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For Seniors and the Community of Brinnon

The Brinnon Crier

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December 2024



Mike and Cliff Melheim, Senior Organization President and Secretary/Treasure.

Brinnon Senior Organization

50 and over. Dues \$5 per unless 80+ \$1

January 1-31st.

Mail to PO Box 9 Brinnon 98320

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Dues help many community activities

Years ago when the Crier was started, it was established as a way to communicate with the Seniors in the community. Many did not have internet and the Senior Organization, sponsors of the Crier, printed 100 copies each month. Some were mailed to 60 on a mailing list and the rest were spread around local businesses in town. Now, there are around 25 copies printed. Community members can have the Crier mailed to their email by sending name and email to:

brinnnonnews@gmail.com

Pictured here are Mike Melheim, President of the Senior Organization and Cliff Melheim, newly elected Treasurer and Secretary of the organization.

Lots of new things are happening at the Community Center, sponsored by the Brinnon Senior Organization.

They include Monday Soup, Two Monthly dinners and Music in the Park. They also contribute funds to Gifts in Kind, Brinnon Food Bank, Fire Department, Fjordfest, Brinnon School, Quilcene Sports, Thanksgiving Dinner and Children's Christmas Party. The calendar on the next page will usually have the dates for the happenings with the Senior Organization and other community activities taking place at the Community Center and other locations.

As time as evolved, the Crier now states it is provided for "Seniors and the Community of Brinnon." As publishers we have attempted to branch out and cover more stories of interest in our community.

Suggestions for articles are welcomed as well as individual reporters submitting articles of interest.

[Send to brinnoncrier@yahoo.com](mailto:brinnoncrier@yahoo.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 11am-1pm SOUP: White Bean Ham Cost: \$2.00	3 Foot Care by Appt 6:45am Yoga 10am-Noon Bookmobile 12pm AA Brinnon Booster Club Meeting 7pm @ Booster Club	4 	5 10am Seniors Meeting	6	7 10:30am- 12:30pm Bookmobile 12pm AA 6:45pm Bingo@ Booster Club
 <p>Olympic Community Action Programs OLYCAP</p> <p>Phone: (360) 796-4300 Fax: (360) 491-4339 2041 W. 28th St. Bremerton, WA 98301</p> <p>Jeremy Strimmons Executive Director jeremy@olympiccap.org 360.796.4300</p>		10 6:45a Yoga 10am-Noon Bookmobile 12pm AA	11	12	13 5pm Melissa's Dinner Party 6:30pm- 8:30pm Family Fun Night	14 10:30am- 12:30pm Bookmobile 12pm AA Craft Fair 9am -3pm 6:45pm Bingo
8 2pm-4pm Tree Holiday Sway Making	9 11am-1pm SOUP: Cauliflower Cheddar Cost: \$2.00 11:15am Students singing for Soup	17 6:45a Yoga 10am-Noon Bookmobile 12pm AA	18	19  Pleasant Harbor Resort Meeting 5pm	20 Free Community Ham Dinner 5pm	21 10:30am- 12:30pm Bookmobile 12pm AA 6:45pm Bingo@ Booster Club
15	16 11am-1pm SOUP: Wonton Cost: \$2.00	24 6:45a Yoga 10am-Noon Bookmobile 12pm AA	25	26	27	28 10:30am- 12:30pm Bookmobile 12pm AA 6:45pm Bingo@ Booster Club
22	23 11am-1pm SOUP: Italian Wedding Cost: \$2.00					
29	30 11am-1pm SOUP: Clam Chowder Cost: \$2.00	31 12pm AA 	<p>Center Open Hours: Mon- Sun 9 am To 5 pm</p> <p>December 2024</p> <p>Brinnon Community Center</p>			

**Are you Curious of What is Now
in Front of the Cove RV**

If you are wondering what the carving is in front of the Cove RV Park and Store, it is a camper with a man's face in front and a fish tail in back. (Each item represents the Cove RV Park—camping, fishing and people enjoying time in the park).

Terry Tessmer carved it with a chain saw. Summer and Dan Ventura, owners, wanted to have something in front to attract people and cause them to wonder what it is. Tessmer has been carving for 45 years and many of his other carvings can be seen at Fat Smitty's and Troll Haven Bandy Farms in Gardiner.

He uses power tools like angle grinders, power carvers, and his trusty chain saw. He is the son of a carpenter and carving wood has been part of his life for years.

Along with Summer Ventura, also a Brinnon School Board Member, Tessmer is proposing a writing contest for students in grades 5-8 to come up with a modern mythology for the carving.

Tessmer has said this project will be his final large piece.

He is also committed to support the arts into nature in at Quilcene High School.



Terry Tessmer stands next to his carving at Cove RV Store.

What's Old Is New Again

The Brinnon Seniors revived their Free Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner. It was held at the Community Center on Friday, November 22nd. The dinner was traditional with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, and cranberry sauce with pumpkin pie and whipped cream. It was attended by 52 guests and \$180 was donated. The Brinnon Seniors are happy to bring back the free pre-Thanksgiving dinner. We are going to have a pre-Christmas dinner on December 20th at 5 PM. EVERYONE IS INVITED. ALL AGES

Everyone had a great time, and as President of the Brinnon Seniors, I would like to thank all who came out to make it a success.

The Brinnon Seniors are happy to bring back the Free Pre-Thanksgiving and Pre-Christmas Dinners.

I would like to personally invited anyone in the Brinnon area 50 and over to join the Organization.

THANKS Mike Mulheim, President There is a coupon on page 1 for your sign up.

Brinnon Community Church

52 Church Road
PO Box 151, Brinnon, WA 98320
(360) 796-44462
www.brinnonchurch.com

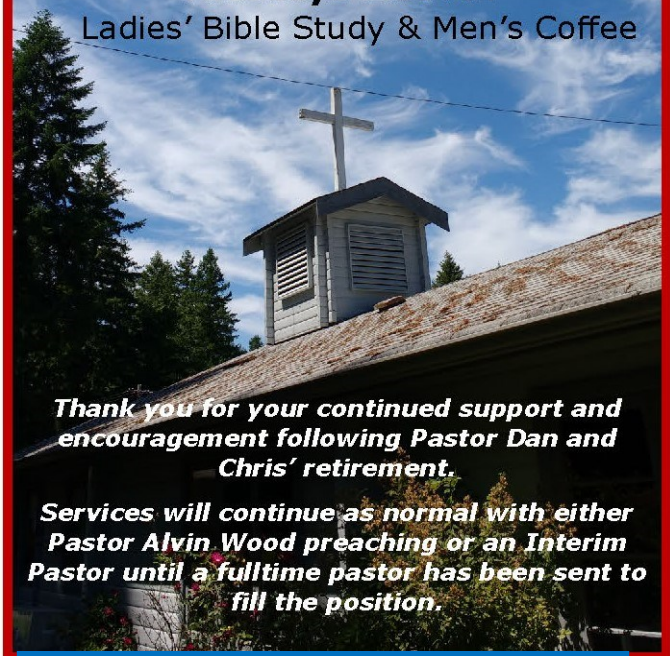
Weekly Service Schedule:

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study & Men's Coffee



Thank you for your continued support and encouragement following Pastor Dan and Chris' retirement.

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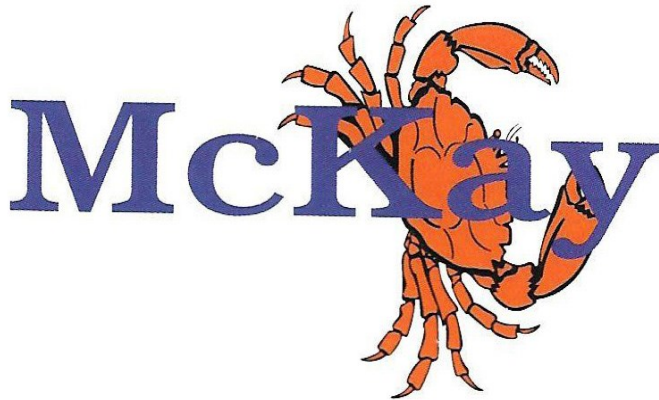
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Holiday Open House at the Library

Thursday, December 12
3:00 – 6:00 pm


Celebrate the season at the Library District's annual Holiday Open House and help us celebrate our 45th Anniversary! Delight in live music and refreshments in the main Library, then visit the Humphrey Room to enjoy all ages, seasonal crafts! Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Hours: Mon - Thu, 10 am - 7 pm, Fri & Sat, 10 am - 5 pm, Sun, 1 - 5 pm ☎ 360-385-6544 or information@jclibrary.info

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Alicia Simmons
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Stop in between December 17th & 22nd to choose your favorite decorated boat and enjoy a hot chocolate on us



SAVE THE DATE

--Thursday December 5th--

Wreath Making Workshop

--Event Dinner Friday December 13th--

Short Ribs & Grits, Wedge Salad, Espresso Caramel Cheesecake

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Time to Prepare for Winter: A Brinnon Fire Department Perspective

As temperatures drop in Brinnon, many residents are firing up their wood stoves, propane heaters, or fireplaces to stay cozy during chilly mornings. This transition into winter is the perfect time to ensure your home's safety equipment is in top working order. Brinnon Fire Department encourages everyone to check their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to stay prepared and safe this season.

Smoke Alarms: Check and Replace if Needed

Smoke alarms have a lifespan of approximately 10 years. If your smoke alarm has been randomly going off, it could indicate dust accumulation on the sensor or that the device has reached the end of its useful life. If the alarm is under 10 years old, a quick spray with pressurized air might solve the issue. However, if you're unsure when it was installed, it's safer to replace it. When purchasing a new smoke alarm, consider writing the installation date on the device for future reference.

Carbon Monoxide: The Silent Threat

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that can be deadly. It is created when fuels such as propane, wood, or natural gas burn incompletely. Heating and cooking appliances are common sources of CO. The National Fire Protection Association recommends installing carbon monoxide alarms in a central location outside sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Interconnected alarms offer the best protection because they sound simultaneously when one detects CO.

If you need assistance installing a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm, Brinnon Fire Department is here to help. Call us at 360-796-4450 to arrange for our firefighters to assist you.

Portable Heaters: Use Safety

If you rely on portable electric heaters, remember to keep them at least three feet away from anything combustible, such as furniture, curtains, or bedding. Avoid using extension cords with heaters, as this can pose a fire risk. Always plug heaters directly into wall outlets and turn them off before leaving the room or going to bed.

Prepare for Winter Weather

Winter storms in Brinnon can bring power outages and hazardous road conditions. Ensure you have a sufficient stockpile of food, water, and household essentials. For your vehicle, prepare an emergency kit that includes jumper cables, a flashlight, a blanket, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks.

If you have questions about fire safety or the services provided by Brinnon Fire Department, contact us at 360-796-4450 or visit our website at brinnonfire.org

Stay safe this winter, Brinnon! Your safety is our priority.



Brinnon Booster Club

151 Corey Lane, (PO Box 21) Brinnon, WA 98320



For rental information, please contact: Gloria Eastman (360) 796-0039

For Membership information, please contact: George Mueller (360) 796-4910

Membership is \$5 annually Meetings held at 7pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month



Weekly Food Bank
Tuesdays, 10am—1pm

Contact: Mike & Eloise
Phone: 360-701-0483
email: langenbachme@earthlink.net



Weekly Bingo Game
Saturdays, 6:45pm

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Noon Meditation. Yoga or prayer. 12 minutes of meditation a day is all that is needed

1 PM Lunch with mixed salad and salmon

3 PM Exercise Walk briskly for 30 minutes

4-6 PM Socialize

6 PM Dinner Try vegetable tacos with brown rice and beans

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December 8th, 2024
Brinnon Community Center
Light Refreshments Provided

Could Not Pass this One up

A man with 2 buckets of fish was leaving the beach and was stopped by the game warden. The warden asked him, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The man replied, "No, sir. These are my pet fish." "Pet fish?" the warden replied. "Yes, sir. Every night I take these fish down to the beach and let them swim around for about a half-hour. When I whistle, they all come back, jump in my bucket, and I take 'em home. We do this every night." "That's a bunch of hooley," said the warden. "Fish can't do that!" "No, really," said the man. "Here, I will show you." And he released the fish into the ocean. "Well, I've got to see this!" the game warden replied. The man and the warden stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said, "Well?" "Well, what?" asked the man. "When are you going to call them back?" the game warden asked. "Call whom back?" the man asked. "The FISH." "What fish?"

Please feel free to join or renew your Senior Membership at this time. We accept Memberships For 50 and older. You can mail or drop off your \$5.00 dues at PO Box 9, Brinnon or at the Community Center
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