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Garfield gears up for May Day fest

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The annual Garfield May Day celebration returns Saturday. The day-long town event is on Armed Forces Day each year.

The schedule begins with the Boy Scouts breakfast, now run in conjunction with the Awanas, a local church group, at Garfield Middle School from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

A 5K color run follows, beginning with check-in at 7 a.m. at the city park. The run starts at 8 a.m. Participants will pass through "color zones," in which they will be sprayed with non-toxic powder. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth.

The focus then turns to Main Street where two high school boys, Luke Jones and Eddie O'Neil, will play guitar and drums from 10:20 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. They will be followed by the kiddie parade at 10:45 a.m., with prizes for the best three costumes.

The main parade starts at 11 a.m. with various entries that show up that day, along with the Garfield/Palouse marching band, made up of middle school and high school students.

To begin the parade, Girl Scouts will present the flag and Garfield/Palouse High School students Lauren Welch, Lizzie Stout and Garfield Queen Hope Kriebel will sing the national anthem.

Kriebel, a junior, will be crowned at the gazebo following the parade. It will be her second year serving as queen.

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First day for filing draws majority of candidates



Whitman County Commissioner Michael Largent, District Three, left, shares a joke with Sandy Jamison, county auditor candidate, as they file for election on-line in the elections office Monday morning. Behind, Sheriff Brett Myers glances over as he enters the office to file likewise.

The Whitman County Elections office was a popular place Monday morning at 9 a.m. as candidates turned out to file for this year's election. Monday was the opening day for candidate filing which will end May 18 at 4 p.m.

Whitman County incumbents turned up at the election's office to use the laptops located there to file. Public equipment or resources, except those available at the elections office, cannot be used for filling.

First to file was Dan LeBeau for District Court Judge. While Sandy Jamison of Garfield, who is running for auditor, was first to arrive to pick up an elections packet, she waited for LeBeau and Commissioner Michael Largent to use the two laptops before filing herself.

Commissioner Art Swannack then filed for a precinct committee officer position. Others who arrived that morning were Robin Jones, assessor; Brett Myers, sheriff, and

Mark Clinton, treasurer. By the end of the day Monday, other filings were from Rob Rembert and John Hart, both of Pullman and both candidates for district court judge, and Annie Pillers for county coroner.

On Tuesday, the only person to file for a county seat was Denis Tracy, who is seeking to retain his county prosecutor title. Chris Nelson visited the elections office that day with questions and indicated she still intended to

file for county treasurer, but did not at the time of her visit.

As of 5 p.m. Tuesday, the only other people who had announced their intentions to run but had not filed were Eric Fejeran and John-Mark Mahnkey, both Democrats from Pullman. Fejeran announced his intention for the auditor seat while Mahnkey had declared for the commissioner three position.

Candidates who have

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Colfax board to consider first reno. texts

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The Colfax school board will consider written documents May 23 detailing all proposed changes to the junior/senior high school as part of the \$18.9 million bond passed in February.

District architect Ned Warnick will present the text which is to focus on what changes may be made to the junior/senior high school building.

"We'll touch every part of that building, even if it's just with a brush of paint," said Warnick.

If the board approves, Warnick and Design West of Pullman will move on to the schematic design phase (blueprints) with a goal of presenting them to the board July 2.

On May 9, Warnick, Colfax Superintendent Jerry Pugh and two auditorium specialists from PLA Designs of Aloha, Ore., Paul Luntsford and Chris Ochocki, took in a three-hour meeting in the Colfax auditorium.

"Everyone walks into that auditorium and they just light up," Pugh said.

Elements discussed were acoustical features, flooring, seating, the balcony, curtains and more.

"We think that the stage curtains are original, from 1960," Pugh said. "They were built to last forever and they have."

Among the changes now set to be made to the auditorium are to replace all seats and add wooden acoustic panels above the stage,

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Interlocal hostage situation: Spokane County causing confusion for local county, port commissioners, boards

BY JANA MATHIA
Gazette Reporter

Two interlocal agreements with seemingly no connection are being tied together and causing consternation for Whitman County commissioners at the county and port.

The two interlocals are for the PCC Rail Authority and Martin Hall Juvenile Center. The PCC is a four-county interlocal that makes decisions on rail business and provides direction to the Washington State Department of Transportation for rail improvements. The four counties involved are Whitman, Grant, Lincoln and Spokane. Port of Whitman Commissioner Tom Kammerzell sits on the board to represent Whitman County.

Martin Hall Juvenile Center is a

facility in Medical Lake that serves as a juvenile detention center for several counties. It was created by a consortium of nine counties which formed a 50-year interlocal agreement in 1995 to pay for the facility and keep it running. The counties in the interlocal are Whitman, Adams, Asotin, Douglas, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens and Spokane.

Whitman County Commissioner Art Swannack sits on the board to represent Whitman County.

Whitman, Lincoln and Spokane are the only counties represented on both boards. The only other connection is both have interlocal agreements that require unanimous approval to pass certain measures.

"Martin Hall has no connection to PCC railroad," Swannack told the

Gazette.

The two boards which have nothing to do with each other are now finding themselves linked by an edict of Spokane County Commissioner Al French.

"All I know is he's tying them together," Kammerzell said at a joint meeting of the port and county May 7.

The issue first became known at a PCC conference call May 2. The PCC board has been working on revising its interlocal agreement for almost two years. The main thrust of the change is that matters the board is voting on can be passed by a simple majority instead of unanimously. Whitman, Grant and Lincoln counties have all signed the interlocal, but Spokane is holding

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Bright blooms

A field of canola east of Endicott reflects the sun's radiance.

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Commissioner conflict

it up. This minority vote controlling the board business is the main reason for the change in the first place. Kammerzell cited two recent instances when silence or a no vote from Spokane has stymied board support of legislation.

"The tail's kinda wagging the dog on this one," he said.

When asked at the conference call why Spokane had not signed the interlocal, Kammerzell reported French said he did not want to address the PCC interlocal without addressing the Martin Hall interlocal.

At the joint port/county meeting, Kammerzell asked county commissioners for information about Martin Hall. Spokane County and French have a history of wanting out of the Martin Hall consortium which obligates each of the nine counties to a portion of the operating costs based on a pre-set number of bed days at the facility. According to Lincoln County Commissioner Scott Hutsell, chair of the Martin Hall board, the facility's 27 beds per day are divided among the nine counties based on historical usage at the time it was set up in 1995. Whitman County is obligated for 2.5 beds per day which calculates out as

\$164,250 in 2018. Spokane County is set for five beds per day, which would leave it owning about \$328,500 this year.

In 2012 and 2013, the board switched to pay-as-you go which let Spokane County off the hook for its obligation, but went back to the original payment plan in 2014. Since then, Spokane County has expressed a desire to get out of the interlocal and rid itself of the financial obligation to Martin Hall.

"They (Spokane County) very much want out of Martin Hall," reported Michael Largent after speaking with French at a Washington State Association of Counties meeting in Orcas Island last week. Largent had promised to make the connection and talk to French about the situation after the joint meeting with the port.

"I could tell early on I was not going to convince him otherwise," Largent said of French's PCC position.

According to Largent, French wants both boards to be simple majority votes. The only action for Martin Hall that requires unanimous vote is for a member county to leave the interlocal and its obligations.

"Then it would only take a simple

majority for them to get out," Hutsell said. Without that vote, Spokane can leave the consortium, but is still obligated to pay its share. If Martin Hall did change its interlocal, it would still take the approval of five counties to let one out.

"I think there is some value in honoring the agreement that you have made and people you have made them with," Largent said at the joint meeting of the situation.

For the last two years, Spokane County has voted not in favor of the Martin Hall budget, but has continued to provide its portion of the funding.

There is no money or obligations involved in the PCC.

"They want to hold (the PCC) hostage," Kammerzell said.

Spokane County does have its own facility for juveniles and only uses Martin Hall for its overflow. According to Hutsell, it is cheaper for Spokane County to keep youth at Martin Hall than its own facility. He added that Spokane County used Martin Hall extensively for the first 10 years after it was formed.

Commissioner French did not return a Gazette request for a statement.

May Day

At the park also, the Potlatch Junior Jammers return to May Day and perform from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Palouse Lions Club will be on site with their hamburger trailer and the Viking Crew will put on an egg toss on the basketball courts in the afternoon - time not yet determined.

Set up around the grass will be an estimated 20 vendors and a bouncy castle, according to Connie Kriebel, secretary/treasurer of the Garfield Community Association.

The association will also hold a silent auction at the park, with 25-30 items. Win-

ners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. All proceeds go to funding next year's May Day celebration.

Vendors on the list include makers of hardwood cutting boards, wood signs, jewelry and custom birdhouses.

A bean bag tournament will be held at Grumpy's Tavern beginning at 4 p.m.

Also at 4 p.m., bingo will be held at the American Legion hall.

"We're hoping people will come out and participate in our family-friendly day, and we're hoping the weather cooperates," said Kriebel.

Filing

not started the online process by 4 p.m. on Friday can still file in person up until 5 p.m. in the county elections office, 304 N Main street, Colfax, however the elections department encourages everyone inter-

ested to file on-line. To do so, log on to whitmancounty.org, scroll down to "Candidate filing for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election", and click on the link provided.

School bond

which help send sound out to the audience.

Pugh will meet every two weeks during the summer with Warnick and Dax Logsdon, the district's construction project manager.

Next Wednesday's 5:30 p.m. gathering is a regular school board meeting, which

was scheduled because of Memorial Day the following Monday. On Tuesday, May 29, Pugh and District Business Manager Reece Jenkin will fly to Seattle for the district's bond sale, to happen the next morning at the downtown offices of Piper Jaffray.

Granite Point cleaned up



Granite Point can be seen beyond a station which supplies bags to "pack out what you pack in" for visitors to the Army Corps of Engineers' owned location.

Whitman County Sheriff's K-9 Unix passes

The sheriff's office last week announced the death of K-9 Unix May 4 at his residence. He had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer during a regular checkup the prior week. Unix was nine years old.

A German Shepherd, Unix had been serving with the sheriff's office since 2011 and over the past seven

years has patrolled with Sgt. Keith Cooper. He had participated in hundreds of drug detection searches.

Sgt. Cooper and Unix were recently featured in a public demonstration for youngsters at The Center in Colfax.

Unix was cremated and his remains were turned over to Sgt. Cooper.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To place an event in the weekly calendar, contact the Gazette (509) 397-4333 or wcgazette@gmail.com

May 19

Garfield Mayday Celebration!
6am-4pm

June 7

Colfax First Thursday Beer Garden & live band "The Hankers"
6:30 pm on Spring Street shop local & win vendors set up at 3 pm

Endicott Flea Market 8am-1pm @ The Endicott Gun Club Relay For Life Bake Sale @ Endicott Food Center & Gun Club

June 2

Rosalia Battle Days See May 24 Gazette for more information!

June 9

Spring Cleaning Join the St. John Town-Wide Yard Sale! 8am-2pm Entry forms can be picked up at the library Contact Lori Loomis at 509-648-3820

Snake River Family Festival @ Boyer Park & Marina 11am-3pm Free Food, Activities Live Music by Sammy Eurbanks & Catered by Fork In The Road

June 23

St. John's 1st Annual Triathlon, presented by the Eagles/Wildcats Athletic Booster Club. Additional information available at www.emboosters.com

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The jutting rock of Granite Point on the Snake River three miles upstream from Wawawai County Park is back open after closing in the aftermath of a crowd of hundreds leaving litter and graffiti April 27.

After an initial cleanup by the Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and an assist from WSU and University of Idaho students, the corps reopened the Granite Point recreation area May 11.

It had been closed to the public since May 2 due to health and safety concerns after a day of heavy partying April 27. It took the

Corps more than a week to clean up the trash and remove the vandalism in the affected area.

After announcing the closure, the Corps received offers of cleanup assistance from the college students, and Corps officials expressed appreciation for help with a subsequent clean-up last Thursday, May 10.

"An organized group of more than 25 student volunteers from Washington State University and the University of Idaho helped clean up Granite Point. The Corps would like to thank students from WSU and U

of I who participated. We continue to ask visitors to help keep the Granite Point area and other Corps 'pack it in, pack it out' recreation areas and wildlife units clean," Corps officials said.

Overall, more than 800 pounds of trash were removed from the recreational area.

Corps staff will now monitor Granite Point visitors' ongoing actions such as "pack it in, pack it out" removal of trash. The Corps provides free bags for trash collection and removal.

The Corps will also monitor how well visitors keep glass containers off the

beach at all times, consume alcohol responsibly, use provided restrooms, preserve the natural landscape on Corps lands, and enjoy their visit without breaking any laws or offending other visitors.

In this way, visitors will help determine future recreational usage of the area.

Future options available to the Corps include an alcohol ban. Alcohol is currently allowed to be consumed at Granite Point by visitors in a responsible manner, but can be prohibited by the Corps.

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Niehenke twins advance to fiddling grand national

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It is safe to say that twins Cash and Rye were born into music. Their parents, who had both logged long musical careers already, formed the band "The Hankers" after getting married. Their father, Keith Niehenke, had been touring and playing fiddle for some big names for more than 20 years and mother Julie had been performing as a professional anthem singer. When the twins surprisingly came along, Keith was at the height of his career. When the boys were nine days old, they were on a tour bus headed for a Los Angeles concert.

The family spent the next couple of years between Nashville and Los Angeles before coming home to Whitman County where Julie and Keith had grown up, even playing in the same violin class when they were five and six years old. The family now lives in Oakesdale.

The boys are continuing that legacy of music in the family as they came away with a second and fourth place from the Northwest Regional Fiddling Contest in Spokane earlier this month, which qualifies them to go on to the Grand National competition in Weiser, Idaho, in June.

"It has been so exciting to now watch our babies grow and love music as much as we do," stated Julie.

The seven-year-old boys began taking fiddle lessons when they were four from JayDean Ludiker, the wife of the late National Champion Tony Ludiker who trained Keith. Since then, the boys have taken part in the competition and this is their first year placing.

"For them to both place in the competition is quite an accomplishment," Julie added.

The boys competed in the Small Fry division against other children up to age nine. In the first round, they play three songs: a waltz, a hoedown and a song of choice. The judges



Above: From left, Keith, Cash, Rye and Julie Niehenke on stage. Right: Rye and Cash hold their prizes from placing in the Regional Fiddling Contest.

then choose five contestants to go on to a second round with three completely different songs. They have four minutes to play the songs and get docked points for going over. The songs have to be memorized and played in time while the judges listen with ear phones so they do not see who is playing.

"It's pretty major," Julie said.

Cash went over by two seconds in the second round and was docked 10 points. He ended up taking second place with only two points more than Rye who placed fourth. Had it not been for the penalty, Cash would have placed first, according to Julie.

Keith, who retired from touring in 2013, will also be competing at the national level as he placed fifth in the adult division. In past years, he has taken first at the regional level and fifth at nationals.

Rye told the Gazette he liked winning stuff which



included a McDonald's pillow and french fry gift certificates which Julie reported they were more excited about than the trophies. They won \$40 and \$20 cash prizes which was spent on a trip to Toys R Us.

The boys are looking forward to the national competition where they will not only play their fiddles, but also get to play with water guns, see friends,

camp and bike during the week-long event.

At home the boys practice every day and go to lessons once a week in Spokane. They go through their songs every morning

before getting on the bus for school and play with Keith when he gets home from work at Schweitzer Engineering. Wednesdays is family music night where they get to jam and have fun playing as a family.

Before heading to Weiser, the boys will make an appearance in Colfax when The Hankers play a concert at the First Thursday June 7 downtown. Julie said in past years, as the boys were first learning to play, they would join their parents on stage and just jam or play a few chords. Now, they come out and play their competition songs as part of the show.

Fiddling has long been in their family and will likely be something the boys continue with. Julie expects that as soon as the boys are old enough, they will be asked to play in groups. Already they have an ear for picking up music as they can play any tune they hear from playing Minecraft. Their parents still plan on them getting further education to have something to at least fall back on, but the boys are expected to have a lot of opportunities to fiddle.

"We hope they will continue to love it," Julie said.

For more dates for The Hankers performances, check online thehankers.com.

Perkins House Ice Cream Social set

The Perkins House Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, June 24, from 1 until 4 p.m. at 623 N Perkins Ave, Colfax.

The event will feature Ferdinand's ice cream, homemade pies, live music by the Snake River Six, vintage cars, a fashion show and tours of the Perkins House. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, visit www.whitmancounty-historicalsociety.com or call 509-553-9729.

St. Baldrick's nets \$16,000

The final count for the 2018 St. Baldrick's head-shaving event at Colfax High School for childhood cancer research is more than \$16,000 in donations. The goal was \$15,000, set by student ASB leaders who organized the campaign. An assembly for head shaving was held April 19. It was the fifth time the event was held at Colfax.

The St. Baldrick's program began in 2000 with the first head-shaving event in New York City. It has since funded \$234 million in childhood cancer research grants.

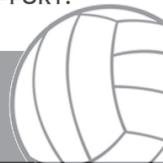
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Those present to give blood can be entered to win a BBQ four-burner gas grill. www.inbcasaves.org

Appointments can be made by calling toll 800-423-0151 or online at www.inbcasaves.org. Priority is given to those with pre-scheduled appointments. Walk-ins will be seen on a first come, first served basis with photo I.D. required. The entire list of eligibility criteria can be found by contacting INBC.

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May 9	75	47	.24	
May 10	60	44		
May 11	62	38	.15	
May 12	72	31		
May 13	78	36		
May 14	80	42		

MARKETS	
Wheat	\$5.90
Barley	\$150
Green Peas	\$12.50
Brewer/Merritt	\$31.00
Yellow Peas	\$11.50
Pardinas	\$28.00
Garbanzos	\$40.00

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Partly cloudy.	Mostly sunny.	Sunny to rain.
High of 65.	High of 63.	High of 70.	High of 75.	Higs 70s.
Low of 53.	Low of 51.	Low of 51.	Low of 54.	Lows 50s.
Wind WSW 10 mph.	Wind NE 11 mph.	Wind ENE 9 mph.	Wind NNW 7 mph.	Wind light.
20% chance of precip.	20% chance of precip.	0% chance of precip.	0% chance of precip.	Chance of precip 40% Wednesday.

State Parks announces three free days in June

No Discover Pass will be needed June 2, 9 and 10. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission invites the public to enjoy three free days at state parks in June. On free days, visitors don't need a Discover Pass for day-use visits by vehicle.

The first free day is Saturday, June 2, in recognition of National Trails Day. The next free day is Saturday, June 9, to celebrate National Get Outdoors Day. The third free day is Sunday, June 10, which is the second day of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) Free Fishing Weekend.

The free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass. The pass costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a one-day permit and is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, WDFW and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 "free days" when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The free days apply only at state parks; the Discover Pass is still required on WDFW and DNR lands.

The remaining 2018 State Parks free days are Saturday, Aug. 25, National Park Service Birthday; Saturday, Sept. 22, National Public Lands Day, and Sunday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

The Discover Pass provides daytime access to parks. Overnight visitors in state parks are charged fees for camping and other overnight accommodations, and day access is included in the overnight fee. For information about Discover Pass, visit www.DiscoverPass.wa.gov.

Freeman Lessons report cancelled

The Lessons Learned presentation by Tony Nelson, Spokane Fire District #8, set for May 17 has been cancelled. Nelson was set to speak about lessons learned from the Freeman High School incident in Colfax this evening. The event was cancelled because Nelson has been deployed to Omak and Okanogan County to help with the emergency response due to flooding. According to Whitman County Emergency Management, which was hosting the event, the presentation will be rescheduled.



Endicott second/third graders at Kamiak.

Endicott, Colfax youth hike Kamiak Butte

BY JANA MATHIA
Gazette Reporter

When the month of May moves in, Janel Goebel at the Whitman County Parks Department rolls to elementary classes in Endicott and Colfax to teach the three-day Environmental Education Program.

"I don't know if I'm willing to give it up; this is way too much fun," she said.

Last week Goebel was in the Endicott second/third grade class on two separate days with a trip to hike Kamiak Butte the day between classroom visits. The two classroom sessions are about 45 minutes long. She teaches about the geological history of the Palouse and trail etiquette. With the combined class, Goebel tries to keep things interesting from year to year to keep the students seeing it a second time engaged. At one point, the Endicott class was a combine of three grades. To draw in those seeing it for the third year, she had that oldest class come act out the history as she told it. That tradition continues and the third graders still play out the roles of steptoes and lava as Goebel portrays the wind and dirt.

The basic trail etiquette of staying on the trail, not picking plants and cleaning up litter that are taught the first day are reinforced on the second when Goebel and team meet the youth and adult chaperones at Kamiak Butte for a 3.5 mile hike.

"Usually the parents seem to revert to little kids," she noted.

The group takes about two hours to hike the butte, identifying plants along the way and discussing features of the park. One of the youths' favorite activities is when they stop to smell a ponderosa pine, sticking their noses right into the bark. Goebel noted that once upon a time, if there was inclement weather, the parks could show a slide show, but the facility for viewing that was taken down.

"Now, unless lightning, we hike," she said. Lately they have not had to cancel a hike. In all her years running the program, Colfax has cancelled once while Endicott youth have hiked in snowstorms, rain, brutal sun and high wind.

"Endicott second/third grade classes, total troopers," she said.

On the third day they are back in the classroom for some hands-on activity. The main event is owl pellet dissection with animal track casts every other year in Endicott.

Goebel used to collect and sterilize the owl pellets herself, but now orders them since it is cheaper and faster. The students pair up, are given gloves and toothpicks and told to scratch any possible part of their bodies that may need it since they won't be able to once they touch the pellets.

"I've never had a girl not want to dissect them," she said. But there have been boys who opt to sit

back and watch, although many of them eventually get into it as well.

"Soon as they see the first skull, they're all over it," Goebel said.

She purposefully makes a big deal out of the safety and diseases that can be in un-sterilized pellets, including telling students about hantavirus, to discourage them from handling them if found at home.

With parks-provided bone charts, the students can pick apart the pellets and identify what animal the bones came from. For rowdier classes, Goebel has picked up a few tricks to keep them entertained, such as moving the front teeth of the mice in and out of their sockets.

To give the combined Endicott class something new each year, Goebel teaches them about animal tracks every other year. She uses a tray of sand and has students stamp an animal print of their choice into the sand, then pours plaster into the imprint. Students eventually get to take the plaster casts home.

This year was an owl pellet year in Endicott.

Goebel will take the environmental education program to the third grade classes in Colfax this month where they will also dissect the owl pellets on their third day.

Right now the program is only offered at the two schools and there are no plans to expand it at this time due to staffing at the parks.

Trafficking charge nets sentence

Kirk Douglas Lee, 37, former resident of Albion, was sentenced to nine months in jail Friday in superior court after pleading guilty to a charge of trafficking in stolen property. The property involved was hydraulic equipment which Lee had stolen from the Town of Albion. He is a former town employee.

The plea also involved thefts from a Colfax area residence where Lee had been employed on a construction job.

According to the arrest report by Deputy Paul Reavis, he received a report from Albion's public works director that he had discov-

ered a hydraulic pump missing from the city shop when he was preparing street equipment Nov. 6 for the winter season. He also discovered two hydraulic cylinders and hoses, which were used on the town's Kubota tractor, were missing.

A Pullman resident earlier reported to Albion he suspected Lee had stolen the items which he purchased from Lee for \$75. Reavis reported he was then unable to locate Lee who reportedly had moved from his Albion residence.

Lee was later located at a residence on Park Street in Colfax, located by Deputy Sgt. Dan Brown in connection with another investigation. Lee was arrested for taking items from the Nick Mayer residence on Highway 26 near Colfax while he had been employed by a contractor.

According to the report in that case, some of the items missing from the residence and other items were found in a warrant search of the truck Lee had been driving.

Lee was also suspected of taking cash and items belonging to the contractor.

Lee told the court Friday the thefts were the result of a drug habit which he has since overcome.

He was sentenced to nine months on the trafficking conviction and ordered to pay restitution of \$1,762 to Mayer and \$1,473 to the town of Albion when he completes the jail time. He was allowed to begin the sentence June 1. The charges in the Highway 26 case were dismissed as part of a plea bargain in which Lee was ordered to pay restitution to Mayer as part of the trafficking conviction.

Palouse signs final phase contract on Brownfields site

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The City of Palouse has signed a contract for the final phase of the Brownfields environmental cleanup, moving a step closer to selling the Main Street lot to private ownership.

City council members May 8 approved an expenditure for \$7,500 to their longtime consultants Maul Foster Alongi, an engineering and consulting firm, to facilitate the process to transfer the site to new owners.

Based in Seattle, the firm will now help Palouse market the quarter-acre lot, which has already drawn interest and been the subject of meetings in Palouse.

The consultants will put together marketing materials and later work with the Washington State Department of Ecology and State Attorney General's office on a contract which ultimately will extend a consent decree to establish that once a private owner takes possession, they are not liable for any problems from the cleanup.

"Maul Foster will get us organized and get the property out in the world. Let the world know we're looking for proposals," Mayor Michael Echanove explained.

No timeline has been set for selling the property, which was last used in 1984 as a petroleum business by Palouse Producers.

In 2012, two buildings were taken down at the site, followed by contaminants and eight feet of dirt dug out and oxygen-releasing compounds laid into the soil to help bacteria grow. The bacteria breaks down oil residues. For the ensuing four years, soil samples were taken quarterly, and are now spaced out yearly as needed.

The approximately \$1 million cleanup project was funded by a combination of 2009 federal stimulus funds and grants from the DOE

and the Department of Commerce.

"This site is an integral part of Palouse that taxpayers spent upwards of \$900,000 on in the last six to seven years," said Echanove.

Possible development for the city-owned site may include one of four types identified in a 2011 community meeting before the cleanup; urban housing, urban housing with retail on bottom and housing above, light industrial or senior assisted living.

"The sell price is not the driving factor of our decision," said Echanove. "The benefit to the city of Palouse is what we want to drive the decision on."

The city has signed several contracts with Maul Foster Alongi through the preparation, tear-down, clean-up and monitoring process.

"It's starting to get toward the end," Echanove said.

The Palouse Brownfields project includes three 15-foot deep test wells. Of these, two have reached the state-mandated cleanup level (for petroleum and manganese). Once the third one reaches the standard, the project will be taken off the federal Brownfields list and cleared for development.

Nonetheless, private construction at the site could be permitted with the wells still on site, as testing of the third well continues.

If the last one continues not to reach the point of less than 500 micrograms of petroleum/manganese per liter, then protocol exists for the city to negotiate with the DOE, using data to show that the levels are stable.

Brownfields, a program of the Environmental Protection Agency, offers grants and technical assistance to various entities to assess, clean up and reuse contaminated properties.

Port eyes transfer of Central Ferry land

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers announced Thursday she introduced language that could provide a way for the Port of Whitman to exchange land with the Army Corps of Engineers.

"We're really in just the very beginning," said Joe Poire, Port executive director.

McMorris Rodgers introduced the Port of Whitman Economic Expansion Act which Poire explained is a necessary first step to even start the conversation about the possible transfer.

The last time an exchange like this happened between the port and corps, the Port of Whitman had to install a 400-acre bird habitat in exchange for three dredge cells at the Port of Wilma. It took 17 years for that deal to go through.

This time, the port's eye is on land north of the port's site on the upstream side of the Walla Walla highway at Central Ferry.

"Our goal would be to continue heavy industry," Poire said.

If the deal was to go forward, the port would have to develop the property to the corp's standard.

"We could be developing land in another state," Poire commented.

The exchange is too far out to even make an educated guess on what details will be involved

Port officials brought this up to McMorris Rodgers during a recent trip to Washington, D.C., so she could get the language out there.

"The Port of Whitman is the lifeblood of Whitman County," McMorris Rodgers stated. "This legislation will help move a land transfer forward to allow the port to continue their mission of economic development and business expansion. This land transfer will also help meet the needs of fish and wildlife mitigation efforts. The Port of Whitman and businesses associated with it contribute hundreds of millions of dollars in gross regional product every year, and this legislation will help them continue their mission of improving the quality of life for all citizens in Whitman County."

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SPORTS

Colton bolts past Cusick, advances to state quarterfinals

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The Colton Wildcats are again one of eight 1B baseball teams left playing in Washington in mid-May as they travel to meet Naselle High School Saturday for a state quarterfinal game in Winlock, Wash. Game time is 1 p.m.

Colton advanced by beating Cusick May 12 in an elimination game in Colbert. The Wildcats opened the postseason the week before with a 15-7 loss to Odessa.

Naselle, in Pacific County, is a logging town just inland from the Long Beach Peninsula. Winlock is off Interstate 5 south of Chehalis.

COLTON 12, CUSICK 1

It was morning baseball in Colbert, Wash., last Saturday on the grounds of Northwest Christian High School, a former Catholic seminary property north of Spokane.

First pitch was at 9 a.m. for the 1B District 7 and 9 elimination game



Colton sophomore Kian Ankerson leads off first on the way to a 12-1 win.

between the Wildcats and Cusick.

The sun shined high and Colton (14-5 overall, 10-1 league) started scoring runs.

Up 2-0 in the second inning after a two-run dou-

ble by Reece Chadwick, Kian Ankerson hit a double with runners on, and two balks later it was 6-0.

Luke Vining hit another double to make it 8-0, and Ankerson came back up again.

He hit deep to center-field as Vining took off for third and Cusick ran the ball down and threw to a cut-off man, then home.

Vining rounded third,

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Weitze leads Bulldogs to state golf title defense

Colfax senior Chance Weitze booked a 79 Monday on the par 72 Chewelah course to take the NE championship with a 150 total for final round at last week's sub-district.

Dawson Strobel of Tekoa/Rosalia, who led last week after the first round, finished with an 82 at Chewelah for a 152 total and second place overall.

Augie Allenbach hit 80 in the Monday round and finished one stroke back of Strobel at 153 overall.

Bennett Gray carded 84 for and eighth-place finish at 164.

Weitze, Allenbach and Gray all qualified for the NE top 11 which will advance to state.

Exchange student Lorenzo Torlai finish 12th, one over the 11 state berth, and will be an alternate in case one of the qualifiers can't make the scene.

Colfax booked an 111 team score for the NE team title. They more than doubled the 52 points scored by Wilbur-Creston for second place.

Strobel and James Heer, who finished 22nd with 113 Monday and a 202 total, tallied 40 team points for a third-place team finish for Tekoa/Rosalia.

The three Colfax qualifiers will play in the state final at Hangman Valley in Spokane next Tuesday and Wednesday to defend the state title they won last year.

The field will be cut in half after the first day. McKenna Davis carded a 92 on the Chewelah course to place fourth for the girls and qualify for her fifth entry into the state show.

Strobel finished as NE player of the year with a scoring total compiled on scores from the four district rounds, the subdistrict and the district final. He topped Weitze by a stroke.

Wildcats softball advances on road to state

Colton split two games at Medical Lake May 12 to advance to a state-qualifying game Saturday against Selkirk at 12 p.m. back at Medical Lake.

Last weekend, meeting Sunnyside Christian first, Colton's Emma Schultheis pitched all seven innings and had three base hits in the 9-6 win. Other hits came from Jordyn Moehrle, Josie Schultheis, Abby Kelly, Taylor Thomas, Rylee Vining, Addison Kinzer

(triple) and Maggie Pluid.

On the mound, Emma Schultheis gave up eight hits with three earned runs, four walks and seven strikeouts.

Playing again in the District 7/9 playoff bracket that afternoon, Colton lost to Inchelium 6-0.

Emma Schultheis had two hits and Kelly had one.

Josie Schultheis pitched all seven innings, allowing 10 hits three walks and 10 strikeouts.



From top Sydney Sisk, Calen Jarosch and Zach Cooper attempt to pole vault in a meet for Colfax grade schoolers in a new track club May 10.

Colfax girls win ticket to state finals

Colfax booked a comeback win and then sustained a decisive loss Tuesday at the Merkel softball complex in Spokane to win entry into the state finals next week at Yakima. The district finish contrasts with last year when the Bulldogs were jolted by Springdale in the last round of district play.

Colfax Tuesday posted a 13-8 win over Kettle Falls, number-two finisher in on the NE north side.

They then sustained a 15-0 pounding from Northwest Christian, a team which finished the NE undefeated this year and carries a top rating into the big show at Yakima next week. Northwest Christian now stands at 23-0.

In the first game against Kettle, the Bulldogs trailed 2-7 after the first two innings, but they charged for four runs in the third inning and six more in the fourth inning to take control of the game and advance to the NE title game against the Crusaders.

Colfax finished with 14 hits against the K-dogs. They took the win after being charted for 11 errors in the

semi-final game.

For the six-run breakout in the fourth inning Helina Hahn started the charge with a double and Abbie Miller capped it with a triple. Shyah Antoine and Madi Shrope also had doubles in the six-run rally.

Coach Michelle Miller noted the feature of the rally turned out to be a rap by Anni Cox who looked like she had launched a homer over the left field fence. The Kettle outfielder collected it at the fence, but it rated as a PR blast for the petite Cox.

The big rally was booked after Colfax held Kettle to three up and three down in their half of the third inning.

After stacking seven runs in the first two innings, Kettle scored just one more run in the game.

Colfax pitcher Abbie Miller allowed eight hits, struck out eight K batters and walked just two.

After the semi win, Colfax fortunes turned. Northwest Christian pitcher Allison Shaler held the Bulldogs to three hits. Cox had a single and Shrope had two singles.

Miller fanned four Crusaders and allowed eight hits.

The Crusaders had a 7-0 lead after four innings and then scored eight in the top of the fifth to shut the NE title game down on the 10-run rule.

Northwest Christian advanced to the title game after stacking a 16-6 win over Asotin.

Asotin's season ended when Liberty took a 7-5 win in the loser-out game. The Lancers finished with three wins in the final day to place third, and LRS stopped Kettle 12-7 for the fourth NE ticket to state.

Colfax defeated Colton 3-2 last Thursday night in a non-league game at McDonald Park. The Bulldogs trailed 1-2 until they scored two runs in the bottom of the last inning with Abby Boyer scoring the game winner on a passed ball.

Miller allowed two hits and struck out five Wildcats in taking the win. Boyer had two hits with a triple. Chelsea Becker and Miller had the other Colfax hits.

Bulldogs face Kittitas/Thorpe

Colfax baseball players, who wrapped their NE title string last Tuesday at Medical Lake with wins over Kettle Falls and Asotin, will face Kittitas/Thorpe in the first game of the regional baseball round at Wenatchee Saturday at 10 a.m.

Kittitas/Thorpe qualified as the number-three team out of the Central Washington League. The Colfax-Kittitas game will be followed by the Tri Cities Prep-Liberty Bell game. Winners of the first two games will play for the regional ticket to the state final four next week at Centralia.

The Wenatchee regional is charted opposite the state 2B regional round at Adna High School and the qualifiers from those two sites will play in the first state round May 25. First-round games at Adna feature Kalama vs. Adna and Tonasket vs. Wahkiakum. Other NE finishers,

Asotin and St. George's, play at Davis High in Yakima. Asotin will play DeSales, the number-two team from the SE, and St. George's will play Brewster, the top finisher in the Central League.



Coming off the blocks in the 100 meter sprint, from left, Destiny Nelson, TJ Tassell, Shaun Garnica, Lauren York, Jaxon Wick, Bradyn Heilsberg, Aden Reed and Trenton Olson, Colfax students in a new track club.

Harder catch wins Pend Oreille derby



Dan Harder of Colfax collected first prize money for the annual Lake Pend Oreille K & K fishing derby by boating a 18.54 pound rainbow trout during the nine-day event which concluded May 6. Harder landed the giant fish after a 45-minute battle off Indian Point across from Garfield Bay.

The K & K tourney pot totaled approximately \$4,000 with 387 anglers putting up \$50 each to enter.

Harder noted he has entered the derby many times, but this was his first win.

The number-two fish in the nine-day event weighed in at 16.3 pounds.

Harder said he managed to get his spring farming work done in time to travel north to the lake and compete. He was fishing by himself, and the fish hit on a fly at about 7:30 p.m. May 3.

He said he got a good look at the big fish early when it jumped alongside another boat which was in the area.

The 45-minute battle ensued after the fish took the fly, and it was finally boated in the dark.

"He did just about everything" Harder reported.

Harder said he has landed larger fish, but not during the derby dates.

Continued: Colton boys

gunned down the baseline and dove for the plate. The ball arrived, Vining's hand crossing home as the umpire made the call.

Ankerson stood at third. It was 10-0.

Ankerson, a sophomore, then scored on a passed ball. Cusick (9-5, 9-4) later got the third out, jogged off the field and gathered at the front of their dugout.

"Lotta baseball here, lotta baseball," said coach Tell Hamilton.

Up to bat, the Panthers scored one run to make it 10-1 going into the bottom of the fourth.

Colton bat again, and Ankerson hit a single, stole second and got to third when Matt Wolf put the ball in play.

Sophomore Jackson Meyer followed with a two-run base hit to centerfield for 12-1.

Cusick had three more outs to keep the game going and came up short, Colton winning on the 10-run rule in the fifth inning.

"I thought it was a great game. Playing for their season and our guys responded the way they did," said Colton coach Pat Doumit.

Additional Wildcats hits came from seniors Tom Wolf and Cameron Bean, who both had two hits, each with a double. Chadwick, a junior, pitched all five innings to allow one hit with two walks and six strikeouts.

Chadwick is set to take the mound again Saturday against Naselle, with Bean



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ready in relief. Both are four-year starters for Colton, Bean starting games at pitcher since he

was a sophomore. Chadwick played elsewhere on the field since he was an eighth-grader.

"We have co-no. 1 pitchers," said Doumit. "Reece is more of a power arm and Cam's got movement on everything he throws."

Other state 1B quarterfinal games Saturday are Pomeroy vs. Odessa, Almira/Coulee/Hartline vs. Sunnyside Christian and Quilcene vs. Evergreen Lutheran.

TWILIGHT LEAGUE GOLF

Colfax - Week 3

Due to adverse conditions, the majority of players were not able to complete their rounds during regularly scheduled week 3 play. Final results for this round will be revealed after completion of the round on June 14.

Provisional Ace of Ace results for those who played

Ace of Aces - Gross: 36 **Ace of Aces - Net: 31**
Al Kirkpatrick **Jake Anderson**

WEBB'S SLOUGH TWILIGHT GOLF

St. John - Week 1 Standings

St. John Telco	24.5	IEMC	20.5
Pat Gordon	6.0	Tate Schauble	3.0
Ryan Kile	5.5	Doug Schuster	3.5
Dave Fitzgerald	4.5	Dan Watt	4.5
*Dwight Fowler	6.0	Jerry Schauble	3.0
Eric Trump	2.5	George Johnstone	6.5
NW Grain Growers	24	St. John Hardware	21
Brian Lynch	7.0	Jeremy Smith	2.0
Rob Taylor	6.5	*Mark Howard	2.5
Bill Cofield	7.0	Gary Bailey	2.0
Heath Barnes	2.0	*Bubba Baker	7.0
*Brandon Perry	1.5	Steve Gibson	7.5
Webbs Empire Foods	24	The McGregor Co.	21
Drew Gordon	4.0	Dave Kjack	5.0
Steve Bailey	5.5	Aaron Kjack	3.5
Dustin Deford	2.5	*Bill Parrish	6.5
Mike Webb	7.0	Jason Hough	2.0
Rich Barry	5.0	Tim Sauer	4.0
Rialto Tavern	22.5	Hub International	22.5
Loren Schneider	5.0	Dakota White	4.0
Al Martin	4.5	Bob Cole	4.5
*Austin Danielson	4.0	Ethan White	5.0
Kirk Wigen	3.0	Butch Howard	6.0
Eric Glorfield	6.0	Roger Beck	3.0

* = substitute player

Low Gross: **Low Net:**
Loren Schneider, 36 **George Johnstone, 29**

WEBB'S SLOUGH TWILIGHT GOLF

St. John - Week 2 Standings

Webbs Empire Foods	47.0	IEMC	42.5
Drew Gordon	3.0	Tate Schauble	6.0
Steve Bailey	5.0	Doug Schuster	4.0
Dustin Deford	6.5	Dan Watt	2.5
Mike Webb	3.0	Jerry Schauble	6.0
Rich Barry	5.5	George Johnstone	3.5
St. John Telco	46.0	St. John Hardware	44.5
Pat Gordon	6.5	*Austin Danielson	2.5
Ryan Kile	2.5	Jim Kile	5.5
*Ron Fila	4.5	*Dick Behrens	4.5
Rick Repp	2.0	Matt Antle	7.0
Eric Trump	5.0	Steve Gibson	4.0
Hub International	45.5	The McGregor Co.	43.0
Dakota White	2.0	Dave Kjack	7.0
Bob Cole	4.5	Aaron Kjack	4.5
Ethan White	6.0	*Bill Parrish	3.0
Brandon Perry	5.0	Jason Hough	4.0
Roger Beck	5.5	Tim Sauer	3.5
Rialto Tavern	46.0	NW Grain Growers	45.5
Loren Schneider	6.5	Brian Lynch	2.5
Al Martin	3.0	*Chris Hille	6.0
Butch Howard	5.0	*Bubba Baker	4.0
Kirk Wigen	4.5	Heath Barnes	4.5
Eric Glorfield	4.5	*Frank Watson	4.5

* = substitute player

Low Gross: **Low Net:**
Dave Kjack, 38 **Ethan White, 26**

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Coroner reports driver died of cardiac arrest

Coroner Annie Pillers May 9 reported Christopher Brown, the Rosalia resident who was found dead at the scene of a one-car accident north of Tekoa last Friday, died of cardiac arrest. The finding was made after a coroner's investigation of the cause of death.

Pillers reported Brown had underlying heart disease. A medical cause was suspected at the accident scene because the car Brown was driving did not sustain extensive damage.

Mr. Brown was driving northbound when he failed to negotiate a curve on Highway 27 just south of Fairbanks and went down an embankment where the car stopped short of Hangman Creek.

Bloomers seek to replace sign

Cherry Alice Van Tine, a member of the Late Bloomers gardening club, presented a request at the May 7 city council session for \$3,836 to replace the wooden sign at the back corner of Codger Park with a monument. The sign, which had previously been scheduled for repainting, has deteriorated to the point where it has to be removed.

The \$3,836 sought is the cost quote from Colfax Monument for replacing the sign with a stone monu-

ment which would duplicate the inscriptions on the sign.

Van Tine pointed out the number of people who stop to see the Codger Pole. She said they encounter the tourists while they are working the flower beds and other attractions at the park.

Van Tine noted members of the Late Bloomers have made purchases on their own for their volunteer work at the park and have received donations, but would need help with the cost for a monument.

Councilman Jim Kackman suggested the Late Bloomers apply for the funds out of the city's motel tax proceeds which are intended to be used for tourism.

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- 9:00 Vendor check-in at City Park with Connie
- 10:00 Line-up of Parades:
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- 10:45 Kiddie Parade starts -
Downtown
- 11:00 Big Parade starts
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- 12 to 2 Potlatch Junior Jammer Fiddlers - City Park
- 12 to 3 Palouse Lions hamburgers - Vendors & Garfield Community Association sponsors the Silent Auction and Bouncy Castle for the kids - City Park
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OPINION

A Few Check Points for the Liberty State

The concept of a 51st state with a division of Washington along the crest of the Cascades has surfaced again. Reports on the concept, which has been around the block a few times in the past, surfaced in two recent editions of Colville's Statesman Examiner newspaper.

One report noted a large crowd gathered at the Colville's Agricultural Trade Center to hear State Rep. Matt Shea, a Republican from District 4 in Spokane Valley, introduce what he called eight steps to freedom in order to bring about a state split and create Liberty State.

In Shea's view, Washington state has two sides and people on opposite sides of the Cascade crest don't see "eye to eye" on topics such as water rights, taxes, the right to bear arms, property rights, wolves and education.

The like-minded electorate in the new state could see its first political fissures emerge when they try to decide where its capitol dome, if they decide to pay for one, will be placed.

Proponents should also pencil out to see if all the high-priced real estate and industrial and tech property in Puget Sound area, under the McCleary tax revisions, wind up providing revenue for the budgets of school districts on the east side.

Another concern here would be how the like-minded majority of Liberty State would accommodate Whitman County, the lone county in the east side which went blue and favored Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

When this topic surfaces, the people with the "them and us" rationale for Liberty might discover that Whitman County turns out to be the "them" among the newly formed "us." Will Whitman county with its university population wind up being the new "left coast" for Liberty State?

Jerry Jones
Gazette Editor

PET PEEVES AND OKEYDOKES



Shout out to Officer Tate, pedestrian dropped her books and glasses into water and officer went down and got them out.

Intelligent and respectful people who keep a litter bag in their vehicles and dispose of it properly.

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When did Colfax become the town where vicious gossip is the norm and people are mean to others for the fun of it?

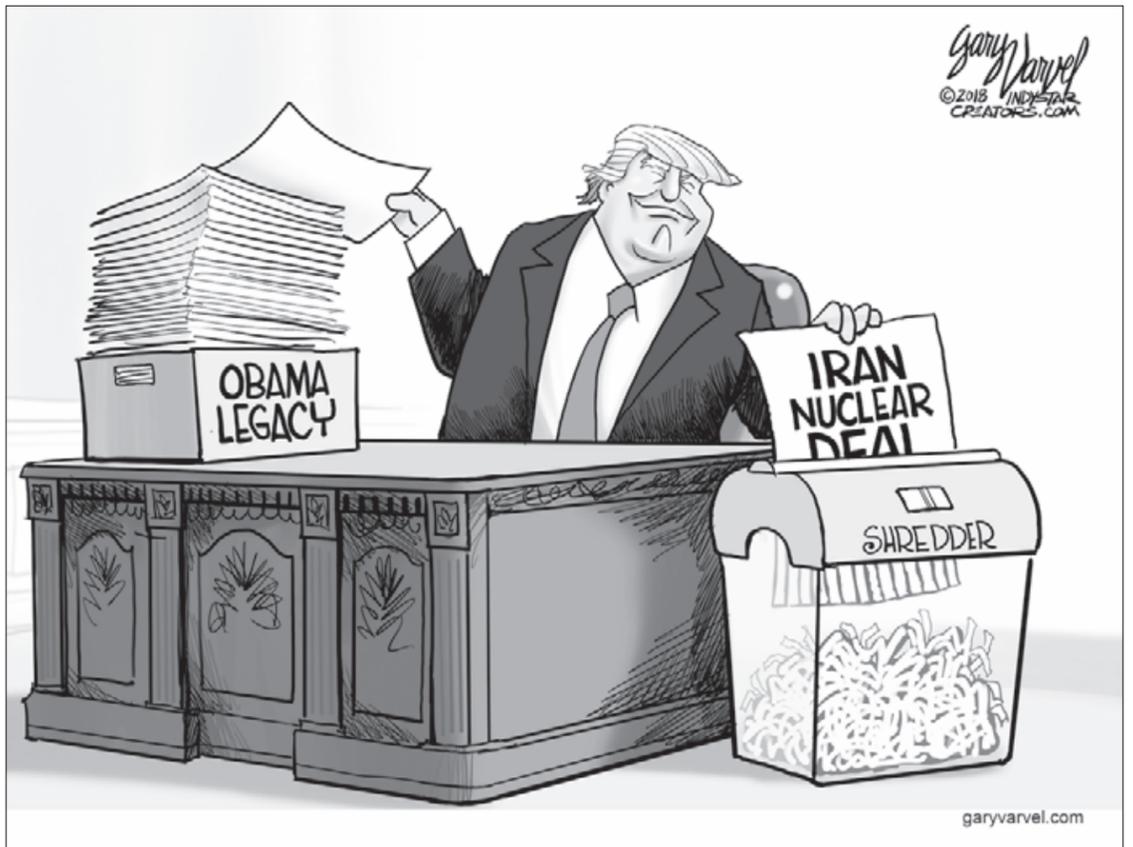
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BOB FRANKEN

Turnout Is Fair Game

It's not something he does very often, but this time President Donald Trump was telling the truth when, in his rambles before the gun nuts -- aka the National Rifle Association Convention in Dallas -- he pointed out that the upcoming midterms will be determined by voter turnout.

Turnout is always the be-all and end-all when it comes to any election, but it's particularly vital in this one. The Democrats will get the chance to demonstrate whether they can abandon their usual backbiting and lethargy, and instead channel all the anti-Trump horror into crowds at polling places.

Donald Trump is not even on the 2018 ballot. It's a race to control Congress, but he recognizes that if Dems take over the GOP-majority Senate or House, his presidency is in deep doo-doo. The opposition will be empowered to constantly harass him and even impeach him if the stars align.

He is well-aware that he needs to create more passion on the right, even for those in the party who are less than enthusiastic about him. They are even less enthusiastic about the

Democrats, who are doing everything they can to overcome the divisions that invariably define them.

Already, the D's are bickering over whether they'll stick with Nancy Pelosi as speaker of the House if they take over. The R's demonize her non-stop, so many candidates in her party are running away from Pelosi as hard as they're running for their congressional seat. If they can't channel their anti-Trump frenzy into voter turnout, then in the words of Rep. Jim Clyburn, a member of Pelosi's leadership team, "If we're still in the minority, all of us have got to go."

It is not overstating it to argue that this election, as much as any in our history, will define the United States of America. Even though he's not on the ballot, his fellow countrymen and women will be deciding whether to reject or accept Donald Trump's record as president after nearly two years of racism, misogyny, outright stupidity and autocratic tendencies, as well as his constant lying. Is such a person the one who should continue to lead this country? It's the first chance since Trump had his election handed to him by the feckless

opposition, with a little help from his friend Vladimir Putin, for the citizens of the United States to make it clear what we stand for.

And it's not just one campaign, it's 470 for Congress alone -- all 435 House seats are up for grabs and 35 in the Senate. That probably will make it difficult for the Russians to steal all of them.

But those other adversaries of U.S. democracy, the big-money contributors, will be spreading their financial poison over most of the races. Already they are dumping huge amounts. Through hook and crook -- mainly crook -- they can pay for misleading ads that smear anyone they decide they need to oppose.

Still, the wild card is the wild man. Donald Trump is impervious to scandal with those in his base. If the opposition can't match their turnout, it will be the scandal that indelibly stains the nation.

(BOB FRANKEN is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington, D.C., for more than 20 years.)

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RICH LOWRY

Rosenstein Has Botched the Mueller Probe

Rod Rosenstein is doing a star turn as principled defender of the law, but he's performed abysmally as deputy attorney general, and President Donald Trump would be fully justified in firing him.

The leaked questions that special counsel Robert Mueller wants to ask Trump in a prospective deposition are, if accurate, a sign that Mueller has spun out of control on Rosenstein's watch.

The questions (drafted by Trump's legal team after consultations with Mueller's investigators) suggest a free-floating investigation of the president's motives, undertaken by a subordinate of the president. This is unlike any special counsel investigation we've ever seen and represents a significant distortion of our system.

Per the questions, Mueller wants to know how Trump reacted to news stories in The Washington Post. What he thought of FBI Director James Comey during the transition. How he feels about his attorney general.

These questions grow out of an obstruction-of-justice probe centered, as far as we can tell, on Trump's exercise of the legitimate powers of the presidency.

What makes Mueller different is that his predecessors were given the mission of investigating specific alleged crimes. As my National

Review colleague Andrew McCarthy has repeatedly pointed out, Rod Rosenstein mentioned no crimes in his initial order to Mueller, a violation of the special counsel regulations.

This amorphous, wide-ranging guidance appears to have allowed Mueller to effortlessly slide from an amorphous, wide-ranging investigation into Russian meddling into an amorphous, wide-ranging investigation into obstruction of justice. (Rosenstein followed up later with a more specific memo to Mueller.)

Now, judging by the leaked questions, obstruction is the lion's share of Mueller's work. Absent smoking guns that we aren't aware of (always possible), this is bizarre and disproportionate.

We now have an extensive obstruction investigation carried out by investigators who haven't been obstructed. There's been an intense focus, for instance, on Trump's Oval Office discussion with then-FBI Director Comey about going easy on Michael Flynn. But as Andy McCarthy also notes, no one went easy on Flynn, who pled guilty to lying to the FBI.

Regardless, current Justice Department guidance says the president can't be indicted. If Mueller takes heed, he is limited to indicting underlings and writing reports on his find-

ings, with Congress the most important consumer.

This means Mueller is, in effect, the lead investigative counsel for a prospective House impeachment committee. It's an important position, just not one that should be housed within the executive branch.

Rod Rosenstein is ultimately responsible for the state of this investigation. On the merits, he should be fired and replaced by someone willing to exercise proper oversight of the special counsel.

A more practical lever would be to push for Rosenstein to recuse himself. As a party to the firing of James Comey, he shouldn't be overseeing a probe in which he's a witness.

To this point, the White House posture toward the Mueller investigation has been to cooperate and hope it goes away, when a root-and-branch legal and constitutional challenge to Mueller's work is now what's called for.

Surely, Mueller will want to ask questions about such an effort, too -- because he's the unbounded investigatory ombudsman of the Trump era.

(RICH LOWRY is editor of the National Review.)

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DON C. BRUNELL

Streamlining Regulations Makes More Housing Affordable

America's supply of affordable housing is shrinking and a bevy of government regulations on residential construction only acerbates the homeless problem. As a result more people are now living "unsheltered" in tents along the freeway or beneath overpasses because they can't afford to pay rent or a home mortgage.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported on a single night in 2017, over a half million people were homeless in America. There were more than 21,000 people homeless in Washington State last year.

In Seattle, HUD records show the unsheltered population grew by 44 percent over two years to nearly 5,500 and it is worsening.

For example, passage of California Proposition 47 in 2014 reduced jail sentences for nonviolent crimes, including shoplifting, theft of less than \$950 and drug use.

"People who once would have been locked up, including those with drug addictions and mental-health problems, have been left to the streets. Many steal to feed their habits," Wall Street Journal

reporter Allysia Finley wrote.

"The King County homelessness crisis would cost an estimated \$360 million to \$410 million per year to address at current levels," the Puget Sound Business Journal reported earlier this month. The Seattle City Council is considering a per-employee tax on 585 of the largest employers in the city to raise an estimated \$75 million per year for housing and homeless services.

Rather than imposing a tax which threatens jobs, elected officials must find ways to stop skyrocketing rents which have made it harder for low-income people to find affordable quarters.

"Because of regulatory restrictions on development, the demand for housing hugely exceeds the supply. The stock of public and rent-controlled housing is especially limited," the Wall Street Journal reported.

Nationwide, regulations imposed by all levels of government account for nearly 25 percent of the sales price of a new single-family home, according to a 2016 study by the National Association of Home Builders. It found that regulatory costs in an average home built for sale

went from \$65,224 to \$84,671 between 2011 and 2016.

Regulatory costs impact rentals as well particularly in West Coast cities. RentJungle.com reports a two bedroom apartment in Seattle rents for \$2,700 a month on average compared with \$1,450 in Pittsburgh, PA. Rent in Austin, TX, is 20 percent lower and consumer prices are 30 percent below Seattle. (Both cities are attempting to lure Amazon's HQ2).

Elected officials and regulators need to look at the cumulative impact of all regulations and consider the impact on affordable housing with each new mandate.

For example, in California, the state Energy Commission's decision mandating solar panels be installed on all new homes which will add \$8,000 to \$12,000 to the cost.

"California's astronomical housing costs are a result of these government mandates, zoning restrictions, and permitting fees. The state Legislative Analyst Office estimates that it costs between \$50,000 to \$75,000 more to build a home in California than in the rest of the country. Building a low-

income housing unit costs about \$332,000," WSJ reports.

One of the big problems is people cannot afford all of the added compliance costs built into the price of a home or apartment rent.

Last November, Seattle Times Reporter Mike Rosenberg wrote that "households now need a record \$93,400 annual income to afford monthly payments on the median home (\$478,500) home in the Seattle metro area." That figure is up from about \$82,000 in 2016.

The bottom line is wages are not keeping pace with the costs of housing. Unless elected officials look deeply in the root causes of housing affordability, the homeless problem will only grow.

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FRANK WATSON

Special Prosecutor

Mr. Mueller's investigation into Russia's attempt to influence the 2016 election is getting more and more press lately. The prosecutor and his team are not actually tasked with finding out if the Russians tried to influence the election. That is the purview of the FBI. The special prosecutor law limits special investigations to alleged misconduct of federal elected officials while in office. Thus, Mr. Mueller's team is investigating whether or not someone in our government worked with the Russians in an alleged attempt to influence our election. If you are confused, you are not the only one. Special prosecutors have a long history of ineffectiveness while wasting millions of dollars provided by American taxpayers. The Mueller investigation continues the trend.

The first special prosecutor was appointed in 1875 to investigate government corruption in the Whiskey Ring Scandal. The prosecutor went far afield in his attempt to implicate President

Grant and was fired for his efforts. A quiet investigation by the Treasury Department led to the conviction of several officials for tax fraud. The special prosecutor, however, took all the credit. Savvy politicians recognized the value of investigating an incumbent for wrongdoing, so other investigations followed in 1881, 1903 and 1905 for various scandals. President Truman appointed a prosecutor to investigate the IRS in 1952. This prosecutor also went far afield and was fired; another was appointed and fired. Does anyone see a trend here? The first Watergate prosecutor was also fired, and his replacement was successful only in getting the Supreme Court to force Nixon to release the tapes of his private conversations. Two newspaper reporters had already uncovered and published the facts.

Since Watergate, there has been only a few short periods when we have not had a special prosecutor. Scandals appear to be the norm. The Iran Contra

prosecutor, during the Reagan administration, found that no laws had been broken but indicted 14 witnesses for failure to fully support the investigation. The investigation into President Clinton's love life didn't find anything that Monica didn't proudly volunteer. The Whitewater investigation into the Clintons' real estate investments was similarly ineffective in doing anything other than to smear the President.

With that history, what can we reasonably expect from the current investigation? As other prosecutors before him, we can expect Mr. Mueller to expand his investigation beyond his original charter. The Trump family business dealings prior to 2016 cannot reasonably be part of any collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign. They are, however, being included in the investigation. I can't see how the details of Mr. Trump's love life can be applicable. No one has accused him of sleeping with a Russian Agent - yet. Note that the law limits the

investigation to crimes "while in office". The Stormy affair, if true, was ten years before the election. Lastly, it is not clear that any crime has been committed at all. The President cannot be charged with collusion unless it can be proven that Russian hacking actually happened. The FBI has been working on that for more than a year and still has no hard evidence that the whole mess is anything more than a rumor. Mr. Mueller's team, heavily staffed with anti-Trump zealots, will indict more witnesses for not supporting their investigation, and they will continue to use the power of their investigation to smear the President while wasting millions of dollars that could be better used elsewhere.

(FRANK WATSON is a retired Air Force Colonel and a long time resident of Eastern Washington. He has been a free lance columnist for over 18 years.)

ON THE RECORD

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Roy Moore, 86, and Esther Lucille Stalnaker, 77, both Clarkston, May 1.

Grant Nathan Schoenlein, 24, and Shyanne Nicole Knighten, 23, both Moscow, May 2.

Scott Alan Kruse, 51 and Esther Matos Tate, 47, both Colfax, May 8.

Brian Philip West, 37, and Hind Mawhoub, 32, both Pullman, May 8.

Amber Lynn Hughes, 26, and Alexander James

Brown, 24, both Pullman, May 9.

Davie Melita Kipelian, 44, and Tito Beatrice Siampala, 39, both Pullman, May 10.

REAL ESTATE

Cougar Den LLC, Coulee City, to Stonegate LLC., Olympia, unit at Stonegate Condominium on Oak Street, Pullman, \$335,000, May 7.

Hector and Maura Yanes, Issaquah, to Hong Lei and Hang Guo, Pullman, unit at

Wheatridge Condominium on NE Merman Drive, Pullman, \$119,000, May 7.

Robert and Laura Haun, Paul, Idaho, to Cindy Newton, Pullman, 1997 Guerdon 26x44 mobile home on Lancer Lane, Pullman, \$65,000, May 7.

Joan Sutherland and June Vallies, Spokane, to Riley Maley and Debra Maley, quit claim on house on 1st Street, Thornton, \$35,000, May 8.

Margaret Huggins, Weston, Ore., to Darren and Ashley Alred, Pullman, two

lots and half of two lots on High Street in Uniontown, \$38,000, May 8.

Robert and Margaret Romine, Pasco, to Dana Wolinski, Kirkland, 1997 40x26 mobile home on NW Lancer Lane, Pullman, \$50,000, May 8.

BNSF Railroad Co., Fort Worth, Texas, to Gary and Tanya Shrope, Oakesdale, three tracts of former Great Northern railroad property at Oakesdale, \$2,500, May 8.

Geoffrey Collins and Ruth Gregory to David and

Holly Beveridge, Newman Lake, 1978 14x66 mobile home on SE Professional Mall Blvd., Pullman, \$24,000, May 9.

Pullman Gardens Acreages, LLC, Bellevue, to Timothy and Doris Minter, Pullman, tract in Garden Acreages, LLC, Kitzmiller Custer C short plat, \$110,450, May 9.

Veselin and Elizabeth Skendzic, Schwesville, Pa., to Richelle and Gerald Murphy, Sitka, Alaska, unit at townhouse Condominium on SW

Crestview, Pullman, \$153,000, May 9.

Richard and Rachel Matheson, Pullman, to Kevin and Stephanie Yargeau, Pullman, 1983 Nasuha 44x66 mobile home on Pullman-Albion Road, \$29,500 May 10.

Jett and Annika Benedetto to Susan and Anne Frosolone, Oak Harbor, 1995 Liberty 28x44 mobile home on NW Golden Hills Drive, Pullman, \$52,000, May 10.

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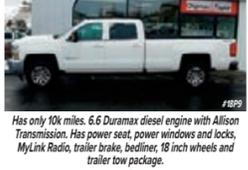
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2016 GMC TERRAIL SLT 18P31 3.6 AT AC TW CC PWL PS LTH HS PIONEER ML CAM WHL	\$25,998
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Uncle Orville Pratt joins Ngs for family wedding in Seattle

Eddy's Chinese Restaurant in Colfax was closed May 6, a Sunday, so members of the extended family could attend a wedding in Seattle. Michael Ng, a nephew of Eddy Ng, and Courtney Crocker from Smithfield, S. C., took their wedding vows in Seattle. Approximately 300 people attended the wedding.

Fifteen members of the Ng family attended from the Colfax area and another seven relatives attended from Lewiston, which is considered the hometown for four generations of the Ng family who came to the United States from China.

Also attending was Orville Pratt from Crofton, Md. He flew cross-country and met up with the Colfax Ngs before they made the trip to Seattle.

Who is Orville Pratt? Well, he's a retiree from the U.S. Navy and other federal agencies. He was raised in Tacoma, and although he didn't know it until last summer, he's an Ng.

Orville Pratt is an uncle of Eddy Ng and Wally Ng of Colfax and Tony Ng, the father of the groom.

Tony Ng for years operated the China Inn in Lewiston before he retired last year and moved with his wife, Wanda, to the Seattle area.

None of the Ng brothers knew they had an uncle in

father, Eddy, that she believed he had an uncle named Orville Pratt in Maryland.

"At first, I just didn't believe it," Eddy admitted. He just discounted the whole concept but became convinced after Orville e-mailed family photos to the Ngs.

During the discovery process, Eddy showed a photograph of Orville when he was in the fourth grade at Tacoma to his brother, Tony, then in Lewiston. He asked Tony to identify the boy in the photo, and Tony quickly nominated possible Ng family males from their generation.

Eddy told his brother he wasn't even close. He explained to Tony he was looking at a photograph of their uncle, Orville Pratt in Maryland.

"That's when I started to believe it," Eddy reported.

Orville was born Nov. 9, 1943, at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane. He was born out of wedlock and his mother put the male baby up for adoption.

One adoption didn't work out, but at age five and one half he was adopted by Clifford and Lilly Pratt of Tacoma. He was raised in Tacoma and decided to join the Navy at age 17 after finishing high school.

During his stop here two weeks ago Orville said he

search of the "Golden Mountain."

The extended Ng family originated in Taishan, Guangdong province in south China. Their immigration to the United States for many started with a move to Hong Kong. There word had spread about the possible fortunes available in the new United States with rail construction, mining and other businesses. Young Chinese males envisioned the western United States as a place where they could make a fortune, and many answered the call.

When Owen opted to depart only Chinese males could immigrate to the United States. Many had to leave their young families behind to seek their fortunes in the new country.

Owen left his wife, young son son Kye and a daughter when he came from Hong Kong.

Kye Ng was raised in Hong Kong and married Moy Chow-Mui Choy. They eventually made the move to the United States under the sponsorship of Peter Eng of Colfax.

As part of their decision to come here, Kye and Moy Ng, like Owen before them, decided to leave family members behind. Eddy, Tony and Wally were left behind in Hong Kong or China and later came to the United



Orville Pratt gathered with Ng family members at Eddy's Restaurant. In back are Miu Ci Mei Ng, Dominique Ng, Wally Ng, Ysabeaux Ng, Pratt, Eddy Ng and Olivia Ng. Leon Cai is in front.

Maryland until Eddy's daughter, Ysabeaux Ng, a 2015 graduate of Colfax High School, made the discovery via Ancestry.com.

She registered on Ancestry in 2015 before departing for Hong Kong to serve for 18 months on an LDS mission.

Ysabeaux wanted to know more about the origins of her family before departing on the mission.

After 18 months on the mission in Hong Kong, she returned to Colfax for a summer stop before starting college at Brigham Young University in Provo Utah.

She began to learn about the presence of Orville Pratt as a result of the Ancestry sample which she had submitted two years earlier.

Orville had also registered on Ancestry after his retirement to learn more about his ethnicity and his origin. He knew he was adopted as a five-year-old, and he always wanted to know about his birth parents.

Ancestry registrants can opt to submit a saliva sample for DNA testing. They receive a tube which contains a cartridge of chemicals. They spit in the tube, seal it and bend it to break through the cartridge which starts the chemical reaction DNA process. The tube goes back to Ancestry where they read the DNA and through their computer system compile a chart of each member's ancestry.

Ysabeaux's DNA matched up with Orville's DNA. He turned out to be her great-uncle.

Both Orville and Ysabeaux noted the extended Ancestry charts are difficult to decipher, and both credited Sally Sumerlin of Walla Walla with suggesting the link. Sumerlin, who turned out to be very skilled in the process, became aware of the Ng link because her daughter-in-law is also an Ng descendant.

She suggested to Ysabeaux that she check out a possible link to Orville, and visa versa.

Ysabeaux began to converse with Orville by text messages, and soon told her

recognizes the Pratts, now both deceased, as his family. Among other family events, he recalled attending reunions of Scandinavian relatives of the Pratts in Seattle.

Orville said the state adoption records were destroyed in connection with his Navy service, and he had no information about his birth parents until he began his search after retirement.

His early duty in the Navy included an assignment in Adak, Alaska, and the Azores where he met his wife, Maria Alzira Ferriera da Costa. She is Portuguese. When they married he was doing advance electronics for the Navy in San Francisco, and they had to go to Mexico to be married so she could come into the United States. They raised two sons and a step-daughter.

Orville retired from the Navy as a chief petty officer after 21 years of service and continued to work as a civilian for the Department of Defense and Homeland Security.

He eventually was able to obtain his birth record from Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, but it contained only the name of his mother.

Orville noted his search through Ancestry had brought a response from two families one which used the named Schmittle in Washougal. That was the name used by his mother when she filled out the birth certificate.

The name connected him to the family of the late David Schmittle.

The DNA samples showed Orville Pratt and David Schmittle were half brothers, sons of Owen Ng and the half brothers of Kye Ng who was born in Hong Kong 13 years before David and Orville were born in Spokane.

Owen Ng lived and worked in Colfax at Pete Eng's restaurant in the later years of his life. At the urging a Pete Eng, he worked to get his wife, son Kye and Kye's wife, Moy, to the United States.

Ysabeaux explained Owen was one thousands of young men who came from China to the United States in

States as young men.

After learning beyond a doubt that he was a member of the Ng family, Orville decided to join the family at the May 6 wedding.

Orville Pratt flew to Portland and made a stop in Washougal to visit Schmittle family members.

He rented a car and drove to Walla Walla to meet Sumerlin and thank her for her assistance and then came to Colfax for a short stay. Among stops on a road trip in the area, Eddy showed Orville the Chinese graves in the Normal Hill Cemetery in Lewiston.

Approximately 300 people attended the wedding in Seattle and a dinner reception which followed at the downtown Hilton. The gathering of Ng family members celebrated with the bride's family, many who made the trip to Seattle from South Carolina.

While in Colfax, Orville noted the Ng connection added Chinese to German and Irish blood in his ancestry.

Eddy Ng also reported to Orville that he was also Polynesian.

Orville's father and Eddy's grandfather, Owen Ng, was actually an adopted child and known to be the son of a Chinese father and a Polynesian mother. He was adopted in Hong Kong by Gene Sing Eng.

Eddy explains the Eng spelling of the Ng family name derives from the pronunciation and spelling used in the United States.

Gene also left family members behind in Hong Kong when he decided to come to the United States and at one time operated a Chinese Restaurant in Orofino. He later worked for years at the Majestic Cafe in downtown Lewiston.

Gene Sing Eng was the first of four generations of Ng family members to come to the United States and land in the restaurant business.

"It's pretty amazing how long we have been here," Eddy commented in an interview after the big wedding in Seattle.

PEOPLE

Dusty B.B. Club marks 90 years

DUSTY

KAREN BROECKEL
Gazette Correspondent

Dusty B.B. Club celebrated its 90th anniversary as an organization at its annual guest luncheon last Wednesday, May 9. The luncheon, catered by Fonk's, was in the Bettie and Don Steiger Center of the Colfax branch of the Whitman County Library.

Thirty members and their guests were treated to delicious food and also got to view 18 of the many quilts the club made over the years. The quilts will be on display in The Center throughout the month of May for the general public to see.

Barb and Bruce Wollstein, Lacey, spent the last weekend of April at the home of her parents, Dick and Helen Appel. Bruce was here to attend the quarterly meeting of the engineering advisory board. Barb visited with her mother and worked in the yard. They all attended a birthday celebration for Noemie Appel at her parents' home, Liz and Neil Appel. After church, Dick and Helen Appel enjoyed a Mother's Day gift from their children.

On the first Sunday in May, all of them brought food for a potluck and then worked in the flower beds, pruned shrubs and sprayed weed killer. Those participating were Bruce,

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Departing seniors recognized at CHS Jazz Band concert



Nine seniors bid farewell Thursday night at the annual Colfax High School jazz band concert. The seniors were part of the first Colfax jazz band to win first-place honors at annual competition stops at CBC in Pasco and the Mount Hood festival in Gresham, Ore.

Seniors included, from the left, Derek Ward and Kiah Miler, trombones; Dane Hall, drums; Chelsea Becker, bass; Zoe Burt, alto sax; Abbie Miller, trumpet; Sara Whelchel, tenor sax; Jan Ng and Riley Kincheloe, alto sax. Director Mike Morgan, right, admires an hour glass, one of the gifts presented by the grads-to-be.

The concert began with the band's competition group playing the three numbers which netted the top finishes. Whelchel and Kincheloe were recognized for winning outstanding soloist honors. Director Mike Morgan noted Whelchel is only the second person to win four outstanding soloist honors while playing with the band.



Flea market set at LaCrosse

LACROSSE
DEBBIE CASEY
Gazette Correspondent

An outdoor flea market is scheduled Saturday, June 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Clark Street between 1st and 2nd avenues in LaCrosse.

Vendors are welcome and asked to sign up in advance to the event by calling 509-595-1294 or emailing Route26vintage-market@gmail.com. Set up will be at 7 a.m.

Track athletes have qualified for 1B track regionals at Central Valley: Lauren Stubbs-800, 3200 and 4x400 relay; Genevieve McGregor-4x400 relay; Ashley Parker-4x400 relay alternative; Autumn Meyers-4x400 relay, javelin and high jump; Zoe Bailey-4x200 relay and long jump; Alynn Harder-javelin and 4x200 relay; Trey Fleming-200, 4x100 relay, javelin and high jump.

LaCrosse FFA's annual plant sale is this week. Plant varieties available will include coleus, petunias, million bells, bacopa and sweet potato vines at \$2 per 4" pot. Stop by during school hours or contact Lisa Baser to arrange a time to pick up plants.

LaCrosse Community Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 25-29, and led by three camp counselors from Twinlow Camp & Retreat Center. This community VBS is for children going into first

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MY FAVORITE RECIPES

By Dee Bryson

Meet Ysabeaux Ng

Ysabeaux Ng was born and raised in Colfax and has shared many happy memories here. Her family has lived in Whitman County for the last 40 years. Ysabeaux graduated from Colfax High School with the class of 2015. Following graduation, she submitted her paperwork to serve an 18-month mission for her church. She knew that she had the possibility of going anywhere in the world, but was delighted beyond words when the call arrived and she was asked to serve in Hong Kong, the childhood home of her father, Eddy Ng.

In the fall of 2015, Ysabeaux spent three months in a missionary training center preparing for her call to Hong Kong and studying the Cantonese language. The following 15 months were spent serving and teaching the people of Hong Kong, which Ysabeaux describes as one of the most challenging and rewarding times of her life. She returned from her service in the spring of 2017, fluent in Cantonese and able to communicate with several family members in their family language, which was a special added benefit of her service. Since returning from her mission, Ysabeaux has been attending Brigham Young University, majoring in media arts/film. She is minoring in non-profit management and hopes to continue her education by pursuing a degree in law.

Before leaving for her mission to Hong Kong,

Ysabeaux decided to experiment with a DNA test and see what interesting things she could find out about her ancestry. Upon returning from Hong Kong, she was contacted by a man who suspected that he was a close relative according to their DNA match-up. To her entire family's surprise, he was a long-lost uncle - not a result that they had anticipated. Ysabeaux has since met with him and he has been united with the family that was once a mystery.

Ysabeaux loves coming back home from college and being surrounded by family members that she desperately misses, especially her little sister, Olivia. She also said that she is humbled and deeply appreciates the amazing community that makes up the City of Colfax and the friends that fill it. She is grateful for the memories that are here. She affectionately recalls playing in the park with her friends, especially in the winter time, when they would spend hours building igloos. She fondly remembers the Ice Cream Socials in the summer and nights filled with fireworks. Recently, Ysabeaux had the opportunity to sit in a room full of women that she admires and were role models for her as she was growing up. She said she was profoundly grateful in that moment and realized how fortunate she was to grow up in a small town that invested so much in creating a safe, happy environment.



Ysabeaux, left, with her mother, Molly and sister, Olivia.

While looking forward to having several international experiences in her life and in her career, she realizes that Whitman County has given her something that is unique and many kids don't have growing up in a big city. No matter the path that she takes in life, she is grateful that she can always return home and find that same support.

Recipes

SIMPLE STIR FRY

4 cups water
2 cups white rice
2/3 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 Tbsp. cornstarch

1 Tbsp. minced fresh ginger
1 Tbsp. minced garlic
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, thinly sliced
1 Tbsp. sesame oil
1 green bell pepper, cut into matchsticks
1 (8 ounce) can sliced water chestnuts, drained
1 head broccoli, broken into florets
1 cup sliced carrots
1 onion, cut into large chunks
1 Tbsp. sesame oil

Bring rice and water to a boil in a saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to

medium-low, cover, and simmer until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed, 20 to 25 minutes.

Combine soy sauce, brown sugar and corn starch in a small bowl; stir until smooth. Mix ginger, garlic and red pepper into sauce; coat chicken with marinade and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.

Heat one tablespoon sesame oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir bell pepper, water chestnuts, broccoli, carrots, and onion until just tender, about five minutes. Remove vegetables from skillet and keep warm.

Remove chicken from marinade, reserving liquid.

Heat one tablespoon sesame oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir chicken until slightly pink on the inside, about two minutes per side; return vegetables and reserved marinade to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until chicken is no longer pink in the middle and vegetables are tender, five to seven minutes. Serve over rice.

SIMPLE CREPES

1/4 tsp. coarse salt
1-1/2 cups whole milk
4 large eggs
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 cup all-purpose flour (spooned and leveled)
1 Tbsp. sugar

In a blender, combine flour, sugar, salt, milk, eggs and butter. Puree until mixture is smooth and bubbles form on top, about 30 seconds. Let batter sit at least 15 minutes at room temperature (or refrigerate in an airtight container, up to one day; whisk before using).

Heat a 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium heat. Lightly coat with butter. Add one-third cup batter and swirl to completely cover bottom of skillet. Cook until underside of crepe is golden brown, two to three minutes.

Loosen edge of crepe with a rubber spatula, then with your fingertips, quickly flip. Cook one minute more. Slide crepe out of skillet and repeat with remaining batter, coating pan with butter as needed.

Swim team pool billing query

Colfax Swim Team Coach Sarina Roberts May 7 questioned city council members about a \$2,300 item which had been added to charges the city requests from the swim team for use of the pool. The sum was added for costs of operating the pool when the team hosted meets, including the big county meet at the end of the season.

Roberts pointed out the \$2,300 was listed in addition to the \$2,200 the city asks the team to pay for their use of the pool during the season. She then added \$2,300 would tax the team's fundraising efforts and could

lead the Colfax team to request visiting teams to help pay the added costs. The Colfax team normally consists of 50 to 70 youngsters who compete on the team during the summer season when school activities are shut down.

Chris Mathis, city finance director, said the added \$2,300 billing was intended to be an incentive for the swim team to request funds from the city tourism tax proceeds. The tax is added to room rental rates with proceeds intended to be used to enhance facilities for visitors to the city.

Colfax Park Board

members prior to the city's budgeting process this year had raised pool fees in an attempt to bump pool revenue while the city was considering a shutdown of the pool. The outlook for funding changed when the city learned its 2016 metropolitan park district levy proposal had actually been approved, instead of rejected, and the levy was placed on this year's tax statements.

Knowing the parks department would receive revenue from the special levy, the park board rescinded the added admission fees.

Sharon Huff fêted

ENDICOTT
ANNE LOWE
Gazette Correspondent

Visiting at the home of Sharon Huff for Mother's Day weekend were Sheryl, Shelby and Lauren Kylo. The Kylos assisted in some packing up for Sharon's move to Anacortes and attended the going-away party for Sharon at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Visiting at the home of Willy and Anne Lowe for Mother's Day weekend were Dee and Doug Hill, Fruitland, Idaho, and Stephanie and Arthur Dever III of Spokane.

The Community Club's Flea Market at Endicott Gun Club is coming up. Date for the event is Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is still time to sign up. A Relay for Life bake sale will be at the Gun Club and Endicott Food Center in conjunction with the event.

Safeguards talk slated at library

Halette King-Meyer, a founding member of the International Coaching Association, will present a free workshop on the "Ten Delay Mistakes with Big Consequences" May 19 from 1-3 p.m. at The Center at Colfax Library.

Dr. Meyer will share tips from "And Then There Was One," a real-life planning guide for those caring for aging parents, people with pets, boomers with partners and mid-life singles.

Meyer has guided individuals in transition for more than two decades. She has served AARP, Senior Corps, Flagstaff Medical Center, Sunny Buds, Literacy Volunteers, United Way, Big Sisters and other causes.

ETCETERA

Oakesdale tea party

Oakesdale resident Dolores Haley will host an afternoon tea Saturday, May 19, at 1 p.m. at the Oakesdale Library. The event includes a tasty sampling of delicious teas and traditional, delicate finger foods served on fine china and linens.

Dolores will also share the art and history of tea parties. Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, contact the Oakesdale Library at 509-285-4310.

Perkins date set

The Perkins House Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, June 24, from 1 until 4 p.m. at 623 N Perkins Ave, Colfax.

The event will feature Ferdinand's ice cream, homemade pies, live music by the Snake River Six, vintage cars, a fashion show and tours of the Perkins House, according to Val Gregory, coordinator for the Whitman County Historical Society.

Tekoa library sets film date

Tekoa Library will show "Resilience," a one-hour documentary that delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences Tuesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. This free screening is for adults and parents with a round-table discussion to follow. The film chronicles the beginnings of a national movement to prevent childhood trauma, treat Toxic Stress and greatly improve the health of future generations.

For additional information, contact Diane Harp at 509-284-3121 or visit the library's events calendar:

www.whitco.lib.wa.us

Births

WHITMAN COUNTY
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At Pullman Regional Hospital

Aina, Joanna Ireomusa, born May 10 at six pounds, 10 ounces, Samuel and Mary Aina, Pullman. Paternal grandparents are Simon and Grace Aina, Ilorin, Nigeria. Maternal grandparents are Ezekiel and Cecelia Olatunji, Lagos, Nigeria. Baby joins brother Judah, 2.

Rodriguez, Sofia Diaz, born May 10 at seven pounds, eight ounces, to Cesar Diaz de la Merced, Pullman. Baby joins brother Aaron, 4.

WCL penny drive totals \$918 plus

Friends of Whitman County Library collected more than \$918 in donations during the 2018 penny drive in celebration of National Library Week. Each library branch designated a special project for the money collected, with funds being used for everything from youth Summer Reading programs to library projects.

Branches from around the county collected anywhere from just a few coins to more than \$150 in Colfax, Palouse and St. John.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. Whitman County Library began commemorating the event with a penny drive in 2006 as a way of raising awareness and funding for local services.

Top JES readers win bicycles



TommyJo Jensen and Kolten Kendall were presented with new bikes Friday, May 11, at Jennings Elementary School as winners of the Colfax Masonic Lodge, Hiram Lodge No. 21, "Books for Bikes" program. John Henry presented the bikes, which went to top readers in Mrs. Soncarty and Mrs. York's third grade classes.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 17

LaCrosse - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Health Dept. Outreach - WCHD offers so much for our community. Come and see.

Colfax - 12 p.m. - Marketing, Advertising and Sales - This free workshop gives up-to-date information on marketing tools plus SEWEDA is providing a no-cost lunch. Register at <https://bit.ly/2ETi9bi> or call 288-1317.

Colfax, Colton and Farmington - Third Thursday Fun - Head to the library after school for loads of learning and activities. Visit the events calendar for details. There will be a special Ozobot STEM activity in Colfax.

Tekoa - 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Paper Tigers documentary - Screening and group discussion (film has adult content.)

Colfax Hyde Out - 6:30 p.m. - Trivia Night - Friends, fun facts and "Golden Oldies" music. Win free stuff.

Endicott - 7 p.m. - Ladies Night: Painting Party - Register for this sensational event at 657-3429. (\$8 fee)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Colfax, Palouse and Rosalia - Play group - Kids and their grownups will socialize, explore and play together.

Malden - 12:30 to 2 p.m. - Caregiver Support Group - Learn how Rural Resources can support and encourage.

Colfax - 1:45 to 5 p.m. - Blood Drive - Save a life-donate today. Register on the INBC bus or at inbc-saves.org

SATURDAY, MAY 19

St. John - 9 a.m. - Book Club - Bring a friend and a snack to share your thoughts and visit.

Garfield - 11 a.m. - May Day Book Sale and Rural Heritage - Stop by the library after the parade and fun run.

Colfax - 1 to 3 p.m. - Ten Delay Mistakes - Free presentation on preparing for the unexpected. Safeguard your future.

Oakesdale - 1 p.m. - Tea Party Luncheon - Enjoy a delicious lunch while learning the art and history of tea parties. RSVP 285-4310.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Colfax - Dusty BB Club Quilt Display - Stroll through 50 years of quilts in all styles and designs through May 28.

MONDAY, MAY 21

St. John - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Energy Assistance - Need help with energy bills? Call 800-482-3991 for an appointment.

LaCrosse - 2:30 to 5 p.m. - Adult Coloring - Join friends and neighbors for a relaxing afternoon of coloring.

Oakesdale - 3 to 5 p.m. - Whitman County Health Dept. - Ask about WIC, Mobile Dental, immunizations and more.

Rosalia - 3:30 p.m. - Teen Advisory Council - Help decide what the upcoming teen library events will be.

Colfax - 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Caregiver Support Group - Free meeting for those caring for loved ones.

Garfield - 5 p.m. - DoTerra Sugar Scrubs - Make essential oil scrubs to take home. (\$5 fee)

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Colfax - 2 to 4 p.m. - Bingo and Pie - Seniors are

invited for a rousing game of Bingo and scrumptious pie.

Tekoa - 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope - Screening and discussion (film has adult content.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Albion, Garfield, Oakesdale - Story time - Children and families embark on a reading adventure.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Farmington - 2:30 p.m. - Book Club - Join us for our latest book selection, snacks and exciting conversation.

Albion - 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Knit Night and Fireside Chats - Join your neighbors for tea, knitting and conversation.

For more information or to learn about future events, stop by your local library, visit www.whitco.lib.wa.us, or call 509-397-4366. Did you know you can have thousands of books at your fingertips with the Libby App? Download audio and ebooks to your device with just your library card.

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These reports are from the previous four issues of the Daily Bulletin in Colfax. They are reprinted here for the benefit of Gazette readers who reside outside of Colfax. Some accounts have been updated.

TRIAL STOPS ON GUILTY PLEAS

David Livingston, 59, defendant in the domestic violence jury trial which started May 7 in superior court, opted to stop his trial May 9 and enter guilty pleas to three of the eight charges which were filed against him.

Judge Steve Dixon from Ritzville, who presided at the trial, sentenced Livingston to 18 months in prison. A warrant of commitment to the state Department of Corrections credited him with 16 days served in jail prior to his trial. He was also ordered to have no contact with the victim for 10 years.

Livingston opted to enter the pleas before the state had finished presenting its case against him. He pleaded guilty to charges of harassment with a threat to kill, assault in the second degree and unlawful imprisonment.

Chief Deputy Prosecutor Dan LeBeau originally filed four charges against Livingston, but he added four more charges in amended information filed last Thursday. Among the additional charges was one for third-degree rape.

The conviction on three of the counts placed Livingston's offender score at four. He faced a sentence of 15 to 20 months on the most serious charge, second-degree assault, and Judge Dixon opted for the 18-month sentence.

Judge Dixon presided at the trial after Defense Attorney Bevan Maxey of Spokane filed a motion for Whitman County Judge Gary Libey to recuse himself from presiding. Maxey contended Judge Libey showed prejudice against Livingston in comments he made about the defendant in a pre-trial hearing.

The charges against Livingston involved Jill Wilson between Dec. 20 and Jan. 25 at the residence where they resided on Hume Road. Wilson on Jan. 25 called 911 to re-contact the sheriff's office after fleeing out the back of the house where she and

Livingston resided.

Wilson had returned to the Hume Road residence last December after moving out in October of 2016.

In her testimony May 8, she described how Livingston threatened her, taped her hands with duct tape and hit her. She testified Livingston became upset after he learned she had an affair while she resided outside of the residence.

The jury of seven women and five men was dismissed by Judge Dixon after Livingston opted to stop the trial and enter his pleas.

Before the start of the trial Judge Dixon granted two of three motions by Maxey to suppress evidence. He ruled statements Livingston had made in a sheriff's patrol car after his Feb. 25 arrest could not be used as evidence because the state was unable to prove the defendant had been advised of his rights. He also ruled evidence obtained from a cell phone found in a car at the Hume Road residence could not be used because deputies had not obtained permission to search the car from the defendant.

LANE CHANGE ACCIDENT

Colfax Chief Rick McNannay responded at 7:30 a.m. May 15 to a two-car accident on Main Street in front of the Best Western. He reported Kim Woosuck, a resident of Korea who is here on a photography trip, was driving a 2017 Ford Explorer rental car southbound on Main Street and attempted to make a lane change. The Explorer hit a 2016 Dodge Journey being driven southbound by Gloria Johnson of Pine City.

DEATH THREAT ARREST

An 11-year-old Colfax boy was arrested and transported to Martin Hall detention center Monday on charges of threatening to kill a 10-year-old boy at Jennings Elementary. Some of the alleged threats were made on the school grounds and in the cafeteria, Chief Rick McNannay said.

WSU FALSE INFORMATION CONVICTION

Jacob Campbell, 20, was sentenced to 90 days in jail Friday after pleading guilty to charges of giving a false statement to police and obstructing justice.

involving tampering with witnesses in the investigation were dismissed.

Deputy Prosecutor Wendy Lierman told the court the misinformation Campbell provided to WSU police led to hours of wasted time in the investigation.

The 90-day sentence

Albion, was sentenced to nine months in jail Friday in superior court after pleading guilty to a charge of trafficking in stolen property. The property involved was hydraulic equipment which Lee had stolen from the Town of Albion. He is a former town employee.

job. After the public works director later discovered the equipment missing, the Pullman resident returned the items.

Reavis reported he was then unable to locate Lee who reportedly had moved from his Albion residence.

Lee was later locat-



In bloom

Another purchase is about to be made at the Whitman Hospital Auxiliary's May Festival at the Baptist Church Recreation Center in Colfax May 10. The event included flowers and other items for sale, along with a lunch.

Campbell was charged with intentionally providing WSU police with incorrect information when they attempted to track down the source of LSD which was consumed by students last February.

The investigation started after a WSU coed was found injured Feb. 5, 2017, after she jumped off the overpass which crosses Stadium Way from Gannon Hall. Investigation reports said she decided to jump while reacting to taking LSD. Campbell had resided at Gannon Hall at the time he was arrested.

Campbell told the court Friday he had been expelled from WSU after the investigation, but was allowed to return this year.

He was allowed to convert 30 days of the sentence to public service work and start serving the remaining 60 days of the sentence June 1.

Two other charges

was sought by Lierman. Defense Attorney Wynn Mosman asked the court to sentence Campbell to 30 days in jail with 10 converted to community service. Judge Gary Libey, who noted Campbell's false account sent WSU officers on "a goose chase" when they tried to find the source of the LSD, opted to follow the state's recommendation. He noted Campbell had already received a break when the state opted to drop the two witness tampering charges which could have resulted in felony convictions.

TRAFFICKING PLEA NETS NINE MONTHS

Kirk Douglas Lee, 37, former resident of

The plea also involved thefts from a Colfax area residence where Lee had been employed on a construction job.

According to the arrest report by Deputy Paul Reavis, he received a report from Albion's public works director that he had discovered a hydraulic pump missing from the city shop when he was preparing street equipment Nov. 6 for the winter season. He also discovered two hydraulic cylinders and hoses, which were used on the town's Kubota tractor, were missing.

A Pullman resident earlier reported to Albion he suspected Lee had stolen the items which he purchased from Lee for \$75. He reported the purchase after learning Lee had been dismissed from the Albion

ed at a residence on Park Street in Colfax, located by Deputy Sgt. Dan Brown in connection with another investigation. Lee was arrested for taking items from the Nick Mayer residence on Highway 26 near Colfax while he had been employed by a contractor.

Lee was sentenced to nine months on the trafficking conviction and ordered to pay restitution of \$1,762 to Mayer and \$1,473 to the town of Albion when he completes the jail time. He was allowed to begin the sentence June 1.

The charges in the Highway 26 case were dismissed as part of a plea bargain in which Lee was ordered to pay restitution to Mayer as part of the trafficking conviction.

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Cocking aims to retain old look of Kramlich barn

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The Kramlich Barn restoration at the east edge of Colfax on Highway 272 is on hold after most of the work has been completed on the 1919 barn, now pulled taut.

The work has been paid for by a matching grant from the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the Cocking family of Colfax, which owns the barn.

Contractor Jon Skoglund of Cashmere straightened the barn two years ago. Penni Cocking of Seattle, daughter of Paul Cocking of Colfax, will apply for another grant this week for the barn's last phase.

"The major work is done," Cocking said.

Penni and daughter Amber Williams plan to use the barn for drying flowers as part of an edible-flowers/organic garden farm business now called "1919."

The deadline for applying for a new grant with DAHP for its 2017-19 biennium is Thursday. Approximately \$450,000 in grant funds are available for barn projects around the state. Recipients will be announced in late summer.

Cocking was set to apply this time for what she called "much less" money, for the last phase of replacing windows, adding galvanized metal gutters and possibly painting the barn.



Contractor Jon Skoglund removes old shingles and prepares the substrate for new shingles in 2016.

"We may not paint it after all," Penni said. "We are working with a painter to preserve its look. I really like that look. To keep what it aged to, but keep it strong."

For the windows, Cocking has located a replica barn window maker in Wisconsin.

The gutters would be used to collect rainwater for drip-irrigating the garden to come.

"We don't want the gutters to interfere with the historic look of the barn," Cocking said.

The Kramlich barn was leaning by more than two feet before Skoglund began.

New footings of concrete were also poured on the south side. Skoglund estimated the barn had about five years remaining before it would have fallen

over. After he finished, another contractor installed new cedar-shake shingles on the roof.

In the end, will the Kramlich Barn be a shining red barn on the hill?

"I'm gonna try real hard not to do that," Cocking said.

Colfax board approves bond issue delegation

The Colfax School board Monday night approved a delegation for the bond issue approved by voters in February, hiring of new teachers, and an \$8,000 grant from Safeway and more.

Jim McNeill of Spokane's Foster Pepper law firm gave a presentation on the bond delegation. McNeill, who has worked for the district as its bond/levy attorney for 27 years, took the board through the process of what the delegation would do.

"This isn't something you do every day, but it's something I do every day," he said.

McNeill explained that a delegation authorizes Superintendent Jerry Pugh, or Business Manager Reece Jenkin, to make decisions related to the final terms of the bond sale. The sale will take place May 30 in Seattle.

McNeill also reminded the board or their family members not to buy the bonds once issued because it would violate insider trading laws.

The board approved the delegation, signing forms handed out by McNeill.

Pugh saluted the district's hiring committee for their work evaluating and interviewing applicants to fill staff openings caused by retirements and departure.

Pugh also noted that Wes Claassen was recognized April 25 at an Educational Service District 101 dinner in Spokane for his work as the district's levy and bond committee chair.

Pugh introduced Stephanie McNeilly, a newly hired Jennings Elementary teacher who lives in Colfax but previously worked in St. John.

Additional new staff approved were Andrew Penwell, Social Studies teacher, Molly McNeil, also a Social Studies teacher and head volleyball coach, and Jordan McGrath, English/Language Arts teacher.

"This year we have had candidates that applied here because they want to raise their kids in Colfax," Pugh commented.

The board also accepted the resignation of part-time art teacher Henry Stinson.

An approval followed for an \$8,000 grant received from Safeway, applied for by sixth-grade teacher Carey Fulfs, to use to buy Chromebooks for her class.

Colfax High School junior Kylie Kackman gave the ASB report, listing softball, baseball and golf updates and Mr. Bulldog results: 614 food items brought in for the Colfax Pantry, Chris Jones crowned the winner and runners-up Dane Hall and Tucker Gleason. Kackman noted the jazz band's first-place finish at the Northwest Jazz Festival May 5 in Gresham, Ore., and a group of placers at the Washington State FFA convention in Pullman. She concluded with comments that the ASB is working on a film festival in which students may submit videos they've made.

Newly-elected ASB officers for 2018-19 are led by Carson Cloaninger, ASB president and Gunnar Aune, Vice President.

Next was which who will hand out diplomas at graduation June 2.

"How 'bout all of us?" asked one. It was soon confirmed, all would be there - David Nails, Robert Smith, Brian Becker, Terry Huber and Jennifer Hauser.

GOOD OLD DAYS

125 years ago The Commoner May 12, 1893

A telephone message from Henry Spaulding of Almota, at 8 am informed Coroner D. H. Shaw of a ghastly find that was made near Almota landing at about 7 o'clock this morning. The corpse came alongside the Whitman county shore on the Spaulding ranch and was made fast by Mr. Spaulding, who immediately proceeded to notify the proper authorities. The corpse was entirely nude

and was that of a large sized man. The body had been in the water for several weeks. It was in bad condition and very much swollen. Mr. Spaulding hailed the Lewiston boat this morning and the captain thought the remains were those of a laborer who had been drowned about two months ago in the Snake River, near the mouth of the Salmon River. The Commoner immediately telegraphed to Lewiston and at 2 o'clock this afternoon received a dispatch to the effect that the body was undoubtedly that of Samuel

Marks, who drowned at the mouth of the Salmon river March 18.

James J. Corbett, the aristocratic fighter and pugilistic actor, spent Tuesday afternoon in Colfax and mourned the fact that the big fire of last month burned up his chances of gathering in the shekels of his Colfax admirers, and the curious public in general.

100 years ago The Colfax Commoner May 10, 1918

The second drive to raise \$100,000,000 for the Red Cross will start on the 20th of May. The quota for Whitman County has been placed at \$40,000 by the manager, W. H. Farnham, of the Spokane district.

75 years ago The Colfax Gazette- Commoner May 7, 1943

Rhiney Gross, Union Flat farmer and former Colfax restaurant operator, suffered the fracture of the ninth vertebra of his spine late Saturday night when he fell 15 feet down a hay chute from the loft of his barn where he and Archie Berry had gone to look for goose eggs that were in the process of hatching. X-ray pictures at the Bryant and Weisman clinic, where Mr. Gross was taken in the Bruning ambulance, revealed no further complications. Mr. Gross will wear a cast and be off his feet for some time.

Declaring it to be of no value to the city because nobody uses it, Councilman Roy Endsley proposed to the council Monday the disposal of Cushing Ells park, bounded by Lake, North and West streets. Asserting

that labor for park maintenance had been unobtainable so far, Endsley believed it would be impossible for the city to keep up the park this year, and perhaps for the duration.

50 years ago The Colfax Gazette May 9, 1968

A plan to add 17 "homes" to Colfax by the construction of an attractive half-million dollar condominium in now being presented to possible future residents, according to D. John Henry. The building, which is being designed by Boyington and Read, Spokane architects, would be located on Mill street opposite the First Baptist church and provide residential living in downtown Colfax.

The Rose Theater, closed for a weekend after being operated for several years by Jim McClelland, will open again this weekend under new management and a new format. The future of the theater is now being directed by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Don Organ.

25 years ago Whitman County Gazette May 13, 1993

Waste Management of Washington's plan to ship Whitman County's garbage to the Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill hit an unexpected snag last week when they learned that Douglas County would require a permit for "foreign" garbage.

Esther Trueblood of Oakesdale walked away from her 1985 Toyota Tercel that was totaled last Friday in a three-vehicle collision on Highway 195 near Prune Orchard. Trueblood's car was struck from behind by a GMC truck which pushed the Toyota forward into a Chevrolet Beretta. No one was seriously injured in the accident.



Roland Dahmen Mar. 7, 1932- May 11, 2018

Roland "Rollie" Dahmen, 86, of Colton, Wash. passed away May 11, 2018 at Bishop Place in Pullman, Wash. Rollie was born in Uniontown, Wash. to John and Agnes (Keller) Dahmen. He grew up in Uniontown where he received his education, graduating from St. Boniface School in 1951. He married the love of his life, Joanne Becker, on September 24, 1955, and together with their children they made their home in Colton.

Rollie worked for the Whitman County Road Department, his career spanning 37 years. Through the years he was also employed in a variety of many different jobs. He helped area farmers and worked as a janitor at the Guardian Angel School for 23 years. Rollie was a local bartender at the Iron Horse, and he was the caretaker of the St. Gall Cemetery for 55 years. Following retirement, Rollie drove school bus for the Colton School District and served as a highway crossing guard. He always participated in the Colton Christmas lighting and was known as the "Town Lamplighter" as he made sure that all the lights were lit at night.

Rollie was a member of St. Gall Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus and also served on the Colton City Council for many years. He was active with the Colton Wildcat Boosters and was a vibrant member of the Colton community. Throughout his life, Rollie was an enthusiastic fan of all the Colton sports - he was known for giving advice to officials - as well as the WSU Cougars. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, at their Colton home, his children; Keith (Marilyn) Dahmen, Denise (Michael) Faerber, Diana (Jeff) Winkler, Debbie (Rick) Heitstuman, Kurt (Kelli) Dahmen, his grandchildren; Josh (Amber) Dahmen and Brittany (Bob) Hood, Nicole (Josh Leavitt) Cannon, Nick (Whitney) and Meghan Heitstuman, Chase and Blake Winkler, Kaden and Carter Dahmen, his great grandchildren; Trevor & Alaina McCarthy, Sawyer Heitstuman, Baby Boy Hood, Justin and Lilly Leavitt, his sisters; Millie Thill and Carole Entel, and a brother; Clete Dahmen. He was preceded in death by his parents and nine siblings.

The Rosary/Vigil service was held on Tuesday, May 15th at St. Gall Catholic Church in Colton. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 16th at St. Gall's. Concluding services followed at St. Gall Catholic Cemetery. Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman, Wash. has been entrusted with arrangements. The family suggests donations be made in Rollie's name to The Colton Wildcat Boosters, The Northwest Children's Home, or a youth group of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to www.kimballfh.com.



Christopher Brown April 11, 1956- May 4, 2018

Christopher "Chris" Mark Brown, 62, a lifelong resident of Rosalia, Wash. unexpectedly passed away on May 4, 2018. Chris is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 40 years; Candie, daughter; Lisa (Dustin) Gurkowski, son; Kelly Brown, daughter; Kati (Randy) Widman, six grandchildren; Avery, Kyla, Ryker, Alec, Titan and Jaxton, mother; Ruth Brown, brothers; Tim (Kathy) Brown, Greg Brown, Pat (Tami) Brown, Dan (Michelle) Brown, sisters; Denise Brown and Teresa (Roger) Woodward, and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father; Roy Brown, and his mother and father-in-law, Ronnie and Sharon Lawson. Chris' unconditional love for his family was endless.

He was an absolutely amazing son, husband, Dad, Pocky, and friend to all. Chris was born and raised in Rosalia, Wash., graduating from Rosalia High School in 1974. Chris began working at Cash Hardware (now Pape Machinery) on April 1, 1975, as the Service Supervisor. His knowledge of John Deere equipment was limitless and will be irreplaceable. Chris loved his John Deere and farming community, who over the years became family to him. Chris joined the Rosalia Fire Department in 2001. Not only did Chris enjoy serving the Rosalia community, but also the surrounding communities. Chris enjoyed farming with his wife Candie at their family ranch. He loved to complete woodworking projects, tinker in his shop, all sports and endlessly playing with his grandchildren who absolutely adored their Pocky.

Chris' love and support of his family was undying. A heartfelt thank you to the personnel of the Rosalia, Tekoa and Oakesdale Fire and Ambulance Departments, Life Flight Helicopter, Washington State Patrol, Whitman County Sheriff's Office, the Good Samaritans and two unknown Good Samaritan EMT's who tirelessly assisted Chris. Also, thank you to Rockford Auto and to Schanzenbach Funeral Home and Rose Garage for all of the arrangements.

Graveside funeral services for Chris will be at the Thornton Cemetery on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 11 am in Thornton, Wash. A potluck gathering will follow at the Rose Garage, in Rosalia, Wash. Memorial donations may be made to the Rosalia Fire Department at P.O. Box 291, Rosalia, WA 99170. Schanzenbach Funeral Home online guestbook at schanzenbachfuneral.com.

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Habitat for Humanity fundraiser sets mark

Palouse Habitat for Humanity's 10th annual Beans 'n' Jeans, Palouse Habitat's annual dinner and auction fundraiser April 21 brought more than 380 people and raised more than \$100,000 to help build the next house.

Glenn Johnson, Mayor of Pullman and emcee of the event, noted it was a "nice mix of Moscow and Pullman people and businesses. The energy in the room was fantastic. You could tell the guests came ready to support a great cause."

Executive Director Jennifer Wallace reported thanks to the donation of land by

the City of Potlatch, the proceeds from Beans 'n' Jeans would pay most of the cost to build the next house.

"We raised the funds to build a home in one night!"

The foundation for the 2018 Habitat home is already in the ground, and volunteer construction teams will get started next month. Palouse Habitat is taking applications for the individual or family for that home. Contact the Habitat office at 208-883-8502 or visit the website: palouse-habitat.org

Pullman Regional Hospital receives 2018 Healthgrades award

Pullman Regional Hospital has received a Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience Award for 2018. PRH is one of only six hospitals in the state of Washington receiving this award that recognizes hospitals providing an overall outstanding patient experience. Only hospitals in the top 15 percent in the nation for overall patient experience made the list.

Other Washington hospitals that were recognized are: Confluence Health Central Washington Hospital, Wenatchee;

Evergreen Health Medical Center, Kirkland; Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, Vancouver; University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, and Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle.

Healthgrades is a national healthcare rating and consumer information agency that evaluates patient experience performance by applying a scoring methodology to 10 patient experience measures, from a 32-question survey of the hospital's own patients.

Paper Tigers to show tonight

Tekoa Library will show "Paper Tigers," a documentary film on one high school's unlikely success story, today, Thursday, May 17, at 6 p.m. This free screening is for adults and parents with a round table discussion to follow.

The film follows six students over the course of a school year as staff try a new approach on discipline based on understanding and treatment rather than judgment and suspension. It is a testament to how just one caring adult can help break the cycle of adversity in a young person's life.

Library Friends conclude two-year tour of branches



In Albion, the Friends of Whitman County Library take a personal tour of the Guy-Albion Museum with curator Craig Whitney.

Friends of Whitman County Library took a road trip May 9 as part of a two-year quest to visit all 14 branch locations. In Albion, the group met with attendees at the weekly storytime program and toured of the Guy-Albion Museum with curator Craig Whitney.

Then they went to Serenity House in Pullman where they had lunch and presented Friends of Hospice with their

May Supporter of the Month award.

The trip concluded with visits to the Colton and Uniontown libraries where more awards were presented including a "Thank You" gift to Library Trustee Bob Bates and the June Supporter of the Month award to Dyan Broemmeling.

Friends meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in The Center.

MENUS

Week of May 21-25

AT COLFAX SCHOOL:

Monday: Chicken patty or hamburger, fries, baked beans, fruit.

Tuesday: Beef dipper with rice or chicken patty, fruit, carrots.

Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo or hamburger, bread stick, green beans, fruit.

Thursday: Bulldog burger or chicken patty, fries, cheese slice, fruit.

Friday: Pizza or hamburger, pineapple, Caesar salad, dessert.

AT LACROSSE SCHOOL:

Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, roll, apples with cinnamon and sugar.

Tuesday: Sausage gravy, biscuit, egg, orange wedge, apple or orange juice.

Wednesday: Grilled

cheese sandwich, chips, Mandarin oranges, Apple Snicker salad, carrots.

Thursday: Chili, cornbread, cheese and crackers, pears, fresh veggies.

Friday: Pizza, lettuce salad, pineapple, pudding.

AT TEKOA SCHOOL:

Monday: Dawson's Choice-Meatball sub sandwich, french fries, shredded lettuce, carrots, fruit.

Tuesday: Tacos, WG tortilla, refried beans, shredded lettuce, carrots, fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken Caesar wrap, WG tortilla, shredded lettuce, cucumber, carrots, broccoli, fruit.

Thursday: Kylee's choice-French toast with peaches, shredded lettuce, fruit.

Friday: Totchos, WG chips, chili beans, shredded lettuce, carrots, fruit.

SENIOR MENUS

COLFAX

Wednesday, May 23: Homemade pizza, green salad, bread sticks, fruit, ice cream sundae.

PALOUSE

Wednesday, May 23: Fiesta taco salad, chips, cheese, olives, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream, sliced peaches, dessert.

PULLMAN

Monday, May 21: Closed-Eat with us May 29.

Friday, May 25: Meatloaf, roasted red potatoes, vegetables, pears, dessert.

ROSALIA

Tuesday, May 22: Homemade pizza, green salad, bread sticks, fruit, ice cream sundae.



Vernon Dean Sutherland

Oct. 28, 1930-
May 7, 2018



Vernon Dean Sutherland passed away May 7th in Spokane, Wash. Dean was born on the Morgan homestead near Benge, Wash. He was the 1st of 4 children born to Bill and Gladys (Morgan) Sutherland. Dean spent his early years in the Benge area. In 1936, the family moved to the farm near Washtucna. He graduated in 1949 and attended the University of Idaho. Dean and Doreen Cameron were married January 27, 1951, in Washtucna. They settled in Portland, Ore. where he managed an automotive shop, then in Palouse, Wash. employed by RA Hanson.

In 1961, Dean returned to farming near Lamont, where he was a member of the Lamont Community Church, Lamont Grain Growers, and leader in the Lamont 4H club. The family moved to the family farm near Washtucna in 1973. He retired in 2003, and the land is now being farmed by his grandson Jacob. Dean was a member of the Washtucna Community Church, Lions Club, and bowling leagues. In his retirement he took up golfing, spending many days on the Ritzville Golf Course. He also had a 12-year run at Bloomsday and enjoyed being called a "Bloomie." Dean was preceded in death by his parents, brother; Kenneth (Bud) Sutherland, sisters; Patsy Chandler and Joan Kenning. He is survived by his wife; Doreen, Children; David Sutherland of Washtucna, Paula (Dick) Coon of Pullman, Pamela Sutherland of Washtucna, Judy (Jeff) Sitton of St. John, and Susan Sutherland of Bryan, Texas. Grandchildren; Aisha (Kelly) Hanson of Palmer, Alaska, Paul (Bridget) Coon of Benge, Wash., Audra (Will) Christianson of Harrington, Wash., Heather (Jeremiah) Johnson of Spokane Valley, Wash., Jacob (Tracee) Sitton of Washtucna; Wyatt (Lauren) Sitton of Washtucna. Dean has 17 Great Grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held Monday, May 21st at 11 am in the Washtucna Community Church, followed by a luncheon at the Rimrock Grange Hall. Interment will be later. Condolences can be left at www.danekasfh.com. Memorials can be made to Spokane Jail Ministries, PO Box 9791, Spokane, WA 99209. Washtucna Pioneer Cemetery, 165 S. Main, or Washtucna Fire Dept. 175 S. Main St. Washtucna, WA 99371



Susan Jane Russell

June 14, 1945-
April 14, 2017



Susan Jane Russell, Child of the Palouse, mother, wife, artist, friend and educator, passed away peacefully during the evening on Mother's Day, April 14, 2017, surrounded by her immediate family. She was born in Colfax, Wash. on Flag Day, June 14, 1945, the first child of Wilber Rodney Russell and Melba Hibler Russell of Colfax, descended from her mother's pioneer farming roots and her father's Scottish heritage.

Susan first attended St. John's Academy, then Jennings Elementary School, graduating from Colfax High School in 1963. Creative and gregarious, she thrived as she grew up nurtured by hard-working parents and farming relatives: notably aunts Corinth McNealy and Bethel Steiger, and especially her grandmother Lilly.

Known as a whirlwind of fun, Susan lived the life of a charming and magnetic personality. A natural enthusiast, she had a knack for sharing unique moments with people of all ages and from all walks of life, usually around something creative, whether art or dinner. She was adept at staying in contact with friends and family through hand-written letters featuring her calligraphy and humor, leaving behind many hilarious memories with friends from school, career and home. Susan also kept friends around the world, traveling to Europe, the UK and China. The friendships she made have lasted her entire lifetime. Her motto was "Just one more thing." And she lived it: always hunting for experiences and planning adventures. Whether these were elaborate celebrations, far destinations or zany experiences, all of us were happily dragged along in the whirlwind of food, fun and creativity.

Inspired by mentoring from her grade school teacher, Mr. Workman, she developed a passion for art and fashion, empowering her to embark on a career in Art Education and Drama at UW. Always a self-starter, Susan earned extra money teaching summer Red Cross swimming lessons at the family pool. Shortly after starting university, she met her future husband, Falken Forshaw, an architecture student; they married four years later in 1967. After receiving her BA in Art Education in 1969 (UW), daughter, Harper was born in 1973. While in Grad school with Falken, she earned a Master's in Art Education at UO in Eugene, Ore., graduating just before the birth of her son Avalon (1977).

Susan was also a life-long member of calligraphy communities in Wash. and Ore. To this she added a pottery practice, making her own Ikebana vases. Later, as a member of the Oregon Ikebana Society, she gained recognition for her innovative floral pieces that incorporated her painted Tyvek.

Throughout Susan's 30-plus years of teaching, she inspired thousands of students, first in Marysville, then in Lake Stevens and Snohomish School Districts (SHS). To create a community of art students at SHS, she began an AP art program and club that fostered career choices for a number of her students. This in turn led to a county-wide art award program through Scholastic Arts, for both recognition for student artists and programs, as well as a college scholarship established her name. Susan's passion for teaching also extended in many directions: from numerous summer art camps, calligraphy retreats and arts festivals, to private lessons in her studio.

Susan received a great deal of recognition through her passion for art and education: she was awarded the Richard Wendt Award for community arts service, served on the Everett Cultural Commission and was a Visiting Artist through the Washington Arts Commission program. The Snohomish County Arts Council (now Schack Art Center) awarded her: the first Artist of the Year, the first Volunteer of the Year and she will be posthumously awarded the first Arts Advocate of the Year award in June.

She is survived by her husband, Falken Forshaw; daughter, Harper Kalin (Eric McDaniel); son, Avalon Kalin (Emily Rose) and four granddaughters; Edie McDaniel, Irene McDaniel, Calliope and Lumina Kalin; brothers: Bill, Bob and Rod, and numerous other relatives.

As if like a brushstroke, a supernatural force of nature, her well-lived life remains with us forever.

All are welcome to a graveside inurnment Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 1pm, Colfax Cemetery, followed immediately by a reception at the Bettie Steiger Community Enrichment Center, Main Street, Colfax, Wash. Please join us in sharing in Susan's memory!

Donations in Susan's memory can be made to the Susan Jane Russell Memorial Fund, Schack Art Center, 2921 Hoyt Ave., Everett, WA 98201.

TRIVIA TEST

BY Fifi Rodriguez

- INVENTION:** When was the nylon-bristle toothbrush invented?
- HISTORY:** By what other name was the French military leader Joan of Arc known?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What color is the famous Hope Diamond?
- U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of Kansas?
- TELEVISION:** What was the theme song to the 1970s cop show "Baretta"?
- BIBLE:** Who are the only two angels to be directly named in the Bible?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the main mountain range where Mount Everest is located?
- MEDICAL:** What area of the body is affected by bursitis?
- LANGUAGE:** What is an elision?
- ENTERTAINERS:** For what crime was actress Sophia Loren jailed in 1982?

Answers

- 1938, by Dupont
- The Maid of Orleans
- Blue
- Topeka
- "Keep Your Eye on the Sparrow"
- Michael and Gabriel
- The Himalayas
- The joints
- Omission of a sound or syllable
- Tax evasion

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Kids: color stuff in!



My Dad and I are digging sand and using it to fill bags. We pile bags two layers deep to keep rising creek water away from our garage. Who would think that a bear would enjoy digging? I also like to watch huge machines moving on roadsides and digging on construction sites. I'd like to learn to operate all of them and be part of a team that builds roads, bridges and buildings.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with tools or machines that dig:

- A _____ is a hand tool with a V-shaped blade used to break up soil or lumps when gardening.
- One special machine, called a _____ excavator, digs by drawing the dirt from the earth like a vacuum.
- A _____ is a machine used to dig long, narrow ditches for pipes.
- The huge _____ can cut holes the entire width of a subway passage.
- An _____ can be seen on many construction sites. It is the machine with the powerful tilting bucket to scoop up dirt.
- The old style _____ was powered by boiling water. It was used to dig canals and basements for skyscrapers.
- The _____ is a vehicle that has a bulldozer front and a strong scooping bucket in the back.
- A _____ digs up dirt under the water.
- A _____ is a hand tool used for chipping away rock and soil.
- The _____ excavator is the largest vehicle in the world. Its rotating scoops shave away mountains in mining projects.
- The _____ is a long-handled hand tool with a thin, flat blade used for breaking up or moving small amounts of soil.
- A _____ can force metal poles deep into soil.
- A _____ is used by farmers to dig up shallow areas of soil to plant crops.

We Dig It!

excavator, pickaxe, suction, backhoe, drilling rig, tunnel borer, hand spade, pile driver, dredger, hoe, tiller, trencher, shovel, steam shovel, bucket wheel, 14. The stationary _____ bores into the earth to reach oil. 15. A _____ is the most common digging hand tool people use.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was noted wit Ambrose Bierce who made the following sage observation: "All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusion is called a philosopher."

* You might be surprised to learn that in January 2004, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of maggots as a medical device for cleaning wounds.

* Presidential security was not always as formidable as it is today. In 1913, former President Theodore Roosevelt was walking down a Milwaukee street, heading to a speech he was scheduled to give. A man named John Schrank pulled out a gun and shot toward Roosevelt, who staggered but did not fall. There was no blood evident, and Roosevelt, who was campaigning for a second term, insisted on delivering his speech. When he pulled from a coat pocket the 100 pages on which his speech was written, he saw a bullet hole through the sheets of paper. Still determined to carry on, he gave his speech before going to the hospital, where it was discovered that the bullet had penetrated four inches into his body. After the perpetrator was arrested, it became evident that Schrank was insane; he claimed that President William McKinley had revealed to him in a dream that Roosevelt was responsible for McKinley's assassination. Schrank spent the next 32 years in an insane asylum.

* If you see a group of flamingoes together in one place, it might be handy to know that the appropriate collective noun is a "flamboyance."

* The instruments used by professional flute players are usually made from precious metals — either sterling silver, 14-carat gold or platinum.

Thought for the Day: "It is an ironic habit of human beings to run faster when we have lost our way." — Rollo May

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Gorilla
- Lathers
- Justice Dept. div.
- Felon's flight
- Violinist's stroke
- Young chap
- Shift back and forth
- Work with
- Have a bug
- Texas city
- Suppress the sound
- Landlord's due
- Web address
- Finish
- Nephew's sister
- Author Bellow
- tac-toe
- Pharmaceutical
- Spritelike
- "Bow-wow!"
- Historic period
- Pedicurist's target
- Got away from
- Supernatural spirit of Islam (Var.)
- Existed
- Regret
- Confuses
- Where — at

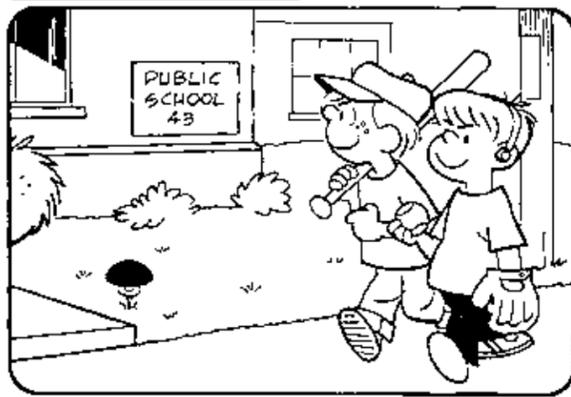
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- Grows in Brooklyn*
- Singer Sumac
- Dog or cat.
- Dilutes usually
- Menagerie
- Grows in Brooklyn*
- Discomposed
- Low voice
- Concept
- Half- (Starbucks option)
- Oklahoma city
- Clio or Erato
- Caspian feeder
- Most superficial
- 24 horas
- Remedy
- 'Zounds!
- Friend of Dorothy
- Guys with
- ears, maybe
- Local, often
- Fires
- Cultivated land
- Gis' entertainment org.
- Faucet problem
- Twine fiber
- Spoon-bender Geller
- End of the alphabet
- Comedian
- Philips
- Paulo, Brazil

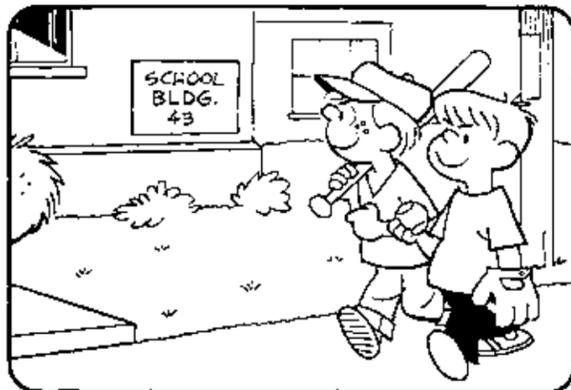
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is higher. 2. Sign is different. 3. Lawn light is missing. 4. Neckline is different. 5. Headset is missing. 6. Glove is different.

MAGIC MAZE ● AROUND THE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Circle | House | Neighborhood | Track |
| Clock | League | Table | World |
| Corner | Maypole | Time | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORLD, CORNER, HOUSE, BATTERY, ROBOGIEN

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LEGALS

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Notice to Providers of Service to Developmentally Disabled Individuals

Request for Qualifications
Whitman County seeks statements of qualifications from agencies interested in providing Community Inclusion Services for severely disabled and retirement aged individuals in Whitman County. The services are to be provided July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Individuals served through these programs are determined eligible through a state eligibility process.

The document requested as part of this process is a completed "Qualified Provider Checklist". To be considered for selection, prospective providers are to submit 2 copies of their submittals that include: a completed "Qualified Provider Checklist", encompassing qualifications of key personnel, relevant experience; fiscal management and local availability of services within Whitman County.

If requested by Whitman County, services may extend beyond 2019. Final provider selection and budgets will be determined after interviews, review of submitted materials, negotiations, and determination of final funding appropriation for 2018-2019 year.

Providers need to be aware that services are to be provided on a reimbursable basis. "Qualified Provider Checklists" and / or information are available at the Whitman County Developmental Services Department Office, 310 North Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111. For clarification contact Janel Goebel, County Coordinator at (509) 397-6352.

Response to this Request for Qualifications must be received at the Whitman County Developmental Services Department, 310 North Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111 by 4:00 p.m. (PST) on Thursday, May 31, 2018 to be considered for selection. Incomplete submittals will disqualify the provider from further consideration.

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Small Works, Vendor and Consultant Roster

The Town of Fairfield, Town of Latah, Town of Rockford, Town of Waverly, City of Tekoa and the Tekoa Parks and Recreation District No. 6 have signed an interlocal agreement for the Small Works/Vendor and Consultant roster. They solicit any licensed contractor, vendor or consultant desiring to perform work or services for any or all of the above listed towns and cities. Projects may include work or equipment for the town/district/city's sewer, water, street or bridge facilities, or any other project or services as required by the town/district/city. Design, plans, specifications and services during construction for street and utility improvements may include those funded TIB, WSDOT, STP, CMAO, and USDA, CDBG, DWSRF, PWTIF, SIED, DOE, IHS, and other Federal, State, County and local funds.

The Town of Fairfield, Town of Latah, Town of Rockford, Town of Waverly, City of Tekoa and Tekoa Parks and Recreation District No. 6 are equal opportunity and affirmative action employers. Minority and women-owned firms are encouraged to submit qualifications.

Call the City of Tekoa at 284-3861 to request an application.
Kynda Browning, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Tekoa 19/2

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WHITMAN BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, SPOUSE, LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES OF RAYMOND J. KATKE, DECEASED; SARAH BONNER; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST, LIEN OR ESTATE IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.

No. 16-2-00237-38

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, SPOUSE, LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES OF RAYMOND J. KATKE, DECEASED; SARAH BONNER; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS OR PARTIES, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST, LIEN OR ESTATE IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Judgment Debtors.

The Superior Court of Whitman County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Whitman County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. The property to be sold is described as:

Abbreviated Legal:

Ptn Lot 2, West View Add. to St. John

Assessor's Parcel/Tax ID Numbers: 1-1690-00-01-02-0002

See Attached Exhibit "A" for full legal description.

Also commonly known as: 403 W. Westview Lane, St. John, WA 99171-0000

The sale of the above described property is to take place:

Time: 10:00 AM
Date: Friday, June 8, 2018

Place: Whitman County Courthouse Lobby, N. 404 Main Street, Colfax, Washington

The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of \$49,729.45, together with interest, costs, and fees before the sale date.

For the exact amount, contact the Sheriff at the address stated below: Dated this 24th day of April, 2018.

Reece Jenkin Business Manager 19/2

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BRETT J. MYERS

Whitman County Sheriff

By Nannette Bolyard
Records & Information Officer
411 N. Mill Street
Colfax, WA 99111-0470
509-397-6266
509-397-2099 (Fax)

Exhibit "A"

Lot 2, West View Subdivision to the Town of St John, according to plat thereof, recorded under Auditor's File No. 465481, records of Whitman County, Washington.

EXCEPT that portion of the following described parcel lying in said Lot 2, BEGINNING at the southwest corner of Lot 1, West View Subdivision to St. John; thence

south 0°02'30" west 75 feet; thence north 89°50'30" east 5 feet; thence south 0°02'30" west 5 feet; thence north 89°50'30" east 25 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 2; thence north 0°02'30" east 80 feet to the south line of said Lot 1; thence south 89°50'30" west 31 feet to the point of beginning.

Also that portion of the following described parcel lying easterly of a line which is the extension of the southwesterly line of said lot 2, said line commencing at the most easterly corner of lot 3 said subdivision and running south 49°26'52" east to south line of the following described parcel.

A tract of land situated in the northwest corner of Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 41 East, W.M., described as follows:

COMMENCING at the northwest corner of Lot 1 Block 2, Valley View Addition to St John;

thence on a line north 0°29' west 25 feet; thence on a line south 89°19' west to a point where said line intersects with line drawn north 0°29' west from northwest corner of Lot 2 in said Block 2; thence on a line south 0°29' east to the northwesterly corner of Lot 2 in said Block 2; thence easterly along the northwesterly boundary of said Lot 2 to the point of beginning.

EXCEPT there from the south 5 feet thereof.

EXCEPT ALSO the east 6 feet thereof. 18/4

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WHITMAN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE M. YOUNG, Deceased.

NO. 18-4-00050-38

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.070)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative 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 the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020; 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 nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION May 17, 2018

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE DONALD MAIER

ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER, MCGUIRE & DeWULF, P.S.

BRUCE ENSLEY
ADDRESS FOR MAILING OF SERVICE
P.O. Box 619
105 S. Main Street
Colfax, WA 99111-0619
Telephone: 509-397-4345 20/3

St John School District has declared the following 3 buses as surplus and will sell to the highest bidder:

2005 Bluebird Vision with a C-7 Cat engine with 114,607 miles; 2005 Bluebird Vision with a C-7 Cat engine and wheel chair lift with 136,596 miles; 2009 Chevy 1-Ton gas engine with a Bluebird body with 135,980 miles. Bids must include name and contact information in a sealed envelope and must be received by noon on May 25, 2018 at: St John School District #322, 301 W Nob Hill, St John, WA 99171. Please mark SEALED BID. The St John School District shall have the right to sell for scrap value or dispose of in such a manner to either receive some value, or pay as little as possible for the disposition. For information please call Ken Gering at the St John bus garage 509-648-3402. 17/5

SURPLUS AUCTION

The Colfax School District #300 Board of Directors has authorized the Colfax School District to conduct a surplus sale on Monday May 21st at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the High School Woodshop. Auction items include miscellaneous hard woods, dust collection ductwork, hand planers, hand saws, and miscellaneous fasteners. All items offered will be sold as is. Payment must be made in cash, check, or money order. For more information, contact Mark Brown, Maintenance Director, 509-432-4481.

Reece Jenkin Business Manager 19/2

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing to review and adopt the 2017/18 Colfax School District No. 300 budget extension for the Capital Projects Fund will be held Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the District Board Room, 1207 N Morton St, Colfax, WA. Anyone desiring to offer comments for or against any portion of the budget will be heard.
Reece Jenkin, Business Manager 19/2

Statewides

WNPA STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

This newspaper participates in a statewide classified ad program sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association, a statewide association of weekly newspapers. The program allows classified advertisers to submit ads for publication in participating weeklies throughout the state in compliance with the following rules. You may submit an ad for the statewide program through this newspaper or in person to the WNPA office. The rate is \$275 for up to 25 words, plus \$10 per word over 25 words. WNPA reserves the right to edit all ad copy submitted and to refuse to accept any ad submitted for the statewide program. WNPA, therefore, does not guarantee that every ad will be run in every newspaper. WNPA will, on request, for a fee of \$40, provide information on which newspapers run a particular ad within a 30 day period. Substantive typographical error (wrong address, telephone number, name or price) will result in a "make good", in which a corrected ad will be run the following week. WNPA incurs no other liability for errors in publication.

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Help Wanted 3

Summer Laborer (4 positions)-Whitman County Public Works Department, Colfax Shop.

Work will take place Monday thru Thursday, 40 hours per week. Duties will include flagging and traffic control. Other duties will be shop cleaning and washing vehicles, and misc construction related activities. Whitman County will provide training for flagging certification.

REQUIRED: must be at least 18 years old, valid driver's license, good driving record. **STARTING RATE:** \$12.00 per hour **CLOSING DATE:** Open Until Filled. Signed Whitman County general employment application is required. Applications at Whitman County Human Resources, www.whitman-county.org, 400 North Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111 or call (509) 397-5242. AA/EOE 20/2

LaCrosse School District Athletic Director Position:

LaCrosse Schools has a Athletic Director Position Open for the 2018-2019 school year. Responsibilities for this position include: represent LaCrosse schools and fulfill athletic needs of the St. John/Endicott/LaCrosse athletic programs and is under the supervision of LaCrosse Principal. Preferred qualifications include: Coaching experience at the junior and senior high levels, good communication skills, and an understanding of the role of athletics in student/athlete development. This position is open until May 29, 2018. Call 509-549-3591 for application information, Kara Harder-Business Manager. Visit the school website at: lacrossesd.k12.wa.us 20/2

Washtucna and Kahlotus School Districts are seeking an Art Teacher (1.0 FTE).

Time would be split between Washtucna and Kahlotus Schools. Must possess current Washington State Teaching Certificate. Full description of qualifications available at www.tucna.wednet.edu. Send District Certificated Application Form (www.tucna.wednet.edu), Letter of Application, Resume, three Letters of Recommendation, Placement File from Degree-Granting Institution and copy of Teaching Certificate to Vance Wing, Principal/Superintendent, Washtucna School District #109, 730 E. Booth Ave., Washtucna, WA 99371. Open until filled. Washtucna School District is an equal opportunity employer. 20/3

HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC - Whitman County's Public Works.

This position is responsible for skilled mechanical repair work performing a wide variety of duties associated with the maintenance of diesel, gasoline, hydraulic and electrical systems on trucks, tractors, graders, bulldozers, backhoes, etc. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Two years mechanical work experience in the repair of gas and diesel automotive, road construction and maintenance vehicles/equipment, or substituting, on a month for month basis, any combination of experi-

Help Wanted 3

ence, education or training which would provide the level of knowledge and skill required. Possession of a valid Class "A" Commercial Drivers License with tank endorsement preferred. Must have a safe driving record. Possession of a complete set of heavy-duty mechanics' tools for use on all job duties. **STARTING SALARY:** \$3,317.00 per month DOQ plus benefits. **CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled, review 5/30/2018. Applications available at www.whitmancounty.org, 400 N. Main Street, Colfax, or by calling (509) 397-6205.AA/EOE 20/2

The Town of Endicott is seeking applicants for a part time helper to assist the Maintenance Supervisor as needed;

up to 40 hours a month. Pay is minimum wage, currently \$11.50/hour. Applications and job description are available at City Hall on Monday through Thursday of each week. You may also call 657-3411. The Town Council reserves the right to interview or not interview potential candidates. The application needs to be returned to City Hall by June 4, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. The Town of Endicott provides equal employment and advancement opportunities for all persons regardless of race, creed, sex, national origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other classification protected by law. 20/3

The Town of Endicott is seeking applicants for a Code Enforcement Officer.

The Code Enforcement Officer performs a variety of code enforcement duties to support the activities of public safety. This position is responsible for the enforcement of certain regulatory ordinances within the Town of Endicott. Applications and job description are available at City Hall on Monday through Thursday of each week. You may also call 657-3411. The Town Council reserves the right to interview or not interview potential candidates. The application needs to be returned to City Hall by June 4, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. The Town of Endicott provides equal employment and advancement opportunities for all persons regardless of race, creed, sex, national origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other classification protected by law.

Endicott-St. John-LaCrosse Sports Co-op

is seeking applications for the following position:

High School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach

for the 2018-19 winter season. Extracurricular application forms and complete job description are available on the cooperative website: www.sje.wednet.edu. Please contact Ken Gering at 648-3402 if you have further questions. Position open until filled. EOE

Endicott-St. John-LaCrosse Sports Co-op

is seeking applications for the following position:

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Endicott-St. John-LaCrosse Sports Co-op

is seeking applications for the following positions for the 2018 fall season:

Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach

Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach

Extracurricular application forms and complete job descriptions are available on the cooperative website: www.sje.wednet.edu

Please contact Billy Ray at 657-3523 or Sandy Martin at smartin@lacrossesd.k12.wa.us if you have further questions. Positions open until filled. EOE

Endicott-St. John-LaCrosse Sports Co-op

is seeking applications for the following position:

2nd Grade Teacher

St. John represents a tremendous opportunity to teach in a small, supportive community school that values individual academic growth built on healthy relationships small class sizes can foster. Qualified applicants must possess a valid Washington State Teaching Certificate with an Elementary Education endorsement. This is a 1.0 FTE, 180-day position. The position is open until filled with initial review of applications beginning May 14, 2018. Please visit our website at www.sje.wednet.edu for complete job posting and job description. EOE

St John School District is seeking applications for the following position:

School Counselor

This is a unique opportunity for candidates with an interest in working in a small school setting in which they will be valued as an integral part of the school community. We are small enough our counselor will get to build healthy relationship with all our students, both elementary and high school, while guiding students through a broad range of opportunities. Qualified applicants must possess a Master's Degree and an ESA Certificate with Counselor Endorsement. This is a 1,0 FTE, 185-day position. The position is open until filled with initial review of applications beginning May 21, 2018. Please visit our website at www.sje.wednet.edu for complete job posting and job description. EOE

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for the 2018-19 school year. Responsibilities for this position include: represent LaCrosse schools and fulfill athletic needs of the St. John/Endicott/LaCrosse athletic programs and is under the supervision of LaCrosse Principal. Preferred qualifications include: coaching experience at the junior and senior high levels, good communication skills, and an understanding of the role of athletics in student/athlete development. This position is open until May 29, 2018. Call 509-549-3591 for application information, Kara Harder-Business Manager. Visit the school website at: lacrossesd.k12.wa.us

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Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach

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