the difficulty of applying the evolving tests the U.S. Supreme Court has laid out for gun laws. "I'm confused by our national Second Amendment jurisprudence, and I'm confused by Bruen," Gonzalez said.

**How we got here**

Democrats passed the ban on large-capacity magazine sales on a party-line vote in 2022 after years of trying.

Gator's Custom Guns in Kelso filed a legal challenge to the ban. Then-Attorney General Bob Ferguson responded by suing the shop, owned by Walter Wentz,

alleging it had flouted the new state law by continuing to sell the banned magazines.

In an interview after the hearing, Wentz said the state's bans on high-capacity magazines and assault weapons led to a 40% decrease in sales at his shop.

Last April, Cowlitz County Superior Court Judge Gary Bashor struck down the law, finding the ban violated the Second Amendment and language in the state constitution granting a right to bear arms for self-defense.

Within hours of Bashor's decision, at the request of state attorneys, a state Supreme Court commissioner agreed to put a pause on the ruling so the prohibition could remain in place.

A couple weeks later, the commissioner, Michael Johnston, extended the stay until the case was resolved and it remains in effect.

Both sides asked the state Supreme Court to hear the case. Justices agreed to do so last June.

Wentz said he was surprised how "impartial" the justices appeared.

Last week, the Legislature began its 105-day session, in which Democrats hope to pass a number of new gun laws. One would require a state permit to purchase firearms. Others would restrict guns in parks frequented by children, public buildings and county fairs and ban bulk purchases of ammunition.

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# Senate bill targets homelessness in extended foster care program

By **MARY FEUSNER**  
*Washington State Journal*

OLYMPIA - More than 100 young people in Washington became homeless last year as they transitioned out of the state's foster care program. Some legislators say state and federal restrictions are standing in the way of the resources they need to keep their housing.

"Stable housing is critical," said State Sen. Wilson, D-Auburn. "These are our children. These are state-raised children. We would not put our own children into a space where they don't have a

place to live."

Senate Bill 5082 creates a new housing assistance program for youth enrolled in Extended Foster Care.

"It is a bill that should have been introduced back when the EFC program started in 2007," said Esmiñà James-Secret, an intern at Families of Color Seattle.

Extended Foster Care is for young adults who were dependents of Washington State until their 18th birthday. The voluntary program assists them for up to three years as they transition out of foster care and into adulthood.

To help in that transition,

SB5082 allows youths participating in EFC to receive housing vouchers to cover living expenses. They become eligible if they are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. The housing voucher would be available for up to 36 months but not beyond their 21st birthday.

Wilson said housing vouchers can currently be applied for through the Foster Youth to Independence program. However, youth are forced to exit foster care to be eligible for the housing voucher, leaving behind EFC programs and support systems.

"It is things like this that can give hope to people who feel like they have nothing to live for," said Lexx Senner, advocate with the Mockingbird Society.

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## Rent stabilization met with push back by property owners



Members of Rental Housing Association of Washington await the first reading of the rent stabilization bill. Many of them travelled hours to Olympia for the chance to testify Jan. 13.

By JUAN JOCOM  
*Washington State Journal*

OLYMPIA - Landlords and property owners gathered under the Capitol dome in Olympia Jan. 13 to protest a bill that would cap increases on rents.

Corey Hjalseth, who is getting ready for retirement with his wife, said the bill will ultimately force them to sell their properties.

"When somebody artificially comes in and tells me how much I can raise the rent or how much I can charge a tenant for a late fee, or that I have to help them with relocation expenses if I raise their rent more than 5%, that's a problem for me," Hjalseth said. "It just doesn't seem fair."

After getting shut down in the Senate last year, primary sponsor Rep. Emily Alvarado, D-Seattle, said she hopes the

bill will pass in 2025.

"I think in the last year we've seen the impacts of this bill not passing," Alvarado said. "People have received tremendous rent increases that have destabilized their families, that have forced them to choose between buying medication and keeping the heat on and paying their rent."

The bill puts a 7% cap increase on annual rent increases.

Additionally, if a landlord intends to increase rent or fees by more than 3%, the landlord is required to give a written notice to all tenants within 180 days. Buildings operated by nonprofits and residential construction that are 10 years old or less are exempt.

"We've seen an increase in homelessness," Alvarado said. "More people are being pushed out of their homes, so inaction is not an option. We

have to make sure that people have some protections on the single greatest cost in their household budget, which is housing."

Duana Ricks-Johnson, a Colville tribal member, said she was forced to move again for the fifth time in four years due to a rent increase.

"The discrimination in housing stability like ours will continue without rent stabilization to keep landlords and property management from raising rents to evict people of color, like my already victimized family," Ricks-Johnson said. "Please help stop taking my ability as a parent to provide a basic need - housing stability."

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## Reykdal says Washington risks lawsuit if school funding isn't hiked

By JERRY CORNFIELD  
*Washington State Standard*

OLYMPIA - Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal warned Thursday that Washington is not living up to its constitutional obligation to cover the cost of basic education and faces the "very serious possibility" of landing back in front of the state Supreme Court to explain why.

Seven years ago, in the landmark case known as McCleary, justices ruled the state had complied with the court's order to ensure ample funding for basic education. But the state's been backsliding since, Reykdal said, and no longer provides enough money to local school districts to keep pace with rising costs.

"The court didn't say you're done. Our fiscal situation is getting perilous in a lot of places," he said, adding "it is a very serious possibility" the state could be hauled into court again for not meeting its school funding obligations.

Jared Kink, president of the Everett Education Association, a unit of the Washington Education Association, agreed a courtroom reckoning looms if the Legislature and governor don't step up.

"The McCleary decision on funding wasn't a static number. The Legislature has not adapted to the increasing costs that educators are experiencing in schools," he said.

Reykdal made his comments Thursday as he provided a status check on Washington's 1.1 million-student public school system that he's overseen since 2017.

He spoke about trends in student enrollment and academic achievement but he devoted a large portion of his 45-minute talk to the need to tackle major cost-drivers districts face: special education, transportation, and materials, supplies and operating costs, also known as MSOC.

Reykdal estimated it would take \$2 billion in the next budget to collectively cover the gap between what the state now provides districts for each of those areas and the actual amount they spend.

About half is for special education and would enable lifting a cap on state funding for special education programs and covering these services for those up to age 22. Reykdal also wants to track increases in enrollment of students in need of special services.

Close to \$140 million is needed to provide reliable transportation to and from school for all students, including those with special needs, those who are homeless, and those in foster care.

Materials, supplies and operating costs are up due to spiking prices, including insurance premiums, natural gas rates and utility charges.

But pumping more money toward schools is a big ask for lawmakers and Gov. Bob

Ferguson who will be focused on filling a large budget hole.

"I understand people talk about 'this is a tough year.' Every year is a tough year," Reykdal said. "We do not want to find ourselves back in court."

The challenge, he continued, is to make sure Democrats and Republicans consider long-term goals in education investment not just the "crisis of the moment in their budget."

In the current two-year

operating budget, Washington is spending roughly \$30.6 billion of the general fund — the cache of state tax dollars used to fund day-to-day operations — on public schools, he said. That works out to roughly 43%, down from the high-water mark of over 50% in 2019, the year after McCleary was resolved.

"Setting a goal like 50% again, gives us something measurable to shoot for, and I think it's tangible," Reykdal

said. Ferguson has called the 43% level "unacceptable" and vowed to boost the percentage in the next budget. He has not said how. And he has been silent on what increases he might support for special education, MSOC and transportation.

He has endorsed spending \$240 million to provide free breakfast and lunch for students. Ferguson also endorsed former governor Jay Inslee's proposal to save \$250 million by not paying bonuses to teachers earning National Board certification.

Also Thursday, Reykdal called on lawmakers to allow local school districts

to raise greater amounts of money from voter-approved local levies, also known as enrichment levies.

The cap on how much districts could seek from voters was cut nearly in half following the McCleary decision. Lawmakers reasoned that if the state provides more funding, districts should not be able to collect as much from local taxpayers.

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Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal is sworn in on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia, Wash. Reykdal was first elected to the job in 2016.

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# Ferguson vows to reform government



JUAN JOCOM/WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL

The Governor's ball inside the Legislative Building, with the parking lot by the capitol steps transformed into an extension of the ball.

## Executive orders defend reproductive rights, tighten policies

By **JUAN JOCOM**

Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Gov. Bob Ferguson was sworn in and legislative members, state employees and the public

celebrated the event with an inaugural ball.

Dressed in black tie attire, inaugural ball attendees swarmed on the steps of the Legislative Building Jan. 15 and filled the rotunda inside, where Squaxin Island tribal members performed ceremonial songs.

The first day in office

wasn't all pomp and ceremony, however. Shortly after being sworn in, the new governor signed three executive orders. The first directed the Department of Health to convene with healthcare providers and reproductive health experts to identify strategies to protect reproductive health in



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Gov. Bob Ferguson is sworn into the office Jan 15. in Olympia. With him were his twins, Jack and Katie, and his wife, Colleen Ferguson.

Washington. "My administration will work with President Trump where we can," Ferguson said. "We will stand up to him when we must, and that most certainly includes protecting Washingtonians' reproductive freedom."

Ferguson also signed two other executive orders: one directing state housing agencies to streamline their processes, and another requiring all state agencies to cut down on processing times for permits and licenses. If they fail to deliver on their promised timelines, the order requires them to provide the service for free.

At his swearing in, Ferguson also outlined previously shared goals, such as a \$100 million over the next two years to put more police officers on the street. He added that any budget he signs must include this funding. He also emphasized

improving affordability for Washingtonians, fixing the ferry system, enhancing K-12 education and creating more housing.

As for the looming budget crisis, he said he would not sign a budget with unrealistic revenue growth projections and would veto bills that defer major spending obligations more than four years after their adoption.

"I'm not here to defend the government," Ferguson said. "I'm here to reform it."

Rep. April Berg, D-Mill Creek, said she's confident in Ferguson's ability and knowledge of state government.

"What he talked about [during the speech], how he talked about it, and really the specifics that he went into — a lot of times you don't hear that in a traditional inaugural speech," Berg said.

After the inauguration, Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, said

he was pleasantly surprised by Ferguson's speech, saying that Ferguson shares a lot of the values that the Republican Party deems important.

"We're going to hold him accountable to his promises to the people in Washington. I expect him to deliver," Braun said.

Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, compared former Gov. Jay Inslee's inauguration speech to Ferguson's, commending his "honesty" in addressing issues important to the Republican Party and expressing support for Ferguson's efforts in areas of agreement. "It's the first time we've had a governor, since I've been here, that seems to live on this planet," Stokesbary said.

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The Squaxin Island tribe performs ceremonial songs in the middle of the Legislative Building, while guests watched by the stairs right before Gov. Bob Ferguson's speech.



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Republican leaders address the press shortly after Ferguson's speech, on Jan 15, in Olympia. They are (at left) Rep. Drew Stokesbary, R-Auburn, and Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia.

## CBB

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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](mailto: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:

As you set your New Year's resolutions, Chelan Valley Hope (CVH) offers great ways to give back and make a positive impact. Clean out your closet by donating coats for our coat drive or canned goods for Terri's Pantry. You can also help by donating essential items like diapers, paper towels, and toothpaste, or contribute financially to support the vital services we provide. Want to get involved? CVH offers volunteer opportunities, including front desk support, direct community work, special projects, and outreach to spread the word about our services. Together, we can make 2025 a year of positive change. Call 509-888-2114 to learn more.

## Port Authority to open applications for new Trades District

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WENATCHEE — The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority (CDRPA) announced that applications for its new Trades District development opened on January 17, expanding business infrastructure in North Central Washington.

The development, located in Wenatchee Valley's economic hub, will provide state-of-the-art facilities designed for manufacturing, technology, and trades businesses. The project aims to create a collaborative environment for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and startups in the region.

"The Trades District is more than just a space—it's a catalyst for bold ideas and thriving businesses," said Brooke Lammert, Economic Development Specialist at the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority. "We're here to support emerging entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing the resources, community, and opportunities they need to turn their vision into reality and drive lasting economic impact in our region."

The CDRPA represents the first merger of two county-wide port districts into a single operational entity in Washington state. The authority serves as the primary

economic development agency for both Chelan and Douglas Counties.

Prospective applicants can access application materials through the authority's website at [www.cdrpa.org/trades-district](http://www.cdrpa.org/trades-district). The CDRPA is encouraging early preparation from interested businesses seeking to participate in the development.

Additional information about the Trades District can be obtained by contacting Brooke Lammert at 509-884-4700 or via email at [brooke@cdrpa.org](mailto:brooke@cdrpa.org).

The facilities will focus on fostering innovation and supporting local business growth in the Wenatchee Valley area.

## Quad City Church Guide

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BREWSTER

CALVARY  
Baptist Church

[www.cbcbrewster.com](http://www.cbcbrewster.com)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.



To place your Church information in the Guide call Ruth at 509-682-2213; email: [ruth@ward.media](mailto:ruth@ward.media)

## BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

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### Announcements

#### Lost & Found



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#### Wanted

**WANTED:** Looking to buy an established home service business - HVAC, plumbing, roofing, and various other contracting. Please call or text asap if interested. (509) 906-3885

#### Employment

##### Help Wanted

**Bus Driver/Operator – Full Time**  
**Organization: Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGO)**  
**TranGO IS HIRING A DRIVER;**  
Full-time (36+ hours per week) positions available now:  
hourly non-exempt. Compensation is \$21.64-\$23.41 per hour. DOE. Benefits include health, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement (see website for benefit details), sick leave, and vacation.  
Must have a Commercial Driver's License with Passenger Endorsement. Please visit [www.okanogantransit.com](http://www.okanogantransit.com) for required qualifications, application, and job description. A complete application including a resume and cover letter must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. E-mail your completed application to [financehr@okanogantransit.com](mailto:financehr@okanogantransit.com) mail it to TranGO, PO Box 507, Okanogan WA 98840, or drop it off at 303 S 2nd Avenue, S, Suite A, Okanogan. Application Deadline: Application review will continue until the position is filled. Okanogan County Transit Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



#### Help Wanted



The City of Leavenworth is hiring for:

- Contract & Grant Coordinator
- Mechanic
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor

Details at [cityofleavenworth.com/employment/](http://cityofleavenworth.com/employment/). EOE

**PUD No. 1 of Okanogan County is seeking to fill a Lineman Journeyman position headquartered in our Oroville office.**  
Please see [www.okanoganpud.org](http://www.okanoganpud.org) for job description, requirements and submit application with resume. Okanogan PUD is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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#### Legals

##### Public Notices

**Legal Notice**  
Ballots for the February 11, 2025 Special Election will be mailed out on January 24, 2025. If you have not received your ballot by Friday, January 31, 2025, please contact the Auditors Office at (509) 422-7240. Remember your ballot return envelope must be signed. The Auditors Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Okanogan, is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and on Election Day only from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following services:  
• Voter Registration  
• Drop off voted ballots  
• Obtain replacement ballots  
• Disability Access Voting Units  
Drop boxes will be open January 24-February 11, 2025. Drop boxes will be open until 8:00 PM on February 11, 2025. Drop box locations open for the February 14, 2025 Special Election:  
Okanogan - Okanogan County Courthouse Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, room 104 Coulee Dam- Town Hall, 300 Lincoln Ave  
The state is providing postage-paid ballot return envelopes this year. Voters are encouraged to mail in ballots prior to Friday, Feb. 7, to ensure the envelopes are postmarked by Election Day. Check with your local post office for cut off times. If you need to find out information about the issues you can use the following sources:  
• On line voter's guide – [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)  
• [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov)  
• [sos.wa.gov/elections/](http://sos.wa.gov/elections/)  
• Newspapers and radio  
If you are not currently registered in the State of Washington, you can appear in person in the Auditors Office until February 11, 2025 and registered to vote and be able to vote in the Special Election. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Auditors Office, (509) 422-7240  
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##### Public Notices

**SMALL WORKS ROSTER**  
Wells Ranch Irrigation District is advertising for licensed contractors who desire to be placed in the SMALL WORKS ROSTER for performing projects costing less than \$300,000. The Wells Ranch Irrigation District is an equal opportunity employer and seeks participation from women and minority contractors. Send a letter requesting to be placed on the small works roster to: Wells Ranch Irrigation District, PO Box 425, Brewster, WA 98812. Inquiries may be directed to Barbara Lawson, Secretary/Treasurer at (509)689-2634. Published in the Quad City Herald on January 22, 2025. #9250



#### Public Notices

**Notice of February Special Election Okanogan County, State of Washington**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**  
A Special Election will be held in the below mentioned districts for the purpose of submitting to the voters for their approval or rejection the following:  
Grand Coulee School District No. 301J- Proposition No. 1- Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy  
The registration deadline for online registrations, mail-in registrations and transfers is February 3, 2025. Any qualified elector who is not registered to vote in the State of Washington may register to vote in person at the Auditor's Office up to and including February 11, 2025. You can register or obtain registration forms at the Auditor's Office, on line at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov), and Department of Licensing. The Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, will be open so voters may obtain replacement ballots, drop off voted ballots, obtain provisional ballots, and use the Accessible Voting Units, at the following times.  
• Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM January 24 - February 10, 2025  
• On Election Day only, February 11, 2025, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.  
Drop box locations around the county for this election.  
• Okanogan - Okanogan County Courthouse Auditor's Office, 149 3rd Ave N, room 104  
• Coulee Dam – Town Hall, 300 Lincoln Ave  
Drop boxes will close at 8:00PM on Election Day  
Voters needing additional information or assistance with voter registration forms or voting may call (509) 422-7240. Voters unable to use the mail-in ballot may use the Accessible Voting Unit available at the County Auditor's Office. Ballots require no postage and must be postmarked by the day of the election. Check with your local Post Office for deadlines to have your ballot postmarked properly. For additional information on the election or regarding voter registration.  
• [votewa.gov/okanogan](http://votewa.gov/okanogan)  
• Local newspaper, radio, and TV  
• [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)  
Meetings of the Okanogan County Canvassing Board are open, public meetings and shall be continued until the activities for which the following meetings are held have been completed. Canvass Board meetings are held in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office, 149 3 rd Ave N, Room 104, at the County Courthouse, in Okanogan.  
• Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM to determine the status of any provisional or challenged ballots  
• Friday, February 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM to canvass the votes cast and certify the election  
This notice is in accordance with RCW 29A.52. Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 18 th day of December, 2024, Cari Hall, Okanogan County Auditor and Ex-Officio Supervisor of Elections Jamie Groomes, Chief Deputy/Elections Administrator  
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## LAWN & GARDEN WORD SEARCH

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#### WORDS

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- BLOOMING
- BORDER
- COMPOST
- CUT
- DRAINAGE
- DROUGHT
- EDGE
- FERTILIZE
- GARDEN
- GREEN
- HEALTHY
- INSECTS
- LANDSCAPING
- LAWN
- MOSSY
- MULCH
- POLLINATOR
- PRUNE
- SCENT
- SHRUBS
- SUNLIGHT
- TRIMMING
- WEEDS

Word search grid with words highlighted in orange:

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