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Bridgeport plans spring survey to guide city's growth vision

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The planning commission is developing a survey for distribution among city residents to gather feedback that will help guide future development decisions. The survey is aimed at an early spring release and will be available on the city website in paper form and accessible by a QR code included in the city's monthly bill. The survey will be finalized in March.

"We need this as a part of the public involvement," said city planner Kurt Danison.

Danison said the information the commission will be requesting addresses topics such as how comfortable city growth is for city respondents.

"We are doing a plan for 20 years," said Danison. "We have to have something to work with."

While Danison estimates Bridgeport's annual growth is one-half percent or less, he used a city growth projection of one percent – 30 people - a year for purposes of an example.

"If we had 30 people moving here a year and the average household size is 2.5, that's 13 or 14 households we need, and we are supposed to plan for that," Danison said.

He noted that the city has ample vacant land and water and sewer infrastructure.

"The thing that is missing out of all this is we can't make people build houses," Danison said.

A question related to housing growth is how community residents feel about accessory dwelling units (ADUs), a term used to describe an addition to an existing structure that can be rented out.

2020 survey

Residents may recall a similar survey taken in 2020 when the city was compiling its Community

Revitalization Plan for the SR-173 Corridor. That 14-question survey ran for a month and generated 196 responses. The full results of those responses can be revisited in Appendix A of the 80-page report published by SCJ Alliance Consulting Services of Spokane.

Among the questions asked in that survey were:

- What city do you work in?
- Do you own a business in Bridgeport?
- What new business or developments do you think are most needed in downtown Bridgeport?

One question asked respondents to rate downtown conditions, such as

- Parking
- Overall appearance
- Connections to trails and parks
- Availability of housing

More recently, a door-to-door survey of downtown businesses helped the commission determine what elements to include in the sidewalk renovation design. The final concept features a four-zone sidewalk with frontage, pedestrian, street furniture, and enhancement lanes.

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Fire District 15 honors volunteers at 2025 Appreciation Dinner



A full banquet hall enjoys dinner provided by Brewster Marketplace.

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Winner of the Most Inspirational Award, Pateros volunteer Cindy Cavazos tries the buffet.



Brewster Fire Chief Dylan Gamble welcomes guests and handles introductions.



Pateros Chief Kerry Heen, right, presents the station's Chief's Award to assistant Chief Matt Coffman.

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BREWSTER – There were no major callouts on Saturday afternoon and evening, Feb. 8, to interrupt the 2025 Appreciation Dinner for Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 (DOCFD15) volunteers held at the Brewster American Legion.

Dozens of district volunteers and family members representing five stations – Methow, Pateros, Brewster, Rocky Butte, and Bridgeport - gathered in the Columbia Post 97 banquet hall to share food and stories and reflect on the year just past.

City Fire Chief Dylan Gamble welcomed guests and handled introductions during the four-hour

event. Following the invocation and Fallen Firefighter Empty Chair Ceremony, guests enjoyed dinner provided by Brewster Marketplace.

Guest speaker Billy Bosch of Real Life Church praised the firefighter/EMS fraternity.

"You are the brave individuals, and you are the heartbeat of our towns' safety and security," said Bosch. "You are the ones who answer the call at all hours of the day and night and leave behind your own families to ensure the safety of ours...God bless each and every one of you."

Gamble recognized Paine, along with Bosch, as counseling resources.

"These two are great guys," said Gamble. "If you are having problems, they will take time to talk to you

anytime."

Scattered throughout the evening were ticket drawings for lucky recipients of prizes donated by two dozen businesses from around the area.

At one point, Gamble turned the meeting over to station leaders for the presentation of awards. Volunteers and award recipients include:

Pateros Station

- Chief Kerry Heen
- Asst. Chief Matt Coffman (Chief's Award)
- Captain Gage Carson (Firefighter of the Year Award)
- 1st Lt Bruce Henne

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American Legion post seeks growth after mixed 2024

By MIKE MALTAIS
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BREWSTER – American Legion Columbia Post 97 is looking back at 2024 as a measure to help the organization move forward in 2025. Post Commander Greg Wagg said that while the post had a pretty good year, some tough choices had to be made to reduce expenses and payroll.

The closure of Bridgeport Post 218 several years ago left the Brewster Post as the only one still operating between Chelan and Okanogan.

"We would really like to see more members coming to our meetings," Wagg wrote in the post newsletter.

General membership meetings are at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the post headquarters at 102 N. Third Street.

Recruiting new members is a continual challenge to have a volunteer pool for community contributions. The honor guard is a case in point.

"Our honor guard is shorthanded," said Wagg. "Remember, it is an honor to honor our friends, members, and

fellow veterans who have passed on."

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A review of the year just passed touched on some of the highlight events:

- The August golf tournament was a great success.
- "We had some new sponsors and new prizes," said Wagg. "This tournament nets us between three and five thousand dollars each year."
- Day of the Dead Tamale Contest.

The Legion partnered with the Brewster Chamber for this new and popular attraction.

"This is going to be an annual event," said Wagg. "A good way to reach out to our Hispanic community members."

- Community Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

"We had lots of donated food and volunteers," said Wagg. "Each dinner served about 50 people. We received nearly a thousand dollars from donations."

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Rebecca Hernandez, 5, spreads the cape of lights on her catrina dress at the Day of the Dead tamale feed in the Legion banquet hall.

Columbia River Drug Task Force seized over 6,000 fentanyl pills in 2024

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Columbia River Drug Task Force seized more than 5,500 grams of methamphetamine and over 6,300 fentanyl pills during operations in 2024.

The multi-agency task force, comprising officers from Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Wenatchee Police Department, and East Wenatchee Police Department, made

92 arrests and opened 101 new cases throughout the year.

Among those arrested were 27 known gang members. The task force also disrupted six drug trafficking organizations operating in Chelan and Douglas Counties.

During their operations, officers executed 86 search warrants, leading to the seizure of 46 firearms, many of which were reported stolen. The task force confiscated approximately

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THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Wenatchee Polar Plunge

Join us for the 2025 Wenatchee Polar Plunge, Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Walla Walla Point Park. Whether you take the plunge or donate, proceeds from the Polar Plunge will fuel our mission as we celebrate Special Olympics Washington's 50th anniversary in 2025. This milestone year marks half a century of creating inclusive opportunities and life-changing programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Washington State. By registering to Plunge, you commit to raising an additional \$50 (beyond the registration fee) to support Special Olympics Washington. This pledge qualifies you to plunge and receive an event shirt. Schedule: 11 a.m. – Registration opens, 11:45 a.m. - Awards & Costume Contest begins, 12 p.m. – Plunge!

doors and welcoming in arts lovers 5-7 pm. The Confluence: Art in Twisp will be hosting their opening reception for Pattern in the Main Gallery and Kayla White's Community gallery show: View Finding–Methow Color Studies. Across the street, The Merc Playhouse will open their box office for advance ticket tales to any show of the 2025 Season, Art Crawlers can gather together in their concessions area to purchase snacks and beverages and socialize. RYZO Tasting Room will have a reception for photographer Steve Mitchell and his stunning night sky pieces. And up the road at Last Chance Distilling, new artworks by Baylie Peplow will be on display and cocktails will be served.

Twisp, 201 S. Highway 20, Twisp, Washington, For more information, visit twispwa.com

For more information, <https://polarplungewa.com/> or Contact 206 362 4949

Twisp Art Crawl

Come down to Twisp on Feb. 22, for a night of art and community. Downtown businesses will be opening their

program, perfect for all ages—from preschoolers to senior adults. Explore “Kish: Versus Fish: Comparative Anatomy” to discover how kids and fish are alike and different, learn how salmon use their fins in “Fun with Fins”, and create a unique keepsake by coloring your own wooden fish to take home. Join us this winter for a fun and educational experience celebrating the wonders of salmon.

For more information, visit <https://www.chelanpud.org/learning-center/rocky-reach-discovery-center> or Contact 509 663 7522

Dark Chocolate Fondue at Silver Bell Winery

February is Red Wine & Chocolate Month, and we're excited to celebrate at Silver Bell Winery: 21 Veroske Rd., Manson on Feb. 22, 12 p.m.-5 p.m. with our luxurious dark chocolate fondue platter, available all month long. Indulge in this silky, decadent treat with a delightful assortment of bites perfect for

For more information, visit <https://silverbellwinery.com/events>

Chelan Firefighter Stair Climb Auction

Join us for the 3rd Annual Auction in support of the Chelan firefighters as they gear up for the Columbia Tower Stair Climb in Seattle. Each year, our dedicated team participates in this inspiring

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dipping. Treat yourself to this luxurious experience—don't let February slip away without savoring it. This perfectly pairs with our 2021 Stormy Mountain Silhouette and our newly released 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon.

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event to raise vital funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, supporting those affected by blood cancers. This year's auction will take place on February 22 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Hard Row to Hoe: 300 Ivan Morse Rd, Manson. Proceeds from the event will directly contribute to our fundraising efforts, helping us make a meaningful impact in the fight against leukemia and lymphoma. Your generosity can make a difference Consider joining us for an afternoon of community, giving, and hope. Together, we can climb toward a cure.

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Okanogan & Douglas County Sheriff, Brewster Police Dept Report

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Douglas County

Feb 8

22:11:31 Accident No Inj Sr 172 Mp 12, Mansfield, W

Feb 9

9:37:14 Harrass 407 N Adams St, Waterville

19:59:25 Domestic Distur 1645 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport

Feb 10

14:12:38 Civil 1938 Foster Creek

Ave, Bridgeport

17:08:48 Animal Problem 1666 W Baseline Rd, Waterville

22:46:13 Domestic Distur 2520 Foster Creek Ave, Bridgeport

Feb 11

15:35:40 Court Order Via 1910 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

18:04:40 Assist Public 1625 Fairview Ave, Bridgep

Feb 12

11:38:21 Harass/Threat, 21 Gun

Club Rd, Bridgeport

17:34:08 Harass/Threat , 855 Fairview Ave, Bridgeport

Brewster Police Dept.

Feb 7

20:33:11 911 Transfer Highway 97, Pateros, Wa Comments: Veh Vs Deer, Blocking. Airbags Deployed. Veh Is Non Blocking

Feb 9

20:02:07 Agency Assist Douglas Ave, Bridgeport, Wa Comments: Req 2nd Unit For Poss Domestic Dispute.

Feb 10

15:17:26 Assault S 7th St; BrewsterComments Out For An Apparent Fight; Verbal Only

Feb 11

08:58:26 Theft Other S 7th St, Brewster, Wa C

Feb 12

16:53:54 Animal Stray S Bridge

St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Lg Lt Color Dog Running Loose, Collar W/ Red Tag. Not Aggressive, Rp Concerned Dog May Be Struck By Veh I've Loc'd Dog. Have Him In My Veh Enrt The Pound. If Anyone Calls, It's A Tan Color Sheep Dog. Med Size If Someone Calls About The Dog. Put Them Through To My Cell

Okanogan Sheriff

Feb 6

08:54:12 Agency Referral Starr Rd, Pateros, Comments: M Suvj Is Poss Being Financially Exploited By An Unk Person.

Feb 7

19:44:05 Accident Noninj Old Hwy 97 & Monse River Rd; Brewster comments: Veh Vs Deer

Feb 8

11:59:11 Civil Paradise Hill Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Moved Out Of Res About 3 Weeks. His Ex Gf Gave Rp Permission To Get His Belongings Today. Rp Advd She Is Refusing To Give Him Back His Firearms That Are At The Res. Rp Claims The Firearms Are Stolen And Also Stated That She Has A Phone That He Reported Stolen Through At&T. Rp Req A Phone Call

Feb 9

14:02:53 Animal Abuse Bill Shaw Rd, Pateros, Comments: All Night There Were Dogs Howling And Fighting. This Morning Rp Advd There Are 3 Big German Shepherds In A Small Cage

20:02:07 Agency Assist Douglas Ave, Bridgeport, Comments: Req 2nd Unit For Poss Domestic Dispute Custody Disagreement Verbal Only At This Time.

Feb 11

08:42:14 Vehicle Prowl Brewster Airport Rd, Brewster, Wacomments: Info From 705 - Approx 1000 Gal Aviation Fuel Taken From Tanker Truck, Tire Tracks Left In Snow.

13:24:46 Lost Property Half-Sun Way; Bridgeport Comments: Lost Toyo Key Fob 1/27. Believe At State Park. Rp Has Already Contacted Park.

Feb 12

11:27:11 Disabled Vehicl Highway 97, Brewster,Comments: Veh Is Non Blocking, Front End Damage, Appears To Have Struck A Deer.

Feb 13

09:21:42 Disturbance 14800 Us Hwy 2; Whitley Fu Dw10 Clo

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Fentanyl found in NCW methamphetamine supply, health officials warn

NCW News Ward Media

EAST WENATCHEE — The Chelan-Douglas Health District issued an alert about fentanyl contamination in the local methamphetamine supply on February 10, following reports from healthcare partners in North Central Washington. The health district reported that methamphetamine circulating in the community contains increasing amounts of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin. Users cannot detect if their methamphetamine contains fentanyl, according to the health alert. Health Administrator Dr. Kristen Hosey said, “At CDHD, we recognize that fentanyl overdoses are devastating families across our community. This warning is not about assigning blame

but about saving lives. We urge everyone to look out for each other, talk openly about the risks, and know where to find help.” The health district listed overdose symptoms including slow breathing, unresponsiveness, blue lips or fingertips, and pinpoint pupils. Three locations now distribute naloxone, a medication that reverses opioid overdoses: the Chelan-Douglas Health District office in East Wenatchee, the Alano Club in Wenatchee, and the People's Harm Reduction Alliance through a mail-order program. The health district offers free naloxone training to businesses and groups. Additional information about fentanyl and overdose prevention is available on the district's website at www.cdhd.wa.gov/opioid.

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Meetings

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

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

Tuesday
Okanogan County School Retirees’ Association: OCSRA will meet at 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 25 for a general meeting and luncheon at Community Presbyterian Church of Omak, 9 Birch St. S., Omak. Omak Police Officer/ Omak School District Resource Officer, Roberto Lopez, will speak. Information: Maralee Bowling, 509-322-3044.
Okanogan County PUD: The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday

of the month a at 3 p.m. Information: okanoganpud.org
Douglas County PUD meetings: The commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Information: douglaspu.org
Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee. Contact: 509-860-3620, website at: tcfwenatcheevalley.org

Wednesday
American Legion Post #97: Current members meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster. Information: Greg Wagg, 206-550-6474.
American Legion Auxiliary #97: Meets the first Wednesday of each month, at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Brewster.
Brewster Chamber of Commerce: Meets the 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 5:30-6:30 p.m., Chelan Senior Center, 534 Trow Avenue, Chelan. Contact: Concie Luna at 509-630-2972 or Vita Monteleone at monte419@nwi.net.
TOPS® Chapter Paves the Way to Healthy Lifestyle: Weekly on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. TOPS® chapter (weight loss support group) meetings at Lake Chelan United Methodist Church, located at 206 N. Emerson St. in Chelan. Attendees should use the side entrance of the church between the Lake Chelan Health Express Care Clinic and the church. TOPS empowers people to stop dieting and start creating healthy, enjoyable lifestyle habits that will work for them over the long haul.

Thursdays
Brewster bus trips: OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Thursday

of the month. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc. On the third Thursday of each month, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.
Chelan Cancer Support Group: First Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Chelan Health Hospital. Lunch (purchase from hospital cafe) meeting in Bragg Room. Meetings are open to anyone impacted by cancer. Including: patients, survivors, caregivers, family members and especially those who are recently diagnosed. It is also open to folks wanting to learn ways to support someone affected by cancer. It’s a place where members can offer advice, share coping strategies, and build relationships along their

journey. More info: Anne Brooks, 509-682-8718.
Family Caregivers/Support Group: Third Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Coldwell Banker Board Room, 216 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan.
Other Events/meetings
Brewster Senior Meals: The Senior Center serves meals at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Home delivered meals are delivered those same days. Call 509-689-2815 to reserve meals. For those over age 60 \$5. For those 60 and under \$12.
Senior Center Thrift Store: The Brewster- Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center Thrift Store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They are also the Brewster Visitor Information Center and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce meeting room.
Brewster American Legion events: Bingo every Thursday night at 6 p.m. Open to the public. Friday Steak Dinner

starts at 5 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., order from the full breakfast menu. Daily lunch specials except for Mondays and Saturday when they are closed.
Chelan Valley Hope: At Chelan Valley Hope, we’re committed to supporting those in need, and we invite you to join us in making a difference. As the temperatures remain cold, your donations can help bring warmth and comfort to our neighbors. We are in need of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, canned meats, soups, and packaged meals like mac ‘n’ cheese and ramen—essential staples for those struggling to make ends meet. In addition, we gratefully accept non-food items like toilet paper, deodorant, diapers, blankets, and coats. Spring is on its way, but the winter chill will linger for a little longer. Your generosity can help ensure that our community stays nourished, warm, and supported during this challenging season. Together, we can make a lasting impact. For info: chelanvalleyhope.org

What is WA's parental 'bill of rights'? And how are Democrats seeking to change it?

A proposal moving through the Legislature would update a citizen initiative lawmakers passed last year that enshrined certain rights for parents of public school students.

By: LAUREL DEMKOVICH
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Legislation to update last year's parental “bill of rights” initiative is heading to the Washington

state House of Representatives amid a host of disagreements over what the changes will mean for families and schools. Republicans and those who helped get Initiative 2081 to lawmakers last spring say this

year’s proposal will roll back the rights granted to parents in the initiative. Democrats say Senate Bill 5181 cleans up wording in the initiative to align with state and federal law. When it passed out of the Senate on party lines last week, Democrats called it a “cleanup bill.” But during debate, Republican senators said it would overhaul the

initiative, which hundreds of thousands of voters signed on in support of in 2023. It’s unclear when the House will take up the debate, but it likely won’t be before a March deadline for moving bills out of the chamber where they were introduced. The initiative was one of three passed by the Legislature in March. Clashes over the policy reflect a national debate

over the rights of parents to know about their children’s access to information and services related to gender and transgender issues, sexuality and race. Those in the parental rights camp say parents should be aware if their children are asking for medical or mental health treatment. Those wary of policies like Washington’s initiative worry that protections for LGBTQ+ students and other vulnerable young people could be eroded. As it’s been implemented over the last year, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction said it has received many questions from school districts, parents and students about confusion in accessing school records and

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Lady Bears advance to District with CW2B League title



COURTESY OF BREWSTER HIGH SCHOOL
From left, Abigail Pamatz, Grace Becker, Morgan McGuire, Nayeli Lopez, Rosario Olvera, and Leslie Hernandez were honored at Senior Night.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OMAK – As they did in their two previous meetings with Okanogan this season, the Brewster Lady Bears dominated the Lady Bulldogs by 23 points, 55-32, on Tuesday, Feb. 11, to wrap up the Central Washington 2B League title.

Neither team scorched the net with shooting accuracy, but Brewster's defense forced more than 30 turnovers to spell the difference as the Lady Bears led from start to finish. Paige Wulf opened the game with the first bucket as Brewster took a 13-7 first-quarter lead.

The Lady Bears nearly doubled the distance at halftime, 32-17, and were up by more than double, 46-21, at the end of the third quarter.

Brewster advanced to district competition in Moses Lake as the No. 1 seed.

last Saturday, Feb. 8.

The 6-12 Tigers were the final obstacle to the CW2B League championship game against Okanogan on Tues., Feb. 11. Earlier in the week, Brewster downed the Bulldogs at home by 41.

Brewster took a 15-2 first-quarter lead, widened that to 30-8 at halftime, and had the game well in hand at the end of the third, 50-14. With only nine turnovers, the Lady Bears capitalized on the 27 turnovers by the Tigers.

BREWSTER SCORING	
M. McGuire	17
P. Boesel	12
P. Wulf	8
K. Schertenleib	5
G. Becker	5
Y. Ramirez	2
H. Aparicio	2

Dogs locked up

BREWSTER – Morgan McGuire, Pepper Boesel, and Berkley Reagles combined for 61 of Brewster's 77 points over Okanogan, 77-36, as the Lady Bears took a step closer to the 2B Central

league championship with a 41-exclamation-point win at home on Senior Night, Feb. 4.

Pepper Boesel opened the game with Brewster's first bucket and a lead the Lady Bears would never surrender. Following a 19-11 first quarter, Brewster extended its margin by 17, 40-23.

At the end of the third, Brewster led by 29, 55-29, with only four team fouls to that point. Turnovers hampered the Bulldogs with 34, twice those of Brewster with 16.

Brewster finished the regular season 16-4 overall and 6-0 in the 2B league. The win was the 12th straight for the Lady Bears, who have not lost a game since playing Cashmere on Dec. 28

BREWSTER SCORING	
M. McGuire	30
P. Boesel	16
B. Reagles	15
K. Schertenleib	9
A. Pamatz	3
G. Becker	2
Y. Ramirez	2

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Pateros senior athletes honored on Senior Night

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

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PATEROS – A total of 11 seniors – seven basketball players and four cheer team members – were honored during Senior Night ceremonies on Feb. 11.

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Landon Bradley



Kinden Hook



Samantha Flores



Giselle Cenicerros



Austin Simpson



Jocelynn Hernandez



Aldo Caballero



Jacky Gomez



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Lexi Vargas

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Washington lawmaker proposes regulations for self-checkout machines

By **ALBERT JAMES**
Murrow News Fellow

OLYMPIA - Proposed legislation could change the way customers shop at grocery stores, as one Democratic lawmaker is pushing for regulations on self-checkout machines.

House Bill 1739 would establish rules for when and how self-checkout stands could be used in grocery stores. If passed, self-checkouts could only be used when a regular checkout lane is open. An employee who monitors self-

service lanes would have to do so exclusively, and be limited to supervising a maximum of two stands. For their part, customers would be limited to bringing just 15 items to check out.

The regulations would apply to grocery stores over 15,000 thousand square feet in size, but not to any bulk goods stores with memberships. The Department of Labor and Industries would be responsible for investigating and enforcing violations with a fine.

“There has been a lot of challenges across Washington

for grocery workers with unchecked automation and chronic understaffing,” said prime sponsor State Representative Mary Fosse, D-Everett.

At a House Committee on Labor and Workforce Standards hearing Wednesday morning, Fosse said she wants a conversation about making sure the self-checkout technology supports clerks.

“We know it can be a convenience, but when it’s used to—as a way to eliminate workers and cut labor costs, that’s when it really puts

workers and customers at risk,” she said.

Grocery workers testified in support of the regulations, saying self-checkout makes them unsafe and overwhelmed.

Clerks spoke about how they feel stretched too thin supervising multiple machines while keeping an eye out for theft, addressing malfunctioning stations, and generally helping customers

“On a particularly hard day, a woman threw a steak at me because her item did not qualify for a bogo deal we were running,” said Bellevue

grocery clerk James Reed. “I would have overridden the machine given the chance. She just didn’t give it to me.”

However, critics of the proposal argued stores themselves know best how to regulate self-checkout.

Organizations representing grocery stores said other policies can better address theft and worker safety, and the bill is ultimately just too restrictive.

“Removing the flexibility that they have to meet staffing demands, customer demands and the other variables that

come with operating stores,” said Brandon Houskeeper with the Northwest Grocery Retail Association. “Including things like when stores are busier during holiday seasons, when stores are slower different times of the day.”

The proposed regulations have yet to be scheduled for a vote out of committee.

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Raw pet food linked to bird flu outbreak in house cats

NCW News
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — Health officials have identified raw pet food as

the source of bird flu infections in house cats, according to a joint announcement from Washington and Oregon agriculture departments.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) issued a warning

after indoor cats in Oregon contracted H5N1, also known as HPAI, in early February. The infected cats, which had consumed raw pet food from the same manufacturer, were euthanized due to the severity of their illness following consultation between owners and veterinarians. Laboratory testing confirmed the presence of H5N1 in both the deceased cats and samples of raw pet food manufactured by Wild Coast Raw. The Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University and the National Veterinary Services Laboratories conducted the

initial testing, with additional confirmation from WSDA on unopened product containers.

State agriculture officials direct consumers to check lot numbers on Wild Coast, LLC products in their homes and visit the WSDA recalls and health alerts webpage for specific product information.

No human infections have been reported in connection with the contaminated pet food. The virus can enter through eyes, nose, or mouth when handling contaminated pet food or touching contaminated surfaces, particularly without thorough hand washing.

Signs of H5N1 infection in pets include fever, lethargy, low appetite, reddened or

inflamed eyes, discharge from eyes and nose, difficulty breathing, and neurological symptoms including tremors, seizure, incoordination, or blindness. Officials advise immediate veterinary consultation for pets showing symptoms after consuming the product.

Health officials recommend monitoring for human symptoms including eye redness or irritation, cough, sore throat, sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, muscle and body aches, headaches, fatigue, fever, breathing difficulties, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. Exposed individuals displaying symptoms should contact healthcare providers.

Brewster High School

Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Tue, Feb 11	Brewster	55	Okanogan	32	Win
Sat, Feb 15	Brewster	49	Columbia	34	Win

Waterville High School

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Fri, Feb 14	Waterville-Mansfield	56	Cascade Christian Academy	25	Wln

Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Sat, Feb 15	Waterville-Mansfield	76	Soap Lake	19	Win

Pateros High School

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Wed, Feb 12	Pateros	45	Cascade Christian Academy	69	Loss

Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Sat, Feb 15	Pateros	62	Wilson Creek	18	Win



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- Amber Heen (Most Improved Firefighter Award)
- Amanda McDaniel
- Cody Amsden
- Jacob Cales
- Matt King
- Louie Wright
- Chris Heal
- Special award: Ray Sandy Memorial Award of Excellence to Sheryl Sandy.
- Brian Paine, Acting Chaplain for the Pateros Station, delivered some inspirational remarks for the late Chief Sandy, who succumbed to cancer on Nov. 2, 2024.

Brewster Station

- City Chief Dylan Gamble
- Asst. Chief Victor Vargas
- Captain Austin Vargas
- Chief Jacob Poole
- Connor Wiggs (Lonn Wagg Memorial Award – Service & Dedication)
- Caleb Infante (Rookie of the Year Award)

- Jason Allen
- Alan Perea
- Arturo Aparicio
- Kevin Vallance
- Kylee Levi
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- Beto Infante
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- Douglas Viebrock
- Dario Orozco
- Eric Ramirez
- Luis Lorenzo
- Tyler Levi
- Thomas Steggall

Rocky Butte Station

- Chief Salvador Rodriguez (Jean Goehry Memorial Award – Service & Dedication)
- Manny Arevalo
- Dave McNamara

Bridgeport Station

- Chief Qristian Solorio
- Asst. Chief Gabe Gonzalez (25 Years of Service Award)
- Captain Jose Bucio
- Captain Edgar Meza (Dan Zaccanti Award)
- Dan Zaccanti – (19 Years of Service Award)

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- Genea Flynn
- Kevin Vallance
- Joshua Corsa
- Jason Allen
- Spencer Smyth
- Kelsey Oyler

District 15 paid staff

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 - EMS Director Tonya Vallance, AEMT
 - Art Smyth, AEMT
 - Kristina Martinez, AEMT
 - Mya Bercier, EMT-B
 - Jeff Power, EMT-B
- A video clip and slide showing the year in review concluded the event.

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Drug Task Force

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1,012 grams of cocaine and 1,611 grams of pure fentanyl powder, alongside other illicit substances including heroin, psilocybin mushrooms, Xanax, and various prescription drugs. Asset seizures included more than \$65,000 in cash identified as proceeds from criminal

activity and 11 vehicles linked to criminal operations.

Beyond drug enforcement, the task force expanded its community involvement through educational initiatives. Officers provided gang and drug awareness education to various institutions, including the Chelan County PUD, North Central Educational Services District, and multiple school

districts in the region.

The task force also supported local law enforcement agencies with major crimes investigations, including homicides, high-risk arrests, and sex trafficking cases.

The Columbia River Drug Task Force operates across Chelan and Douglas Counties in North Central Washington.

Bill of rights

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definitions around notification requirements.

Here's a look at what's in law from last year's initiative and what could change if this year's proposal passes the Legislature.

School materials

The initiative requires schools to give parents access to their child's textbooks, curriculum and medical records within 10 business days of a request.

Parents also have the right to records related to their child's testing, job counseling, discipline, attendance and any special education screening. And they get access to the school's calendar, fees, dress code requirements and information on overall academic performance.

Most of this is unchanged in the bill being debated this session.

However, under the new bill, school districts must give parents' records within "a reasonable period of time, but not more than 45 days, of submitting a request." That language aligns with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It differs from the 10-day requirement in the initiative.

Medical and mental health information

The initiative guarantees parents access to "medical or health records" and "records of any mental health counseling."

The Senate bill says they have a right to "education records" — a term not used in the initiative. That's defined as records directly related to a student, including identifying data, attendance, evaluative tests, disciplinary status and test protocols.

Medical and mental health records are not included in the definition in the new bill, though the legislation says that parents still have access to those records under other state laws.

A King County judge temporarily blocked the medical and mental health records piece from going into effect with the rest of the law last June in response to a lawsuit. But the court dismissed that lawsuit last month, allowing all pieces of

the initiative to take effect.

Medical treatment and services

Under the initiative, parents have a right to receive prior notification when medical services are offered or provided to their child. If a child receives medical treatment that requires follow-up care beyond school hours, parents must also be notified.

That access is removed under Senate Bill 5181.

Democrats say some of those rights are still included in other state and federal laws but students do have privacy rights when it comes to their health care. For example, a 1985 law gives children 13 years or older the right to mental health treatment without parental consent.

Republican critics of the new legislation argue that the definition of mental health care has expanded over the past 40 years to include gender-affirming care, psychiatric medications and other health services that parents should know about.

A school district cannot release any medical or mental health records to a parent if that parent is being investigated for child abuse or neglect, according to both the initiative and the new law.

Crime notification

The initiative outlines rights that parents have if a crime has been committed against, or by, their child. If their child is involved in a crime, a school district must give a parent "immediate notification." It also says a school district has to notify parents immediately if a child has been questioned by law enforcement or if they have been taken off campus without parental permission.

Much of that language remains in the current version of Senate Bill 5181. An earlier version would have changed the notification requirement to be "at the first opportunity, but in all cases within 48 hours." This language was pulled before the bill passed out of the Senate.

Opting out of assignments

Under the initiative, parents have the opportunity to opt their child out of assignments and other activities involving

questions about the student's sexual experiences or religious beliefs.

The Senate bill keeps that right but adds to it, giving parents the ability to also opt out of any evaluation that reveals information about political beliefs, mental health problems of the student or their family, illegal or self-incriminating behavior, or income.

Parents have the right to opt out of comprehensive sexual health education under both the initiative and the new bill.

Small but meaningful changes

The Senate bill removes the right of parents to sue a school district if they violate the parental rights law.

It also adds an "emergency clause," which means the bill will take effect immediately upon the governor's signature and removes the ability of voters to amend the law through a referendum.


Other clarifications and some additions

Most of the other changes in the new bill are clarifications.


For example, the initiative says all parents and legal guardians of public school children younger than 18 have the rights listed in the bill. The bill updates that language to remove the 18-year-old age limit. Students in special education are eligible to stay in public school until they are 22, and supporters of the bill argue that under the initiative, those parents would not have access to information about their students once they turn 18.

The Senate bill also outlines rights not listed in the initiative. Parents have the right to file a complaint related to harassment, to access translated materials, to be notified of unexcused absences, to receive information about special education programs, and to request an appeal if their child is denied access to special education.

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American Legion

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- Friday night steak dinners (\$16 price includes baked potato, salad, and garlic bread).
 - "These are still very popular," said Wagg. "For those who haven't tried one, you don't know what you're missing."
 - Bingo Night (6 p.m. Thursday)
 - "Still a great success," said Wagg. "The last big jackpot on our progressive game was nearly \$750."
 - Silent Auction
- This first-time, week-long event accepted bids on items ranging from a \$700 leaf and

branch chipper to gift cards.

"The auction netted our post just over \$2,500," said Wagg. "We are already planning another one this spring."

Among 2025 projects is one with the Omak Home Depot for a grant to make needed repairs to the post. Other projects scheduled or under consideration include:

- Valentine's Day Prime Rib Dinner (Feb. 14).
- Clam and oyster feed (date TBA).
- Second Silent Auction. Donated items are welcome. Items do not need to be new, just unbroken and in good working order.
- Weekly corn hole events and tournaments.

- Guest speakers at Legion meetings. Three Rivers Hospital CEO Scott Graham will be the featured speaker at the March meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5.
- Spring Farmers Market.
- Sunday breakfast – provided a cook can be found – the key ingredient.

The Legion is currently open three days a week: Tuesdays (1-6 p.m.), Thursdays (3-8 p.m.), Fridays (3-8 p.m.) For more information, visit Columbia Post 97 on Facebook. To become a member or donate, email amerlegion97@outlook.com or call 509-689-3307.

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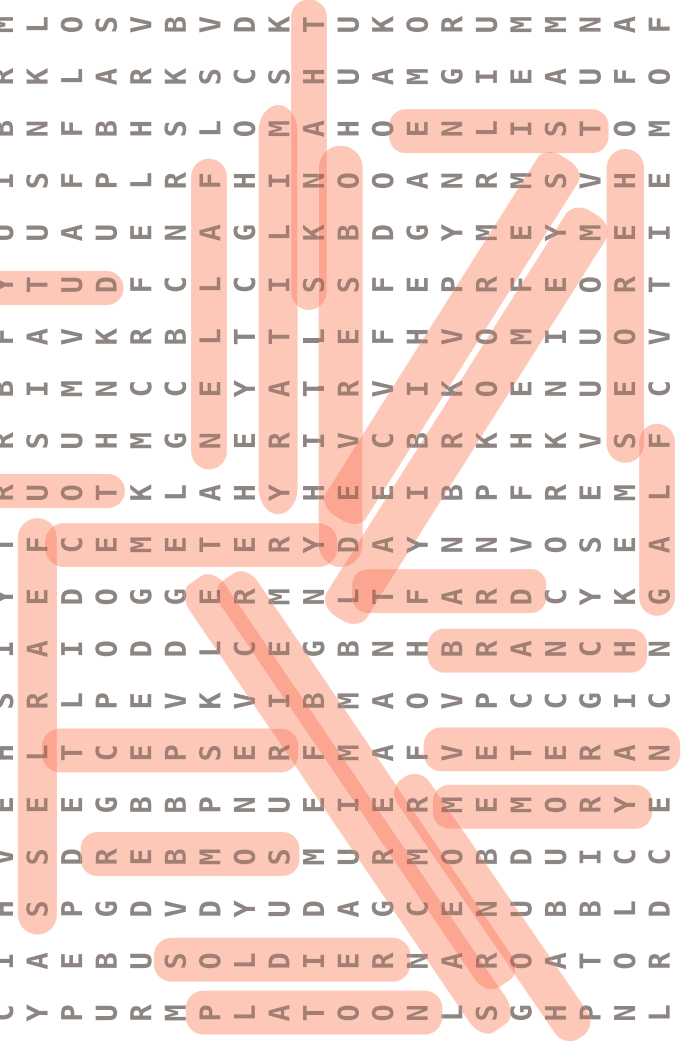
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

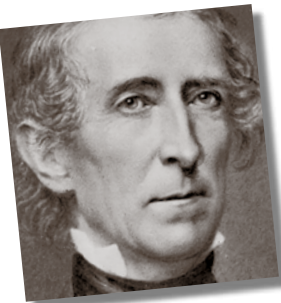
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Obscure Facts About American Presidents

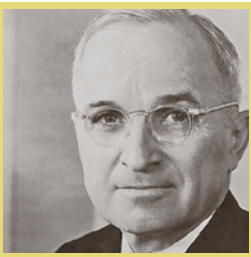
How much do you know about presidents of the United States?
Did you know the following facts?



Which president had the most kids?

Our 10th president, John Tyler, had the most children. Color the squares with even numbers RED and the odd-numbered squares BLUE to reveal the answer.

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The “S” in President Harry S. Truman’s name doesn’t stand for anything. Unable to decide on a middle name for over a month, his parents settled on the letter “S” in honor of his maternal grandfather, Solomon Young, and his paternal grandfather, Anderson Shipp Truman.

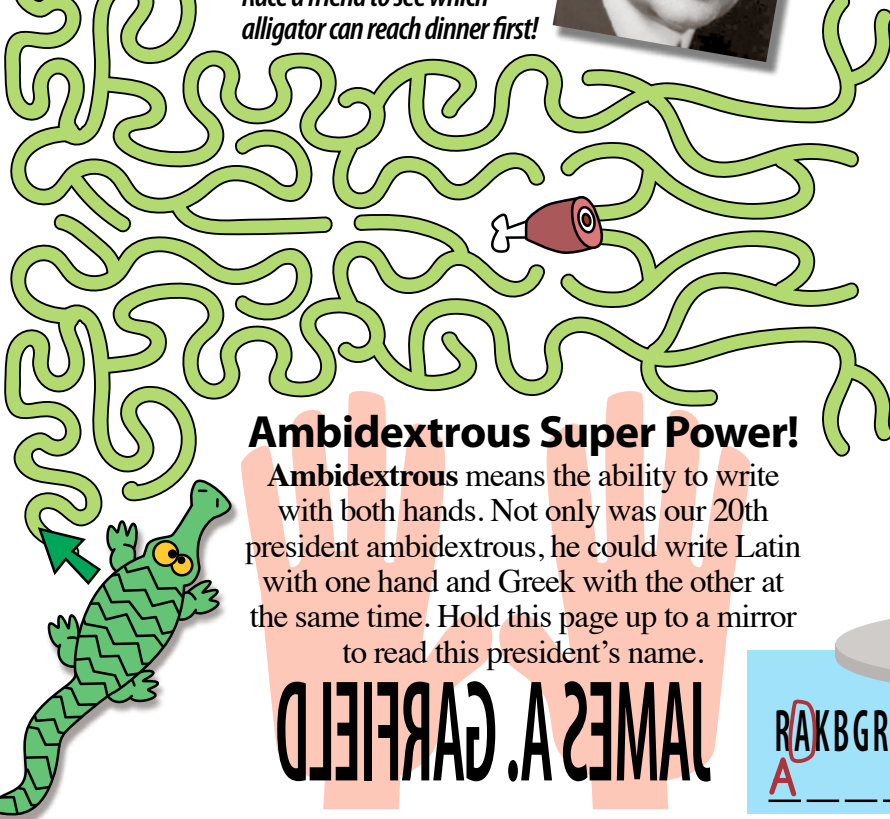


Alligators in the White House!!

President Herbert Hoover’s son had two pet alligators, which were sometimes allowed to run loose throughout the White House. Hoover was our 31st president.



Race a friend to see which alligator can reach dinner first!



Ambidextrous Super Power!

Ambidextrous means the ability to write with both hands. Not only was our 20th president ambidextrous, he could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other at the same time. Hold this page up to a mirror to read this president’s name.

JAMES A. GARFIELD



First Presidential Email

In 1994, President Bill Clinton was the first president to send an email while in office. He sent it to an astronaut who was in space at the time. Use the code to discover the name of the astronaut.

■ = E

■ = G

■ = H

■ = J

■ = L

■ = N

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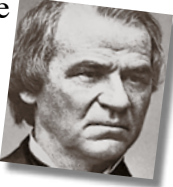
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President Tailor?

Andrew Johnson, our 17th president, was trained as a tailor in his youth. He continued to make his own suits—even while president. Can you find the two identical suits?



Presidential Cheer

During his senior year of high school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., George W. Bush, who would become the nation’s 43rd president, was captain of the cheerleading team.



Wrestling West Winger

Our 16th president is one of our most celebrated. But not a lot of people know that he was a wrestler. In 300 matches, he only lost one. He is in the Wrestling Hall of Fame with the honor of “Outstanding American.”

Circle every other letter to reveal this president’s name.

R A K B G R L A Z H V A W M J L S I H N B C U O R L Q N

Celebrate Our Presidents

Look through the newspaper to see how your community is celebrating Presidents Day. If you don’t find much, write a letter to the editor with your ideas on how the day could be celebrated in your community.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, was shot in the chest while giving a speech in Milwaukee.



“I don’t know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot,” he told the stunned audience. “I give you my word, I do not care a rap about being shot; not a rap.”

He completed the 90-minute speech with the bullet still lodged in his chest. Afterwards he went to the doctor and survived the attempt on his life.

President Roosevelt had many nicknames. As you complete each math problem below, those with even-numbered answers reveal one of his nicknames. The ones with odd-numbered answers are not.

The Happy Warrior

22 + 6 =

The Trust Buster

13 + 13 =

The Rough Rider

6 + 8 =

The Old Lion

21 - 5 =

Telescope Teddy

2 + 6 + 4 =

The Meddler

17 - 5 =

The Hero of San Juan Hill

22 + 8 =

The Man on Horseback

24 - 6 =

Haroun-al-Roosevelt

12 + 12 =

The Bull Moose

36 + 4 =

The Great White Chief

17 + 17 =

The Driving Force

6 + 8 + 4 =

Four Eyes

8 + 8 + 2 =

The Dynamo of Power

19 + 21 =

T.R.

44 - 26 =

Teddy

5 + 5 + 5 + 5 =

ANSWER: They are all his nicknames!

What do you think Roosevelt’s nicknames say about him?

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: **OBSCURE**

The adjective **obscure** means something that is not well known.

The strange insect was from an **obscure** family of beetles.

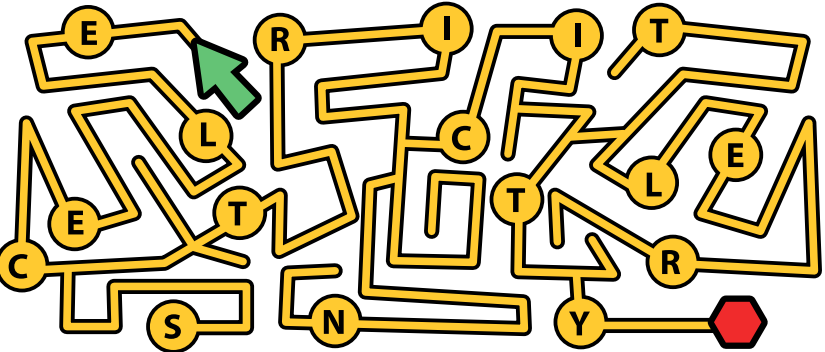
Use the word **obscure** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Not for President Harrison!

Benjamin Harrison, our 23rd president, was the first president to have this in the White House. However, he was so scared of it—he never used it! What was it? The letters along the correct path on the maze spell the answer.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

PRESIDENT
WRESTLING
ALLIGATOR
CHILDREN
FREEDOM
TAILOR
SUITS
LATIN
WHITE
HOUSE
TYLER
FIRST
BUSH
HAND
BOTH

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

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

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