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Pateros Arbor Day honors late tree board member Angela Van Eysinga



Winthrop naturalist and author David Lukas, writer of the Methow Nature Notes newsletter, was among the Arbor Day vendors.

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – Arbor Day 2025, celebrated in Pateros on Saturday, April 26, was an extra special occasion when youngsters attending the event were invited to help public works personnel plant a memorial tree in honor of Angela Van Eysinger.

During earlier comments by City Administrator Jord Wilson, Van Eysinger was honored for her dedication to increasing tree appreciation efforts:

The City of Pateros became a Tree City in 2013. Angela joined the Tree Board when it was first formed in 2014. She was a tireless supporter of the Tree City program. In 2015 following

the Carlton Complex wildfire, Angela helped pass out thousands of trees to the community. She helped folks choose the right trees for their homes, but more importantly before the tree left her hands, she made sure they had a plan to care for them. She always volunteered for Arbor Day celebrations. She loved to teach kids about trees, leaves, seeds, stones, and honeybees. She would have been right here at one of these tables giving out free plants. Angela’s work on the Tree Board was about finding the right tree for the right place. Since 2013 the program has planted 275 trees in Pateros.

Wilson, an ISA (International

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Pateros Mayor Kelly Hook reads the Arbor Day proclamation.



Members of the city staff and council gather by the U.S. flag flying at half-mast to honor the passing of Pope Francis on April 21.



The kids pitch in to help plant a memorial Coral Bark Japanese Maple in front of City Hall in memory of Angelia Van Eysinga.



Lance Wigner provided musical entertainment.

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New state bill will bring stronger PFAS monitoring measures

By **MIKE MALTAIS**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

PATEROS – City Administrator Jord Wilson delivered an advisory to the April 21 city council meeting regarding PFAS, termed the ‘forever chemical’ and pending legislation that will require more testing of water and biosolids on the local level.

“It’s the asbestos of our age,” Wilson said.

PFAS, short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, received national attention about 10 years ago when the state Department of Ecology (DOE) began testing groundwater in the Airway Heights area near Fairchild Air Force Base. DOE found that PFAS levels in drinking water were above safe

limits. The contamination was traced back to Fairchild. Airway Heights was ultimately forced to switch to alternative water sources.

“They lost their six wells at Airway Heights,” said Wilson. “It became a national issue, went up to EPA, regulated down to us.”

Wilson said the Pateros water system has been tested and is PFAS free.

“We got a grant to do a voluntary test, and it is going to be a regular requirement for our wells,” Wilson said.

Biosolids (municipal waste sludge) that are being applied to agriculture lands on the Waterville Plateau are closely monitored for any PFAS traces

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A loader distributes biosolids on an agricultural field.

A difficult decision to end print publication of the Quad City Herald

This is a message I hoped I would never have to write.

After more than a century of service to the communities of Bridgeport, Brewster, Mansfield, and Pateros, the Quad City Herald will publish its final edition on May 21.

This decision was not made lightly. We know the Herald has been more than just a newspaper — it’s been a trusted voice, a historical record, and a reflection of life

in the Upper Columbia River Valley. It’s where we’ve celebrated student achievements, tracked city hall decisions, mourned lost neighbors, and cheered on high school sports teams together.

But the reality we face is stark. Rising printing and delivery costs, combined with declining advertising revenues and subscriber



From the Publisher
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numbers, have made continued publication unsustainable. Despite our best efforts to streamline operations and adjust our business model, the challenges have outpaced our ability to overcome them.

To our loyal readers, advertisers, and community partners: Thank you. Your support kept this paper alive far longer than

economic forces would have otherwise allowed. We are deeply proud of the journalism we’ve provided, and even more proud of the communities we’ve served.

If you are a current subscriber, we will begin issuing prorated refunds for annual subscriptions in June. More details will be included in a letter sent to subscribers directly. While the newspaper’s final print edition will be May 21, our commitment to

community journalism is not ending. Our regional platform, NCW News (www.ncw.news), continues to grow and serve North Central Washington with free, online reporting. We encourage you to subscribe to our Morning Brief email newsletter, which brings local headlines, obituaries, events and more directly to your inbox each weekday morning.

The stories of this region still matter. They deserve to be told. Though the medium is

changing, our mission remains the same.

With gratitude, **Terry Ward**
CEO & Publisher, Ward Media

Terry Ward is the CEO of Ward Media and the publisher of NCW News, Cashmere Valley Record, Lake Chelan Mirror, The Leavenworth Echo, Quad City Herald, and the Wenatchee Business Journal. He can be reached at terry@ward.media.

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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 26

15:39:02 Noise,601 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport
21:44:55 Noise, 1819 Fairview Ave, Bridgeport

April 27

11:32:04 Traffic Offense, Sr 17 Mp 142, Bridgeport
13:51:42 Miscellaneous, 1815 Foster Creek Ave, Bridgeport

April 29

13:16:20 Parking/Abandon, 30 E 2nd Ave, Mansfield
16:49:25 Accident Injury, 2000blk Redfield Rd, Waterville

April 30

12:45:51 Domestic Disturbance,

1544 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport
15:27:20 Sex Offense, 417 Columbia Ave, Bridgeport

Bridgeport Police Dept.

April 27

18:37:29 Agency Assist, Maple St, Bridgeport, Comments: Female Diff Breathing
20:35:58 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Veh Went Off Road, Smoke Was Coming Rp Now Adv It Was Just Dust And Veh Was No Longer There.

April 28

19:55:50 Animal Stray, W Bruce Ave & S Bridge St, Brewster
Officer: Curtis Dt Comments: Two Pitbulls Loose Near

Rp, Running Around

April 29

19:58:41 Suspicious, N 7th St & Hospital Way, Brewster, Comments: Male Looks Like He Just Got Into A Fight. Rp Advd He Sat Down In The Middle Of The Field On A Bank, He Is Smoking Something. Looks Like He Has Scratches And Dirt On His Face, Clothes Are Ripped And Muddy.

April 30

17:36:55 Lockout, N 5th St & W Main Ave, Brewster, Comments: Out This That Veh
17:55:06 Civil, N 7th St, Brewster, Comments: Rps Landlord Changes Rps Locks

On Sunday And Rps Has Been Staying In His Veh. The Landlord Has Now Thrown Their Stuff Out. Rp Adv She Has Been Paying Rent And She Does Have A Lease.
22:31:38 Suspicious, W Indian Ave, Brewster, Comments: Flagged Down By Someone Who Adv They Could See A Subj Was At Their Res Knocking On Their Door
22:47:20 Assault, Highway 97, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Suv Is Now Sb. Men Were Out Beating The Male. Suv Had 4 Male In It

Okanogan Police Dept.

April 26

20:07:03 Dui, Monse River Rd, Brewster, Comments: Male Driver Doesnt Appear Injured Passed Out Poss Intox. Doesnt Look Like He Hit Anything Just Went Off Rdwy. Veh Is Still Running

April 27

16:48:44 Suspicious, Sunset Dr, Brewster, Comments: Group

Of Subjs Down At The Cliffs, Unk What Is Going On, Poss Assault Or Something. Teenage Girl Called Her Parents Who Called Rp. Advd She Was Scared. Rp Will Be Going To The Loc To Check On The Girl.

April 28

09:30:08, Vehicle Prowl, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Red 2000 Ford Focus Impounded At Shull's On 04/26/2025, Driver Rear Door Glass, Unk If Anything Was Taken.
17:36:12 Mal Mischief, North Star Rd, Brewster, Comments: Car & House Are Being Egged, Mult Times This Week.advd Her Daughter Attends School With Subj Who May Be Participating. Daughter Recorded One Of The Students At School Admitting To Egging Rp's House.

April 29

19:58:41 Agency Assist, N 7th

St & Hospital Way, Brewster, Comments: Male Looks Like He Just Got Into A Fight. Rp Advd He Sat Down In The Middle Of The Field On A Bank, He Is Smoking Something.
21:26:05 Citizen Contact, Highway 97, Pateros, Comments: Was Just Flagged Down By Someone Saying There Is A Fem Poss In The Rdway 5 Miles North Of Wells Dam Stated She Was Close To Being In The Rdway, On Foot

April 30

00:07:35 Traffic Stop, Highway 97, Brewster
14:37:27 Civil, Cemetery Rd, Pateros
22:47:20 Assault, Highway 97: Highway 97, Brewster
22:47:33 Citizen Dispute, N 7th St, Brewster, Comments: Neighbor Unk Last Has M Friend Staying At Res. Subjs Chasing And Yelling At Male Down Rdwy.

Community Bulletin Board

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 a at 3 p.m. Information: okanoganpud.org

Douglas County PUD meetings: The commission meets the first and thirld 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 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., May meeting will be held a the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce, 216 E. Woodin Avenue. 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.

Lake Chelan Museum of Wildlife, Natural History & Art Gallery: Open to the public Thursday- Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday Noon to 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: Washing Up: A Step Forward at Chelan Valley Hope. At Chelan Valley Hope, one of the most anticipated features of our recent expansion was the installation of a washer, dryer, and shower for client use. We're thrilled to share that these much-needed amenities are now up and running. Access to clean clothes and a hot shower is not just a comfort—it's a basic human right. These facilities will make a meaningful difference for our local unhoused community, supporting dignity, well-being, and even increasing opportunities for employment. Want to learn more or get involved? Reach out to us at info@chelanvalleyhope.org.

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Brewster High School Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Baseball					
Tue, Apr 29	Brewster	5	Liberty Bell	17	Loss
Sat, May 3	Brewster	6	Okanogan	4	Win
Boys Varsity Soccer					
Tue, Apr 29	Brewster	2	Bridgeport	0	Win
Thu, May 1	Brewster	4	Oroville	2	Win
Fri, May 2	Brewster	5	Moses Lake	2	Win
Girls Varsity Softball					
Tue, Apr 29	Brewster	16	Tonasket	7	Win
Tue, Apr 29	Brewster	17	Tonasket	15	Win
Thu, May 1	Brewster	15	Liberty Bell	0	Win
Sat, May 3	Brewster	10	Okanogan	0	Win
Sat, May 3	Brewster	7	Okanogan	10	Loss

Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Soccer					
Tue, Apr 29	Bridgeport	0	Brewster	2	Loss
Sat, May 3	Bridgeport	2	Chelan	1	Win
Boys Varsity Baseball					
Fri, May 2	Bridgeport	0	Tonasket	1	Loss
Girls Varsity Softball					
Mon, Apr 28	Bridgeport	22	Manson	15	Win
Fri, May 2	Bridgeport	0	Tonasket	15	Loss
Fri, May 2	Bridgeport	2	Tonasket	15	Loss

Waterville-Mansfield High School Schedule

Boys Varsity Baseball			
Fri, May 9 3:00 PM	Waterville-Mansfield vs.	Oroville	Away

Waterville-Mansfield High School Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Baseball					
Mon, Apr 28	Waterville-Mansfield	17	Cascade	7	Win
Sat, May 3	Waterville-Mansfield	2	Wilbur-Creston-Keller	5	Loss
Girls Varsity Softball					
Mon, Apr 28	Waterville-Mansfield	12	Wilbur-Creston-Keller	2	Win
Mon, Apr 28	Waterville-Mansfield	14	Wilbur-Creston-Keller	4	Win

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SENIOR CENTER

Brewster High School seniors share job shadow benefits



Crews are all smiles for a good cause.

By Mike Maltais
Ward Media Staff Reporter

BRIDGEPORT – The great thing about annual Earth Day celebrations held every April is that the Earth always shows up. That was the case on April 22 when some 200 Bridgeport school students, volunteers, and the Brewster Bridgeport-Pateros-Senior Center gathered at the school for a citywide cleanup day.

Senior Center President Klair Wilks-Lowrey said the center provided bottled water and snacks for volunteers who divided into crews dispersed throughout the area to beautify the grounds.

“It stemmed from the Bridgeport council meeting,” said Wilks-Lowrey. “They mentioned the school was starting an Earth Day and the kids were going to pick up litter and I thought we could help out with some refreshments.”

According to the website earthjday.org, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the modern environmental movement in 1970. The first Earth Day spurred the later creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and passage of the first environmental laws including the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

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Senior counselor Jen Varrelman, right, joins Christian Talavera Chavez and helpers.



Toting white trash bags, volunteers pause at the refreshments table.



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Brewster boys and girls each claim third at Rieke Invitational in Peshastin



PESHASTIN - The Brewster Bears had a terrific performance at the Rieke Invitational in Peshastin last May 2. Both boys and girls finished in third place, out of more than 35 combined schools that made the trip to Chelan County.

➊ Bella Tolen competes for the Bears at Cascade’s Rieke

➋ Invite last May 2. ➌ Alivia Smith in action during the Rieke Invitational Track and Field Meet last May 2 in Peshastin.

Bridgeport boys finish 10th, girls 12th at Rieke Invitational in Peshastin



PESHASTIN - The Bridgeport Mustangs and Fillies traveled to Peshastin and came back with a top ten finish for the boys (10th place out of 16 schools) and a 12th place finish for the girls, out of 19 schools.

➊ David Jimenez in action for the Bridgeport Mustangs during the 1600 meters at last May 2’s Rieke Invite in Peshastin.

➋ Andres Martinez competes for Bridgeport in the 1600 meters during the Rieke Invite in Peshastin last May 2.

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Central Cascade Youth Football and Cheer to hold town hall meeting

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EAST WENATCHEE — Central Cascade Youth Football and Cheer (CCYFC) will host a Town Hall Meeting on May 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eastmont Junior High auditorium. The event is open to parents, players and community members interested in learning more about the organization's programs and opportunities for involvement.

The CCYFC Board of Directors will present a detailed overview covering a range of topics, including the organization's mission, its approach to youth sports, player and family expectations, and ways for families to engage with the program.

"At CCYFC, we are committed to providing a positive and enriching experience for all our athletes, and we believe that open communication is key to achieving this goal," the organization stated in a press release.

The informational session will highlight five key areas: who CCYFC is and what it stands for, how the program differentiates itself from other organizations, what families can anticipate from participation, volunteer opportunities, and an open

forum for questions and answers.

"This Town Hall is the perfect setting for parents and athletes to learn about the philosophy and structure of CCYFC, our commitments to youth development, and how families can engage and contribute to our programs successfully," according to the release.

Organizers encourage community participation, noting that engagement is vital to the continued success of the organization and the development of its young athletes.

"We encourage everyone to come out, connect with our Board, and gain valuable insights into the exciting activities we have planned for this season. Your participation is vital to the continued success of CCYFC and the development of our young athletes," the release stated.

CCYFC provides youth in the community opportunities to participate in competitive football and cheer programs, aiming to promote teamwork, sportsmanship and personal growth in a safe and positive environment.

For additional information, contact Gerard at ccyfc.president@gmail.com or visit www.ccyfc.org.

WVC keynote highlights barriers for students of color

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WENATCHEE — Dr. Gina Ann Garcia, a nationally recognized expert on Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), delivered the keynote address during Wenatchee Valley College's Dean's Day on April 25, urging faculty and staff to elevate the voices of students from historically marginalized communities.



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Dr. Gina Ann Garcia, a professor at U.C. Berkeley and national expert on Hispanic Serving Institutions, delivered the keynote address at Wenatchee Valley College's Dean's Day on April 25, focusing on equity in education and centering student voices.

Garcia, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Education, presented "Centering Student Voices at Hispanic Serving Institutions," a lecture focused on closing equity gaps and strengthening HSI identity by prioritizing the lived experiences of Latine and other students of color.

"This event provided a beautiful opportunity to come together as an institution to reorient to our north star—our students," said Vanessa Saldivar, WVC's interim executive director of HSI initiatives. "Dr. Garcia ardently calls us to center our students, especially the roughly half that come from minoritized communities that are actively being targeted by discriminatory policies and hateful rhetoric. This is a critical moment for our community and for our college, as we deepen our understanding of, and our commitment to, our HSI identity."

Garcia's talk, organized and sponsored by El Corazón and the college's Center for Teaching and Learning, was part of a broader effort supported by a Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions

(DHSI) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. DHSI grants are intended to expand educational access and increase academic attainment for Hispanic students.

In her address, Garcia encouraged faculty and staff to reflect on how institutional policies and classroom practices can either perpetuate or dismantle barriers to student success.

She invited educators to "be unafraid educator[s] who work with and for all students."

Garcia's research focuses on equity and justice in higher education, with particular attention to how HSIs operationalize their mission to serve minoritized populations. Her work explores the role of race and racism in shaping higher education and examines the experiences of those working and studying within HSI environments.

Wenatchee Valley College has been designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. With a student population that is 45 percent Hispanic, the college qualifies for federal support aimed at improving outcomes for Hispanic and underserved students.

Social Security Administration to launch digital access to Social Security Numbers

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced it will soon offer a new feature that provides secure digital access to Social Security numbers (SSNs) for my Social Security account holders, aiming to modernize services and enhance data protection.

Beginning early this summer, account holders will be able to securely view their SSNs online through the my Social Security portal. The feature is intended to offer a convenient alternative to carrying physical SSN cards, helping users who may have forgotten their number or misplaced their card to access their information digitally on mobile devices.

SSA officials said the digital SSN initiative is part of the agency's broader commitment to improving service delivery while safeguarding personal identifiable information (PII). The move is also designed to

reduce the need for in-person visits to Social Security offices and limit the risks associated with lost or stolen physical cards.

"We are proud to offer this new digital solution to our account holders," said Lee Dudek, Acting Commissioner. "This enhancement reflects our commitment to providing better service to the public while ensuring that their personal information remains secure. We believe that this modern approach will meet the needs of our constituents in a more efficient manner."

The SSA emphasized that the digital SSN feature is for purposes other than handling Social Security-specific matters. The agency encourages all account holders to take advantage of the new option once it becomes available.

For more information or to create a my Social Security account, individuals can visit <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>.

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OLYMPIA — Washington state lawmakers released the final 2025-2027 operating budget on April 26, with the legislative session concluding Sunday. Despite previous commitments made in 2022, the final budget does not include funding to expand the Imagination Library of Washington, a program currently serving more than 121,000 children.

Founded by Dolly Parton in 1995 to honor her father, who was unable to read or write, the Imagination Library provides children from birth to age 5 with a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month. The program is operated through The Dollywood Foundation and aims to foster early literacy and a love of reading.

"This is a heartbreaking loss to our team, our 46 local Imagination Library partners, and, most importantly, the 121,000 children across Washington, who receive the gift of a free book each

month," stated Brooke Fisher-Clark, executive director of Imagination Library of Washington.

Washington established its statewide program in 2022, becoming the first on the West Coast and the eleventh nationwide among 21 statewide programs. The program relies on a 50/50 public-private partnership model, with funding shared equally between the state and local program partners. Washington lawmakers previously expressed support by passing House Bill 2068, which included critical financial backing.

"We are deeply disappointed by Washington's decision to withdraw from our partnership to expand Dolly Parton's Imagination Library across the state. The close of the budget session does not prevent Washington's leaders from taking action to fund its portion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library as promised to the state's children and families. We remain sincerely grateful for our partnership and hope that state leaders will find a path forward to honor this commitment," stated Jeff Conyers, vice chair and president of The Dollywood Foundation.

With the loss of state funding, program leaders said the future of the Imagination Library of Washington depends on public support.

"With the loss of state funding, our statewide programmatic framework has been altered, and we must now pivot to address this funding challenge. We need the public to rally and help us preserve this impactful program for young children. Please act and contribute now to ensure its survival," stated Fisher-Clark.

The requested state investment totaled \$7 million for the biennium—\$3.2 million in the first year and \$3.8 million in the second year—to maintain current enrollment and support anticipated growth. Without the funding, the statewide organization and its

46 local partners must raise critical donations to continue mailing books to enrolled children. Donations to support the program can be made online at www.imaginationlibrarywashington.org/donate or by mail to Imagination Library of Washington, 400 Union Avenue SE, Suite 200, Olympia, WA 98501.

The Imagination Library of Washington, powered by United Ways of the Pacific Northwest and partnering with the Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families, collaborates with local organizations to deliver books directly to children's homes each month at no cost to families. Research has shown the program's positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills.

For more information, visit www.imaginationlibrarywashington.org.



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Arbor Day

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Society of Arborists) certified arborist, listed the many ways trees add to a community:

- Clean the air.
- Filter water.
- Reduce stormwater runoff and erosion.
- Provide shade and cool homes/
- Create safer walking environments/
- Improve business.
- Increase neighborhood security.
- Increase land value.
- Improve community health and wellbeing.
- Reduce stress.
- Improve overall health and development of children.
- Encourage physical activity.
- Increase civic pride.

Wilson also introduced the current Tree Board members, Ana Trejo, Julie Herbert, Chantel Poole, Kathy Harding, and Ashley Kennedy.

“When you visit with people about Old Pateros and the old Main Street, you always hear them talk about the tree covered streets and how beautiful it was,” Wilson said.

Mayor Kelly Hook read the official Arbor Day proclamation.

Among those on hand, along with plant and food vendors, were representatives from Alta Lake State Park, the Okanogan Conservation District, the DNR, and Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control.

According to the Arbor Day website, arborday.org, Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states. The most common date for the state observance is the last Friday in April, but many state Arbor Days are observed at other times to coincide with the best tree-planting weather, from January and February in the south to May in the far north.

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Last Nov. 18, the city renewed its contract with King County and Boulder Park Inc. (BPI). BPI is a farmer-owned company headquartered in Mansfield and “specializes in spreading municipal biosolids as fertilizer on certain permitted sites in Douglas County,” according to a clause in the approved resolution.

Wilson and city wastewater treatment operator David Hunter met with BPI last month to discuss the latest developments as they relate to the city’s continued participation.

Brewster and Bridgeport also participate in the biosolids program. Bridgeport Public Works Superintendent Matt West said the city has no PFAS issues with its water and regularly tests for PFAS in the biosolids it forwards to BPI.

Brewster Director of Public Works Lee Webster had much the same response regarding the city’s biosolids disposal.

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In 2020, the EPA began requiring military sites like Fairchild to perform testing and disclose PFAS levels. While this action led to greater transparency and accountability, many affected communities are still fighting for action and financial reparations.

The state legislature passed Senate Bill 5033 relating to sampling or testing of biosolids for PFAS 2 chemicals effective Jan. 1, 2027, and forwarded it to Gov. Bob Ferguson on April 23 for his signature. At this writing, the bill awaits the governor’s action.

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Brewster High School seniors share job shadow benefits

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By Mike Maltais

Ward Media Staff Reporter

BREWSTER – From Brewster Marketplace to Mid Valley Hospital and Gebbers Farms to Gritworks, Brewster High School seniors are getting a head start on their post-graduate career path thanks to a BHS requirement to intern – job shadow – in the business and professional world.

Five seniors in instructor Jeff Dowd’s business class – Maddie Sandoval, Emily Pulsifer, Amy Alvarez-Garcia, Rafael Cruz-Lozano, and Mareli Arevalo-Martinez - share their experiences in response to questions Dowd put to them, including:

- Share what you enjoyed about your BHS job shadow experience.
- Do you agree that a job shadow experience is an important BHS requirement?
- Did your job shadow connect with your ‘real’ post-high school career plan?
- How did the 20-hour job shadow experience help with your future planning?

Maddie Sandoval

“I shadowed at Mid-Valley Hospital for ultrasound,” said Sandoval. “When I was there a student from Seattle University was doing her clinicals while I was also doing my job shadow. She gave me insights into being a student in the Ultrasound Program.

Sandoval had an insightful perspective on the importance of the BHS job requirement.

“It makes you go out of your comfort zone and explore the careers students may or may not want to look into,” said Sandoval. “It helps students go out and learn new material and what it would be like if they took on that role.”

Sandoval said the encouragement and advice from mentors during the project is especially useful for students trying something new.

“My job shadow did connect with my post high school career plan,” said Sandoval. “I wanted to do ultrasound since I have known about this career.”

While Sandoval admits that she has “been switching gears here and there” ultrasound is one of the career choices she wanted to explore.

“My 20-hour job shadow experience helped with my future planning,” said Sandoval. “I am still deciding, and it is still an option. Overall, my job shadow was important.”

Emily Pulsifer

“I shadowed a high school/middle school choir teacher, and I do plan to be a music teacher or, at least, I do plan to

teach,” said Pulsifer.

Pulsifer said she enjoyed watching her mentor, Don Pearce, talk and joke with his students.

“I especially enjoyed getting to hear some of the inside jokes with his older students.” Pulsifer said.

Pulsifer said her exposure to her career choice helped refine her preferred grade teaching level

“The job shadow helped me realize I did not want to teach in high school or middle school very much,” said Pulsifer. “It allowed me to see that I would much rather teach elementary school.”

Amy Alvarez-Garcia

Garcia credits the positive attitude of mentor, Rebecca Michael, for her rewarding experience in the Brewster Marketplace bakery.

“Mrs. Michael is always believing in me even when I thought a cake I made wasn’t worthy to sell,” said Garcia. “She’s inspired me to go back to baking treats with a purpose.”

Garcia said working in the bakery taught her about the work environment, what to expect and what not to expect, and always to make sure to ask questions about the career.

Garcia said job shadowing did resonate with her real post-secondary career plan.

“The 20-hour job shadow has helped me learn about bakery management, the ups and downs about running my own bakery in the near future, and tips and tricks about pricing, and knowing what the customers are looking for specifically,” said Garcia. “Wanting to have a career in the culinary arts field has and always will be a passion of mine.”

Rafael Cruz-Lozano

“I had a great time during my job shadow experience at Gritworks in Burlington,” said Lozano. “I got to experience athletes of different ages strive for improvement in their desired sport.”

Lozano said he was especially interested when his mentor showed him the different programs that he had worked on for each set of athletes and how each exercise would pair well with what each athlete was looking to improve.

Even though he plans to pursue another career path Lozano endorses the BHS requirement because he believes it helps students better understand what career they may want to pursue and provides valuable experience to help them find interest in a career.

“It did not connect with my real post-high school career plan since I currently plan

on majoring in construction management,” said Lozano. “It did help me figure out if I wanted to pursue a career in the sports/physical education field since I was interested. It also gave me a better understanding of what work is done in this field.”

Lozano said job shadowing helped him understand better about the responsibilities that a performance manager has.

Mareli Arevalo-Martinez

“During my job shadow at Gebbers Farms, I really enjoyed working alongside Kailee Tanneberg and her accounting team,” said Martinez. “One highlight was when Kailee allowed for me to begin my own little accounting project. I appreciated seeing how each team member pitched in to tackle even the most tedious data-entry tasks.”

Martinez said the BHS requirement gives students hands-on exposure to a real workplace, helps build professional skills, and allows more informed decisions about future careers.

“My job shadow directly connected with my post-high school career plan,” said Martinez. “I have taken an accounting class before and enjoyed it, and spending 20 hours with a professional accounting team solidified my ambition to earn an accounting degree.”

Martinez said she learned about the specific educational background and on-the-job skills like bookkeeping, accounting software, and teamwork.

“All key aspects that I will need to become a CPA,” Martinez said.

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Maddie Sandoval, a senior at Brewster High School, shares highlights from her job shadow at Mid-Valley Hospital, where she explored a potential career in ultrasound technology. Sandoval said the experience gave her valuable insight into her future educational and career goals.



Mareli Arevalo-Martinez, a senior at Brewster High School, displays a summary of her job shadow experience in the accounting department at Gebbers Farms. Her 20-hour internship helped confirm her plans to pursue a degree in accounting and become a CPA.

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Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to grilling.

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Answer: Burger

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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to memorial holidays. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = R)

A. 12 14 25 14 26 3 9 11

Clue: Protective forces

B. 1 3 26 26 25 24

Clue: Fight

C. 19 3 9

Clue: Conflict

D. 23 20 22 20 9

Clue: Pay homage

Answers: A. military B. battle C. war D. honor

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL NONSIGNIFICANCE
Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County has entered a determination of environmental non-significance, (DNS), for the proposed action under the State Environmental Policy Act. (RCW 43.21C), as amended. The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the subject action does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under 43.21C.030(2)c. This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency shall not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. Written comments must be submitted by May 30th, 2025. Written comments should be submitted to John M. Brown, SEPA Official, Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802, or at john.brown@dcputd.org. Viewing and copies of the DNS, and Environmental Checklist can be obtained from the Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802 and on Douglas PUD's website: www.douglasputd.org. The issuance of the determination of environmental nonsignificance, for which notice is hereby given, is for the following action: Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County proposes to install a passive integrated transponder (PIT)-tag-detection system on the railroad bridge over the Methow River for the purpose of detecting passing fish that have had PIT tags implanted into them by researchers. The system will comprise fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) and stainless-steel frames set into recesses on both sides of each of three concrete piers supporting the bridge. PIT-tag-detection antennas will be installed within those frames so that a detection field will extend into the adjacent water on both sides of each pier. The PIT-tag-detection system will be installed on the railroad bridge that spans the Methow River located at the confluence of the Methow and Columbia Rivers, Pateros, WA. Lat/Long: 48.050552/-119.902657 Dated this 22nd day of April, 2025. Public Utility District No.1 of Douglas County, WA John M. Brown SEPA Official There is no agency/administrative appeal CH.197-11 Published in the Quad City Herald April 30 and May 7, 2025. #9856

Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PATEROS 2025 CHIP SEAL – MULTIPLE LOCATIONS General Notice

The City of Pateros (Owner) is requesting Bids for the 2025 Chip Seal – Multiple Locations Project. All work is to be completed prior to July 11, 2025 including striping. A construction start date for a Notice to Proceed will be determined within thirty (30) days of award to allow completion of the work in 2025 during appropriate conditions. The improvements for which bids will be received are generally described below:

- Bituminous surface treatment of approximately 22,000 SY of roadway
- Approximately 45 SY of pavement repairs and/or pre-leveling
- Approximately 25,000 LF of roadway striping, 1000 SF of crosswalk/stop bar striping, and other miscellaneous painted roadway symbols and markings

Bids for the Project will be received by the Owner via online submission only, until **11:00AM, May 14, 2025**, local time. Bids will be opened and read aloud virtually via the following link: meet.google.com/mkjk-jjyf-wyyw
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Public Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE In the Matter of the Estate of XINIA DARITY, Deceased. No. 25-4-00733-32 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Administrator named below has been appointed as the Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to Administrator at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: May 7, 2025 Administrator:Keylor David Darity-Morun Attorney for the Administrator: Steven Wee, Esq. Address for Mailing or Service: 708 N. Argonne Road, Suite 1B Spokane Valley, WA 99212 Steven Wee, WSBA # 30620 Attorney for the Administrator Published in the Quad City Herald May 7, 14, 21, 2025. #9886

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIERCE In re the Estate of: VERDELLE E. LOW, Deceased. NO. 25-4-00947-8 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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Guess Who?

I am a singer and actress born in California on May 20, 1946. I spent time at an orphanage as a child, but that didn't stop me from becoming the "Goddess of Pop," selling over 100 million records. I'm known for my unique singing voice and youthful looks.

Answer: Cher

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VENUS FLYTRAP

THE JAWS OF DOOM

Yikes!

Quick! Help this fly escape the Venus flytrap's grip!

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Beautiful but Hungry

The Venus flytrap is a meat-eating, or **carnivorous**, plant. It is also quite lovely. That is why its name includes Venus. That is the name of the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

But don't worry – a Venus flytrap won't eat you. Mostly they eat bugs. They especially love mosquitoes and flies.

Jaws of Doom True or False Quiz

Make a guess about which of these statements are true and which are false. Then read the scientist's notes about the Venus flytrap to check your answers.


1. Venus flytraps have teeth.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

2. Venus flytraps only need bugs to survive.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

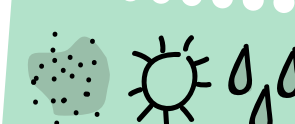
3. Venus flytraps eat anything that falls into their mouth-like leaves.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

4. Venus flytraps help keep bugs out of your house.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE


5. Its "mouth" shuts in under one second.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE




Venus flytraps have little spikes around the leaves. But they are not teeth. They don't chew. The plant uses digestive juices, much like those in your stomach, to eat insects.



Venus flytraps get much of their nutrition from the bugs they eat, but they also need water, sun and soil to survive.



Digestion of real food takes five to 12 days, after which the trap reopens. The insect's exoskeleton blows away in the wind or is washed away by rain.



If something not edible falls into a Venus flytrap, it will close up and try to digest it. But after about 12 hours, it will open its leaves and let the fake food fall out.

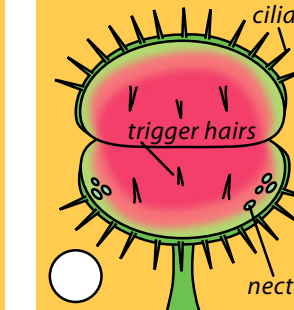
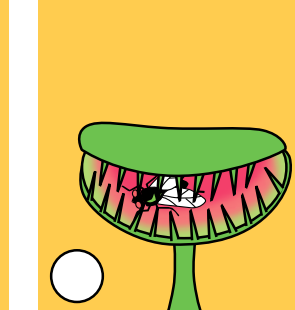
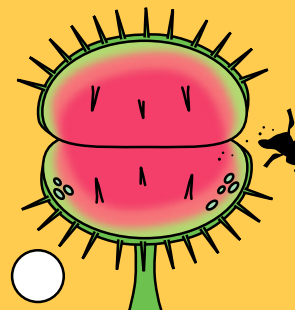
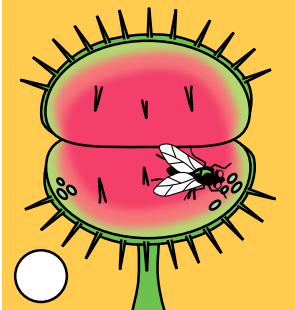
How many flies can you find on this page?

Today the plant is threatened in the wild. The draining of bogs for farming and the building of shopping centers and houses has reduced the plant's habitat and numbers. **Less than 5% of the plants are left.**

Snapping Up a Meal

Number the pictures in order.

Sweet nectar around the edges of the Venus flytrap's open leaves attract insects. As a bug moves across the surface drinking up this treat, it touches small, sensitive bristles on the Venus flytrap. These trigger hairs tell the plant when a possible meal has arrived. Then the plant's "jaws" close very quickly, trapping the insect inside. The long *cilia*, hairs along the leaf edges, act like prison bars, preventing the insect from escaping. Several days later, after the insect has been digested, the leaves open and what's left of the insect body blows away.



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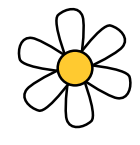

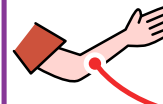
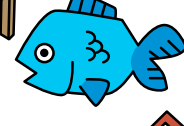
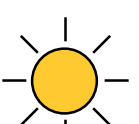






Look at a photograph in the newspaper. What do you think happened before the photo was taken? What do you think happened afterwards?

Standards Link: Research: Students predict likely outcomes.

Effect:

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Flytrap is a **compound word**, made by combining two smaller words: *fly* and *trap*. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line between two pictures to make a compound word. Then write the word.



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Double Double Word Search

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SPIKES
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VENUS
LOVE
BOGS
FEAR
WILD

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

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U	D	F	V	R	G	J	A	Y	S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Kid Scoop Together:

Cause and Effect

When something happens, there is usually something that caused it to happen. The **cause** comes first, the **effect** second. Here are some examples:

When the hairs on the inside of a Venus flytrap's leaves are touched, the plant snaps shut.

Cause: touch the hairs
Effect: plant snaps leaves closed

If a little rock is put inside the mouth-like leaves of a Venus flytrap, the leaves will snap shut. After about 12 hours, the leaves will open so the rock can drop out because it is something the plant can't eat.


Which part of the above is the "cause?"

Which part is the "effect?"

Look through the newspaper for an article that interests you. Can you find one effect and what caused it?

Cause:

Effect:



Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **EDIBLE**

The adjective **edible** means safe to be eaten.

Kevin and his grandpa looked through the bushes for **edible** berries to eat.

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

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