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## Bridgeport tackles conversion issues with automated water meter system

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

BRIDGEPORT – The city recently purchased an automated remote-read Automated Meter Infrastructure (AMI) to monitor its water system only to discover later that the conversion process is not working as represented. Superintendent of Public Works

Matt West reported to the April meeting of the city council that some additional tweaks are needed to bring every meter online. “The biggest problem is the existing antennas are not transmitting through,” said West. “We are going to have to install a more powerful antenna to read through the meters and get us to fully automated water meters.”

West said the existing antenna is reading most, but not all, of the meters and posing an obstacle to completing the conversion. H.D. Fowler, the AMI system provider, is troubleshooting the issues to get all the meters integrated. “They are having some difficulty with the conversion,” said West. “The transition is going to be a little more difficult than I’d hoped for. I wanted

it online, but I have to move forward with what I have.” West said he was not aware that when the city bought its new system under Bridgeport’s previous public works chief, the manufacturer was getting ready to roll out a new meter but sold the city on an older meter’s capability to do the job. “We spent a lot of money on that,” recalled council member Mike Bjornstad. “We were kind of promised that...it was going to be up on the water tower, and everything was going to be working. Now, the first time I hear about it is that we have

phases of equipment.” West said in hindsight the city should have waited for the rollout of the new meter where everything is streamlined. “We bought into the old meter, and here we are now still struggling,” said West. “I think eventually we will get there,” West said. H.D. Fowler made a commitment to West that the company will complete the conversion and get all meters integrated.

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## Solid Waste Action Committee joins Bridgeport Earth Day cleanup



COURTESY OF KLAIR WILKS-LOWREY

**Bridgeport students among the more than 200 who turned out for Earth Day cleanup gather on the school campus.**

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

BRIDGEPORT – The recent citywide cleanup, powered by more than 200 Bridgeport school students for their Earth Day observance on April 25, turned out to be a group effort by not only BHS but also the city, Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center, and the Douglas County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Bridgeport Mayor Sergio Orozco said when Bridgeport school principal Tamra Jackson contacted him with the citywide cleanup idea, he took some measures on

behalf of the city to facilitate the event. Orozco conferred with Superintendent of Public Works Matt West to arrange for a dumpster to be available and for the recycle center to be open as well. Then he turned to the county.

### SWAC responds

“I reached out to Becci (Piepel) from SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Committee), and she was excited,” Orozco said. Piepel is the Solid Waste Director for Douglas County and responded to Orozco’s alert with extra help from her agency that included about

200 vests, gloves, trash bags, and trash-picker hand tools. SWAC also provided goodie bags with coloring books and other items for the younger kids to take home. According to its douglascountywa.net website, SWAC is an on-going committee established to help prepare a solid waste management plan and assist the development of programs and policies concerning solid waste handling and disposal. Each SWAC must have a minimum of nine members, representing a balance of interests including citizens, public interest groups, business, the waste management

industry, and local elected public officials. Orozco and Douglas County Commissioner Marc Straub are among SWAC members. When the Brewster-Bridgeport-Pateros Senior Center learned of the event, it contributed refreshments for the students to enjoy during the cleanup. Earlier in the month a group of BHS students organized by city council student representative, Luis Herrera, volunteered to spend a weekend painting a room inside the center building.

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## Free dog vaccine and microchip clinic coming to Brewster May 18

*NCW News  
Ward Media*

BREWSTER — Up to 300 dogs in Okanogan County will receive no-cost core vaccinations and microchips as part of a free two-day clinic organized by Team Okanogan Animal Rescue (TOAR). The Brewster event will take place



Sunday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Brewster High School. The clinic is open to the public and will provide services on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments are necessary. TOAR is providing the clinics to help pet owners in Okanogan County access basic preventive care in a region with no public animal shelter and limited low-cost veterinary options. “Every pet deserves access to basic care, no matter where they live or what their family can afford,” said Jill Servais, President of Team Okanogan Animal Rescue. “These clinics will help hundreds of dogs get the protection they need to live healthy lives. We’re deeply grateful to Oroville and Brewster High Schools for hosting the events; to CARA Veterinary for generously providing staff and support; and

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## Bridgeport replaces aging rescue rig with newer vehicle

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

BRIDGEPORT – Whenever a fire or vehicle accident requires the city to respond with its emergency fleet, a critical component of that response is that the fleet vehicles are in runnable condition. The fire department’s aging rescue rig was failing that test when the city replaced the old veteran with a newer, more dependable model. “The last fire the crew responded to a fire on Bridgeport Bar, the truck died on them, and it took awhile to get it started,” Mayor Sergio Orozco recalled. The original rescue rig was a 1990’s-era one-ton flatbed fitted with a water tank among other equipment and ample water to suppress smaller fires. City councilmember Zeke Martinez, who chairs the Fire and

Ambulance Committee, reported to the latest council meeting that the replacement vehicle has been acquired. “It’s a 2019 Ford F-550 dual-wheel crew cab with 61,000 miles,” said Martinez. “The original price was just over \$49,000.” The city agreed to a couple of options to further lower the purchase price. After deductions of a \$2,500 trade-in credit for the old vehicle and an additional \$500 off when dealer kept the bed off the new vehicle, the out-the-door cost the city paid just over \$46,000. Martinez said. The council had previously approved the vehicle, and the 2025 city budget made allowance for those funds, so a motion to authorize the purchase was not necessary. Orozco said the city was required

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## Brewster Food Bank faces challenge of uncertain future

**By MIKE MALTAIS**  
*Ward Media Staff Reporter*

BREWSTER – The outlook for the continued one day a week operation of the Brewster Food Bank has not improved since director David Burdick’s March update to the city council. “We are still running it weekly on Thursdays but just looking at the numbers and what we have to fall back on at this point it’s not sustainable,” said Burdick. “We’re not the only ones in that spot.” Burdick said his recent discussions with other area food banks finds the others in a similar position. “We are not going to have enough food to fill 100 boxes,” Burdick predicts. A recent infusion of \$7,000 of grant funds will help the Brewster facility meet its needs but it is only a short-term aid. “We are in the process of finalizing that trying to figure out what we can spend it on,” said Burdick. About 70 percent of the bank’s food is supplied by The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), another 26 percent comes from Northwest Harvest, with the remaining four percent from businesses and individuals. Catholic Charities (cceasternwa.org) oversees the food bank’s finances, but some dollars are more direct. “We have some people who go directly to Brewster Marketplace and make a donation because they have an account there,” said Burdick said. One dependable commodity the Brewster bank has is its group of volunteers who turn out regularly to sort, pack, and distribute food. “We have a good crew showing up,” said Burdick. “We have a base of about eight or nine volunteers.” As of last November, food is no longer delivered to Brewster so volunteers with their trucks and trailers make regular trips to the Okanogan food hub to keep Brewster’s stocks available. Burdick said he cannot predict what the local pantry will have to adjust to keep the doors open and food flowing. “I think it is going to be a rough couple of years ahead,” Burdick said.

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**David Burdick is the director of the Brewster Food Bank. The facility at 301 S. Fourth Street dispenses food from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Thursday.**

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Color Walk and Resource Fair

The Color Walk and Resource Fair will be hosted on May 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Omak.

"This free event is designed to raise mental health awareness and connect the community to local resources. Participants will enjoy a fun and colorful walk while learning about valuable services available in the area."

For more information visit [Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare on Facebook](#).

The Barn in Waterville - 2025 First Open Dates

The Barn in Waterville will open its doors for the first time this year May 16 at 9 a.m.

"Featuring treasures both inside and out! We've collected

many new pieces since last fall, and are excited to share them with you."

This opening coincides with the Community Yard Sale in Waterville May 17 so you'll find treasures all over town!

For more details and hours, visit [The Barn in Waterville on Facebook](#).

Okanogan Family Faire (Barter Faire)

The Okanogan Family Faire will take place May 16-18 at 76 W. Cayuse Mountain Rd. in Tonasket.

"Barter Faire has grown into a vibrant annual event featuring vendors, musicians, artists, and craftspeople from near and far. This is a nonprofit event supporting public education and traditional, rural, economic, and spiritual values that honor diversity, wild-

life, and the Earth."

Important Notes:  
Cash only. No generators allowed. We are an off-the-grid culture—there is no cell service and no selling of internet access.

For more information, visit [Okanogan Family Faire on Facebook](#) or at [okanoganfamilyfaire.net](http://okanoganfamilyfaire.net).

Omak Writing Group

The Omak Writing Group will meet on Sunday, May 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for local writers to share their work, receive feedback, and connect with others in the community."

For more details, visit the

Omak Writing Group on Facebook.

Omak Chamber Lunch

The Omak Chamber of Commerce will host a lunch on Monday, May 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at Magoo's.

"During the lunch, tribes will present their new initiative:

Icelandic Prevention Model: Empowering Communities to Prevent Youth Substance Abuse. This is a great opportunity to network, enjoy a meal, and learn about important local initiatives."

For more information, visit the [Omak Chamber of Commerce on Facebook](#).

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



## Seniors thank city for support

MIKE MALTAIS/WARD MEDIA

**Brewster Mayor Art Smyth accepts a certificate of appreciation from Klair Wilks-Lowrey, president of the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center, for the annual donation the city made to help support senior center operations. Wilks-Lowrey and center treasurer Charlene Knox visited the city councils of Brewster, Pateros, and Bridgeport to thank all three municipalities for their annual financial support.**

## State Fire Marshal urges wildfire preparedness as summer nears

NCW News  
Ward Media

OLYMPIA — With warmer and drier weather expected across Washington this summer, state officials are warning residents to prepare for an increased risk of wildfires.

In 2024, the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) deployed its All-Risk Mobilization Program to assist in 30 wildfire incidents statewide. The combined response cost approximately \$23 million, underscoring the growing financial and environmental impact of large-scale wildfires.

"As we look forward to sunshine and outdoor activities, wildfire prevention and preparedness must remain a top priority," the State Fire Marshal's Office stated in a release issued Wednesday.

To reduce the risk of wildfires, SFMO officials recommend clearing dead vegetation and other fuel sources away from structures, participating in community

cleanup days, practicing daily fire safety, using fire-resistant construction materials, and staying alert to emergency notifications. Preparedness efforts should also include assembling an emergency kit with food, essential medications, important documents, a battery-powered radio, and a first aid kit. Families are encouraged to practice evacuation routes, establish communication plans with neighbors, and prepare vehicles with necessary supplies. The SFMO emphasized that residents should follow evacuation orders and heed guidance from emergency personnel in the event of a wildfire.

Additional wildfire safety information can be found through the National Fire Protection Association.

For further resources or questions, residents can contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3904 or visit [www.wsp.wa.gov/state-fire-marshals-office](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/state-fire-marshals-office).

## Who said you cannot travel back in time?

COURTESY OF KLAIR WILKS-LOWREY

New activities are underfoot to attract more traffic to the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center. One of the latest is Vinyl Fridays where folks are invited to enjoy lunch and bring along their favorite vinyl records to share as part of the entertainment. The vinyl revival is making a surprising comeback, and the Brewster seniors are on the cutting edge of the local movement.

## Okanogan Economic Alliance to host free business workshops

By MIKE MALTAIS  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

OKANOGAN – The Economic Alliance is offering three training sessions between May 15-20 for entities and individuals trying to strengthen their marketing and management skills in today's competitive business environment.

**Building Your Business Foundation**  
**Thursday, May 15**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Entrepreneurs ready to take their businesses to the next level are invited to attend an exclusive free training session designed to help them build a strong foundation for success. The session hosted by Native Business Academy & Economic Alliance will cover essential topics including:

- How to register a business.
- Understanding business structures.
- Gaining market and industry insights.

**Location:** Omak Tribal HeadStart, 13 Siya Rd., Omak.  
**Register at:** <https://ow.ly/vHMI50VqPqT>

**Navigating Cash Flow and Profitability**  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn the basics and purpose of cashflow, the importance of and reasons for keeping good records, and a brief overview of the process and requirements for financing a business. Culturally relevant activities will demonstrate cash flow projections, determine break-even, and how to reconcile a bank statement.

**Location:** Omak Tribal HeadStart, 13 Siya Rd., Omak.

**Register at:** <https://ow.ly/ey3Q50VN30W>

**Chamber Operations-Long Term Success**  
**Tuesday, May 20**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This session taught by Rachele Baughman of Coulee Creative Co. covers everything from transitioning from volunteer-led to paid staff, strategic budgeting, and role structuring to tax compliance, essential policies, and media use waivers. This is a must-attend for those seeking to strengthen a chamber's foundation and ensure long-term success.

**Location:** 238 E. Oak, Okanogan.

**Register at:** <https://ow.ly/mJgA50VNi5u>

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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 May 3

02:39:46 Civil, 1155 Rd 2 Nw, Waterville  
15:03:48 Traffic Offense, 100blk 11th St, Bridgeport  
22:11:01 Noise, 76 Gun Club Rd, Bridgeport

### May 4

03:48:41 Alarm, 1300 Douglas Ave, Bridgeport

### May 5

10:22:58 Suspicious, 400 E Locust St, Waterville  
18:41:50 Noise, 206 12th St, Bridgeport

### May 6

05:50:04 Alarm, 106 W Locust St, Waterville  
19:14:46 Runaway, 2424 Monroe Ave, Bridgeport

### May 7

09:52:31 Theft, 2089 Rd 3 Sw, Waterville  
13:18:46 Juvenile Problem, 250 Diagonal St# A, Bridgeport

### May 8

18:33:10 Vehicle Prowl, 14 Arden Ave, Bridgeport  
19:41:51 Civil, 1541 Columbia Ave# 2, Bridgeport  
23:36:09 Suspicious, 516 N Greene St, Waterville

### Bridgeport Sheriff Dept.

#### May 2

17:54:45 Agency Assist, Highway 97, Pateros, Comments: Male And Female Were Fighting In Veh On Side Of Rdwy. Red Older 1988 Jeep. Rp Asked Older Female Was Okay, She Advd They Were Fine But She Had A Black Eye. R Advd Veh Was Parked On Side Rdwy 1 Mile North Outside Pateros Off Hwy  
2nd Caller Advd He Is A Witness, The Fern Took The Car And Went Towards

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Sheriff

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Pateros, Male Is Still At Loc.  
Fem Has A Pistol.

May 3

01:16:13 Agency Assist, Columbia Ave, Bridgeport, Comments: 42 Yoa Male Outside Veh Unconscious Cpr In Progress  
06:21:17 Disorderly, Hospital Way, Brewster, Comments: Family Member Of A Pt. Being Aggressive W/ Staff, Being Loud, Yelling  
15:21:27 Alarm Burglary, N 7th St, Brewster, Comments: Rec'd Call From Cook Solutions, Keyholder Advd It Was The Janitor That Set Off The Alarm.  
15:18:54 Threatening W Jay Ave, Brewster, Wa  
Officer: Reyes Vernon  
Comments: Juv's Are Attempting To "Jump" Rp's Brother. Has Been Ongoing Issue.

May 4

18:55:55 Agency Assist, Fairview Ave, Bridgeport, Comments: Disturbance At Loc. One Subj Left In A Red Sedan, Poss Taurus. Dcso Deputy Is Req Unit To  
Sit On The Bridge And See If They Go That Way. No Further Info.  
22:30:18 Citizen Assist, W Cliff Ave, Brewster, Comments: Found Their Stolen Red Toyt Corolla Wa At The Loc; Veh Is Unocc Parked At The Loc Rp Did Report The Veh As Stolen Through Rivcom Approx 30 Ago, From Chelan.

May 5

14:55:39 Citizen Dispute, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Yesterday 05/04/25 Rp Adv Subj Unk Last An Employee Of The Gas Station Tried To Fight Rp After Rp Made A Comment About Their Lottery Machine. M Subj Never Put His Hands On Rp But Got In Rps Face And Was Walking Towards Him.  
18:00:22 Suicidal Person S Bridge St, Brewster  
21:27:12 Warrant Arrest, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Warrants Confirmed Dt Will Be On The Warrants Plus Theadditional Charge Of Order Violation

May 8

13:21:08 Assault, Hospital Way, Brewster,  
13:48:28 Child Abuse, W Griggs Ave, Brewster

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May 2

17:54:45 Domestic Dispute, Highway 97, Pateros, Comments: Male And Female Were Fighting In Veh On Side Of Rdwy. Red Older

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Rescue rig

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to request three bids before accepting the lowest from local dealer Best Deal Auto Sales. “Their price was significantly lower by almost \$20,000 than the others,” Orozco said, “We are looking to get a new flatbed and putting the tools on it.” It appears the purchase did not come any too soon. “When we tried to start the old rig to move it out of its bay so we can remove more equipment from it, it would not start,” Orozco said. Barring any further delays that get in the way of retrofitting the new vehicle. Orozco said the target is to have the new rescue rig ready by Bridgeport Daze on the first weekend of June.

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1988 Jeep. Rp Asked Older Female Was Okay, She Advd They Were Fine But She Had A Black Eye. Rp Advd Veh Was Parked On Side Rdwy 1 Mile North Outside Pateros Off Hwy  
15:10:12 Welfare Check, Monse Bridge Rd, Brewster, Comments: Concerned For 42yom Has Not Been Heard From Since 04/22/25. Rp Did Not Have Address.

May 5

11:02:47 Citizen Assist, Cameron Lake Rd, Brewster, Comments: Rp Is Trying To Leave Husband Rp Has Help Coming On Thursday To Get The Rest Of Her Things But Mark Will Not Allow Her Help To Come And Help Her Move Out. M Subjyells And Screams And Has Threatened Rp And Her Help.  
12:18:01 05/05/25 Suspicious North Star Rd, Brewster, Rp Returned Home And Found Chain Had Been Tamped With, Lock Was Moved From Inside To Outside. No Vechs In Area, Rp Checking Security Cameras. Unk If They Made Entry To The Property, Rp Concerned It May Be Her Estranged Husband Who She Has A P/O Against

May 6

22:56:31 Suspicious, Unger Rd, Brewster, Comments: Hearing Construction Noises N Of Hwy 97, Rp Cannot See Any Lights, Poss Coming From The Orchards, Sounds Like A Tractor Moving

May 7

00:50:36 Suspicious, Highway 97, Brewster, Comments: Rp's Cameras Showed A Subj Lsw A Drk Gry Or Blk Hoodie W/ A Whibag In The Impound Area. It's 22 Acres Big, Unk Direction Of Travel.  
13:21:30 Threatening, Hunter Mountain Rd, Pateros, Comments: Delivered Pkg To The Res, Advd The Male Subj Came Out Carrying A Sidearm Advd That Rp Dusted Him And The Neighbors Out. Susp Advd The Rp "I Have A Shotgun And He Would Shoot My Ass If I Went By His House Like That Again". Rp Advd He Was Going Approx 10-12 Mph.

Dog vaccine

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to Pawsitive Alliance for supplying microchips. We also thank Greater Good Charities for contributing vaccines, and all our hardworking volunteers who make these and other TOAR events possible.” The Brewster clinic follows a Saturday event at Oroville High School, scheduled for May 17 from noon to 4 p.m. In addition to the vaccine and microchip events, TOAR will host two large-scale spay and neuter clinics this year in partnership with Greater Good

Community Bulletin Board

Local, Regional Community News & Events

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, 7-8:30 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@

Charities' Good Fix program. Each clinic is expected to serve over 1,000 animals in a four-day span.

More information is available at [www.toarwa.org](http://www.toarwa.org). Donations are welcome to support ongoing TOAR programs.



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

Death Announcements

**Gilbert Barton**

Gilbert Barton, 92, of Brewster, Washington, and formerly of Twisp, Washington, passed away on May 4, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

**Javier Rodriquez**

Javier Rodriquez, 62, of Bridgeport, Washington, passed away on May 4, 2025. Barnes Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family.

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

**Okanogan County School Retirees' Association** will hold a general meeting 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at Community Presbyterian Church of Omak, 9 Birch St. S. Members will be voting on a scholarship winner and a budget proposal for next year. Information: Penny Garrison: 509-429-0292.  
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**Brewster American Legion:** Brewster American Legion is once again serving breakfast from 8 a.m. to Noon. Public welcome as our guests. The 1st Friday of every month, they will be serving prime rib dinners from 5-8 p.m. Post 97 is hosting guest speakers on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. The public is welcome.  
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| Girls Varsity Track  |              |      |                     |
| Tue, Apr 22 4:00 PM  | Brewster vs. | CW2B | League Championship |

Brewster High School Scoreboard

| Boys Varsity Baseball  |          |    |                |    |      |
|------------------------|----------|----|----------------|----|------|
| Tue, May 6             | Brewster | 4  | Lake Roosevelt | 2  | Win  |
| Thur, May 8            | Brewster | 6  | Okanogan       | 10 | Loss |
| Boys Varsity Soccer    |          |    |                |    |      |
| Tue, May 6             | Brewster | 2  | College Place  | 1  | Win  |
| Thur, May 8            | Brewster | 2  | Highland       | 0  | Win  |
| Girls Varsity Softball |          |    |                |    |      |
| Tue, May 6             | Brewster | 22 | Bridgeport     | 8  | Win  |
| Sat, May 10            | Brewster | 3  | Tonasket       | 18 | Loss |

Bridgeport High School Scoreboard

| Boys Varsity Soccer    |            |   |          |    |      |
|------------------------|------------|---|----------|----|------|
| Tue, May 6             | Bridgeport | 0 | Connell  | 1  | Loss |
| Girls Varsity Softball |            |   |          |    |      |
| Tue, May 6             | Bridgeport | 8 | Brewster | 22 | Loss |

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| Boys Varsity Baseball  |                      |   |          |         |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|----------|---------|
| Fri, May 9             | Waterville-Mansfield | 2 | Oroville | 11 Loss |
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# No fixes on horizon for crowding crisis in WA’s youth prisons

**By: JAKE GOLDSTEIN-STREET**  
*Washington State Standard*

OLYMPIA - Problems with overcrowding have enveloped the Green Hill School juvenile detention center in Chehalis for nearly two years, leading to unsafe conditions for the minors incarcerated there and the staff tasked with overseeing them.

But Washington state lawmakers left Olympia last month without making substantial changes to address the crisis. The lack of progress was frustrating for lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

While a new facility opening this year in Aberdeen could offer some relief, the failure to pass significant legislation on the issue means Green Hill is on track to continue housing dozens more people than it is designed to safely hold.

State Senate Human Services Committee Chair Claire Wilson, D-Federal Way said she “really felt disappointed for the young people that we let down.”

The crowding at Green Hill comes as juvenile crime has ballooned and state law has transitioned to send young adults convicted of crimes to youth detention instead of adult prison until they turn 25.

The facility, along with Echo Glen Children’s Center in Snoqualmie, is one of the state Department of Children, Youth and Families’ two prisons for

juvenile offenders.

Last year, the crowding crisis grew to the point that the state agency transferred 43 young men from Green Hill to an adult prison run by the state Department of Corrections and temporarily stopped taking in new people at the facility, a decision that drew staunch criticism and litigation.

For months, the population at Green Hill, which houses boys and men ages 17 to 25, has fluctuated between 220 and 240, despite a safe operational capacity of 180. Projections show that number rising another 100 by the end of 2026, according to Department of Children, Youth and Families Secretary Tana Senn.

Meanwhile, the agency’s assistant secretary for juvenile rehabilitation, Felice Upton, is no longer with the department, as of April 21. The circumstances of her departure were unclear. The agency declined to comment.

Upton also previously served as superintendent at Echo Glen.

Legislators this year earmarked money for increased security at Green Hill School and for operations at the smaller, new facility set to open next month in Grays Harbor County.

Lawmakers considered major policy changes this year to tackle the overcrowding. Two bills focused on different aspects of the issue passed the

Senate before stalling in the House.

Senate Bill 5278 would have set new guidelines for transferring young people to adult prison or placing them there in the first place if youth facilities are above capacity.

Senate Bill 5296, sponsored by Wilson, would have tried to direct more youth away from detention in the first place. The measure would’ve required judges to specifically find, based on a “preponderance of the evidence,” that custody in juvenile rehabilitation was necessary because community-based placement would have been inadequate.

The bill also would have required court hearings to determine if people in youth prison should remain in custody, and expand eligibility for alternatives to incarceration.

“We seem to be very willing, if you will, to put money into a system to move our young people from JR into DOC, but not at all as willing to think about what it would take to keep young people from coming into the system in the first place,” Wilson said.

Wilson pushed to pass the two bills in tandem, as a package.

But while Senate Bill 5278, sponsored by Sen. John Braun, D-Centralia, had bipartisan support, the debate over Wilson’s proposal was fiercely partisan. Even a

handful of House Democrats worried about the more lenient approach her bill offered.

In the end, Wilson’s legislation collapsed over these concerns, and Braun’s bill fell with it.

“There was a well-worked, bipartisan bill with a controversial bill, and to hold that bill hostage because you couldn’t get the votes in your own caucus for a controversial bill, it just seems wrong-headed or even mean-spirited, frankly,” said Braun, whose district includes Green Hill.

Debate among the Dems

More than two dozen House Democrats were so frustrated Wilson’s bill didn’t get a vote, they put out a joint statement entitled “Lessons In Failure.”

“For the young people trapped in a system that prioritizes incarceration over rehabilitation, this is more than a missed opportunity — it’s a moral failure,” they wrote.

State Rep. Lauren Davis, D-Shoreline, was one of the few in her caucus pushing back on Wilson’s bill. She thinks the state needs stronger consequences to deter minors from committing crimes, which often leave their peers as victims.

“I do not believe it is just or compassionate to allow these young people to self-destruct,” she said, noting the bill doesn’t expand the community supports needed to help young people diverted away from incarceration.

The case of a 17-year-old released from custody by a King County judge despite a criminal history before allegedly killing two teens in March further stoked opposition.

Davis said she’s “not sure what part of this is acceptable to anybody, but it should be unacceptable to anybody, and this bill would have fomented more of that.”

Davis said her views on public safety have evolved since joining the Legislature in 2019. She’s seen policies she supported result in homicides and suicides and doesn’t want to repeat those mistakes.

Her resistance toward Senate Bill 5296 did not

make her popular among her colleagues, she said.

Eric Trupin, a University of Washington researcher who for decades has worked with incarcerated youth, lamented the bill’s failure.

“I think we had an opportunity to really move our juvenile justice system in a way that would really have improved outcomes for youths,” he said.

Still, he said concerns about a lack of services for diverted youth were valid.

Meanwhile, Senn said Wilson’s bill wouldn’t address the existing population concerns at Green Hill.

The debate isn’t over. The bills will likely be back next year for the 60-day legislative session.

“We’ve been working on this one for a long time,” Wilson said. “So it will come back, and hoping that Senator Braun will be responsive to bringing 5278 with it.”

Scant progress

The Legislature did make small moves to address juvenile detention needs.

Gov. Bob Ferguson signed a bill last month seeking to protect those held in the state’s juvenile detention centers from having to spend extra time in custody over “prison riot” charges. House Bill 1815 also looks to retroactively vacate those convictions.

An analysis found most of the prison riot charges statewide were prosecuted in Lewis County, where Green Hill is located. The new law could affect sentences or convictions for half a dozen or so detainees at Green Hill, Senn said.

Trupin said the bill is important for those individuals. “But it’s not systems changing like these other two bills were,” he said.

The new state budget sets aside \$25 million to run the new 48-bed detention center on the grounds of Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Aberdeen, known as Harbor Heights. The facility is set to open in phases beginning in early June, starting with at least eight young men transferring there from Green Hill and filling to capacity by fall.

Harbor Heights will serve as a six-month rotation for young men in juvenile detention who qualify for medium security status.

While at Harbor Heights, they would build skills and participate in cognitive behavioral therapy to tackle mental health concerns. They’d then return to Green Hill or be released from custody.

“The hope is that young people will see it as an opportunity to expand their own learning and their own growth and their own development” before returning to be mentors at Green Hill, said Wilson.

The plan has drawn pushback from critics worried the former Department of Corrections facility will be dehumanizing, but officials have emphasized the Department of Children, Youth and Families will be running it with more services than adult prisons can provide.

Green Hill and Echo Glen are getting about \$3.5 million each for increased security.

“I don’t think it’ll hurt,” Braun said. “We’ve put a ton of money into Green Hill in the last five years, six years. I think it’s helping. I don’t think it’s solving the problem. Fundamentally, it’s just overcrowded. They are not delivering on the promise to give these individuals the types of services they need to get back on track.”

Lawmakers also earmarked \$3 million for grants to county courts to serve youth in the juvenile justice system. Another \$3 million was set aside to scout new medium-security juvenile detention facilities. A top prospect has been the minimum-security Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women in Mason County, which is slated for closure.

Any new facility would be at least four years out, Senn said.

The budget is still subject to Ferguson’s approval this month.

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A sign and fence at the Green Hill School for juvenile offenders, in Chehalis.







Spotlight on student talent as Apple Awards return to Numerica PAC



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The 2025 Apple Awards presented by The Barrett Family is coming May 15 to the Numerica Performing Arts Center.

## Andru Gomez brings jazz, blues, and style to PNW music scene with new EP release

By Andrew Simpson  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH — A restaurant in Leavenworth on a Thursday night at the beginning tourist season is not an ideal spot for a crowd that’s truly engaged with the performance. If you’re a musician whose songs are primarily aimed at people actively listening and participating in the show — rather than treating it as ambience for the conversations they were already having, the dates they were already on, the meal they’d be eating whether you were there or not — it can be hard to feel appreciated.

Not so for Andru Gomez. The Moscow, ID-based musician is used to a dinner show. In fact, he says, he usually treats his first set as a dinner show, setting a tone and letting stragglers just coming in settle down and get used to the music, before ramping up the volume or intensity in a second set.

That explains the opening of Gomez’s night at Rhein Haus in Leavenworth on May 8. Jazz guitar with a suspiciously French vibe is soon confirmed as he reaches the chorus of “Ooh La La (I’m Not Here, Go Away),” a song that, through the creative use of a loop pedal, immediately shows off his fingerboard dexterity and allows him to use his voice as he will for the rest of the evening: As an instrument in this one-man-band.

He has a light touch that lets him control the volume of his playing without adjusting too many knobs or dials. Then, just as you get used to the pattern of him laying down rhythm guitar and playing harmony fills over the top, he begins to use vocal effects as well. Not with fancy electronics; Gomez has a variety of singing styles carried within his bass-baritone range, and has stretched it into even a higher-ranged head voice useful in parts of the songs.

During this show, and as we found out later during an interview, Gomez intersperses plenty of original music, playing only enough cover songs to make people feel at home with hints of things they recognize. And by “hints,” we mean that Gomez is playing a song that you eventually recognize, but only after he’s given it his

own flavor. During one part of the show, he tells the crowd they’ll get a prize if they can guess who wrote the song he’s about to play. Launching into the song, it sounds a lot like Santana’s treatment of Fleetwood Mac’s “Black Magic Woman” until he comes in with lyrics. He’s blended the nearly-flamenco guitar into a purely Andru Gomez version of “Do It Again,” by Steely Dan.

And although the covers he elects to play are eclectic — from Atlanta Rhythm Section to Nancy Sinatra, Buffalo Springfield to Jim Croce — it’s the originals that really shine. That’s because they, too, sound familiar enough that you’re singing along by the second time through the chorus.

Throughout, he transitions seamlessly between a Tom Waits-style growl to an airy David Crosby sighing of sound, most especially on his cover of “Horse With No Name” by the band America. But when he switches over to one of his own songs, like “College Radio,” “Whiskey and Clovers” or “Get My Boots,” all that vocal styling has already prepared you to be as big a fan of the originals as the songs you know.

That’s the goal for any musician who’s made performing their full-time job, as Gomez has: To get the crowd to remember your music as much as they remember your cover of “Folsom Prison Blues,” a song that lots of bands and performers can play. And he’s a hard worker. We won’t enumerate each here, but there are well over 150 shows on his schedule right now, and he books more as they become available in advance. This really is full time work, and he tells us he’s doing reasonably

well.

Gomez has already released a full length album and one other EP, and the reason for our visit is the release of another EP, “Drunk at Church.” Immediately following the show, Gomez orders a plate of Rhein Haus’ famous pork schnitzel and kraut and we sit down to talk.

When asked what he’s learned between the first EP and now about telling a story in a shorter format than a full length record, he tells us that he prefers it. “To me, it’s less stressful than a full length album. I feel [for a full length] you have to have not only a broader style of songs, but they still have to be cohesive, right? An EP allows you to kind of have little quadrants of just four songs that can say a lot.”

Like his first EP, College Radio, there’s a title track from the name of the record for the upcoming release. So when can you hear “Drunk at Church”? Along with the rest of us, your first listen will be May 15, when the EP comes out.

Until then, you can hear him anytime on Spotify or follow him on Instagram at @andrugomezmusic. For upcoming shows, you can visit his website at andrugomezmusic.com. Some here in North Central Washington include a late afternoon show in Manson on May 22 at Tipsy Canyon Winery, an evening show at Wenatchee Valley Brewing in the Riverside District on May 24, and just down the road from there for another afternoon set at Pybus’ Off The Hill tasting room on May 25.

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Andru Gomez is in his element performing in an intimate setting.



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The Eastmont Drama Club performs the hit musical “Big Fish.”

By Andrew Simpson  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

WENATCHEE — It’s Apple Awards time again, when we celebrate high school theater, both plays and musicals, and give the equivalent of Tony awards to actresses, actors and crew. What used to be an honor given only by a student’s own school has six schools participating all together for one giant night of awards and honors presented by Wenatchee’s own Barrett Family.

Hosted and directed by Brian Higgins, and produced by Kylee Boggs and Alex Haley, the Apple Awards serve to highlight the excellence and innovation and creativity that these young minds create, giving us their all in return for nothing but the experience.

And make no mistake: High school theater is a lot harder

than you might suppose. Just as football players start practicing in full gear when the summer sun is still high overhead, theater kids put in long hours and dedicate



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all of their free time to perfecting something for your entertainment.

There’s not a slouch in the bunch of this year’s nominees. The high schools involved are Cashmere, Chelan, Eastmont, Ephrata, Quincy and Wenatchee, and the productions that nominations are drawn from are just as varied as the communities that these young people are from.

If you want a sneak peek at the up-and-comers in the Wenatchee Valley’s vibrant theater community, find your way to the Numerica PAC on Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults, and can be found at the PAC’s Box Office, by phone at 509-663-ARTS (2787) or on the PAC website.

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## 2025 Apple Award nominees announced

**WENATCHEE** — From lead roles to light cues, this year’s Apple Award nominees reflect the depth of talent and dedication across North Central Washington’s high school theater programs.

Nominations span 13 categories, recognizing both plays and musicals. Performers from Cashmere, Chelan, Eastmont, Ephrata, Quincy, and Wenatchee high schools earned spots on the prestigious list.

### Outstanding Lead Performer in a Musical

**Jessie Evans**, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Wenatchee (Mrs. Bucket)  
**Kade Devereaux**, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Wenatchee (Willy Wonka)  
**Lily Erdmann**, The Little Mermaid, Cashmere (Ursula)  
**Maclain Larson**, Big Fish, Eastmont (Edward Bloom)  
**Makenna Fritz**, The Little Mermaid, Cashmere (Ariel)  
**MaryElise Clifton**, Big Fish, Eastmont (Sandra Bloom)  
**Michaela Greely**, Cinderella, Quincy (Fairy Godmother)

### Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Musical

**Abbey Kimmel**, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Wenatchee (Mrs. Teavee)  
**Emma Galloway**, Cinderella, Quincy (Charlotte)  
**Gabby Winchester**, The Little Mermaid, Cashmere (Scuttle)  
**Grant Chisholm**, Big Fish, Eastmont (Will Bloom)

**Kimberly Diaz Ceballos**, Cinderella, Quincy (Madame)  
**Maya Scanlon**, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Wenatchee (Mrs. Gloop)  
**Teddy Fox**, The Little Mermaid, Cashmere (Sebastian)

### Outstanding Lead Performer in a Play

**Clara LeBow**, Angels of Bataan, Eastmont (Helen Bailey Lake)  
**David Kelly**, The Great Gatsby, Chelan (Gatsby)  
**James Byrd**, Romeo & Juliet, Wenatchee (Romeo)  
**Lily Erdmann**, And Then There Were None, Cashmere (Vera Claythorne)  
**Maya Scanlon**, Romeo & Juliet, Wenatchee (Juliet)  
**Monty Muir**, One Acts, Ephrata (Don/Bark/Rufus)  
**MyLee Holland**, One Acts, Ephrata (Fortune Teller/Chloe)

### Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Play

**Abbey Kimmel**, Romeo & Juliet, Wenatchee (Nurse)  
**Connor Leasher**, One Acts, Ephrata (Abe/Crooper)  
**Grant Chisholm**, Angels of Bataan, Eastmont (Dr. Edward Stevens)  
**Kade Devereaux**, Romeo & Juliet, Wenatchee (Mercutio)  
**Kaitlyn Burnell**, Angels of Bataan, Eastmont (Maude Daniels)  
**Kyla Otom**, The Great Gatsby, Chelan (Jordan Baker)  
**Teddy Fox**, And Then There Were None, Cashmere (William Blore)

### Outstanding Production Crew: Stage Manager

**Audrey Adams**, And Then There Were None, Cashmere  
**Elana Wendorf**, Romeo & Juliet, Wenatchee  
**Gabriel Guerrero**, The Great Gatsby, Chelan  
**Geo Sanchez & Tailynn Nelson**, Big Fish, Eastmont  
**Odessa Lybbert**, Cinderella, Quincy

### Outstanding Production Crew: Tech

**Carss Lundberg**, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Wenatchee (Sound Board Operator)  
**Jarrod Miller**, Cinderella, Quincy (Fly Operator)  
**Ryan McCrary**, The Great Gatsby, Chelan (Sound Tech)  
**Oliver Satterfield**, And Then There Were None, Cashmere (Follow Spot)  
**Zander Leasher**, One Acts, Ephrata (Sound Tech)

### Best Overall Musical

**The Little Mermaid** — Cashmere  
**Big Fish** — Eastmont  
**Cinderella** — Quincy  
**Charlie & The Chocolate Factory** — Wenatchee

### Best Overall Play

**And Then There Were None** — Cashmere  
**Angels of Bataan** — Eastmont  
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Notice of Meeting Change

The regularly scheduled Bridgeport School District Board of Directors Meeting will be rescheduled from May 26 to May 29, 2025, to accommodate the Memorial Day Holiday. The regular monthly Board meetings (held the last Monday of each month) will also be held in a new location beginning on May 29, 2025. New location: Bridgeport High School Library, 1220 Kryger Street, Bridgeport WA, 98813. Published in the Quad City Herald May 14, 2025. #9899

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

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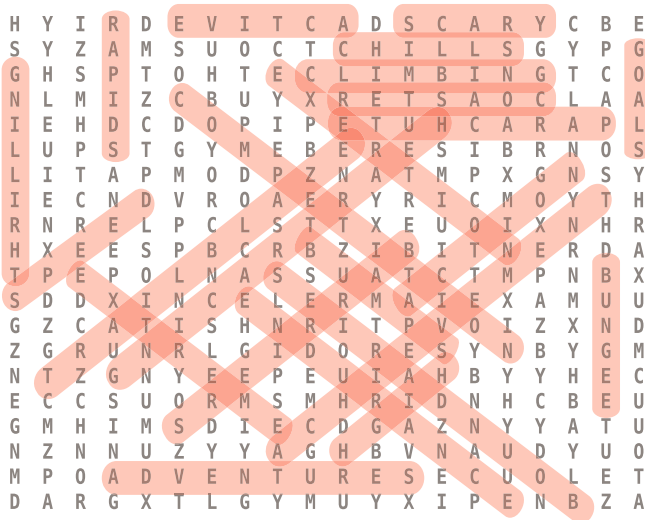
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S Y Z A M S U O C T C H I L L S G Y P G

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WORDS

ACHIEVEMENT  
ACTION  
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HEART-RACING  
HIGH  
PARACHUTE  
RAPIDS  
SCARY  
SPEED  
THRILLING  
TRAIL BLAZE

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



# Water Safety

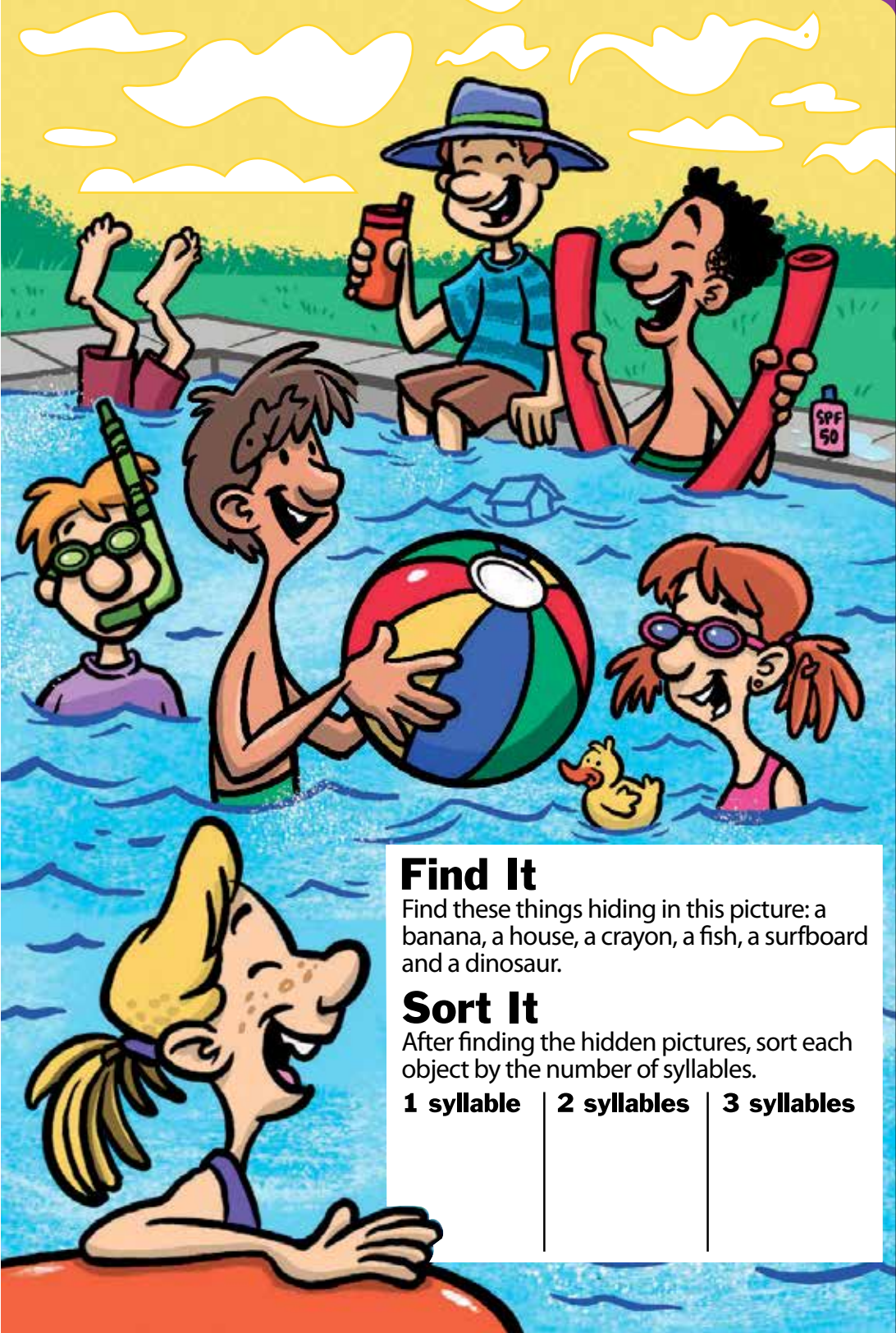
It's fun to play in water, whether at a pool, beach, lake, river or water park, but it is important to know your limits and stay safe. **Remember, drowning can occur in less than two minutes.**

## Swimming Pool Safety Rules

Put a check mark next to the rules that make swimming in a pool safer. Cross out rules that do not make pools safer.

- ☐ Never go in the water alone. Always be sure an adult who can swim is watching you.
- ☐ Do not depend on inflatable toys or water wings to keep your head above water.
- ☐ Dive only from a diving board, not the side of the pool.
- ☐ Don't crawl or walk on a pool cover.
- ☐ Stay in the shallow end of the pool if you are not a strong swimmer.

ANSWER: Did you check them all? Great job!



### Find It

Find these things hiding in this picture: a banana, a house, a crayon, a fish, a surfboard and a dinosaur.

### Sort It

After finding the hidden pictures, sort each object by the number of syllables.

| 1 syllable | 2 syllables | 3 syllables |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
|            |             |             |

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Recognize syllables in words; decode words with two or more syllables.

## SAFE BOATING WEEK


National Safe Boating Week is in May. If you're going to be enjoying boating, be sure to check out the great info and activities at [safeboatingcampaign.com](http://safeboatingcampaign.com).



How many differences can you find between the boat and its reflection?

### Fill in the missing vowels.

W \_ \_ RING WAT \_ R  
SH \_ ES IN LAK \_ S  
C \_ N PROT \_ CT  
Y \_ \_ R F \_ \_ T  
FR \_ M BR \_ K \_ N  
GL \_ SS AND  
OTH \_ R  
UND \_ RW \_ TER  
H \_ ZARDS.



### Splashy Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A photo that shows a pool, lake or ocean.
- Something that helps you stay cool in the summer.
- Something that floats in the water.

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

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Lifesaver Letter


Use the Lifesaver Letter code to find out what you should always wear when on a boat at the beach or lake.

A I C

▼ ♥ ▲ ● ▸ \* ▼ ★ ♣ ▸

#### CODE:

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| A = ▼ | J = * |
| C = ★ | K = ♣ |
| E = ▸ | L = ♥ |
| F = ● | T = ▹ |
| I = ▲ | Y = ◆ |



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension; students follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

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

BEACH  
BOAT  
CODE  
COOL  
DIVING  
FISH  
LAKE  
PARK  
POOL  
RULES  
SAFETY  
SORT  
SWIM  
TOYS  
WATER

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| C | O | D | E | R | L | O | O | C | N |
| V | T | N | Z | B | O | A | T | O | I |
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| A | L | U | O | B | F | P | U | A | D |
| T | M | Z | L | I | D | E | W | C | F |
| E | S | Q | S | E | O | O | T | H | L |
| R | N | H | P | F | S | T | I | Y | K |

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

## Water Workouts

Gather some friends and try playing some of these games.

They're good exercise and a great way to beat the heat!



## Water Cup Relay Race

Two-player teams each have a full bucket and an empty bucket. Place the full bucket at the starting line and the empty bucket at the finish line.

The first team member scoops a plastic cup of water from the full bucket and must walk quickly to the finish line, holding the full cup over their head.

The team member pours the water from the cup into the finish line bucket and runs back to the start, handing the cup to his teammate, who repeats the process.

The first team to move the most water from start to finish is the winner.

## Water Balloon Freeze Tag

The person who is IT must protect a bucket filled with water balloons. If other players get soaked by a water balloon, even if one drop hits them, they must remain frozen until another player is able to snatch a water balloon from the bucket and unfreeze them by soaking them with it!

## Sponge Volley

String a rope between two trees. Hang a tarp so that players can't see the other side of the court. Have full water buckets and big sponges on each side. Toss soaked sponges over to the other side to see if you can hit the other players.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical exercise.

## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **HAZARD**

The noun **hazard** means something dangerous that could cause injury.

That old ladder is a **hazard** because it might collapse when you stand on it.

Try to use the word **hazard** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.