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County Commissioner Straub updates Bridgeport city council

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – Douglas County Commissioner Marc Straub called on the city council on Feb. 19 to offer the services of the county's planning director and his staff is available to assist the city with the process of updating its comprehensive plan.

Straub also invited Mayor Sergio Orozco and city planner Kurt Danison to join other city mayors and planners to attend the regional council meeting where the subject will be a land

analysis for the entire county.

"It's really vital to everything we will be doing as part of the (county) update," Straub said.

McNeil Canyon

Straub also announced a pending realignment of the lower section of McNeil Canyon Road.

Anyone who has traveled the steep and winding canyon road is aware of its more challenging aspects compared to other highway routes.

"There is a hairpin turn at the bottom," said Straub. "That's going to be taken

out and there is going to be a complete realignment of that lower section."

The bid for a contractor went out at the end of February. A contractor is expected to be selected in March, and construction work will get underway by early summer. "A lot of our citizens travel and utilize McNeil Canyon Road," said Straub. "Part of the realignment will involve reducing the grade to around nine percent from the present 12 percent at its steepest."

Moderate Risk Waste Facility

Zacher Processing Center located

on the south side of East Wenatchee at 6114 Batterman Road will be available again this year to accept household paints, solvents, and other products citizens with when it comes to disposal.

"Last year we funded this facility," said Straub. "It will be all free for our Douglas County citizens."

Donations will be welcomed to help cover costs.

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Douglas County Commissioner Marc Straub

Point in Time Count shows mixed picture of homelessness in Chelan, Douglas counties



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WENATCHEE — The 2025 Point in Time Count for Chelan and Douglas counties showed fewer people living unsheltered but more utilizing emergency shelters and temporary housing services.

The annual count, conducted on January 30, documented 104 unsheltered individuals, a decrease of 37 people from the previous year's count of 141. The sheltered

population rose by 64 people, with 405 individuals staying in emergency shelters, RV Safe Parks, transitional housing, or emergency hotel/motel voucher programs.

"Data collected during the Point in Time Count is intended to be a snapshot of homelessness on this one night in our community," said Madison Calloway, coordinator of the Chelan County Homeless Program. "The PIT Count helps to measure and monitor trends and changes in homelessness on local and national

levels."

The survey found that 88 of the unsheltered individuals identified as chronically homeless, while 46 reported experiencing homelessness for the first time. Demographics showed most surveyed individuals were white (63 people) and male (61 people), with an average age of 47 years.

Housing and economic factors emerged as leading contributors to homelessness, with 24 people each citing job loss/unemployment and

eviction/loss of housing as causes. Health-related issues also affected housing status, with 15 people reporting mental illness and nine each attributing their situation to physical illness and substance use.

The count's expanded reach this year included participation from fifteen agencies and covered previously underserved rural areas. "We had a great turnout of outreach volunteers and agencies participating

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COURTESY OF CHELAN COUNTY

Metal recycler expresses interest in Okanogan area location

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS—Nick Tommer of Tommer Equipment in Ephrata addressed the Feb. 18 meeting of the city council to introduce his recycling business and express his interest in establishing a branch in Okanogan County.

Currently, Tommer has sites in Moses Lake (52 years), East Wenatchee (12 years), and Othello (4 years). The sites accept many types of scrap metal, from cars to cans, and provide a place where people can sell their unwanted metal.

Tommer said that when the East Wenatchee site was being set up about 10-12 years ago, county officials sent out a letter advising potential users of the new recycling option. One went to the State Department of Ecology (DOE). He said DOE responded very favorably, noting that the business would provide an incentive for backyard cleanup and removal of other unsightly junk metal deposits from canyons and hillsides around the area.

Tommer said the Okanogan area operation would be comparable to the Othello site, which employs three to five people.

"We run a pretty clean operation," said Tommer. "It generates money to a lot of different people."

Tommer said it does not take long before people are making weekly trips to the center with loads of metal to supplement their income. Farmers are particularly dependable customers.

"If you have a house burned down there always stuff besides wood such as conduit, aluminum, copper," said Tommer. "It's a quick way to clean up."

Councilmember Frank Herbert asked Tommer about a location.

"Do you have an idea where you would set up shop for something like that?" Herbert asked.

Tommer said he is still considering options but did refer to an earlier trip to the area about five years ago when he approached the Colville Tribes about locating his business in East

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Bill proposes higher fees for Discover Pass



Lime Kiln State Park on San Juan Island, like all state parks, requires visitors to have a Discover Pass to access its parking lots and facilities.

By JUAN JOCOM
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - It will cost more to visit a state park next year, if a proposal in the state Legislature wins approval.

SB 5390, proposed by Sen. Derek Stanford, R-Bothell, increases the cost of a Discover Pass from \$30 to \$45 and the day pass fee from \$10 to \$15. As an avid user of state parks, Rep. Beth Doglio, D-Olympia, the primary sponsor of the House version of the bill, said this increase was long overdue.

Revenue from the pass helps fund Washington State Parks (WSP), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Washington

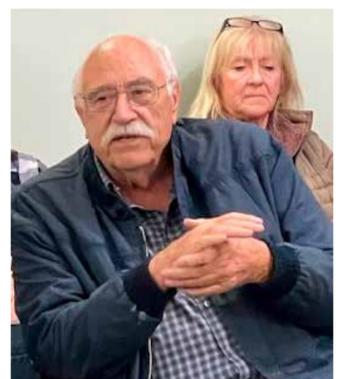
Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

"It's been a long time since we've looked at the price of the Discover Pass," Doglio said. "DNR land and our state parks need maintenance and ongoing expenditures to ensure we preserve the beautiful string of state parks we have in this state."

Although the plan originally included price increases every two years, the cost of the pass has remained unchanged since its creation in 2011, according to WSP.

"I think this is a reasonable increase," Doglio said. "It's not a huge increase by any stretch of the imagination."

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Nick Tommer

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Red Barn Event: Cottonwoods - Unlocking Our Rivers' Histories

Join us Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. for a hybrid event at Wenatchee River Institute's Red Barn 347 Division Street, Leavenworth, or livestream via our YouTube Channel

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a community social with beer and wine available for purchase. The presentation will start at 7:00 p.m.

This presentation, partnered with the Wenatchee Valley chapter of the Native Plant Society and the Pacific Northwest chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists, is all about the river specialists called cottonwoods. We'll talk about how these trees evolved and what they can tell us about a river's history and diversity. Streaming link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAYduajgr7M>

For more information, visit jschaub@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org 509-548-0181, ext. 5

Cirque Kalabante - Strength, Spirit, Spectacle

Join us at the Numerica Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. -

9:30 p.m. for Cirque Kalabante. Afrique en Cirque is a show by Yamoussa Bangoura, inspired by daily life in Guinea. This performance shares the beauty, youth, and artistry of African culture. A colorful show beyond its scenery, costumes, and staging, it makes any theatre vibrate with energy and represents the strength, agility, and life's joy of young Africans. The audience will see acrobats execute gravity-defying moves and human pyramids, accompanied by the contemporary sound of live Afro-Jazz, percussion, and kora. Welcome to the universe of Kalabante Productions, and prepare for an unforgettable journey.

Numerica Performing Arts Center 123 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee

For more information, visit <https://numericapac.org/>

Mountain Music Series: Live Music with the Bandits of the Animal Kingdom

Come experience the vibe of live music on the mountain in the Hampton Lodge on Saturday, March 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Take a break from your night turns, or just head up for a night of good music, dancing, food, and drinks at a higher elevation. The action goes down on the

Ka Wham Cafe side of the lodge but can also be enjoyed from the Chair 5 Pub. Mountain Music Series nights are free and are all-ages events.

Location - Mission Ridge Ski Area 7500 Mission Ridge Road Wenatchee

For more information, visit missionridge.com (509) 663-6543

Winthrop Washington's 28th annual Air Balloon Roundup

The skies over Winthrop brighten with the brilliant colors of hot air balloons. This 3-day (Friday, Feb. 28 - Sunday, March 2) Hot Air Balloon Roundup is an incredible sight to see. Watch as hot air balloons fly over the old western town of Winthrop framed by the snow-capped mountains of the North Cascades.

VIEWING THE BALLOONS: The balloons are scheduled to launch during each of the three mornings of this event, but the weather will determine if the balloons can launch. Consider extending your stay to ensure being able to see the balloons take flight. Arrive around 6:45 a.m. behind The Winthrop Inn and Abbycreek Inn (located on Hwy 20 at the south end of Winthrop, 960/1006 Highway



5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

VIRGIL EAGLE FACEBOOK PAGE

20). The balloons begin inflating for launch at 7:00 a.m. and generally stay up in the air until about 9:00 a.m.

***All events are weather permitting. Each morning at 6:45 a.m., the balloons decide whether to fly based on current weather conditions.

For more information for parking, event schedules, and RSVP's, visit <https://winthropwashington.com/event/balloon-roundup/>

Tipsy Canyon Winery with Live Music: Virgil Eagle

Tipsy Canyon Winery can't wait to bring you another night of award winning wines and live music featuring, Virgil Eagle on Thursday, February 27 at 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The ever-kilted Virgil, has been playing music for as long

as he can remember, growing up in a family where music brought them together. Over the years he's played with small ensembles as a guest artist, including with his daughter, local performer Elaine. Summer 2021, he performed with local band No Promises before forming Whisky Trail at the end of the year with friends, Brent and Chris. Four months, later the band was honored to be awarded 2022 Wenatchee World's Best Band, followed by a second World's Best Band for 2023. Enjoy classic rock covers from Whisky Trail's lead singer.

Tipsy Canyon Winery, 270 Upper Joe Creek Rd Manson

For more information, visit <https://tipsycanyon.com/upcoming-event/live-music-virgil-eagle/> Contact 509-741-5501

OBITUARY

Kenneth L. Rader

Kenneth L. Rader, 88, of Bridgeport, Washington passed away at home, on Thursday, February 6, 2025 from natural causes. He was born to Oscar Rader and Ellen (Pedersen) Crawford Rader. Ken attended school in Bridgeport.

On July 26, 1956, he married Marilyn Rendell in Carlton, Washington. Ken worked as an iron worker in construction. He enjoyed playing cards and camping with friends and family. Ken was a member of the Quad

City Eagles until it closed. He loved going south to Arizona in his motor home or to Borrego Springs in California. Ken loved his garden. He would raise pumpkins and invite the kindergarten class down for free pumpkins, apple juice, and cookies.

Ken is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Bridgeport, WA; daughter, Teresa Rader Russ Smith of the Tri Cities, WA; son, Mike Rader (Debbie) o Conconully, WA; son, Gary



Rader (Charlene) of Tri Cities, WA; daughter-in-law, Katherine Rader of Tri Cities, WA; 2 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 5 step-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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 Feb 15

11:44:11 Parking/Abandon, 1243 Douglas Ave. Bridgeport
12:34:56 Accident No Inj, 200 E Birch St: Waterville
13:01:43 Miscellaneous, 12th St & Columbia Ave

Feb 16

9:33:50 Assist Agency, Sr 17 & Bridgeport Hill Rd
12:57:00 Accident No Inj, 800blk 16th St, Bridgeport
16:12:41 Accident No Inj, 324 9th St, Bridgeport, Wa

Feb 17

10:29:24 Civil, 269 1st Ave, Withrow, Wa

Feb 19

9:54:30 Assault, 200 E Birch St, Waterville

11:26:38 Welfare Check, 21 Gun Club Rd, Bridgeport, 11:56:53 AtL/Atc, Waterville, 14:27:54 Harass/Threat, 2400 Tacoma Ave\# 39, Bridgeport

Feb 20

12:56:56 Parking/Abandon, 8th St & Fairview Ave, Bridgeport, 13:12:43 Aircraft, Waterville Airport, Waterville
15:40:01 Assist Agency, 1313 Jefferson Ave, Bridgeport
15:42:28 Harass/Threat, 12th St & Foster Ave, Bridgeport
02:07:58 Alarm, 1300 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport

Brewster Police Dept.

Feb 14

13:51:430 Fire Other, Plaza Way, Brewster Comments: Power

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Claudia Chastain

Claudia Chastain, 77, of Waterville, Washington passed away on February 14, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Brian Keith Gray

Brian Keith Gray, 54, of Brewster, Washington passed away on February 13, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Johnathan Chavez

Johnathan Chavez, 23, of Brewster, Washington passed away on February 18, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

Jose Garcia Martinez

Jose Garcia Martinez, 78, of Brewster, Washington passed away on February 19, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.



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Mansfield FFA students prepare for a busy 2025 season



COURTESY OF MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

FFA class members include top row from left: Megan Wick, Eva Cooper, Max Murison, Lukas Fletcher, George Murison, and Kim De Los Santos. Third row from left: Michael Webster, Noah Sadler, Mitchell Wall, Joyce McGraw, and Greenli Zahn. Second row from left: Hannah Tupling, Austin Asmussen, Travis Smeltzer, and Peyton Haywood. First row from left: Nathan Sadler, Hailey King, Anna Gilpin, Lauren Adams, Jackson Asmussen, Star Trejo, and Jamey Jo Steele (Advisor).



COURTESY OF MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mansfield FFA officers include back row from left: George Murison, Lukas Fletcher, and Max Murison. Front row from left: Kim De Los Santos, Eva Cooper, and Megan Wick.

By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSFIELD – As one might expect from a school located smack dab in the middle of a wheat and livestock community, the FFA program at Mansfield High School has nearly three-quarters of its enrollment involved.

“We have 23 active members, which is 71 percent of

our student body,” reports Agriculture/FFA Instructor Jamey Jo Steele.

The group is currently gearing up for its annual Dinner & Silent Auction on March 23.

“We sell 100 dinner tickets,” said Steele. “Dinner includes chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn and green salad.”

Dessert is a fun – and competitive – part of the meal.

“We have a Dessert Dash, which means we have a variety of desserts, and each table has a money jar on it,” said Steele. “Whichever table donates the highest amount gets to pick their dessert first. It has become quite the competition over the years.”

The students are not only good stewards of livestock, they also manage their finances well.

“We have been very diligent

with our fundraising monies and are now in a position where we are going to purchase our own livestock trailer to haul animals instead of having to borrow from community members,” said Steele. “This will be a huge purchase that the kids and I are very excited about.”

Wilco, a farmer-owned cooperative that dates to the 1930’s, also helps with finances.

“We received a Wilco ‘FFA

Forever’ Grant that we used to purchase eight new pig self-feeders for our FFA farm,” said Steele. “These will replace ones that over the years have experienced wear and tear. This is our third year in a row receiving a Wilco Grant.”

Steele and four senior FFA members attended the Ag Show in Spokane on Feb. 6 and listened to keynote speaker Rob Sharkey also

known on social media as “TheSharkFarmer.”

“This summer we will have three members raising market steers, four members raising market hogs, and eight members raising market meat goats,” said Steele. “All will be exhibited at the NCW Fair August 21-24, 2025.”

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Sheriff
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Pole Caught On Fire, Unk Flames, Smoke Visible

Feb 17
01:31:15 Trespassing, S 7th St, Brewster, Wa
11:06:45 Theft Automobil, N Bridge St, Directly West Of, B Comments: Whi 1994 Chevrolet Single Cab Pu Was Taken Sometime This Weekend.

Feb 18
10:49:32 Theft Other, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa
13:17:19 911 Abuse, S 7th St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Fem Refusing To Give Any Info, Just Stated To Get The Cops Here.
18:08:29 Suspicious, N 7th St &

Hospital Way, Area, Brewster Comments: Neighboring Res Has A Newer Toyota Highlander Parked Outside Flashing It's Lights At Rp Multiple Times
18:48:04 Domestic Dispute, S 6th St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Ex Husband Trying Argue W/ Rp.
21:43:35 Agency Assist, N 7th St & Hospital Way, Brewster, W Comments: Stolen Trailer, Subj Left On Foot Lsw Blk Hoodie.

Feb 19
02:21:19 Domestic Dispute, S 4th St, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp's Husband Punched Rp In The Face X2
06:18:31 Accident No Inj, Highway 97, Area, Brewster, Wa Comments: Gebbers Farms Truck Hit A Truck
11:52:40 Assault, S 7th St,

Brewster Grade School Comments: Student Pranked W/Another Student Now Has Pencil In Body. Pencil Is No Longer In Body.

Okanogan Sheriff

Feb 14
11:05:25 Suspicious, Mountain View Dr, Brewster, Wa
11:24:54 Citizen Assist, W Warren Ave, Pateros, Wa Comments: Rp Was Renting Out Shop To Tenant Who Was Arrested Previously. Indiv Gave His Guns To Dealer
17:29:16 Citizen Assist, North Star Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Served Protection Order 1 Week Ago But Needs To Arrange Time For Rp To Pick-Up Personal Belongings From Address
22:16:53 Suspicious, Pariseau Rd, Bridgeport, Comments:

Male Advd They Want To Hit Me, Rp Is Sitting In A Friends Veh, Advd They Are Cholos And About To Leave, Rp Advd He Is Safe Because They Just Now Left, No Alcohol Or Drugs

Feb 15
19:28:47 Accident Noninj, Highway 97 Comments: Sil Toyt Tundra Slid Off Into A Car Lot, Unk Injury

Feb 17
00:38:13 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Pateros, Wa Comments: Poss Intoxd Male Walking Along Hwy, In And Out Of Traffic
01:31:15 Agency Assist, S 7th St, Brewster, Wa
11:33:28 Citizen Assist, Bill Shaw Rd, Pateros, Wa Comments: Caregiver Spoke To County

Plow Driver, Advd Driveway Is Not Passable For Ambulance And Rp Is Under Medical Care.
14:58:55 Agency Assist, Highway 153, Pateros, Wa Comments: Veh Went Off The Rd, Down The Embankment And It Landed On The River.
17:06:16 Citizen Contact, W Warren Ave, Pateros, Wa

Feb 18
18:58:26 Citizen Assist, Highway 97, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rp Was Advd By Judge Respondant Would Be Served

Feb 19
05:28:52 911 Abuse, Honeybear Ln, Brewster, Wa Comments: 911 Hang Up, No Answer On Call Back
08:27:40 Burglary, Highway

97; Shulls Towing, Brewster Comments: Auto Yard Was Broken Into
11:52:40 Agency Assist, S 7th St; Brewster Grade School Comments: Student Pranked W/Another Student Now Has Pencil In Body. Pencil Is No Longer In Body.
14:03:40 Civil, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Rps Landlord Is Trying To Kick Her Out.

Feb 20
10:48:58 Welfare Check, Schnibbe Rd, Brewster, Wa Comments: Mom Has Not Sent The Kids To School Since Dec
13:17:00 Burglary, Highway 97; Shulls, Brewster, Comments: Out W Another Hole In Shulls Fence
19:44:23 Dui, Pioneer Rd, Brewster, Wa

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Brewster High School Scoreboard

Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Sat, Feb 22	Brewster	58	Cle Elum/Roslyn	48	Win

Waterville-Mansfield High School Scoreboard

Boys Basketball Scoreboard					
Mon, Feb 17	Waterville/Mansfield	47	Oroville	38	Win
Thu, Feb 20	Waterville/Mansfield	26	Moses lake Christian	49	Loss

Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Thu, Feb 20	Waterville/Mansfield	49	Pateros	41	Win

Pateros High School Scoreboard

Girls Basketball Scoreboard					
Thu, Feb 20	Pateros	41	Waterville/Mansfields	49	Loss

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Shockers defeat Pateros 49-41



Hanna Nelson (3) battling for the ball against Pateros' Zayne Ravenstein. The Waterville-Mansfield Shockers are moving on to Spokane for state, after their 49-41 victory last week.



The Shockers showed up in fine style at Wenatchee High School last week, to witness the Waterville-Mansfield victory over Pateros, which earned the team from Okanogan County a straight ticket to State. The supporters included a group of talented cheerleaders who kept on supporting their team throughout the evening.



The Pateros Nannies and the Billygoats both felt the support from their cheering section, which included cheerleaders, and a student in a goat costume. Pateros fell just short of a victory, losing 49-41 to Waterville-Mansfield.



Holly Finkbeiner in action against Pateros last week. The Shockers earned an outright ticket to State defeating the Nannies 49-41.

Brewster Lady Bears pick up CW2B District crown on road to State



By MIKE MALTAIS
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MOSES LAKE – The Brewster Bears varsity girls basketball team survived a second half surge by the Cle Elum-Roslyn Warriors to claim the District 5 championship title, 58-48, Saturday, Feb. 22, at Moses Lake.

Brewster opening the scoring with a basket by Paige Wulf and jumped out to an 18-5 lead with solid three-point outside shooting. The Lady Bears started the second quarter up 21-10 when Kara Schertenleib hit back-to-back treys to give Brewster a 27-12 lead.

The Warriors were 15 points down when they started to stiffen their defense to stay with 10 points, 36-26 at halftime. Through the third quarter Cle Elum-Roslyn used their zone defense to deny Brewster east close-to-the basket points or drives. From the mid-point of the third quarter the Warriors attacked Brewster's man-to-man defense to gain a foul advantage that allowed them to slowly close the gap from the free throw line.

Early in the fourth, the Warriors only trailed by five points, 45-40 and seemed to be turning the momentum in their favor on free throws. After putting the Lady Bears ahead by seven Brewster Player of the Year Pepper Boesel fouled

out with six minutes left to play.

Cle Elum-Roslyn, with no team fouls, had more than half a quarter to trim Brewster's lead from the foul stripe. Only key baskets from Wulf, Hyleah Aparicio, and Morgan McGuire, kept the game out of reach. Inside the two-minute mark the Warriors used repeated fouls in hopes of regaining possession to tie or win in the closing seconds. The Lady Bears converted enough free throws to maintain their 10-point win.

Both teams advance to state. In other district results the Waterville-Mansfield Lady Shockers took the CW1B title after defeating Pateros, 49-41, Thursday, Feb. 20, in Wenatchee. The Lady Shockers led from wire-to-wire, 15-4 in the first quarter, 31-12 at halftime, and 42-28 after three. Both teams advance to state.

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BREWSTER SCORING

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B. Reagles	7
P. Boesel	6
M. McGuire	5
G. Becker	2
H. Aparicio	2
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Hundreds gather in Wenatchee to participate in nationwide Presidents Day Protest



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Three generations demonstrated together: Tom Rowe, Judy Dubuque, and Henry and Elizabeth Kazemba (left to right).

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE – An estimated 300 people gathered at Memorial Park on Presidents Day to protest the significant changes implemented in the federal government by President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk.

The protest was part of a nationwide demonstration organized under the 50501 Movement, which stands for “50 protests. 50 States. 1 movement.” The protest was organized in order to “uphold the Constitution and end executive overreach,”

according to the group’s website. Wenatchee’s demonstration brought in protestors from all over North Central Washington, including Winthrop, Leavenworth, and Malaga.

“I hope that more people realize that it’s okay and it’s safe to come out and speak out. That’s one of our first and foremost constitutional rights to peacefully assemble and protest,” said demonstrator Elizabeth Kazemba. “And in order to create better future citizens, they need to be educated of those rights and demonstrate them.”

Kazemba attended the



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Friends of Sophie Stavig (left) and Emma Loney (right) have been affected by Forest Service staffing cuts.

demonstration with her fifth-grade son and two parents. As a Fourth Grade teacher, Kazemba was compelled to advocate for her students, who have been affected by the current administration’s rhetoric and directives with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

“I have had students come to school and said, ‘I’m scared that one or both of their parents are going to be deported,’” said Kazemba. “When the questions do come up, it’s hard to answer. And it’s hard for anyone to answer.”

Many demonstrators also came out to protest the

firing of over 200,000 federal workers under the direction of the White House and its Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

“I feel like just the people I know are really suffering, and we’re basically on a standstill in academia right now, in science,” said demonstrator Molly Sayles. “Even though we’re not federal employees, everything we’re doing is funded by federal grants or in collaboration with federal employees.”

Sayles, a Wenatchee-based entomologist obtaining her

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Jeff Graham fears more cuts are coming to public land management agencies.



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Karen Grudier attended to protest the federal cuts, as well as the dissolution of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs. “I’m a Native American, and I’ve always had to fight for what I want, and I feel like getting rid of DEI is going to make the fight even worse,” said Grudier.

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Committee proposed to redesign state flag

By **JUAN JOCOM**
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - Is Washington's State flag a relic of days gone by and should it be redesigned? A bill in this year's Legislature says the question is worth considering and proposes establishing a committee to explore the idea. Rep. Strom Peterson, D-Edmonds, said he sponsored HB 1938 after receiving an email from a constituent who raised issues with the flag's design. If enacted, the bill will establish a redesign committee

consisting of the director of the state arts commission, two legislators from each party, the secretary of state, historians, cultural leaders, tribal members, and Washington residents. Committee members will consider updating the flag to reflect the state's diverse identity, history, and culture. The state seal or other symbols of the state would not be altered, Peterson said. As a New Mexico native, Peterson compared Washington's flag to New Mexico's award-winning

design. He said Washington's solid green background and central state seal lacks aesthetic value, and he questioned the historical relevance of George Washington as a state symbol. The flag's intricate design also makes reproduction difficult and the text hard to read, he said. The proposal did meet with some opposition. Rep. Hunter Abell, R-Inchelium, said the bill is an attempt by Democratic legislators to remove the former president from the flag. "The shift to do away with

our history, our past, who we were as a nation and how we've grown through the good times and bad, is insulting," said Abell in a public statement. "It makes me wonder if this is the beginning of an effort to change the name of our state." On a video posted on X (formerly known as Twitter) Rep. April Connors, R-Kennewick, started a movement #SaveGeorge, imploring people to vote against the bill that will "cancel George." Peterson has clarified that the bill proposal is not an attempt to erase the former president from Washington. "That's just the farthest thing from the truth," Peterson said. Graphic designers and printmakers testified in support of the bill, citing the

history of the former president as a slave owner. However, Washington residents like Ryan Jewell, who opposed the bill, argued that there are more important issues to address during the session. "The state is named after the man on the flag," Jewell said. "What would symbolize our identity better than a seal of the greatest president of all time in my opinion." While Peterson agrees that there are more pressing issues to address in the legislative session, he argues the bill still holds value. "That's what we do in the Legislature," Peterson said. "We have such a diversity in the state, this could be a great way to engage people in state government and what they think should be reflected,

I don't mean [just redesigning] our flag, but in our policies and discussion." Washington originally was going to be named Columbia when it was separated from the Oregon Territory, but a Kentucky congressman objected, saying that name was too similar to the District of Columbia, the nation's capital. He suggested the new territory be named for the nation's first president instead. If enacted, the people of Washington would vote on whether to approve a new design.

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The Washington state flag waves in the wind at the state capitol on Feb. 18. Designed in 1914 by the Daughters of the American Revolution, led by Emma Chadwick, the flag was adopted on March 5, 1914



WSU Master Gardener plant clinic moves to Wenatchee Library

NCW News
Ward Media

WENATCHEE — The Washington State University Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener Program is relocating its weekly Plant Clinic to the Wenatchee Public Library, offering residents expert guidance on gardening and plant health issues. Starting February 24, the clinic will operate every Monday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the library's Sagebrush Meeting Room, located at 310 Douglas Street. The service will not be available on Monday holidays when the library is closed.

The Plant Clinic provides community members access to a Master Gardener diagnosis team who can identify plant problems and garden pests while offering recommendations for plant health maintenance and pest management. Residents seeking assistance are encouraged to bring plant samples, photographs, and detailed information about their gardening concerns. For those unable to attend in person, the program maintains an email service at askmastergardener@chelاندouglasmg.org. Email inquiries should include

contact information to allow diagnosticians to follow up if additional details are needed. Additional information about the Plant Clinic's services can be obtained through the WSU Chelan County Extension office at (509) 667-6540 or by visiting their website at bit.ly/mgplantclinic. The announcement marks a continuation of the program's commitment to providing horticultural education and support to the Wenatchee Valley community. Marco Martinez serves as the coordinator for the WSU Chelan-Douglas Master Gardener Program.

Point in Time

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this year," Calloway said. "This allowed us to target the more rural areas that we had not been able to target in previous years, and contributed to the event's overall success." Among those surveyed, 66 expressed willingness to stay in shelters if space was available, while 48 declined shelter options. The most

common reasons for avoiding shelters included feeling unsafe (9 responses), inability to bring pets (7 responses), and concerns about storage availability or overcrowding (4 responses each). The survey also revealed that 104 of the individuals were unemployed, with 12 reporting part-time work and one person in full-time employment. For income sources, 20 people reported receiving Supplemental

Security Income (SSI), while 11 each received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or other forms of assistance. The count was conducted across both counties, with resource events held at Lighthouse Christian Ministries in Wenatchee, Chelan Valley HOPE, and Upper Valley MEND locations. The data will be used to plan services and identify gaps in the region's homelessness assistance system.

Metal recycler

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Omak. "I thought everyone was for me," said Tommer, who even offered to hire tribal members for half of his workforce. At the public meeting, however, some tribal members opposed a center in East

Omak, so the opportunity was shelved. Tommer said the Waste Management dump near his East Wenatchee site does not accept any metal or cars. After paying to dispose of what Waste Management will accept, customers bring the rejected metal to Tommer's center, and "we pay them," Tommer said.

Every spring, his centers have a weekend when they bump up the price they pay for metal and set up a giveaway for military veterans or some other cause. "We hope to figure out where we are going to be this spring and go to work," Tommer said. Mike Maltais: 360-333-8483 or michael@ward.media

Discover Pass

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The bills also propose that the Office of Financial Management review the cost of the Discover Pass every four years and recommend adjustments to the Legislature to account for inflation. According to Samuel Hensold, recreation and operations manager at DNR, services were reduced across the three million acres of land and waters the department manages to compensate for a \$9 million operational funding deficit. Hensold said the increase will allow the department to better maintain infrastructure like restrooms and upkeep, like graffiti removal and debris cleanup. "DNR has added hundreds of miles of trails, new

campgrounds, new parking areas, but we haven't necessarily received additional operating funds to provide ongoing management for those areas," Hensold said. The additional revenue will also enable DNR to expand its efforts on environmental justice and equity initiatives. Most of the revenue from the pass, 84%, goes to state parks, while 8% is allocated to DNR and 8% to WDFW. Although recent funding cuts to several federal agencies do not directly impact the funding of state parks and lands managed by state agencies, DNR and WSP officials say cuts at the federal level may have residual effects on the general fund, which provides about 33% of state parks funding. While the funding increase is generally supported by

stakeholders, Rhonda Edens, a Washington native and avid park user, expressed concerns about higher fees. "When I was young, my family was very poor and we went to the state park a lot," Edens said. "It was the only thing we could afford to do. And by requiring Discover passes, you make it so that there's a whole population of poor people, they can't go and enjoy the park." Currently, the bill does not include provisions to address this issue. However, Doglio said making park access more equitable is something she would consider in future legislative sessions. The Washington State Journal is a nonprofit news website operated by the WNPA Foundation. To learn more, go to wastatejournal.org.

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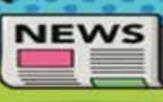
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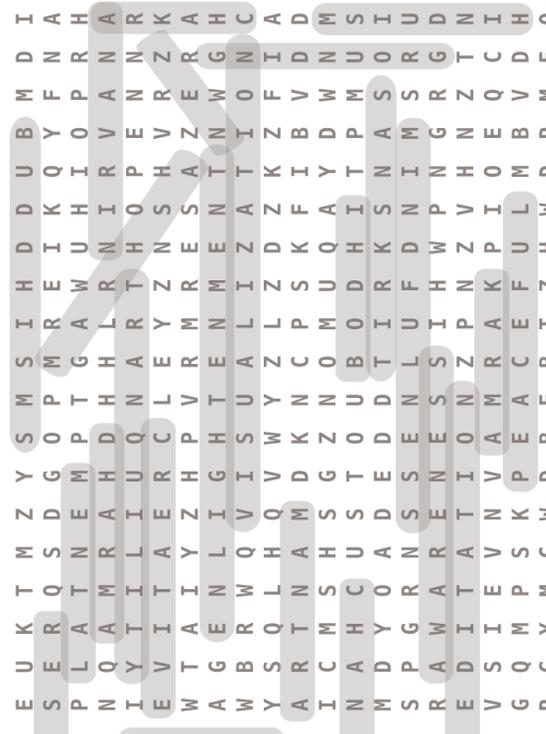
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Local, Regional Community News & Events

Any non-profit 501(c)-(3) group, person(s). Must provide: full name, city, phone number. Items pertaining to local events that are free or minimum charge. Garage and Yard Sale Ads are paid events, please email: classifieds@ward.media. To submit info call **509-548-5286** or email: ruth@ward.media

Meetings

Mondays

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

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

Tuesday

Okanogan County PUD: The commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. Information: okanoganpud.org

Douglas County PUD meetings: The commission meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the East Wenatchee office. Information: 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

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

Protest

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Ph.D at Washington State University, works with farmers in the valley on implementing affordable and sustainable pest control. In addition to watching her federal partners lose their jobs, Sayles's project funding has been frozen since January.

"We were applying for a grant to continue this project we're doing, and they took away the deadline, so we can't apply for it anymore. So there's no more money. The grant agencies told us to stop spending our money," said Sayles.

Jeff Graham, a realty specialist who has worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for 17

years, came out from Malaga in support of employees fired from the Forest Service, a fellow public land management agency. While his office had been spared at the time of the protest, Graham says he and his colleagues have been waiting for more information, and anticipating terminations.

"I hope people realize it is affecting us. I don't care who you voted for as Americans.

It's public lands, it's your fellow Americans. We are people. Who's America being great for?" said Graham. "You're taking workers out. I mean, we've got families here. You're taking our income, our salary. Not only that, you're taking what we do for our community. We protect our public lands."

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Molly Sayles and Elijah Young. As a scientist, Sayles says her pest control work with farmers has been interrupted amidst funding freezes and federal job cuts.

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HIPPOS

Danger!
Don't let their gentle appearance fool you. The hippopotamus is considered the world's deadliest large land mammal. These giants kill an estimated 500 people per year in Africa.

Help me find some grass to munch!

Hippos are found in these regions of Africa.

Hippos leave the water at night to look for food. They like to eat grasses—lots of grass. They eat 80 lbs (35 kg) of vegetation each night.

How many hippos can you find on this page?

How Hippos Keep Their Cool

To stay cool in the African heat, hippos spend most of their day in rivers and lakes. Their eyes, nose and ears are located on the top of their head, which means they can see and breathe while the rest of their bodies are under water.

The Hippo Code

Use the code to discover some facts about hippos.

■ = CALF	■ = BULL	■ = COW
■ = RIVER	■ = HORSE	■ = TUSK

Q: What does the word hippopotamus mean?
A:

Q: What is a baby hippo called?
A:

Q: What is a female hippo called?
A:

Q: What is a male hippo called?
A:

Are hippos slow? Quite the opposite!
Even though their legs are short, and their bodies are large and heavy, a hippo can run fast! Hippos have been clocked running at speeds of 19 to 25 mph (30-40 km/h).

Open Wide!
Hippos have a huge mouth, measuring up to 4 ft (1.2 m) when opened wide!

Hippos have a pair of huge incisors in each jaw. The large, curved lower canine teeth are like tusks as they grow throughout a hippo's life. They can reach a length of 1 foot 8 inches (50 cm)! These teeth are used for combat, not eating. When a hippo yawns, it's not tired but it is a sign of a threat.

Extra! Extra! Opposites
Look through the newspaper to find words that are opposites. For example: large and small wet and dry

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Recognize antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Sweaty, Sweaty Hippos?

Hippos have an oily red liquid that oozes out of their skin. It isn't sweat. Sweat evaporates and cools a body. This liquid looks red in sunlight and it stays on the skin and protects it from drying out—and acts as a sunblock, too!

When early European explorers first noticed this reddish liquid on the hippos they observed, they gave it a name.

Circle every other letter to see what they called it.

DBKLTOWOYDJSAPVEDAVT

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Double Double Word Search

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

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

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

Kid Scoop Together

Let's Draw a Hippo!

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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