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## Pateros School requests bids for \$6 million modernization project



**Pateros School Superintendent Scotti Wiltse and Maintenance, Custodial, and Transportation Supervisor Nolan Tonseth address the Pateros second annual Community Open House on Jan. 28.**

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

Pateros – School Superintendent/Principal Scotti Wiltse and Maintenance, Custodial, and Transportation Supervisor Nolan Tonseth addressed the city’s second annual Community Open House on Jan. 28, where they unveiled a \$6 million upgrade project funded through a Small District Modernization Grant. The contractor bidding process starts this week and continues until 3 p.m., Feb. 18. Construction work begins in March.

Issued through the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) the Small School District Modernization Grant is designed to assist small districts with enrollments of less than 1,000 students to address:

1. Facilities with significant building system deficiencies.
2. Property value so low that replacing or modernizing the school facility through the school construction assistance program would present

an extraordinary tax burden on property owners or would exceed allowable debt for the district.

This funding is intended for small districts where the school facility does not need to be replaced or require extensive modernization but does have significant building system deficiencies.

Plans for Pateros school site work include new bus drop-off and parking improvements, with related utility work. Also landscaping, entry improvements, elevator replacement, and miscellaneous interior renovations.

Wiltse and Tonseth distributed a one-page handout identifying a dozen-plus upgrades:

- Replace main electrical panel inaccessible and out of compliance in the building’s 1964 wing.
- Upgrade the elevator to be ADA compliant.
- Create an emergency rear exit in the band room.
- Reconfigure the bus loop, upgrade parking lot drainage and underground utility hookups.
- Redo elementary playground

retaining wall, add ADA wheelchair to elementary wing.

- Covers for freight entrance and coolers. Address kitchen entrance drainage issues.
- Upgrade electrical in the 1964 wing.
- Add lighting to the covered playground and parking lot.
- Secure main building entryway for safety purposes.
- Add dust collector, ventilation, and backdraft upgrades to the woodshop.
- Update entry security system access control.
- Add ADA compliant ramp to Career and Technical Education (CTE) restrooms.
- Test, adjust, and balance HVAC.
- Improve parking storm water management.

“If the bids come in low, we can do all the projects,” said Wiltse. “If the bids come in high, we will start taking a few of these off the list.”

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## Kyle Davenport enters 2025 APBA season as defending National Champion



**Kyle Davenport and crew chief Tony Parisi are all smiles as they flash their new bling.**

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – The next time Cashmere’s Kyle Davenport grips the steering wheel of his 2.5 stock hydro, Bantam, the boat will be sporting a new number and his right hand a National Championship ring.

It has taken just six years for Bantam owner-driver Davenport to make the leap from 2018 race crew member to American Powerboat

Association (APBA) 2024 National Champion. That became official on January 22-25 at the APBA National Meeting in Reno, Nevada, where Davenport and crew picked up their award, capping a neck-and-neck competitive season that came down to the final race of the season.

### Rookie of the Year

It should come as no surprise that Davenport was on a fast track to the winner’s circle. In his first year of



**Crew member Randy Ogle, left, joins Davenport and Parisi on the podium.**

racing in 2019, he was named APBA West Coast Rookie of the Year, a frequent occasion that introduces new faces as the ones to watch ascend racing’s ladder of achievement. That said, Davenport had a formidable contender all season in the person of Monkey Business driver J. Michael Kelly, who diverged from the 2.5 stock circuit long enough to drive the H1 Unlimited U-1 Miss Beacon Electric to the coveted Gold Cup title at Seattle Seafair.

For much of the 2024 season, the Monkey Business Race Team led the points race up to the Sept. 21-22 Hampton Cup Regatta in Hampton, Virginia, where Davenport emerged with a slim three-point lead. The following weekend at the Manson Hydrofest, Davenport increased his lead to 13 points.

### Hurricane finish

The final showdown involved a 6,000-mile round trip to the Orange



**Davenport delivers his acceptance speech at the awards ceremony.**

Cup Regatta on Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland, Florida, on Oct. 19-20. The weather forecaster, however, had other plans.

Hurricane Milton made landfall on Oct. 9 and devastated much of central Florida, including Lakeland, canceling the scheduled regatta and ending the racing season. Davenport had the title.

“To be clear, I would rather have

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## Pateros holds second annual Community Open House

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – The city council chamber held about two dozen people who listened and contributed to two hours of presentations and discussion at the second annual Community Open House on Jan.28.

City officials described 2024-25 construction project updates, infrastructure projects, planning projects, and economic development ideas. Projects included:

- Warren /Riverside intersection.
- Commercial Avenue.

- 2025 chip seal project.
- Peninsula Park swim beach expansion.
- 2025 planning projects.

Pateros school superintendent/principal Scotti Wiltse and Nolan Tonseth, Maintenance, Custodial, and Transportation Supervisor, kicked off the meeting with a presentation on the district’s \$6 million project coming up this spring that will address improvements to parking, electrical, facilities upgrades, ADA and code issues.

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**The streets highlighted in red will wear a new chip seal coat in time for next summer’s Apple Pie Jamboree.**



**This pole marks the site for the new Recreation Base Camp sign.**

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

# 5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

### Shakespeare In-Person

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Winthrop Library- Main Area "Join us at the library to read a play by Shakespeare. Draw a character from a hat, and enjoy Shakespeare as it was meant to be - aloud" the event page states. "This event will happen on the 2nd Saturday of the month, allowing us to complete a full play over the course of 2 or 3 sessions."

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

### Ski to the Sun Marathon & Relay, Saturday - February 8

Ski as an individual or as a relay with up to 5 other friends or family members

on North America's largest trail network" the event page states. "It will take skiers from tranquil banks of the Methow River to the amazing mountain vistas at Sun Mountain Lodge." Limited to 225 participants.

For more information: [events@methowtrails.org](mailto:events@methowtrails.org)

### Dance the Night Away with Black Market Blues Band

Get ready for the Black Market Blues Band at Heat Night Club at the 12 Tribes Lake Chelan Casino on Feb. 8-9, from 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

"Hailing from the Wenatchee Valley, this talented three-piece band delivers a perfect blend of classic and modern blues/rock favorites!" the

event page states.

This event is FREE and open to all individuals 21+ after 9PM

### Everything Weddings

"North Central Washington's most talented Wedding Professionals will all be at the Town Toyota Center" the event page states. "NCW Bridal Premiere is your one and only must attend bridal and wedding event." Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee, February 8, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

### Cheer on Our Local Talent

OVOC (Okanogan Valley Orchestra & Chorus) Variety Show, Sunday - February 9, starts at 6:00 p.m.

"Once a year, our stage transforms into a vibrant canvas, reflecting the

diverse and creative spirit of the Okanogan Valley" the event page states. "Join us in celebrating the artistic brilliance that thrives within our community."

\$10 per ticket - For more information visit [ovocmusic.org/thevarietyshow](http://ovocmusic.org/thevarietyshow)

## 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 24

9:45:28 Assist Agency, 200 E Birch St, Waterville  
12:48:24 Assist Public Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Wa  
14:03:22 Trespass, 255 Rd 1 Sw, Waterville, W  
16:39:47 Assist Agency Rd 2 Sw & Rd N Sw, Waterville

#### Jan 25

01:18:18 Domestic Disturbance, 512 17th St, Bridgeport

#### Jan 26

11:18:18 Domestic Disturbance, 17th St, Bridgeport, W  
11:17:13 Welfare Check, 54 Moe Rd, Bridgeport Bar,

#### Jan 27

9:31:51 Burglary, 255 Rd 1 Sw, Waterville, W  
13:45:55 911, 237 W 3rd St, Waterville,  
18:51:41 Suspicious, 302 S Central Ave, Waterville  
19:32:48 Malicious Misch, 20 Dion Dr, Bridgeport Bar

#### Jan 28

1:44:17assist Agency, Us Hwy 97 Mp 270, Bridgeport  
11:32:53 Scam, 514 E Poplar St, Waterville  
18:35:51 Juvenile Problem, 45 McCormack St, Bridgeport

#### Jan 29

14:36:53 Traffic Offense, Sr 17 Mp 131, Bridgeport,  
18:47:49 Traffic Offense, oblK Rd E Nw, Waterville,  
19:11:55 Parking/Abando, 312 E Birch St, Waterville  
19:34:31 Welfare Check, 505 16th St, Bridgeport, W

### Jan 30

15:01:25 Assist Public, 506 15th St, Bridgeport, W Db10 Brewster Police Department

### Jan 24

03:13:02 Runaway Juvenile, S 3rd St, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: 12 Yo Sister Snuck Out Of The House. Poss Snuck Out To See Someone  
15:41:31 Accident Noninj, N 7th St, Brewster  
Comments: Rp's Red 2015 Ford F150 Struck By Coworker In Gry 2012 Dodge Ram Caravan Yesterday, Pkg Lot Next To Mcdonalds. Both Parties On Scene. Co Worker Refusing To Give Rp Insurance Info.

### Jan 25

15:59:33 Juvenile Prob, Highway 97, Brewster  
Comments: Juv At Door, Unk What Is Going On  
02:02:05 Alarm Burglary, E Main Av, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: It's Going To Be An Issue We Had Earlier This Week With Several Alarms About This Time. The Building Is Secure.  
03:11:15 Alarm Burglary, E Main Ave, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Zone 3 Front Motion Detector, Drop Time 0305 Hrs.

### Jan 28

01:32:04 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Sb, Okanogan, Wa  
Comments: Poss Dui Driver In Bro Chev Suburban W/ Bike Rack Swerving All Over The Rd Wsp Req Brewster To Start Nb To See If They Can Intercept Per Wsp 1 In Custody Dui

11:46:36 Theft Other, Hospital Way, Brewster, Wa

### Jan 29

15:44:27 Suspicious, S 4th St, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Someone Is Knocking On The Door, Rp Is Home Alone Rp Keeps Asking Who It Is, They Are Not Answering Rp's Door Is Locked  
19:47:27 Lockout, W Main Ave, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Rp Advd A F Locked Her Keys In Car At Middle School  
20:47:08 Trespassing, Highway 97, Highway 97, Brewster  
Comments: 2 Juv Reached Over And Opened Employees Till, Rp's Regional Supervisor Has Photos Of Subj's Faces. 1 Subj Identified Unk Last. Mcdonalds Would Like Them Trespassed From That Location. Employees Asked Them To Leave The Loc, Subj Left.  
23:40:41 Accident Unkinj, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Verizon Crash Detection, Caller Disconnected During Obtaining Information. Made It All The Way To 265 At The Turnoff To Hwy 17. I've Located It, We're Going To Be Right At The Rr Tracks At The S Curves. Don't Believe We Have Any Trains That'll Be Coming Through But Its Right Off The Tracks. You Might Want To Notify Them And State The Veh Is Unoccupied. There Is Some Blood On The Door. There Is Damage To The Railroad Tracks Notified State Of Rr Damage & Veh Occupancy. I Have Talked W/ Trh To Make Sure Nobody Went Pov And They Have Not Rec'vd Anybody.

### Jan 30

11:40:18 Theft Automobile, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa

## Death Announcements

### Porfirio Garcia Cortez

Porfirio Garcia Cortez, 87, of Brewster, Washington passed away on January 30, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Comments: Rp's Red/Bro 2005 Chev Impala Taken Sometime Since Last Night.

### Okanogan County Sheriff

#### Jan 25

11:41:59 Suspicious, Sunset Dr, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: W/hi Newer Chev Blazer With Front End Damage Poss Occ Last Night, Non Blocking

#### Jan 26

0:19:38 Accident Hit & Run, Sunset Dr, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Rp Advd On Fri She Was Driving On The Roadway When She Observed Another Truck On The Opposite Side Coming Into Her Lane. She Swerved And Ended Up In A Church Yard, Hitting A Van. Rp Stated Her Vehicle Is Still At The Church Because Her Insurance Requested It Remain There For Towing And Claim Processing. Front Passenger Side Is Torn. And The Passenger Rear Door Is Dented.

#### Jan 27

11:52:12 Civil, Harmony Heights Rd, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Neighbor Of 16 Years Advised Rp That He Has Been Using Rp's Address For Approximately 10 Years For Propane Services.  
13:05:28 Theft Automobile, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Red With White Hood 2007 Freightliner Semi-Truck, Wa License, Taken Between Saturday 09:00 And This Morning.  
13:56:53 Animal Stray Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Rp Driving In Veh On Old Hwy 97. Two Lrg Dogs Not On Leashes Running At Vehs Driving On Hwy. Rp Is In Veh. Very Difficult To Understand Her.

#### Jan 30

11:40:18 Theft Automobil, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Wa  
Comments: Rp's Red/Bro 2005 Chev Impala Taken Sometime Last Night.  
15:08:17 Citizen Assist S 7th St & W Hanson Ave, Brewster  
Comments: Citizen Assist

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The NCW News network provides timely, accurate, local news stories that are accessible at any time. Readers can access news from across North Central Washington and from our network of community newspapers, Lake Chelan Mirror, Leavenworth Echo, Cashmere Valley Record, Quad City Herald, and the Wenatchee Business Journal.

[www.ncw.news](http://www.ncw.news)

## Community Foundation seeking local advisory board volunteers

NCW News Ward Media

WENATCHEE - The Community Foundation of NCW is seeking new volunteer Local Advisory Board members to review and make decisions on local grants impacting their communities through its Legacy Fund Grant program, which focuses on place-based, community-centered grant distribution to charitable organizations throughout North Central Washington.

Legacy Funds provide grant funding by their geographic regions in Cashmere, Chelan Valley, Methow Valley, Okanogan Valley, Upper Valley, and Wenatchee Valley. These funds have been established by legacy gifts from donors who wanted to leave a meaningful gift to their community beyond their lifetime along with living donors who want to give back to their community.

Each Legacy Fund has a Local Advisory Boards (LABs) comprised of community volunteers who have responsibility for reviewing applications and awarding grants. They aim to represent a broad and diverse cross

section of each community, including a mix of long-time and newer residents, working and retired individuals, donors, volunteers, and community members. Advisors provide leadership and input, recommend grants to benefit each community, help grow the funds, and inspire people to leave a legacy in their local community.

Local Advisory Boards provide opportunities for more local community members to become involved in community philanthropy. Working alongside the Community Foundation and other advisors to evaluate grant applications from their local nonprofit organizations, volunteers achieve a deep understanding of the needs and assets in their communities. Serving on a LAB also gives individuals an opportunity to become ambassadors for growing local resources that local communities in NCW will need to thrive, for generations to come.

Learn more about Local Advisory Boards and apply at <https://cfncw.org/localadvisoryboards/>. Application deadline is March 1.

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## Meetings

### Mondays

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

### Family and friends Support Group:

Third Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)

### Tuesday

**Okanogan County PUD:** The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. Information: [okanoganpud.org](http://okanoganpud.org)

### Douglas County PUD meetings:

The commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Information: [douglaspud.org](http://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 at: [tcfwenatcheevalley.org](http://tcfwenatcheevalley.org)

### Wednesday

**American Legion Post #97:** Current members meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster. Information: Greg Wagg, 206-550-6474.

**American Legion Auxiliary #97:** Meets the first Wednesday of each month, at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster.

### Brewster Chamber of Commerce:

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12 p.m. at the Senior Center, 109 Bridge Street. Information email: [brewsterwachamber@gmail.com](mailto:brewsterwachamber@gmail.com)

**Death Cafe Chelan:** Third Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Chelan Public Library, 216 N. Emerson Street; and

5:30-6:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center, 534 Trow Avenue, 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:

Changes at Chelan Valley Hope and Lake Chelan Food Bank. We're thrilled to announce that construction on the Chelan Valley Hope building addition is complete, and we've officially moved into our new space. While we're settling in, we're still open and here to serve you as usual. Please note, instead of using the blue door, head to the white door on the right side of the new addition for donations and to meet with a case manager. Our new lobby and offices are designed to ensure the best possible client confidentiality and comfort. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to call us at 509-888-2114. We look forward to welcoming you.

## RiverCom seeks matching State and Federal funding for new public safety answering point facility

NCW NEWS  
Ward Media

WENATCHEE - RiverCom, the region's essential 911 call-taking and emergency services dispatching provider, is seeking state and federal support to help fund a new Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) facility that will ensure continued, reliable, and professional 911 services to Chelan and Douglas Counties.

The current RiverCom facility, located on the third floor of the Wenatchee Police Department is no longer adequate to support the growing public safety needs of the region. Built in 2004, the facility faces numerous challenges that limit RiverCom's capacity to meet the growing emergency response needs of the region,

including limited space, inadequate electrical capacity, and vulnerability to power outages and natural disasters. A 2019 study from an outside consultant, emphasized the need for a new facility, noting that the existing space is beyond capacity and ill-equipped to accommodate future growth. Since the 2019 report, RiverCom call volume has increased by 17% and staffing by 12% highlighting an even greater need now than at the time of the study.

"We've been managing with an outdated, overcrowded facility that is simply not up to the task of supporting RiverCom's critical mission," said Doug Jones, RiverCom Director. "Our current staffing levels and operational needs require space, modern infrastructure, and security

that this facility can't provide. A new facility will ensure we continue to meet the growing demands of our community, now and into the future."

The RiverCom Administrative Board, which oversees RiverCom, is committed to making the new facility a reality. The board consists of elected officials from Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Chelan County, Douglas County, as well as representatives from the regional fire, police and EMS agencies served by RiverCom.

"The new RiverCom PSAP will not only strengthen local emergency services but also improve coordination between local, state, and federal agencies," said Sheriff Mike Morrison, RiverCom Board Chair. "This is especially crucial when responding to events, such as wildland

fires or search and rescue emergencies, where seamless communication and resource-sharing can make all the difference in saving lives and protecting property."

Wenatchee Mayor Mike Poirier, who also serves as a RiverCom board member, emphasized the regional significance of the project. "This facility is not just for Wenatchee, it serves all the communities in Chelan and Douglas counties. By investing in this state-of-the-art PSAP, we are strengthening our region's overall emergency response capabilities and enhancing public safety for not only our citizens, but our regional tourism as well."

In August 2024, the RiverCom board took a significant step forward by purchasing land for the new facility for \$1.4 million.

The property is located at the corner of 5th St. N.E. and N. Lyle Ave. in Douglas County.

RiverCom is in the process of requesting both state and federal community project funding for the remaining finances needed to complete the project. "We've been able to save a good portion of project funds through the local communication sales tax, but securing matching state and federal funds will make this project a reality," said Jones, concluding that, "this is a sound investment in regional

public safety, ensuring the citizens of Chelan and Douglas counties receive a fast, reliable, and well-coordinated response when they call 911 in times of crisis."

RiverCom receives 150,000 total calls per year and provides emergency dispatching services to all law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies in Chelan and Douglas Counties. In addition, RiverCom owns, operates, and maintains the regional radio communications network used by first responders.



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## McCarthy scores 30 in Bears' 70-68 Tonasket thriller

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

TONASKET – If the Tigers' varsity basketball team is having a collective nightmare lately the main protagonist in it is probably Brewster's Thomas McCarthy. The Bears' 6' 6" senior erupted for 30 points at Tonasket Jan. 28 to lead all scorers in the single basket, two-point 70-68 win over the Tigers.

Brewster led by four points, 12-17, at the end of the first quarter. McCarthy had 19 points by halftime as the Bears increased their lead, 41-34.

The scoring combo of Tigers' junior Tanner Tompkins and senior Kristian Jones, with 27 and 23 points respectively accounted for all but 20 of Tonasket's scoring. It still was just short of what was needed to counter the McCarthy factor. Preston Thompson also hit in double figures with 17.

Despite being down by as

much as 13 points the Tigers clawed back to make the final quarter of the game a real nail-biter. With less than a minute to go and the score 65-67 Bears, McCarthy struck close to the basket for his 29th point giving Brewster a two-possession lead. With less than 20 seconds on the clock Tompkins hit a three-pointer to bring the Tigers within one, 69-68. Following a timeout McCarthy took the inbound pass and was immediately fouled. He made one of his two free throws giving Tonasket a final chance to tie or win the game. A Tompkins three-point attempt barely missed its mark.

"We are playing more intense and with better purpose," said head coach Michael Taylor. "Our defense is still not very good, but we've scored enough the last couple games."

The Lady Bears won their 10th consecutive game leading

from the opening quarter to finish 12 points up, 63-51. Brewster led at all stops, 18-5 at the end of the first quarter, 37-28 at halftime, and 50-39 after three.

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Brewster (21-41-58-70)	
T. McCarthy	30
P. Thompson	17
J. Piechalski	8
S. Covington	7
F. Nava	4
G. Baker	4
Tonasket (17-34-49-68)	
T. Tompkins	27
K. Jones	23
B. Prock	8
G. O'Connor	6
C. Maldonado	2
E. Batdorf	2

### Brewster High School

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Brewster	70	Tonasket	68	Win
Thu, Jan 30	Brewster	87	Omak	94	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Brewster	63	Tonasket	51	Win
Thu, Jan 30	Brewster	63	Omak	46	Win

### Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Bridgeport	53	Cascade	50	Win
Fri, Jan 31	Bridgeport	42	Chelan	75	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Bridgeport	32	Cascade	58	Loss
Fri, Jan 31	Bridgeport	22	Chelan	75	Loss

### Pateros High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Thu, Feb 6	6:00 PM	Entiat vs.	Cascade Christian	Home	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Mon, Jan 27	Pateros	65	Easton	33	Win
Tue, Jan 28	Pateros	72	Entiat	69	Win
Fri, Jan 31	Pateros	45	Waterville-Mansfield	54	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Pateros	67	Entiat	20	Win

### Waterville High School

Boys Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Feb 7	7:15 PM		Cascade	Away	
Girls Basketball Schedule					
Fri, Jan 31	6:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Pateros	Away	
Sat, Feb 1	5:30 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Chelan	Home	
Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Waterville-Mansfield	23	Almira-Coulee-Hartline	79	Loss
Fri, Jan 31	Waterville-Mansfield	54	Pateros	45	Win
Sat, Feb 1	Waterville-Mansfield	20	Moses Lake Christian Academy	50	Loss
Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Jan 28	Waterville-Mansfield	55	Almira-Coulee-Hartline	35	Win
Sat, Feb 1	Waterville-Mansfield	2	Chelan	9	Win

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK **Brewster**

### Jacob Pechalski Brewster Boys Basketball Wing #24

Junior wing Jacob has shown impressive growth in his game this season, particularly in balancing his solid shooting touch with an improved ability to attack the rim. His skill set and work ethic have earned him valuable minutes at both the JV and varsity levels. Jacob's continued development and flashes of high-level play point to his potential to take on an even larger varsity role. His year-over-year improvement and strong work ethic are setting him up for an impactful senior season ahead.



## Pateros junior Stevie Simmons named WIAA Athlete of the Week

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS -- Varsity girls' basketball standout Stevie Simmons has been named Week 19 WIAA Athlete of the Week by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. Simmons' selection recognized the 18 points, 7 rebounds, and 6 steals per game she averaged over three games between Jan. 14-17, against Oroville (52-10), Liberty Bell (47-34), and Curlew (52-43), contributing to three wins. She also recorded a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds while leading the team as the point guard.

Head coach Jaren Henton said his junior team leader is averaging 13.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, and 5 steals per game this season.



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**Pateros junior Stevie Simmons named WIAA Athlete of the Week**

"She is one of the captains and has played high school basketball since her eighth grade year," Henton said. "She also plays soccer in the fall runs track in the spring."

Henton added that off the court Simmons is an academic standout as well.

"She is an exceptional

student being one of the top in her class," Henton said.

Pateros is currently undefeated and ranked first in the 1B Central Washington District with a 4-0 record and 14-4 overall.

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## Second annual Path to the Podium draws 84 youth teams



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**Columbia River No.1 drives around an Omak defender in one of the opening games featuring fifth grade girls in Brewster's main gym. Three games are guaranteed for each of the 84 teams registered.**

By **MIKE MALTAIS**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – Teams competing in the second annual Path to the Podium Youth Basketball Tournament hit multiple basketball courts from Brewster to Pateros at 6 p.m. Friday Jan. 31. The opening round of 80 games signaled the beginning of three days of competition through Sunday, Feb. 2, between 84 registered teams.

"There will be more than 150 games," said organizer Nikki Gebbers.

The AAU sanctioned tournament was limited to fourth through eighth grade teams from B and small A schools and team members had to be from the same school.

The benefit of experience from last year's first tournament helped Gebbers fine tune details, recruit volunteers, and line up sponsors.

"Everything was digital, live, and free on the on the SportsEngine Tourney app," said Gebbers. "I organized this series easily with the help of a lot of great people."

Volunteers include:

- Naomie Peasley – a referee in the county – organized every referee in the entire tournament.
- "We pay them really well because we know that quality referees equate to a quality tournament," said Gebbers. "Donations this year covered the cost of the refs – the tournament's largest expense – plus double."
- Brewster Athletic Director Travis Todd handled the army of volunteers including student score and timekeepers.

"The Brewster kids are required to do community service every year, so they jump on this and they cover every score table we have for two-and-a-half days," Gebbers said.

Stephanie Schertenleib organized the gym managers.

"I did that to make sure my clock kids don't get yelled at, that the referees are treated with respect and the games start on time," said Gebbers. "We play 80 games on Saturday, so they have to start on time."

The gym managers are

trusted community adults who volunteer to stand in the county to keep everything in order. Speaking of gyms, the tournament used six gym spaces in Brewster and Pateros to accommodate the teams.

Brewster boys basketball head coach Michael Taylor and Stephanie Vassar organized the entries and brackets.

Concessions were turned over to community groups trying to raise money.

Among the groups on hand was Only 7 Seconds launched in May 2019 to address youth loneliness.

Plateau Prints and Signs in Waterville provided customized clothing.

"I don't like charging people to watch their own kids when they have already paid for a tournament," said Gebbers. "We did not charge at the gate this year...that makes it more welcoming."

A Facebook page – Path to the Podium Brewster – features other tournament and sponsor information.

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**Austin Hinderer of Plateau Prints and Signs in Waterville holds one of the souvenir sweatshirts he custom made for the event.**



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**The generosity of local sponsors and donors made the tournament possible.**



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**A team of Chelan boys warm up in the commons area.**



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**Path to the Podium provides a great opportunity to introduce youngsters to basketball.**



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# NCW bridal show celebrates 40 years of wedding planning excellence

**By Quinn Propst**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – North Central Washington's largest and longest running bridal show, Bridal Premierè, will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the 2025 show on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee. More than 60 vendors will be on hand to showcase their wedding related business and products. Admission is free and attendees will have the opportunity to register for door prizes.

Bridal Premierè has assisted thousands of brides and grooms-to-be plan their perfect wedding day, said Katrina Curtis-Anderson event coordinator and owner of Katrina's Wedding Boutique.

The show features wedding and reception venues, wedding gowns, bridesmaids dresses, tuxedos, floral, bakery and cakes, catering, wedding planners, photographers, DJs,

mobile bars and more. Curtis-Anderson said the event offers the opportunity to speak with wedding professionals and get help planning the big day.

However, the event isn't just for brides.

"It's not just for ladies," Curtis-Anderson said. "There's a lot of things for men, you know, whether it's tuxedos or picking out beers or ciders. There's all sorts of things there too, it's not just for weddings, because we have a lot of people that come there for birthdays, quinceaneras, anniversaries, so any type of event."

Curtis-Anderson has been organizing the bridal show since she was 17. Her mother bought the store, now known as Katrina's Wedding Boutique in 1985, when she was a senior in high school.

"We were prom shopping, and we ended up buying the whole store because my mom thought it would be something fun to do, and she asked if she

could name it after me and I said sure," she said.

Curtis-Anderson and her mother started the bridal show that same year and it has been going strong since 1985.

According to Curtis-Anderson, North Central Washington has become a sought-after wedding destination due to its natural beauty and diverse venues, including wineries and outdoor locations. Many brides return to the area from Seattle, Spokane, and beyond to celebrate their weddings in their hometown.

For couples looking to streamline their wedding planning process, the NCW Bridal Premierè offers an opportunity to connect with industry experts and explore the latest trends in a single day.

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

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The NCW Bridal Premierè connect brides and grooms with wedding experts to help plan their big day.



Models display wedding gowns at Bridal Premierè, NCW's largest and longest running bridal show.



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A love sign greets visitors to the Bridal Premierè show.



Models show off wedding gowns at the Bridal Premierè.

## Flywheel Investment Conference applications opened February 1 - Over \$150,000 in awards



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Group photo of 2024 Flywheel Conference winners with the Flywheel Angel Network.

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WENATCHEE – The annual Flywheel Investment Conference, presented by Ogden Murphy Wallace, Microsoft, and Clark Nuber, announces the opening of applications for its highly anticipated 2025 investment competition. Applications opened on February 1, inviting early-stage companies across Washington State to compete for investment awards starting at \$150,000.

The 2024 Flywheel Investment Conference was a milestone event, drawing attendees from over 100 zip codes to Wenatchee. Since its inception, Flywheel has received 385 applications, with 48 companies presenting and \$1.5 million awarded in investments. Finalists have gone on to secure millions more in follow-on funding, cementing Flywheel's role as a catalyst for startup growth in Washington State.

For 2025, Flywheel is unveiling a refreshed format and a new conference date of May 21-23. Enhancements include sector-specific sessions, an expanded exhibitor hall, more networking opportunities, and exciting keynote speakers. The three-day event will culminate in the Top Six Competition on May 23, where finalists will compete live for investment awards.

Companies seeking angel investment are encouraged to apply for a chance to secure funding at Flywheel.

The Flywheel Conference offers over \$150,000 in total investment opportunities, including a \$50,000 relocation incentive and a \$5,000 audience favorite cash prize awarded by attendee vote.

The competition is open to a diverse range of industries, encouraging Washington State-based companies to showcase their potential. There is no fee to apply. Applicants submitting a complete application will receive a 50% discount on conference tickets and recognition for their participation. Finalists will receive free conference tickets, hotel accommodations, and exclusive tours. Applications are due March 17. For details or to apply, visit: [flywheelconference.com/apply](http://flywheelconference.com/apply).

Each year, the Flywheel Angel Network establishes a new LLC to invest in competition winners. The Flywheel Conference 2025 Fund LLC will be led by Leonard (Len) Backus, a distinguished startup sales leader. Len has built and

led sales teams at over a dozen tech companies, two of which achieved IPOs and others that successfully underwent mergers and acquisitions.

Currently an angel investor and fractional VP of Sales based in central Washington, Len holds a BS from the University of Washington and an MS from USC as a Hughes Masters Fellow. His experience as VP International for two public companies and his extensive global network in emerging tech and sales channels uniquely position him to lead this year's fund.

The Flywheel Fund is accepting new accredited investors for 2025. Investment participation offers a unique opportunity to support innovative startups based in Washington State. Interested investors are invited to attend the next Flywheel Angel Network Meeting, held virtually on February 19 at noon. Contact information can be found at [flywheelconference.com/about](http://flywheelconference.com/about).



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**Warren/Riverside intersection**

Pateros Mayor Kelly Hook said that when he first ran for mayor, there was “a lot of concern about the speed on Warren Avenue.”

Hook said his original preference was a roundabout – the first one in Okanogan County – but was persuaded to consider the redesign layout that is now in place. The state Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) funded the renovation to slow traffic speed, increase pedestrian safety, and improve visibility.

The jury is still out as to how effective the new changes will meet those goals, but Hook said the city is prepared to take further measures if needed. Those measures could include a stop sign at the intersection and the addition of speed bumps.

“We hoped to have some funds to fix the tennis courts, but that grant did not come through,” Hook said.

**Commercial Avenue**

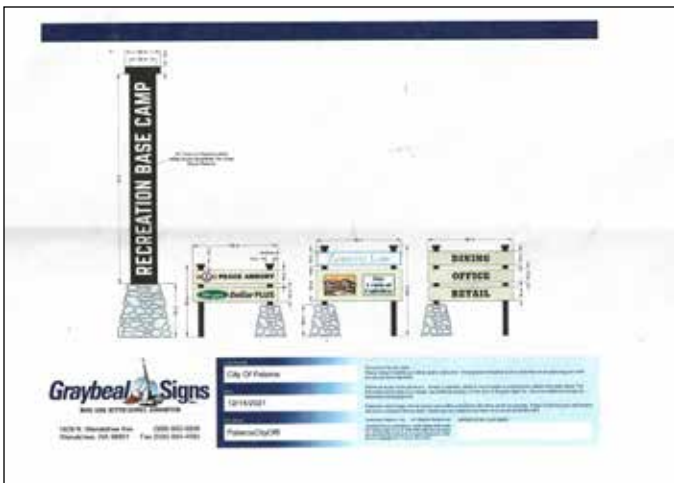
Work on Commercial Avenue began last October and will resume this spring. The goals are to increase the city’s economic appeal and beautification, slow traffic, increase pedestrian access and safety, provide more parking, and manage stormwater.

“When the town was put in the mall was the main street,” recalled Hook. “When they put in the dam, they moved the highway so now from the highway you are looking at the alley side of the businesses. We are trying to figure out a way to make it look nicer, more presentable, and draw some business in from people on the road.”

The near-\$2 million project has three funding sources: \$1,558,075 from TIB, \$180,000 in ARPA money, and \$32,8917 the city kicked in.

The city is still seeking funding for signage for the mall including the 20-foot Recreation Base Camp pillar and smaller array of seven-foot business identification signs.

A new parking plan along the south side of Commercial will provide more continuity with diagonal parking spaces



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along the business section of the avenue.

**Chipseal project**

“We just got word at the end of the year that TIB will fund 100 percent of the \$343,064 of the 2025 chipseal project,” Hook said.

Streets involved include Lakeshore Drive, Commercial Avenue, and South Dawson Street in the downtown plus Park, Augusta, Edna, and Pearl streets north of Warren Avenue.

“That will be late spring or early summer but before Apple Pie so it will be swept and clean and looking nice all the way down to the old” city shop,” Hook said.

**Peninsula Park swim beach expansion**

“Douglas County PUD is going to extend (and pay for) the beach and fence line,” said Hook.

Along the way PUD will continue the existing retaining wall and railing, provide access for beach maintenance, increase beach access, and at the same time protect the large oak tree.

**Wastewater system improvements**

Hook said that during a meeting last year with legislators he related that the city’s sewer plant dates from 1998-99.

“It’s more than 20 years old and not holding to requirements,” said Hook. “We have about 320 hookups to our town water system serving a population of 600.”

Hook said when he estimated the cost to upgrade the system

at \$12-13 million, “You could have heard a pin drop.”

“We’ve got to start looking for funding now because it’s just getting older,” Hook said.

The wastewater system analysis compiled by city engineer Varela Engineering and Management reports that the majority of the city’s sewer system is nearly 65 years old. Many of the mains are constructed of asbestos cement or concrete and sit below the normal pool elevation of Wells Dam. Varela estimates wastewater improvement costs at:

- Sewer collection system - \$4.98 million.
- Treatment plant upgrades - \$9.33 million.

Resident Shelly Roalson suggested that the city designate a shelter or facility near the EV station where users can get out of the weather while charging vehicles.

“A lot of times with electric cars you cannot sit inside of them while there are being charged,” Roalson said.

Economic Alliance Executive Director Ronnie Holder-Diefenbach spoke about a new economic development plan for the county since the last one in 1968.

“We are in the process of doing an updated document to come with a plan that will make sense for all of our small rural communities as well as the county as a whole,” said Holder-Diefenbach. “Housing, childcare, transportation, all the things that impact our local economy are going to be addressed in that.”

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**Kyle Davenport's APBA National Championship ring.**

**Kyle Davenport**

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gone down there and raced,” said Davenport at the time. “Nature had other designs on it, but it certainly would have been fun to go out and race for it.”

As the man to catch on the circuit this year, Davenport, 54, said he has no plans to hang up his racing gear anytime soon.

“I have no intention of really ever quitting,” said Davenport. “I’d like to be able to continue to stay in the competition at least into my 70’s if my body and mind allow it. I hope to be racing for another 20 years or so.”

**Dirt bike to hydro**

Prior to switching to hydros, Davenport tried bike racing in 2014.

“I’ve had the competitive side of me my whole life,” said Davenport. “I did the Dirty Face motorcycle ride out of Lake Wenatchee.”

The Dirty Face is an American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) sanctioned event covering about 100 miles within the public lands in the Lake Wenatchee/Entiat area.

“Then I did the whole Hare Scramble series in 2015-16 in the over-40 beginner group,” Davenport said.

The AMA website describes

a hare scramble as mass-start races with all riders in a single class starting on the same row and then racing all-out to the finish.

Davenport soon realized that being competitive in that sport came with inevitable physical cost.

“For the guys that were good it was not a matter of if I was going to get injured it was a matter of when.”

In preparation for the coming season Davenport is having a backup engine built by Blockhead Marine in Auburn. Toward the end of the 2024 season Bantam’s Pinto powerplant was running with a warped head, increasing the risk of major damage. Davenport had to finish the Manson heats by changing engine oil after each race to compensate for water buildup in the oil pan.

When he is not behind the wheel of a hydro, Davenport is the chief hydro operator at Rocky Reach Dam. A position he had held since 2018.

**Ride along – with popcorn**

Viewers can log on to Davenport’s YouTube channel, BozGoz (youtube.com/@BozGozRacing) to virtually ride along in the cockpit with the reigning champion driver.

A GoPro camera mounted

**Tentative 2025 race schedule**

April 26-27	Yelm - Lake Lawrence
May 3-4	Chelan
June 7-8	Decatur, Illinois - Eastern Division
June 14-15	Richland
July 4-6	Madison, Indiana
July 12-13	Olympia - Black Lake-Summer National
July 27-29	Kennewick – Columbia Cup
August 9-10	Pateros – Western Division
August 16-17	Oak Harbor
Sept. 6-7	Brewster
Sept. 27-28	Manson

behind the driver provides an armchair and popcorn safe view of the racecourse as Davenport guides his fire engine red No. 6 Bantam around the buoys at speeds near or beyond 100 mph.

The APBA gives one ring out free with the option to purchase more. Davenport bought one for crew chief Tony Paraisi. Davenport’s engine builder, Marty Haack at Blockhead Machine also purchased one.

The Bantam crew members include Matt Otulo of Wenatchee, Azura Dugger of Cashmere, her grandfather Randy Ogle of Wenatchee, and Chris and JoAnne Carson of Hoodsport.

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**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE, REQUEST FOR OBSERVERS for 2025 February Special Election**  
The Canvassing Board of Okanogan County, pursuant to chapter 29A.60 RCW, will hold public meetings on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 11:00 AM to determine the status of any provisional or challenged ballots, and on Friday, February 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM, to canvass the votes cast and certify the election, at the Okanogan County Auditor's Office. These meetings of the canvassing board are open, public meetings, and shall be continued until the activity for which the meetings are held has been completed. Note: Checking of Signatures will begin on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 9:00AM Initial Processing (opening and scanning) of ballots will begin on Friday, January 31, 2025, at 9:00AM. Vote totals will be tallied the day of the election and at least once after the election. The law allows ballots to be opened, checked, scanned, and resolved in the voting system from the date of receipt. On Election Day, the processed totals will be entered into the Tabulation system (Final Processing). No totals will be released until after 8:00 PM on Election Day (Tabulation). Final Processing and Tabulation times will be provided to the Official Party Observers. Official Party and Community Observers should be present during these processes. However, if Official Party Observers or Community Observers should not be appointed, the processing of ballots will continue. We will need no more than 3 official observers one from each party, and 1 Community Observer. Please notify us in writing at elections@co.okanogan.wa.us the day prior, please include a phone number in case we need to contact you. Published in the Quad City Herald on February 5, 2025. #9150

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**Okanogan County Auditor Elections Department Mandatory Audits**  
Two audits are required by law.  
• Duplicated ballots – to be completed before certification  
• Random – hand count of 3 precincts, one office/race no later than 48 hours after Election Day.  
The audit schedule is as follows. Audits will take place in the Okanogan County Auditor's office. Party observers are welcome. Random Thursday – February 13, 2025 at 2:00 PM  
Duplicated ballots Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM  
You can submit the precincts and office/race that you would like to see audited by 10:00 AM the day of the Audit. Both parties must agree on the precincts and office/race or the Auditor's office will make the final determination. The office/race selected must appear in all three precincts. Precincts selected must have enough ballots to preserve voter secrecy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Auditor's Office. (509) 422-7240  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
Wells Ranch Irrigation District will have a board meeting Friday, February 14th. Board meeting will be held at the hour of 12:00 p.m. of said day at the restaurant Los Comperos, which is at 301 E. Main Street, Brewster WA.  
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**Guess Who?**

I am an athlete born in Switzerland on January 4, 1999. I became the first Swiss player ever to be taken first in the NHL Entry Draft. My hockey fame has led to many followers on Instagram.

Answer: Nico Hischier

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to New Year's Eve.

**ATTOSS**

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Answer: Toasts

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**MEDITATION WORD SEARCH**

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

**WORDS**

- ASHRAM
- AWARENESS
- BODHI
- BUDDHISM
- CHAKRA
- CHANT
- CREATIVE
- DHARMA
- ENERGY
- ENLIGHTENMENT
- GROUNDING
- HINDUISM
- KARMA
- MANTRA
- MEDITATION
- MENTAL
- MINDFULNESS
- NIRVANA
- PEACEFUL
- REST
- SANSKRIT
- TRANQUILITY
- VISUALIZATION
- ZEN



