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Tenth annual Boys and Girls Club fundraiser tees up April 21

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – As it has for the past nine years the Brewster Boys and Girls Club’s largest annual fundraiser, the Weinstein Beverage Shootout at Gamble Sands Golf Course tees up on Monday, April 21 at 200 Sands Trail Road. The Brewster club is celebrating its 10th anniversary since opening in 2015 under the umbrella of the

Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County. Starting in 2015, Gamble Sands has hosted what has become one of the most coveted venues in the Northwest playing on the David McLay Kidd designed courses. “Weinstein Beverage has come in as our title sponsor,” said BBGC Director Elizabeth Shepard. “They will be our title sponsor for the next couple of years.” For those unable to attend the

fundraiser there are also six exclusive Scarecrow Preview Foursomes for \$2,000 available for redemption in July 2025*. Visit Weinstein Beverage Shootout on Facebook for more details.

- Play one of the most anticipated new courses before it opens.
- 100 percent of your entry fee is donated to the Brewster Boys & Girls Club.
- The tax-deductible contribution supports local youth programs.

- *If the purchased donation foursome cannot be used in July, it may be redeemed any time before October 15, 2025. Check-in opens at 11 a.m. The shotgun start pulls the trigger at 1 p.m., and banquet at 6 p.m. “There are still sponsor slots open,” said Shepard late last week.

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The Shootout is open to golf foursomes and includes several sponsorship levels:

Golf Cart Sponsor	\$10,000
Gold Sponsor	\$7,500
Silver Sponsor	\$5,000
Bronze Sponsor	\$3,500
Golf Foursome – Non-sponsor	\$1,800
Golf Foursome – Sponsor	\$1,600
Tee Box Sponsor	\$600
Banquet only	\$75
DA – Well Houses	\$494,400

Schools ignore Legion’s Evergreen Boys and Girls State invitation



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Greg Wagg is Commander of Columbia Post 97



COURTESY OF MIKE MONTANEY

Mike Montaney is EBS Eastern Washington Vice Chairman.

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BREWSTER – A meeting hosted by American Legion Columbia Post 97 last Wednesday, April 9, to explain the Boys and Girls State opportunity to area junior class students was cancelled when no students or school representatives attended. Post Commander Greg Wagg contacted eight schools in Okanogan and Douglas counties and invited principals, counselors, advisors, and interested juniors to the meeting. Wagg had scheduled Evergreen Boys State (EBS) Eastern Washington

Vice Chairman Mike Montaney from Ephrata to deliver the EBS presentation. **Wagg responds** Following the no-show event, Wagg issued a letter to the schools previously contacted which said in part: “I am very disappointed in our local schools’ lack of interest, lack of knowledge, and lack of participation in a nationally recognized summer week-long program for junior class boys and girls.” Wagg stressed that Boys and Girls State is not a civics class.

“It is an in-depth hands-on participation in building and running a government,” wrote Wagg. “The program has been attended by (U.S.) presidents, Supreme Court justices, astronauts, leading news broadcasters, famous musicians, our state’s governors and many important and prominent persons.” The Washington governors Wagg referred to are Christine Gregoire and Gary Locke. The American Legion sponsors Boys and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors Girls

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Economic Alliance announces upcoming business training schedule

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER -- Representatives of the Economic Alliance attended the regular monthly of the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, April 9, with handouts involving training opportunities this month and next. All classes not at TwispWorks will be held at the EA office at 238 E. Oak St. in Okanogan. Registration is available online at <https://ow.ly/glc550VouYo>.

In other business the Chamber:

- Reminded members of the two-day 3-on-3 basketball tournament coming to Goehry Memorial Basketball Court on July 4th. Entry fee is \$40 per team and all participants will receive a souvenir T-shirt. Karl Word, who worked with the city council in 2013 on the agreement to build

the court, will address a future Chamber meeting to provide more details on the event.

- Created a survey by President Anna Marie Dalbey to encourage more community feedback about future projects including preference for a pickleball or volleyball court, more walkable streets, a sign over Main Street, and other suggestions.
- Discussed a possible arrangement with a turf company to return the soccer field and both little league baseball fields.
- Heard about an Okanogan PUD solar workshop at 5:30 p.m., May 13, in the PUD auditorium, 1331 Second Avenue N., to demonstrate how solar works.
- Learned of a digital kiosk coming to Brewster City Hall in the next couple of months.

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Economic Development Specialist Mason Duke and Business Outreach Specialist Leonel Marcial announced a series of classes starting on April 16 and running through June 5. The training includes:		
April 16	5-7 p.m.	Start Simple at TwispWorks
April 30	10 a.m.-12 noon	Succession Planning & Selling Your Business.
April 30	5-7 p.m.	Start Simple at TwispWorks.
May 6	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Social Media Strategy for Small Businesses and Non-Profits.
May 8	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Strengthening Small Business and Chamber Engagement.
May 13	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Content Creation Essentials.
May 15	10 a.m. -12 noon	Building Your Business Foundation.
May 20	10 a.m.	12 noon – Navigating Cash Flow and Profitability.
May 22	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Chamber Operations – Long Term Success.
June 5	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Choosing the Right Online Selling Platform.
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Business Outreach Specialist
Leonel Marcial



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Economic Development Specialist
Mason Duke

Buhl receives Friend of Children award

COURTESY OF BREWSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
Rosie Buhl, left, accepts the Friend of Children award from Brewster School Superintendent Lynnette Blackburn for her extraordinary support and dedication to students in need over the past 20 years. Buhl purchases dolls for students in need and personally delivers them to schools in the area. Her network of friends, skilled in sewing and knitting, contribute by creating clothes, blankets, and other items, enhancing the experience for the children who receive the gifts. Each doll is uniquely themed, ranging from cowgirls to firefighters, adding a personal touch to every delivery. The Friend of Children award was created in 1992 to recognize outstanding volunteers in the communities represented by the districts within the North Central Educational Service District’s four-county region. Recipients of the award make extraordinary contributions to local schools, not for fame or notoriety, but because that is simply who they are as a community member.



Area communities to host Easter egg hunts

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BREWSTER - Families looking for Easter festivities will have multiple options across the region with egg hunts scheduled in Brewster, Pateros, Mansfield, and Bridgeport on the weekend of April 19-20.

The weekend activities begin on Saturday, April 19, with morning events in three communities, followed by Bridgeport’s hunt on Sunday. The Brewster Chamber of Commerce will start festivities at 10 a.m. at Inning Park with an Easter

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

Easter Buffet at Lone Point Cellars

Lone Point Cellars will host their annual Easter Buffet on April 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the tasting room. "Celebrate Easter Sunday with a delicious buffet featuring a variety of dishes, Tickets are \$29.95 per person."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit Lone Point Cellars on Facebook.

Creative Hour

Waterville Public Library is hosting Creative Hour on April 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. at 103 Locust St in Waterville. "Take part in an hour of interactive creative opportunities where you can

explore your artistic side. This is a fun, hands-on event for all skill levels!"

For more information, visit Creative Hour Waterville on Facebook.

Annual Lake Chelan Eagles & Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

The Lake Chelan Eagles and Lions Club will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 at noon at Don Morse Memorial Park. "The Easter Bunny will arrive at 11 a.m., and photos will be available for \$5," the event page states. "There will also be a bike raffle and a free raffle for Easter baskets—fun for the whole family!"

For more information, visit Chelan Lions Club or Chelan Eagles on Facebook.

Red Light's one year anniversary Neon Haze Party

Red Light is celebrating their One Year Anniversary on April 19 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Neon Haze Party! "Come dance the night away under the glow lights and enjoy a couple of drinks while grooving to Thunder Fuzz and DJ Dabbird, Music kicks off at 8 p.m. for a night full of great beats and neon vibes!"

For more information, visit Red Light on Facebook.

NEON Party

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

STOCK PHOTO

Weinstein Beverage Shootout Benefitting the Boys & Girls Club

Weinstein Beverage is Hosting their Shootout on April 21 starting at 1 p.m. at 200 Sands Trail Rd. in Brewster. This exciting golf event is all about playing for a cause!

"Promote and give back while enjoying a day of golf. Spots are limited, so sign up early and help support the Boys & Girls Club."

For more information or to register, visit Weinstein Beverage on Facebook.

BHS business seniors thanks job shadow mentors



COURTESY OF JEFF DOWD/BREWSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brewster High School seniors in Financial Literacy class take a break from learning about money to write thank-you cards to their job shadow mentors.

Pateros Knowledge Bowl team places 11th at state



COURTESY OF PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pateros Knowledge Bowl Team capped its second consecutive year of state competition with an 11th place finish. A total of 93 teams competed in the March 22 championships. Coach Taya Schweizer expressed pride in her team and "the amazing year they had." Team members pictured from left are Wray Scott, Jackson Newman, Lexi Vargas, Kinden Hook, Ezekiel Poore, and James Evans.

Conservation District announces April board meeting

WENATCHEE — The Cascadia Conservation District has scheduled its regular board meeting for Friday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the district's office located at 1350 McKittrick St., Suite B, in Wenatchee. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, offering both in-person attendance and remote participation options

via telephone or Zoom videoconferencing. Due to limited space capacity at the venue, individuals planning to attend in person are required to contact the district office in advance to secure a spot. More information and instructions for the Zoom meeting will be available on its website at cascadiacd.org or by calling the district office at 509-436-1601.

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 April 5

08:36:32 Domestic Disturbance, 800 E Locust St, Waterville
10:24:06 Suspicious, 1911 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport
19:52:27 Welfare Check, Sr 17 Mp 136, Bridgeport
20:31:32 Vehicle Theft, 119 Whitlam Ave, Bridgeport
20:37:08 Noise, 1804 Fisk Ave, Bridgeport
April 6
23:00:11 Noise, 2420 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport

April 7

14:33:10 Theft , 929 Maple St# 159, Bridgeport

April 8

17:05:02 Theft, 227 W Poplar St, Waterville
17:43:04 Animal Problem, 591 Sr 173, Bridgeport

April 9

16:20:30 Harass/Threat, 1815 N Division Rd, Mansfield
16:29:06 Disturbance, 238 Main St, Mansfield

April 10

10:48:17 Theft , 103 Ponderosa Rd, Waterville
14:10:18 Assist Public, Sr 173 Mp 8, Bridgeport
15:06:48 Assist Public, 929 Maple St# 7, Bridgeport
15:30:18 Littering, 306 S Adams St, Waterville

Bridgeport Police Dept. April 6

01:43:26 Citizen Ride, N Bridge St & Highway 97, Brewster,

Comments: Giving A Ride To F Subj To Hwy 17 Junction

April 7

19:04:32 Animal Stray, S 4th St, Brewster, Comments: Stray Chicken. Req Options Bc He Is Afraid His Dog Is Going To Kill It

April 8

12:46:00 Citizen Assist, S 7th St, Brewster, Comments: Son Got Into Fight Yesterday And Principal Would Not Speak W/ Rp About What Happened Because Rp Arrvd After 1600 To Pick Up
14:57:52 Fraud, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Recd Fake \$100 Bill, Customer Unk Last Still On Scene

April 10

00:06:59 Fire Wildland
Riverview Hgts Rd, Brewster, Comments: Fire On Mtn Near Res, Spreading Down Hill
15:23:17 Domestic Dispute, Old Hwy 97, Brewster, Comments: Rp Advd She Was On Old Hwy 97, Her Bf Kicked Her Out Of A Gry Truck. Last Seen In Orchard, Heading Towards Bridgeport.
16:08:19 Threatening S 7th St, Brewster, Comments: F Subj Rec'd A Threat Third Party From A "Friend" Who Works At One Of The Gas Stations In Brewster.

Okanogan Police Dept. April 5

12:51:49 Trespassing, North Star Rd, Brewster, Comments: Subj's In Vacant Trailer On

Property, Playing Loud Music. He Wants Them To Leave.

April 8

10:50:12 Animal Vicious, Scenic Dr, Brewster, Comments: 20 Min Ago F Subj Was Running By Neighbor's Res; They Have 3 Akitas That Are Chained Up. But One Got Off Their Chain And Chased And Barked At Her.
22:36:20 Citizen Contact, Lakeshore Dr, Pateros
00:08:55 Dwls, Old Hwy 97, Brewster

April 9

19:11:29 Civil W Warren Ave, Pateros, Comments: Purchasers Of Res Moving In, House Was Supposed To Close But It Did Not. Purchaser's Telling People Rp Gave Permission For Them To Move In, But She Did Not
08:47:31 04/10/25 Abandoned Vehic Highway 153, Pateros, Wa
Officer: Gonzalez G Comments: F Subj Parked Her Veh On Rp's Property And Is Refusing To Come Get It
15:23:17 04/10/25 Domestic Disput Old Hwy 97; Area, Brewster, Comments: Rp Advd She Was On Old Hwy 97, Her Bf Kicked Her Outof A Gry Truck. Last Seen In Orchard, Heading Towards Bridgeport. Pc For Assault 4 Dv
19:15:27 Disabled Vehicle, Highway 97 & N Bridge St, Brewster, Comments: They Have Assistance On Scene They Are Going To Try Tow To Bre

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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 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: douglaspud.org

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group: Second Tuesday, 7-8:3 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 second 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. 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: Brewster American Legion is once again serving breakfast from 8 a.m. to Noon. Public welcome as our guests. Also Starting April 4, the 1st Friday of every month, we will be serving prime rib dinners from 5-8 p.m. Starting April 2nd Post 97 will be hosting guest speakers on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The public is welcome.

Chelan Friends of the Library - Earth Day Spring Book Sale: Earth Day Fair, Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Chelan's Riverwalk Park. Lots of vendors, including the Chelan Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale with fiction, nonfiction, mystery novels, arts and crafts, cook books and children's books. Audio books and CDs will be included. Come and stock up on your spring and summer reading materials. Chelan Friends of the Public Library aims to support the recycle and reuse endeavor and help building an informed community.

Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art Gallery: Open to the

public Wednesday- Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., April to October. Located at 21285 Highway 97A, Chelan, north of the Knapp's Hill Tunnel, approximately 10 minutes south of Chelan.

Chelan Valley Hope: Food for Thought. Chelan Valley Hope works closely with the Lake Chelan Food Bank to support our community. They provide us with emergency food bags for those who miss the food bank or need extra assistance through the week. We also hold food boxes for those who can't make it during the food banks designated times. In addition, we offer emergency homeless food bags with ready-to-eat items, and our annual Summer Lunch Program serves kids in Chelan and Manson with sack lunches from 12-1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, starting June 16. For more information about the Summer Lunch Program, email vrohrich@gmail.com. For details on Chelan Valley Hope, email info@chelanvalleyhope.org, and for the Chelan Food Bank, email Director. LakeChelanFoodBank@gmail.com.

Washington Legislature approves requirement for clergy to report child abuse

By JERRY CORNFIELD
Washington State Standard

OLYMPIA - Washington is poised to require clergy members to report child abuse or neglect, even when it is disclosed in confession.

Nearly two-thirds of state House members approved a Senate bill on Friday night to make religious leaders mandatory reporters of abuse and neglect, adding them to a list that includes school counselors, police, and nurses. With passage of Senate Bill 5375 on a 64-31 vote, the legislation now goes to Democratic Gov. Bob Ferguson for signing.

“It’s long past time for this protection for children,” said state Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, the bill’s sponsor, following the vote. “Members of the clergy play such an important role in the lives of children, like teachers and doctors do, and just like those other trusted adults, clergy should be mandatory reporters.”

More than half the states make clergy mandatory reporters, but most exempt what is heard in a confessional. If the Senate bill is signed, Washington would join the handful like New Hampshire and West Virginia where such conversations are not exempt.

Removing that privilege played a large part in the House floor debate on Friday.

“This bill is an attack on the Catholic and other faiths,” said Rep. Jeremie Dufault, R-Selah.

Some Republicans said they could support making clergy

members mandatory reporters as long as the confessional privilege was maintained.

“I have anger at people that do this because it is so wrong. I want something that will work,” said Rep. Tom Dent, R-Moses Lake. “There is no way we can enforce this.”

Rep. Carolyn Eslick, R-Sultan, said she was abused as a five-year-old by a 16-year-old family friend. But, she said, similar laws in other states didn’t reduce child abuse and neglect.

“If I thought for one minute it would help our children, I would vote for it,” she said.

Supporters said the bill will help protect children by ensuring that if they confide to a religious leader that they are being mistreated, they can trust that person will do something to help.

Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, said as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, “what makes a difference is when it stops. It stops when it becomes known.”

State law requires teachers, police, registered nurses, social service counselors and members of several other professions to report to law enforcement or the state Department of Children, Youth and Families if they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.

The bill adds clergy to the list, but it retains their privilege to not be compelled to testify in a court case or criminal proceeding.

A “member of the clergy”

is defined in the legislation to cover any regularly licensed, accredited, or ordained minister, priest, rabbi, imam, elder, or similarly positioned religious or spiritual leader.

The Washington State Catholic Conference opposed the legislation. They said it would force priests to break the seal of confession, considered a sacred promise to never reveal any of the information disclosed.

Republicans argued the abusers would do more harm because they would no longer be able to freely confide and seek forgiveness.

“It will drive these conversations underground. No children will be protected,” Rep. Hunter Abell, R-Inchelium.

This marked the third consecutive year Frame attempted to make this change in law.

“It’s finally on its way to the governor’s desk,” Frame said. She thanked the survivors of abuse who shared their experiences throughout the years of legislative process.

“I hope their pain is lessened by the knowledge that there are future children who won’t have to suffer like they did, thanks to their advocacy,” she said.

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LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

State Sen. Noel Frame, D-Seattle, seen here in an undated photo, has pushed for three years for legislation to set new requirements for clergy to report child abuse. Her bill won final approval in the Legislature on April 11 and is headed to the governor's desk.

Brewster High School Plant Sale set for April 17-18



COURTESY OF BREWSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Brewster High School Plant Sale will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 17-18, in the new campus greenhouse. Brewster high school students pictured here recently had the special opportunity to share their knowledge with the kindergarten students during a fun and educational planting activity. The older students guided their younger peers through the process of planting seeds, teaching plant growth and the importance of caring for the environment. This mentorship experience not only helped the kindergarteners develop an early appreciation for gardening but also allowed their mentors to take on leadership roles, fostering a sense of community and teamwork across grade levels.

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Brewster High School Schedule

Boys Varsity Baseball			
Thu, Apr 17 4:30: PM	Brewster vs.	Chelan	Away
Tue, Apr 22 4:30: PM	Brewster vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Boys Varsity Soccer			
Thu, Apr 17 4:30 PM	Brewster vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Sat, Apr 19 12:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Okanogan	Home
Tue, Apr 22 4:00 PM	Brewster vs.	HS Boys Soccer	Away
Boys Varsity Track			
Tue, Apr 22 4:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Brewster Small School Meet	Home
Girls Varsity Softball			
Thu, Apr 17 4:00: PM	Brewster vs.	Omak	Away
Sat, Apr 19 11:00: AM	Brewster vs.	Chelan	Away
Sat, Apr 19 1:00: PM	Brewster vs.	Chelan	Away
Tue, Apr 22 4:30: PM	Brewster vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Girls Varsity Track			
Tue, Apr 22 4:00 PM	Brewster vs.	Brewster Small School Meet	Home

Brewster High School Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Baseball					
Thu, Apr 10	Brewster	2	Meridian	6	Loss
Fri, Apr 11	Brewster	xx	Lakeside	xx	
Boys Varsity Soccer					
Tue, Apr 8	Brewster	3	Manson	1	Win
Thu, Apr 10	Brewster	6	Omak	1	Win
Sat, Apr 12	Brewster	1	Chelan	0	Win
Girls Varsity Softball					
Tue, Apr 8	Brewster	15	Okanogan	13	Win
Thu, Apr 10	Brewster	8	Almira-Coulee-Hartline	3	Win
Sat, Apr 12	Brewster	15	Mabton Senior	0	Win
Sat, Apr 12	Brewster	15	Mabton Senior	12	Win

Bridgeport High School Schedule

Boys Varsity Baseball			
Thu, Apr 17 4:30: PM	Bridgeport vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Sat, Apr 19 11:00: AM	Bridgeport vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Away
Tue, Apr 22 4:30: PM	Bridgeport vs.	Tonasket	Away
Boys Varsity Soccer			
Thu, Apr 17 4:30 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Manson	Away
Sat, Apr 19 11:00 AM	Bridgeport vs.	Omak	Home
Tue, Apr 22 4:00 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Tonasket	Home
Girls Varsity Softball			
Thu, Apr 17 4:30 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Liberty Bell	Away
Sat, Apr 19 11:00 AM	Bridgeport vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Away
Tue, Apr 22 4:30 PM	Bridgeport vs.	Tonasket	Away

Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Baseball			
Thu, Apr 10	Bridgeport	Waterville-Mansfield	Cancelled
Boys Varsity Soccer			
Tue, Apr 8	Bridgeport	Liberty Bell	0 Win
Thu, Apr 10	Bridgeport	Cascade	3 Loss
Sat, Apr 12	Bridgeport	Liberty Bell	1 Win
Girls Varsity Softball			
Tue, Apr 8	Bridgeport	Cascade	23 Win
Thu, Apr 10	Bridgeport	Waterville-Mansfield	19 Loss
Sat, Apr 12	Bridgeport	Okanogan	24 Loss
Sat, Apr 12	Bridgeport	Okanogan	21 Loss

Pateros High School Schedule

Boys Varsity Tennis			
Sat, Apr 19 10:00: AM	Pateros vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Away
Wed, Apr 23 4:00: PM	Pateros vs.	Okanogan	Home
Boys Varsity Soccer			
Thu, Apr 17 6:30: PM	Pateros vs.	Omak	Away
Fri, Apr 18 4:00: PM	Pateros vs.	Chelan	Away
Tue, Apr 22 4:30: PM	Pateros vs.	Oroville	Away
Girls Varsity Tennis			
Sat, Apr 19 4:00: PM	Pateros vs.	Lake Roosevelt	Away
Wed, Apr 23 4:00: PM	Pateros vs.	Okanogan	Away
Girls Varsity Track			
Sat, Apr 12 10:30 AM	Pateros vs.	Quincy Track & Field Invitational	Away

Waterville-Mansfield High School Schedule

Boys Varsity Baseball			
Sat, Apr 19 11:00 AM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Moses Lake Christian	Home
Mon, Apr 21 3:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Ephrata	Home
Girls Varsity Softball			
Thu, Apr 17 5:00: PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Moses Lake	Home
Sat, Apr 19 9:00: AM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Oroville	Away
Tue, Apr 22 5:00: PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Moses Lake	Home
Girls Varsity Track			
Fri, Apr 18 3:30: PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Oroville	Away



Waterville-Mansfield High School Scoreboard

Girls Varsity Softball					
Tue, Apr 8	Waterville-Mansfield	13	Wilbur-Creston-Keller	16	Loss
Fri, Apr 11	Waterville-Mansfield	xx	Bridgeport	xx	xx
Boys Varsity Baseball					
Tue, Apr 8	Waterville-Mansfield	7	Odessa	3	Win

Bears fall to Meridian, 6-2



MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Bears first baseman Will Reynolds easily beats a Meridian base runner barely visible at left during a non-conference game against the visiting 1A Trojans last Thursday, April 10. Meridian won the game. 6-2.

Lady Bears handle Almira-Coulee-Hartline, 8-3

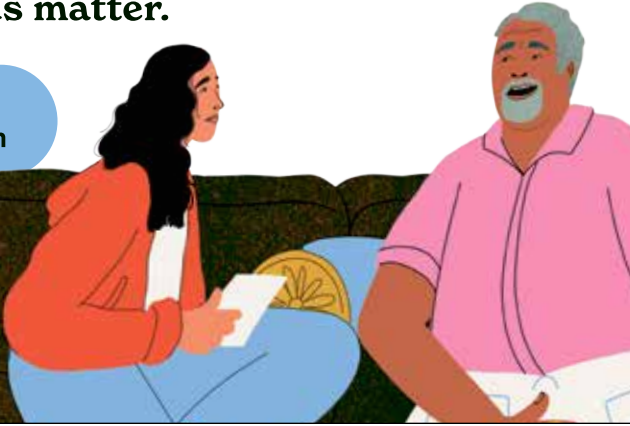


MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA
Emily Pulsifer, 7, advances to second base on a single by Naiyomee Aparicio in the early innings against visiting ACH last Thursday, April 10. Brewster defeated the Warriors, 8-3.

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Washington apple license plate program marks five-year anniversary, raises \$142,000 for students

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WENATCHEE — The Washington Apple Education Foundation announced Thursday that its specialized license plate program has raised more than \$142,000 for student scholarships over the past five years.

Since its 2020 launch, the apple-themed license plate has gained popularity throughout the state, with 1,239 plates currently on Washington roads. The program directs \$28 from each plate purchase

and annual renewal toward scholarships for students from families working in the state's tree fruit industry.

"This milestone is not just about the number of plates—it's about the students whose lives have been changed through the generosity of those who choose to support WAEF in this unique way," said Rolando Martin, WAEF Chairman. "We are grateful to individuals displaying this plate on their personal and company vehicles. You are making higher education possible for hardworking, deserving young

people."

The license plate program was developed through a collaborative effort between the Washington Apple Commission and the Washington Apple Education Foundation. It has become a visible symbol of the state's agricultural heritage while providing financial support for education.

The Washington Apple Education Foundation serves as the charitable arm of Washington's tree fruit industry. According to foundation officials, WAEF provides over \$1 million



COURTESY OF WASHINGTON APPLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Washington apple specialty license plate features a red apple with a "WASHINGTON" banner, the words "APPLES" down the left side, and "World's Finest Apples" at the bottom, all on a navy blue background. Since its introduction in 2020, over 1,200 of these plates have raised more than \$142,000 for scholarships supporting students from Washington's tree fruit industry families.

in scholarships annually and offers professional and career development training throughout the year for student recipients.

Interested individuals can learn more about obtaining a Washington apple license plate through the foundation's website at <https://waef.org/get-a-washington-apples-license-plate/>.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHELAN DOUGLAS REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY

Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority's Trades District recognized for innovation in economic development



An aerial view rendering of the complete Trades District development showcases the layout of the 12 business incubator units arranged in clusters with shared access, landscaping and parking. The project is designed to support a diverse mix of businesses in a campus-like setting.



An architectural rendering shows the interior of one of the Trades District's 12 incubator spaces, featuring an open floor plan with large windows allowing natural light, suitable for various trade-based, retail or service businesses. The spaces range from 1,584 to 2,175 square feet.

A conceptual drawing depicts the outdoor communal area planned for the Trades District Project, featuring picnic tables and planters to create a collaborative environment where entrepreneurs can gather and network. The design reflects the Port Authority's emphasis on creating a community-oriented business ecosystem.



Brooke Lammert (in red), Economic Development Specialist at the Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority, accepts the 2025 WEDA Innovation in Economic Development Award for the Trades District Project at the organization's Winter/Spring Conference in Olympia on March 26. The award recognizes the Port Authority's pioneering approach to cultivating business growth and entrepreneurship.

*NCW News
Ward Media*

OLYMPIA — The Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority received recognition for its innovative Trades District Project at the 2025 Washington Economic Development Association (WEDA) Awards held in Olympia on March 26.

The project, which features 12 incubator spaces ranging from 1,584 to 2,175 square feet, was honored with one of two Innovation in Economic Development awards presented at WEDA's Winter/Spring Conference.

According to WEDA

officials, the Trades District represents a pioneering approach to economic development, reimagining how communities cultivate business growth and entrepreneurship by focusing on trade-based, retail and service businesses rather than pursuing large-scale business recruitment.

"The Trades District is more than just a collection of buildings—it's a launching pad for entrepreneurs, a catalyst for local business growth and a long-term investment in the economic vitality of our region," said Brooke Lammert, Economic Development Specialist at the

Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority. "We are honored to receive this recognition from WEDA and proud to support small businesses with the space, resources and partnerships they need to succeed."

The project's success stems largely from its collaborative approach, partnering with organizations including the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Hispanic Business Council. These partnerships ensure entrepreneurs from historically underserved communities receive mentorship, resources and guidance needed to navigate the challenges of

business ownership.

WEDA, Washington's only trade association focused exclusively on economic development, presents its awards annually to recognize outstanding achievements in the field. This year, the organization's Awards Committee noted they received a record number of nominations from communities across the state.

"WEDA's Economic Development Awards celebrate outstanding achievement in economic development at the highest level," said WEDA Board Chair Betty Capestany, who also serves as the Director of Economic Development for

Pierce County. "There are leaders across our entire state working tirelessly to grow jobs and strengthen economic vitality in their communities. These awards honor leaders and projects that are excelling in this impactful work."

Amanda Wallner, WEDA Awards Committee Chair and Economic Development Manager for the City of Richland, added, "We received a record number of impressive nominations from communities across Washington. The nominations reflect a unique array of the breadth and diversity of important work taking place by economic developers statewide. These

projects are often complex and require extensive collaboration and creative partnerships."

The Trades District Project was one of two recipients of the Innovation in Economic Development Award, sharing the honor with the Clallam Forest Product Innovation Program from the Clallam County Economic Development Council.

The awards ceremony recognized achievements across multiple categories, including business recruitment, business retention/expansion, diversity and inclusion, and economic response and recovery efforts.

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State in the belief that young citizens who are well-versed in the functioning of our government system will be better equipped to uphold its principles and safeguard it for generations to come.

20th Century debuts

The inaugural Boys State took place in Springfield, Illinois, in 1935. Since that time more than one million young men have participated in the program. The state program emulates Washington State government through opportunities to construct local, county, and state governments. Activities include running for office, court proceedings, creating and enforcing laws, public speaking, and more.

The Girls State website, evergreengirlsstate.com said: *“The American Legion Auxiliary’s (ALA) Girls State program, debuted in 1947, is one of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs in the nation.*

The program epitomizes the ALA’s mission to honor veterans through our enduring commitment to develop young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. The young women become knowledgeable in the democratic process and how our republic form of government works at the local, state, and national levels.”

Select high school girls who have completed their junior year spend an intensive week of experiential learning working together as self-governing citizens. They learn government and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens by forming a fictitious state of cities; electing public officials at the local, county, and state levels; and performing the duties of those offices. The week’s activities include simulated legislative sessions and government proceedings, along with presentations, assemblies, and recreational programs.

Selection as a Boys or Girls State candidate includes advantages aside from the week-long experience in principles of governance, said Montaney.

“It helps on your college application,” said Montaney. “It gives you extra points if you apply to one of the military academies.”

COVID is culprit

Montaney said the recent lapse of interest in Boys and Girls State stems from the COVID-19 shutdown that interrupted the program and its best recruiters.

“Our best recruiters are the juniors who go back to their schools,” said Montaney. “We did not have the program for two years during COVID, so we did not have anybody to send back to schools.”

Brewster resident and Pateros High School graduate Rich Burgett was one of those recruiters after he attended Boys State in 1970.

“We went to Spokane and stayed at Gonzaga,” said Burgett. “My roommate was Bill Alexander from Leavenworth.”

Alexander, who died in 2022, taught at Bridgeport for a decade before becoming the well-known athletic director and football coach at Quincy.

Burgett said sessions on how government works helped him understand the legislative branches and how bills are drafted, presented, and pass or fail.

“I would highly recommend it for any juniors who get the opportunity,” Burgett said.

Montaney said the program is now building back.

Juniors interested in attending Boys or Girls State can apply online at evergreenboysstate.org (boys) or evergreengirlsstate.com/application (girls).

Evergreen Boys State will be held in Stanwood at the Warm Beach Conference Center from June 15-21, 2025. Evergreen Girls State will be held the following weekend, June 22-27, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

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Senate approves \$7.3 billion capital budget

By: MARY FEUSNER
Washington State Journal

OLYMPIA - The state Senate, which often hears a wide range of opinions between Democrats and Republicans, gave rare unanimous approval March 5 for a \$7.3 billion capital budget.

“It was important to be responsive to the needs of all Washingtonians, regardless of the district they live in,” Sen. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, said.

The budget allocates \$2.25 billion to natural resources, \$1.2 billion for higher education, \$1 billion for K-12 schools, and \$770 million to housing projects.

Funding for natural resources will go toward a variety of projects, including repairing the Yakima-Tieton irrigation systems damaged by the 2024 wildfires and restoring the natural floodplains in Chewelah. Other projects will clean up contaminated areas around the Puget Sound, transforming them into affordable housing developments while creating jobs and stimulating economic growth.

Trudeau praised Sen. Mark Schoesler, R-Ritzville, for collaborating on the legislation. Schoesler’s work helped her better understand the needs of districts east of the Cascades, Trudeau said.

“What we have is a capital budget for the entire state,” Schoesler said, prior to Saturday’s vote. “...We looked at this budget and saw fewer resources, so we made tougher decisions every step of the way.”

Egg hunts
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egg hunt organized by age groups. Families will have the opportunity to take photos with the Easter Bunny during the event.

The Pateros/Methow Volunteer Fire Organizations (PMVFO) will also host their third annual Easter Fair at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Memorial Riverfront Park. The event includes an Easter egg hunt for children up to age 12 and a separate scavenger hunt with prizes for teens ages 13-15. Family photos with the Easter Bunny will be available by donation, and refreshments including cotton candy will be for sale. All proceeds go to



MARY FEUSNER/WASHINGTON STATE JOURNAL
Cherry blossom trees in full bloom behind the Legislature Building on March 31.

The K-12 funding will dedicate \$563 million to school construction projects, \$201 million to modernize facilities in tribal schools and small districts, and \$143 million for seismic safety updates at schools near active fault lines.

According to Sen. Perry Dozier, R-Waitsburg, the state has a duty to ensure there is enough financial support for K-12 education.

The budget also includes a reserve of \$222 million for the second year of the biennium.

Due to economic fluctuations and emerging needs, the

PMVFO.

The Mansfield Lions Club egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. Saturday in Blue Stem Park, with age categories for children 1 and under, 2-4, 5-7, and 8 and over. Organizers note that “prize eggs” will be limited to one per child.

The Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce rounds out the weekend’s activities on Sunday, April 20, with events at Bouska Square beginning at 1 p.m. for children ages 1-8, followed by a second hunt at 1:45 p.m. for ages 9 and up. The Bridgeport event will also feature a bicycle raffle with eight bikes available. Raffle tickets cost \$5 each and can be purchased from chamber members and local stores.

reserve is important to address unforeseen issues during next year’s session, Schoesler said.

The House is considering a \$7.6 billion capital budget

similar to the Senate version. Once voted on, the two chambers will converge to create one final version.

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